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Daw Mae Ohn Nyunt Wai (left) speaks to a shopkeeper in Sanchaung township's Kyun Taw Market on November 27.

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For YCDC candidates, canvassing is a slow process

Municipal elections in Yangon are less than a month away, but you wouldn't know it from the low level of public awareness. In an exclusive report, *The Myanmar Times* hits the campaign trail with a candidate in the city's western district ahead of the vote. **NEWS 4**

School's in: Hundreds apply for politics classes

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IN a further milestone for education reform, Yangon University is to offer a course in political science that has attracted more than twice as many applicants as there are places. It is the first course in politics to be offered since the military banned the study of the subject 25 years ago.

More than 500 students applied for the 200 places available in the diploma course, which begins next month at the university's Kamaryut township campus. Candidates will be selected based on an entrance exam, said a university official. Up to 100 students will be admitted in the first batch.

The university's Department of International Relations invited applications on November 21, but decided to keep accepting applications until November 25 even though the course was fully subscribed on the first day.

Applicant Ma Yu, 35, an administrator with an export-import firm, said that acquiring a clearer understanding of Myanmar's political transition would help her business. "I really wanted to study political science when I was at university but nobody was teaching it," she said.

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Sen Gen to Suu Kyi: This is not about you
Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Myanmar's top military leader and the commander-in-chief of the country's armed forces, told Voice of America (VOA) that a constitutional clause keeping politicians with foreign citizen spouses or children out of the president's office was not angled at Daw Aung San Suu Kyi personally.

Instead, he called it "a national issue" and said the clause is indicative of immigration issues that spring from Myanmar's location, smack dab between populous nations, according to VOA.

Constitution aside, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi has lately been pushing hard for a seat at the table and, in one case, gotten it. The National League for Democracy leader attended talks between 14 major players in Myanmar, including President U Thein Sein, Senior General U Min Aung Hlaing and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann.

But excitement fizzled fast after Thura U Shwe Mann told a November 18 press conference that the constitution would remain as it is for the upcoming elections – making late next year the earliest Daw Suu needs to think about drafting her acceptance speech.

The constitution also sets aside 25 percent of seats in parliament for the military, a practice that bestows those MPs with a veto power, as amendments require more than three-quarters of the body to vote "Aye".

Grass no greener in Bangladesh
The Bangladeshi government has drawn up potential plans to intern thousands of Rohingya, Al Jazeera America reported, going off an official document from the Bangladesh Foreign Ministry that the media outlet had received.

"It has been suggested that a survey/listing of undocumented Myanmar nationals in Bangladesh would be carried out in order to identify them and determine their actual number and location ... The listed individuals would be housed in temporary shelters in different suitable locations pending their repatriation to Myanmar through regular diplomatic/consular channels," the March 2014 document said.

In Myanmar the group has faced violence, mass displacement and institutional disadvantage. Currently, many of the Muslim minority centred in Rakhine State are facing the possibility of complete disenfranchisement.

Unfortunately, the situation doesn't seem to get less dire over the Bangladeshi border. "The human rights situation in Bangladesh is quite dire for many Bangladeshis,

but it is even worse for Rohingya, who face discrimination and abuse connected to their statelessness and lack of legal status," deputy director of Human Rights Watch's Asia division Phil Robertson told Al Jazeera America.

"The authors of the so-called national strategy must have been writing in a closed room, divorced from reality, if they thought this would be effective," he said. "The Bangladeshi government is willingly deluding itself with its continued insistence that any of the Rohingya are going to be voluntarily repatriated to [Myanmar]."

About 20,000 Rohingya live in Teknaf, Bangladesh, the article stated. The head of the township's hospital, Dr Shamsuzzahan Chowdhury, said the administration's strategy runs if the Rohingya "don't work for a long time and there is no facility for their health and education, then they won't want to come," Al Jazeera America reported.

The safety dance
Given that locally maintained Proboxs recently developed the irritating habit of bursting into flames due to mechanics removing and selling a particular crucial and expensive part, Toyota's recent gift of 10 vehicles to driving schools feels well-intentioned but perhaps misdirected. Perhaps they could just send some better drivers instead?

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Doubts over six-way talks

Expectations are low that a parliament-approved meeting between political leaders will bring about results

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PARLIAMENT’S approval of an urgent proposal calling for six-way talks among political leaders to discuss ways of amending the constitution has been met with widespread scepticism.

The proposal, submitted by a representative of the ruling Union Solidarity and Development Party, U Myint Tun, followed remarks made by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw speaker Thura U Shwe Mann, who said any change to the national charter depended on the “benevolence” of two men: President U Thein Sein and Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, the military commander-in-chief.

The six people involved in talks will be the president, the speaker and the general, as well as Amyotha Hluttaw speaker U Khin Aung Myint, opposition leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, and a parliamentarian who represents an ethnic group. U Aye Maung of the Rakhine National Party was selected for that role on November 27.

But analysts have expressed scepticism about the talks, questioning whether they would be any more effective than the October 31 meeting of 14 national political leaders.

“We hoped for good news from last month’s meeting of party leaders, but there was no tangible result,” said U Naing Ngwe Thein, a former leader of the All Mon Regions Democracy Party. “Any future meeting will be in vain if there is no specific agenda.”

A meeting the president convened with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and a dozen other leaders on October 31 concluded without issuing a statement. Critics said the hastily organised event was held just for show in



Daw Aung San Suu Kyi talks with Senior General Min Aung Hlaing in Nay Pyi Taw on October 31. Photo: President’s Office

advance of the ASEAN summit meeting and the visit by US President Barack Obama.

The Rakhine ethnic affairs minister for Yangon Region said political problems would not automatically be solved just by sitting around a table. “To be effective, the meeting must have a specific agenda, participants must have the right to discuss it freely and any agreement reached must be announced. Otherwise, the meeting is meaningless,” he said.

Others see the talks as political football, intended to divert attention from the government’s lack of will to amend the constitution, despite statements to the contrary from President U Thein Sein.

He told Voice of America in a recent interview that it was up to parliament to approve amendments on the basis the procedure laid down in the constitution. “This is not a decision to be made by the president or the commander-in-chief. That is very clear,” he said.

Critics of his position point out that the threshold for constitutional change is approval from more than 75 percent of MPs, and the military holds 25pc of seats.

During debate over constitutional change in parliament from November 13 to 28, military MPs said they opposed any changes, particularly to section 436, which gives them veto powers. At the end of the debate last week, Thura U Shwe Mann instructed the Constitution Amendment Implementation Committee to submit a draft amendment bill based on the discussions to parliament during the next session, which will begin in January.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing has played down the significance of a petition with 5 million signatories organised by the NLD and 88 Generation Students demanding constitutional reform, including to section 436. “We also need to think about the wishes of the country’s other 46 million people,” he said, adding that a national referendum on the question, as called for by the amendment process, would allow voters to state their views.

Political analyst U Yan Myo Thein warned of “tricks” on the part of the USDP aimed at increasing the influence over the process of the president

and the commander-in-chief, adding that without either an agenda or an agreement, the talks would be just a façade.

Though the 88 Generation issued a statement on November 25 welcoming the proposed six-way meeting as a positive and constructive development, leader Ko Mya Aye said he had little hope that the talks would be successful. “This is very complicated. The president’s own spokesperson says it would be better to have 14 participants, like the [October 31] meeting.”

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi has agreed to the six-way talks, despite her earlier insistence on four-way talks involving the president, herself, Thura U Shwe Mann and Senior General Min Aung Hlaing. Urging that the talks should begin as soon as possible, she told reporters outside parliament on November 27, “The longer the delay, the more the people suffer. I don’t understand why they are afraid of discussions.”

In an effort to defuse opposition to constitutional change, the NLD invited 70 military MPs to a dinner reception on November 27, but it was cancelled when the invitees said they had no time to attend. “We won’t hesitate to invite them again,” said Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

The President’s Office has not yet responded to the invitation to join the six-way talks. President U Thein Sein himself has told the media he thinks any talks should be “all-inclusive”.

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Parties wrap up peace dialogue framework

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AS prospects for the early signing of a ceasefire agreement appear to recede, more than 50 political parties have approved a draft plan for future dialogue between the government and ethnic armed groups.

The plan, finalised on November 26, envisages talks involving representatives of the hluttaw, the Tatmadaw, political parties and ethnic armed groups, with a role for civil society.

The main themes for discussion include federalism, the rule of law, national security, the economy, foreign policy, the constitution, the environment, education, healthcare and the media.

“We will negotiate with all parties to agree a single text as a framework for dialogue,” said U Khin Mg Swe, chair of the National Democratic Force (NDF), which was involved in drafting the plan.

He said the plan called for dialogue at the state and regional level for an accord to be subsequently endorsed by parliament.

The plan was drafted by the Peace and Political Framework Drafting Committee, a body founded by 56 of Myanmar’s 68 registered political parties in September. The committee includes the Federal Democratic Alliance and the Nationalities Brotherhood Federation, as well as individual parties such as the National Unity Party, the Chin National Democracy Party and the Farmers’ Development Party. However, several major parties, including the Union Solidarity and Development Party, the National League for Democracy and the Shan Nationalities League for Democracy Party, did not participate.

SNLD general secretary U Sai Nyunt Lwin said his party was working with the ethnic umbrella group UNFC, the United Nationalities Federal Council, on a similar framework.

But he stressed that talks could only begin after the nationwide ceasefire is signed.

“A political framework has to be based on the nationwide ceasefire agreement. If they don’t sign an agreement we can’t have a political dialogue,” he said.

Talks toward finalising a draft ceasefire have been postponed amid clashes between the Tatmadaw and armed groups and disagreements over sections of the text that deal with the security sector.

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U Khaing Myae, rector of West Dagon University, said one challenge for university administrators was the shortage of tutors with the necessary knowledge to teach the course.

He said most tutors were familiar only with the socialism-focused political science taught under General Ne Win’s regime, not liberal political science.

“We can’t teach political science except at Yangon University because of the lack of teaching resources,” he said.

The teaching of political science

was ended altogether in 1988 by the military government but U Kaung Thant, chief editor of the journal *Politics*, said the damage done by the regime went further. He said military leaders not only forbade the study of the subject but also spread propaganda that had made people afraid of politics altogether.

This is still holding back the country almost four years into its transition to democracy, he said.

“The younger generation will have to learn about political science,” he said, “so that they can improve the country when they become leaders in the future.”

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On the campaign trail, where nobody knows your name

Candidates in Yangon municipal elections begin campaign activities but find residents know little about the December 27 vote



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WHILE most streets in Sanchaung township are deserted in the early morning hours, the area around Kyun Taw Market has already come alive with vendors and customers.

At one stall, Daw Mae Ohn Nyunt Wai stands in front of a woman selling fish. Instead of asking about prices or examining the quality of her product like other customers, the well-dressed 63-year-old starts a conversation about politics.

"Do you know about the YCDC election?" she asks.

The answer is a simple one, delivered with a look of confusion: "No."

But after Daw Mae Ohn Nyunt Wai gives an explanation about the election, and asks the woman if she has any problems with municipal officials, she begins to open up about low-level corruption.

"There are many illegal vendors outside the market and the township YCDC officials don't take any action to them. If their superiors order them to remove them, they just inform the illegal vendors before they come to arrest them," she said.

Neither the woman's mistrust of municipal officials nor her lack of knowledge about the election are unusual, according to Daw Mae Ohn Nyunt Wai, who is contesting a seat on the western district committee in the December 27 election.

"Most of the people I've met don't know much about the election. Some know a little but they don't know how the election will work, and some don't know anything," she told *The Myanmar Times* on November

27, as she walked around the market distributing pamphlets and chatting to locals.

A former Ministry of Foreign Affairs and NGO staffer with a masters degree in development management from the Asian Institute of Management in the Philippines, Daw Mae Ohn Nyunt Wai said she chose to campaign in the market for several reasons.

"Because I'm a woman, I want to try and get support from women. I can meet a lot of housewives here," she said.

But this demographic is attractive to her for another reason, she said. Women who stay at home while their husbands work are more likely to deal with the municipal officials on a regular basis, for services such as waste collection and water supply - or, as she puts it, to have "suffered the consequences" of the current committee's poor management of these services.

Daw Mae Ohn Nyunt Wai is one of 293 candidates who will contest the 115 positions up for election in the first municipal vote in more than five decades. In the western district she will compete against eight other candidates.

While they could officially begin campaigning on November 7, she said it took two weeks to prepare flyers and get permission from the censorship board to distribute them. This is not the only restriction candidates face: If they want to conduct campaign activities in a group, they must also apply for permission from the township police station under the peaceful protest law.

The delays have left Daw Mae Ohn Nyunt Wai just one month to build some traction with voters. Under election laws introduced earlier this year, each household will be given one vote. She estimates there are 30,000 households in the 10 townships that make up her electorate.



Daw Mae Ohn Nyunt Wai (left) speaks to a shopkeeper in Sanchaung township's Kyun Taw Market on November 27. Photo: Zarni Phyo

She considers the lack of time to be the main challenge for candidates, particularly when there is such low public awareness about the vote.

"Most people do not have a clue about the election. Some get it confused with the 2015 [general] election. So we have to take time to educate people and also take time to wait for permission to campaign."

Funding is also a constraint, and one that is more of a challenge for some candidates than others. Unlike in hluttaw elections, there are no limits on campaign spending.

"Personally, I have a limited budget. There are some developers and businessmen among the candidates so they can spend more money on their

campaign. But I will do my best within my limitations as I am very interested in [the city's] development," she said.

The challenge is somewhat easier for candidates contesting the 99 township-level seats.

Daw Naw War War Htoo, who is running for one of three positions in Insein township, said she would begin her campaign in the first week of December. A master's degree-holder from the Asian Institute of Technology, she has only one opponent in her seat.

"I'm still preparing to campaign," she said. "As a township-level candidate, I don't think I will need to prepare too much."

Like Daw Mae Ohn Nyunt Wai in the western district, U Win Aung is

struggling to reach as many residents of the eastern district before voters go to the polls at the end of December.

A former deputy department head at YCDC's North Dagon office, he resigned to contest the election.

"At the moment I am giving out flyers to people and explaining to them how I can work for the people of the eastern district," he said.

In some ways, the December 27 election is a trial run. Candidates will only serve around one year, until the end of Thein Sein's government's term. Subsequent elections will see winning candidates serve for five years.

Some candidates, though, are laying out a vision to voters of a more responsive, development-focused municipal body.

U Win Aung said that while a year was not long and it was unclear how much power elected representatives would have, he believed he could make a difference to the lives of ordinary people.

"Many townships from this district are still under-developed," he said. "If I was selected I believe I could speed up their development, particularly in terms of improving infrastructure."

Daw Mae Ohn Nyunt Wai wants to bring about change in how municipal bodies decide on priorities by listening more to the wishes of residents.

"As a member of YCDC, you should ask questions rather than issue commands. What is your opinion? What do you need? If you want to serve the public, these are the questions you must ask."

She said she was optimistic that the elections could lead to a brighter future for Yangon.

"Yangon is precious - we still have so much [built] heritage. It is also a cosmopolitan city and in the future, it could be an international city," she said. "But we have to manage and develop it in the right way."



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British ambassador to raise Kachin shelling with govt



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BRITISH ambassador Andrew Patrick is to raise concerns with government officials over a Tatmadaw artillery assault on a Kachin Independence Army military academy near Laiza that the KIA said left 23 trainees dead.

Mr Patrick told *The Myanmar Times* he understood Kachin anger over the incident, which he described as a "real setback" to the peace process.

"We've made our views clear to government. I haven't been up to Nay Pyi Taw since it happened, but when I go I will be talking to them directly about it," he said last week.

KIA deputy chief-of-staff Major General Gun Maw said shortly after the November 19 attack that the organisation was considering calling off peace negotiations with the government. A spokesperson said last week that they would remain at the negotiating table but declined to comment further.

Speaking at his residence on November 26, Mr Patrick said Britain was "very concerned by the events in Kachin", particularly the impact on the peace process.

"In a situation where there is such a need to build trust between the different sides, the kind of thing that happened last week is a real setback," he said. "I think it's too soon to say what the impact on the peace process will be. The Kachins have not said that they're pulling out though I can understand they're very angry about what happened."

The Tatmadaw confirmed it was responsible for the attack but described it as a "warning shot" fired after repeated requests to the KIA to refrain from attacking Tatmadaw soldiers and civil servants.



A monk leads a candlelit vigil in downtown Yangon on November 24 to mark the deaths of more than 20 people in Kachin State earlier in the month. Photo: Zarni Phyo

A 17-year ceasefire in Kachin State ended in June 2011, and the KIA is one of only two major armed ethnic groups that have not reached a bilateral ceasefire with the government.

However, the KIA is a member of the Nationwide Ceasefire Coordination Team (NCCT), which has been negotiating a nationwide ceasefire with the government's Union Peace-making Working Committee.

The most recent formal NCCT talks ended in September without an agreement, and Mr Patrick said it remained unclear whether a national ceasefire was possible.

"It's a very difficult process, because trust is very low between the sides. I very much hope there's going to be a national ceasefire signed [but] I don't think it's a certainty."

The death toll from the fighting in the resource-rich state since 2011 is not known but more than 100,000 civilians have been displaced.

Unable to return home, they remain in camps and rely on local and international donors to survive.

While the British government has supported efforts to alleviate the humanitarian crisis in Kachin State, it has also provoked controversy by launching a training program for Tatmadaw officers earlier this year.

The Foreign Office says the aim has been to encourage Myanmar's military to act according to international standards and the program does not touch on combat skills.

However, the initiative has been condemned by a number of rights groups, who say the British government should not work with the Tatmadaw while it still faces accusations of rights abuses, including rape, murder and the use of child soldiers.

Mr Patrick said there had been "misunderstanding about what we're doing" with the training program, which he says has broad support

inside the country.

"Some people who argue against us in the UK claim we're building their capacity to fight war and that's completely not the case.

"I have asked every major ethnic leader that I've met - which includes all of the major ethnic groups - and they have all said privately that they understand why what we're doing is good in the long term."

However, he acknowledged that through the program the UK could be lending legitimacy to an organisation accused of serious rights abuses.

"There is an argument that you endorse them by associating with them and endorse them by providing training," he said. "I think the idea is they are a fact. They are a very significant part of society here [and] they will continue to be a very important institution in Burma so you can't ignore that."

IN BRIEF

MAI to code-share with Garuda

Indonesia's national airline Garuda will operate as a code-share partner with Myanmar Airways International from December, MAI marketing manager Daw Aye Mra Tha said last week.

Garuda will fly from Yangon to Jakarta via Bangkok and Singapore, and Daw Aye Mra Tha said these flights would be cheaper than current connections from Myanmar to the Indonesian capital. - Ei Ei Thu

State media to follow press council rulings: minister

State-owned newspapers will comply with rulings issued by the Myanmar Press Council (Interim), the minister for information says.

"In the event of a complaint about ethics, we will obey the decisions of the Press Council," U Ye Htut told journalists in Mandalay on November 22.

He said this year there had been two complaints to the council about items in the state-owned newspapers.

The minister said the government would work through the press council to resolve disputes with private media.

Since taking office more than three years ago the government has had four disputes with private-sector media, he said. "Two cases concerned ethics, and the others were about national security." - Than Naing Soe

German doctors volunteer in Sittwe

A medical team from Germany has provided free corrective operations to people suffering from cleft lips and palates at Sittwe Hospital in Rakhine State.

Approximately 1 in 700 children are born with the congenital defect which can affect the ability to speak, eat and even breathe. The surgery to correct it takes less than an hour but there are only 11 surgeons in Myanmar who can perform it, according to the Rakhine National Social Welfare Organisation (RNSWO), which is assisting the German team.

The Rakhine State government and its Department of Health are also assisting the surgeons, who are volunteering in Myanmar for the third time.

RNSWO spokesperson Uzin Blue said they would also provide treatment for throat cancer and assess whether those with scars from accidents would benefit from surgery. - Cherry Thein



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MPs support push for six-person talks



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THE Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has approved a proposal calling for a meeting between the country's major political leaders to discuss constitutional reform. The urgent motion was submitted on November 25 by U Myint Tun, an Amyotha Hluttaw representative from Bago Region, and passed unanimously the same day.

The proposal urged talks between President U Thein Sein, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint, Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, National League for Democracy leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and an ethnic leader "at the earliest convenient time".

On November 27, Rakhine National Party leader U Aye Maung was chosen to represent ethnic minorities at the meeting.

The talks would be aimed at producing a constitution "in line with the age, time and situation and to create a better situation to build Myanmar in the present and in the future", the proposal said.

U Myint Tun told parliament that he believed dialogue was the key to resolving growing political tension between the country's political leaders.

He stressed that the motion was his idea alone. "Skirmishes have erupted since we were young because we never [negotiated]. I was considering the issue and believe this is a solution."

The proposal comes amid fierce debate in parliament over proposed constitutional amendments and concerns that the political agreements of recent years could fracture in the lead-up to next year's election. The main point of contention is proposed changes to section 436 of the constitution that would remove the military's veto over constitutional reform.

On October 31, President U Thein Sein called an unprecedented meeting of 14 political leaders but Daw Aung San Suu Kyi said the

talks were not effective and reiterated calls for negotiations between herself, U Thein Sein, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and Thura U Shwe Mann.

U Myint Tun said the six political leaders should be prepared to make concessions that reflect the wishes of the people.

"We definitely need to find a solution through negotiation between those six key players," he said, adding that this would support the constitution amendment process under way in parliament.

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi told journalists after the session that she was not against the proposal and would follow the decision of the hluttaw.

Ethnic representatives said they would have no problem agreeing on a representative to attend the talks.

'We definitely need to find a solution through negotiation between those six key players.'

U Myint Tun
Amyotha Hluttaw representative

"We have formed the Nationalities Brotherhood Federation so it is easy to negotiate," said U Banyar Aung Moe from the All Mon Regions Democracy Party, referring to an umbrella organisation of ethnic political parties.

U Ye Tun, the Pyithu Hluttaw representative for Hsipaw in Shan State, said the ethnic leader need not necessarily be an MP. "At first we thought to select a person from among the ethnic hluttaw representatives but some ethnic leaders are not included in the hluttaw," he said.

Yangon Region representative U Thar Yin said the talks would help to alleviate concerns the country's political system is in crisis.

"Our country's unity, stability and development depend on the goodwill, responsibility and negotiations of these leaders," he said.

- Translation by Thiri Min Htun



President U Thein Sein speaks during a meeting with registered political parties in Yangon on November 26. Photo: Yu Yu

U Thein Sein urges parties to maintain stability ahead of election

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PRESIDENT U Thein Sein has urged political parties to cooperate in maintaining a stable political situation leading up to next year's general election. At a meeting with parties at the Yangon Region parliament building on November 26, the president said the election should lead to the installation of a government that reflected the wishes of the public.

"The 2015 election will bring big changes in the democratisation of our country. That's why I would like to urge you all to cooperate in stabilising the political situation during the campaign," the president said.

U Aung Min and U Soe Thein - both ministers in the President's Office - attended the meeting along

with Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, chair of the Union Election Commission U Tin Aye and other officials.

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Political parties represented at the meeting with President U Thein Sein

The president explained the reform process, describing efforts to amend the constitution, the ceasefire process, meetings among political

leaders and the national education bill.

He said parliament would play an important role in amending the 2008 constitution.

Since 2011, the government had pursued liberalisation in politics, the economy and social affairs, with tangible success, the president said. "But many obstacles must still be addressed. We cannot do it alone, we need your cooperation."

He urged the politicians to strive for stability during the transition, even as they were rivals within a democratic state.

The president said he would continue to meet with opposition figures to discuss national reconciliation. "We will arrange such meetings often," he said, "but they must be all-inclusive."



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Lawyer U Zaw Win (right), Asia Alin Yaung Sayadaw and supporters wait outside court on November 26. Photo: Si Thu Lwin

Jailed lawyer accuses authorities of using the law ‘as a weapon’

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FARMERS’ champion U Zaw Win has accused the government of using the law as a weapon to prevent him from representing his clients. He has been detained under the peaceful protest law since staging a solo demonstration in Pyin Oo Lwin last May, and denied bail.

So far he has made nine court appearances. At each, farmers demonstrated in his favour and called for his release.

Proceedings have been delayed by the prosecutor’s request to shift the trial to a court closer to Mandalay on the grounds that conducting it in Pyin Oo Lwin would be unsafe and could lead to public rioting. Similarly,

township police have opposed applications for bail on the grounds that it would cause “fear or alarm to the public and rioting”.

U Zaw Win, a higher grade pleader whose licence was once revoked, has fought the attempt to shift the case to another court, arguing it would make it difficult for defence witnesses to appear in court.

“It has been three months and one day since I was charged, but we are no nearer a trial. I’m still awaiting a court decision on changing the venue for my case. These constant delays mean I have had to stay in jail ... They are using the law as weapon,” U Zaw Win told *The Myanmar Times* after the November 26 hearing.

“Refusing to allow me to go on trial where the alleged offence took place is

tantamount to blocking my evidence ... Changing the venue would be a sign of partiality on the part of the judiciary.”

He said he staged the solo protest because no action had been taken against what he described as impropriety in the judiciary, despite his repeated complaints against law enforcement officials.

His supporters are continuing to demand his release, and some attended last week’s court hearing wearing T-shirts bearing his photo. Asia Alin Yaung Sayadaw attended his last hearing and released white doves.

“Arresting our lawyer U Zaw Win is like cutting off our hands and legs. We have no one to rely on,” said U Aung Chit Tin, of Pyin Oo Lwin’s Kywe Nwyar Htauk village, who is also facing trial. – *Translation by Thiri Min Htun*

Experts recommends overhaul of agriculture laws, policies

Despite some significant changes in the sector over the past three years, many challenges are yet to be addressed



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MYANMAR’S land-related legal framework needs to be overhauled to improve the livelihoods of millions of smallholder farmers and tackle high rural poverty rates, participants at a Nay Pyi Taw forum said last week.

The November 25-26 forum was organised by the Livelihoods and Food Security Trust (LIFT) Fund and attended by government officials, NGO and civil society representatives and agri-business investors, who discussed recent developments in the rapidly changing agriculture sector and the direction of reform efforts.

A multi-donor trust fund, LIFT was established in 2009 and has since dispersed more than US\$200 million for livelihoods-focused development projects.

LIFT Fund director Andrew Kirkwood said that a number of important legal and policy changes have occurred in the agriculture sector but much more needs to be done.

While several new land laws have been promulgated by U Thein Sein’s government, there are still many outdated laws in force that are holding back development in the agriculture sector, he said.

He cited the example of smallholder farmers who have no legal claim to the land they have worked for decades because it is classified by the government as forest. As a result, they are often unable to access credit from banks or microfinance institutions.

“Clearly there needs to be a change in the laws and policies,” he told *The Myanmar Times*. “We need to move toward what is actually happening on the ground.”

Nevertheless, the sector has seen rapid change in recent years. Mr Kirkwood said LIFT had developed a national strategy for agricultural development in 2011 but has been forced to rethink its own role in the sector because of the spread of new technologies, such as mobile phones, and the arrival of many more donors and NGOs. He said it could transition from a traditional donor organisation to become an independent mediator between civil society, the government and the private sector.

Another recent development is the

drafting of a National Land Use Policy, which was released to the public. Responding to calls for greater transparency in policy-making, the government released the draft to the public in October, ahead of national consultations through November.

‘We need to move toward what is actually happening on the ground.’

Andrew Kirkwood
LIFT Fund

While noting that the national consultation was a first for the government, Daw Ohnmar Khaing, coordinator of the Food Security Working Group - a network of agriculture-focused civil society groups - said efforts to engage with civil society did not go far enough.

In the case of the National Land Use Policy, she said civil society groups had been given just two weeks to review the 93-page document.

Toyota donates to driving schools

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TOYOTA has donated 10 cars to four state-operated driving schools in Yangon to support government efforts to improve road safety. The donation, which included educational materials and equipment, took place at a ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw on November 26.

Alarmed at the rise in road accidents, the government has been increasing the number of driving schools, while requiring people who apply for driving licences to pass a stiffer test, said Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation U Chan Maung.

The ministry launched a program to raise standards at driving schools in May, he added.

“We issue driving licences to qualified drivers, and have upgraded the driving test so it meets international standards,” he said.

The number of driving schools has more than doubled in the past three years, rising from only 24 in 2011 to 33 by 2013 and 50 this year. Of these, 15 are run by the Ministry of Transport.

Toyota’s senior managing officer for Asia and the Pacific, Hisyuki Inoue, said the 2014-model Corollas were valued at US\$18,000, excluding government taxes. The vehicles feature an extra brake and front and rear cameras to assist driving instructors.

“Toyota believes in giving back to society. We hope our donation will contribute to enriching this country’s automotive society,” he said.

U Chan Maung said the ministry would test the cars and consider whether to recommend them to private driving schools.

“Activists are still looking for the space for people’s opinions and regulations for the rights of smallholder farmers ... They cannot find any [farmers’] rights issues in the law,” she said, adding that national leaders needed to work harder to build trust with other groups working on agriculture.

U Zarni Minn, a deputy director at the Department of Rural Development, agreed that lack of trust in the government is a problem.

He said that when ministry officials try to engage with communities and civil society, they must contend with longstanding fear of the central government, particularly in rural areas.

Combined with a lack of capacity in the civil service, this has made it harder for officials to help smallholder farmers, he said.

Both Mr Kirkwood and Daw Ohnmar Khaing said that it was important to have a forum to discuss openly the challenges in the agriculture sector and areas where reform is needed.

“Farmers are businesspeople,” Mr Kirkwood said. “We really believe that the government, civil society and the private sector all have important roles to play in helping those small farmers become more successful businesspeople.”

‘New’ rights body faces first major test

Investigation into death of journalist is the first opportunity for the human rights commission to exercise its new powers

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THE investigation into the death of journalist Ko Par Gyi represents the first major test for the reformed Myanmar National Human Rights Commission – but experts are sceptical that members have the desire or expertise to conduct a genuinely independent probe.

The investigation is the first assignment for the commission since it was reconstituted on September 25, when a 15-member commission established three years earlier through a presidential order was abolished and replaced by a new body formed under the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Law.

But while the law gives the commission formal independence – as well as the right to summon people for interviews, and provide confidentiality to its sources – it is not clear how this will be used in Myanmar's post-military rule political context.

President U Thein Sein ordered the commission to investigate the circumstances surrounding Ko Par Gyi's death on October 30, a week after the military revealed that he had died in its custody in Mon State on October 4.

News of his death prompted protests in Yangon and Mandalay, as well as concern and condemnation from foreign governments and human rights organisations.

Matthew Bugher, a Global Justice Fellow at Harvard Law School based in Yangon, said the investigation poses both an opportunity and a risk for the commission.

“The commission's investigation into Par Gyi's death represents an opportunity for the commission to break from past practice and take seriously its mandate to independently investigate alleged human rights violations,” he said.

“However, the commission has not previously demonstrated a willingness to speak out about abuses committed by military personnel or confront powerful military interests.”

Some of the early indications from the investigation have been positive, however. In early November, for example, Ko Par Gyi's body was exhumed so that an autopsy could be conducted.

Commission secretary U Sit Myaing, who is leading the investigation team, has also confirmed that Ko Par Gyi was working as a journalist, despite the government describing him as a communications officer, holding the rank of

captain, for a group linked to the Democratic Karen Benevolent Army.

U Sit Myaing assured *The Myanmar Times* last week that the investigation team had been exercising its independence and there was “no influence or guidelines” from external forces.

He said that the new law had aided the probe by giving the commission stronger powers to request evidence.

“We have applied the new law in our investigation,” he said, adding that the team expected to finish its final report this week. “We push for evidence – this is a new power.”

Local and international human rights groups have been highly critical of previous investigations – particularly one into the alleged killings in Rakhine State's Du Chee Yar Tan village – as well as the commission's apparent reluctance to examine politically sensitive issues.

In a report released on September 25, Burma Partnership, a coalition of Myanmar-focused civil society groups, said that the commission had “done almost nothing” on Kachin and Rakhine states, which constituted the two areas of “most concern” for human rights violations.

Even the reformation of the commission drew fire from activists, who

said the selection process lacked transparency and it was unclear why some former members had been dismissed.

Several of these individuals told *The Myanmar Times* that they believed they had been removed because they

‘The commission has not previously demonstrated a willingness to speak out about abuses committed by military personnel.’

Matthew Bugher
Harvard Law School

were the most outspoken members of the commission.

One of these deposed members, U Hla Myint, said last week the new law gave the commission the powers needed to conduct genuine investigations into human rights abuses.

“The positions of this law are very real and very effective. If you are following the provisions in the law scrupulously, you are really independent,” he said.

“The law is good enough, but it depends on the members – how they apply the law.”

The commission's political independence from the government and military is not the only concern, however. Trevor Wilson, a visiting fellow at the Australian National University who focuses on Myanmar politics, said he was not convinced the commission had the technical expertise to properly investigate Ko Par Gyi's death.

“I am ... not sure that the MNHRC has the resources and skills to conduct such an investigation,” said Mr Wilson, a former Australian ambassador to Myanmar. “An incompetent investigation could cause harm on all fronts.”

Mr Bugher agreed, saying that it is “important that the commission not further entrench impunity by whitewashing human rights abuses.”

“If the commission bows to pressure from the government or military and fails to conduct a credible and independent investigation,” he said, “it will become complicit in Par Gyi's death.”

CRIME IN BRIEF

US citizen arrested over car dispute

A US citizen was arrested and charged on November 3 with criminal breach of trust for allegedly failing to return a car he had been loaned by Zeya & Associates. Zeya was the local partner of Gunkul Engineering, a Thai company Bob Lee had been working for.

U Aung Wai Phyto, who works as a driver for Zeya & Associates, told Kamaryut township police that Mr Lee had failed to return the car as requested after he was dismissed from Gunkul Engineering. Mr Lee has appeared in Kamaryut Township Court eight times since his arrest.

Father-in-law faces murder charge

Police have charged a man with murder after he allegedly stabbed and killed his son-in-law after an altercation between the deceased man, 30, and the accused's daughter.

U Win Tun's body was found by his mother, Daw Nwe Yi, on the edge of Bogalay village in Yangon Region's Kayan township on November 17.

Police said that U Win Tun was killed by his father-in-law after he beat his wife with a stone used for grinding thanakha.

Two charged over bank note scam

A boy, 15, and a man, 29, were charged by police in Yangon's Kyee-myindaing township on November 26 with forging K10,000 notes. A shop owner on Taw Win Street in Bawga ward alerted the authorities after the boy attempted to buy cold drinks at his shop with the notes.

After being arrested and questioned, the boy led police officers to the Sanchaung township home of the man, where they discovered a colour printer, a computer and 10 sheets of counterfeit K10,000 notes.

Foreigner uses fake bank card

A person described as a “foreigner” was allegedly caught on CCTV on November 15 withdrawing K900,000 from a Kanbawza Bank ATM using a fake bank card.

Daw Swe Zin Win, assistant general manager of Kanbawza Bank's head office, said the person made three withdrawals of K300,000 each. – Toe Wai Aung, translation by Khant Lin Oo



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Swiss NGO to give disadvantaged a chance at hotel jobs

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THE NGO Swisscontact is to train about 3000 disadvantaged people from Yangon Region and Nay Pyi Taw in the hotel trade. About 200 candidates will be selected from each of the townships of Hlegu, Hlaing Tharyar, Insein, Thanlyin and Dala in Yangon Region and Tatkon, Pyinmana and Lewe in Nay Pyi Taw, according to the organisation's training coordinator, Daw Cho Cho Mar.

The candidates, aged from 16 to 45,

will include people who have endured poverty or been affected by natural disaster, she said. They will learn vocational skills to help them gain work in the hotel services sector.

"We will prioritise young people, especially those who suffered from disasters such as Cyclone Nargis or civil war, or who failed to complete university," she said.

Training will take place in April, July and September, during the low season for the hotel industry.

Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation are funding Swisscontact

and German company INBAS to carry out the four-year program. Trainees have already been selected to train the trainers in middle management, who will then pass on the skills to their staff.

"We selected 18 master instructors with good English skills and international hotel experience. Disadvantaged young people with few opportunities will be chosen to attend this training," she said. "This program can help relieve the labour shortage in the hotel industry, as well as helping to improve young people's lives."

One trainee, Ma Khin Myo San, said

'If we have enough skilled labour, foreign investment will come to help develop our country further.'

U Nay Myo Zaw
Swiss embassy, Yangon

she had quit as front-office supervisor of a hotel in Dubai to take up the training opportunity.

U Nay Myo Zaw, national program officer at the Swiss embassy, said the training would help meet labour shortages in the hospitality industry.

"If we have enough skilled labour, foreign investment will come to help develop our country further," he said.

The Ministry of Hotels and Tourism says the country has already surpassed its target of 3 million visitors for this year, and 2016 has been proclaimed Visit Myanmar Year.

Speaker seeks bail for Koh Tao accused

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AMYOTHA Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint has offered to act as personal guarantor in the case of the two Myanmar men accused of murder in Thailand. The speaker said on November 26 he would stand surety for Ko Zaw Lin and Ko Win Zaw Htun, the Myanmar migrant workers accused of killing two British tourists in Thailand's Koh Tao Island on September 15.

The speaker said he had called on Thai junta leader Prayut Chan-o-cha to transfer the two to the supervision of Myanmar's embassy in Bangkok, releasing them from Thai custody. "If they run away, I will accept to be arrested," he told the media.

The two men have recanted their original confession, alleging it had been extracted under torture.

The Myanmar embassy applied for bail on November 26 and agreed to provide the required surety, but the Koh Samui District Court rejected the application on the grounds the men are a flight risk.

Meanwhile, U Khin Aung Myint has provided K10 million on behalf of the hluttaw to assist the men, while hluttaw representatives U Khin Shwe and U Nay Win Tun have given K10 million each. A Rakhine social network has also donated about K15 million toward the defence.

U Khin Aung Myint went to Thailand on November 23 together with legal experts and other hluttaw representatives to negotiate on behalf of the accused, and met Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha on November 25.

On November 20, the Koh Samui court allowed Thai police to continue to hold the two men, remanding them in custody for a fifth time.

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Days that two migrant workers accused of murder in Thailand have been held in detention, as of November 29

Under Thai law, a suspect can be remanded up to seven times, for a total of 84 days, after which they must be charged or released. The suspects had asked the court to deny the application but a judge upheld the police request.

"The Thai police said that they have not completed their investigation yet," said U Aung Myo Thant, a lawyer involved in the case.

"We objected to remanding them again because they have been held for nearly 50 days but the court allowed it." - Translation by Thiri Min Htun



Officers from ROKS Choi Young and ROKS Cheonji greet children in Yangon on November 21. Photo: Aung Htay Hlaing

S Korean ships make goodwill stop

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TWO South Korean warships paid a goodwill visit to Myanmar last week in response to a recent visit to South Korea of Myanmar's defence chief, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing. During their four-day visit, from November 21 to 24, naval personnel

from the destroyer ROKS Choi Young and the oiler ROKS Cheonji took part in sporting events, visited Naval Command, provided assistance to the Myanmar Red Cross Society, gave concerts, paid their respects at the Martyrs' Mausoleum and volunteered at orphanage schools.

"We came here after the Commander-in-Chief of Myanmar [de-

fence] forces visited South Korea" from September 28 to October 1, said officer Chun Jungsoo. "We want to promote friendly relations between our two countries."

The two vessels, which docked at Thilawa, have a combined crew of 647 people, and will visit a total of 12 countries including Myanmar.

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Workers demonstrate in Mandalay on November 23 to call for changes to the Labour Dispute Settlement Law. Photo: Kyaw Ko Ko

Workers seek stronger dispute settlement law

Labour leaders to meet MPs to discuss their concerns over recently amended law



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ABOUT 600 workers have protested in Mandalay calling for further amendments to the Labour Dispute Settlement Law, which they say has so far been ineffective because punishments for violations are too weak.

The Myanmar Trade Unions Federation (MTUF) organised the November 23 protest in Mandalay, which followed a similar demonstration in Yangon on November 2.

Protesters called for the law to be

changed so that an employer who defies the ruling of the Arbitration Council can be jailed.

As *The Myanmar Times* has previously reported, most of the council's rulings - about 100 to date - have been ignored by employers because the penalties ranged from just K30,000 to K100,000.

The law, enacted in March 2012, was amended in September to increase the maximum fine for violations to K1 million. While President U Thein Sein and others had called for jail terms to be included in the law, parliament decided against it on the ground it could negatively impact on foreign investment.

MTUF representatives said on November 23 that they planned to meet with MPs who were against

tougher penalties.

MTUF deputy leader U Myo Thant countered that the lack of enforcement and adherence to labour laws was also "a barrier to the entry of foreign investors".

"The leaders of workers are being dismissed [from workplaces by employers]. This proves that the existing law has flaws."

Workers who participated in the protest also called for the involvement of labour representatives in drafting legislation and raised concerns about the ability of workers to file lawsuits against abusive employers.

Union members said they will hold a third protest, in Nay Pyi Taw, if they feel their demands are being ignored.

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Kayan New Land Party plots USDP downfall

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THE Kayan New Land Party will not contest next year's election but has offered to help political parties win votes to beat the Union Solidarity and Development Party in Kayah State.

Kayah State was the only one of Myanmar's 14 states and regions in which the USDP won all seats in the 2010 election but Colonel Saw Lwin, secretary 1 of the KNLP, said his group was hoping for a dramatically different result in 2015.

"We will help any political party competing in our state in 2015 election to get more votes than the USDP. We will help the strong party in our region, whether it is the [National League for Democracy] or



Colonel Saw Lwin sits in his home in Kayah State. Photo: Maung Zaw

ethnic political parties," he said.

He said the group hoped that removing the USDP's majority would lead to constitutional reform and the creation of a "real civilian government".

"We will never compete in the election until a civilian government takes office. The current government is not democratic. Only after the constitution is amended will Myanmar be a democratic country," Col Saw Lwin said.

The KNLP was established in 1960 and signed a ceasefire agreement with the government in 1990. Unlike most other armed ethnic groups, it has not renewed this ceasefire with U Thein Sein's government.

Led by U Thein Sein, the USDP won 15 seats in the Kayah regional parliament, as well as eight Pyithu Hluttaw and 12 Amyotha Hluttaw seats in Kayah State.

- Translation by Thiri Min Htun

SSA-South calls for political dialogue instead of ceasefire

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A SENIOR Shan State Army-South official has questioned whether armed ethnic groups should sign a nationwide ceasefire agreement and proposed the immediate launch of political dialogue.

Brigadier General Paung Khay said the nationwide ceasefire, which has been under negotiation since mid-2013, was unnecessary because armed ethnic groups already have bilateral ceasefires.

"We have already signed a ceasefire agreement and think that political talks should begin at once. We make this demand whenever we meet with Senior General Min Aung Hlaing," he said.

A senior official from the Restoration Council of Shan State (RCSS) - the political wing of the SSA-South - said collectively negotiating with other armed ethnic groups was slowing down the process.

"Waiting to sign a nationwide ceasefire agreement can lead to disagreements among the ethnic armed groups," he said.

Representatives of the Shan group said there was also a clear lack of unity between the government, parliament and military.

"We can see this because skirmishes erupted even though the president agreed to a ceasefire," the senior official said. "It is clear that

the government does not have complete power."

Brig Gen Paung Khay also rejected rumours that the SSA-South was recruiting new soldiers, saying they were in fact drug addicts being forced into rehabilitation programs. He said the rumours were spread by drug dealers who "hate us because we are running rehabilitation centres".

'We have already signed a ceasefire agreement and think that political talks should begin at once.'

Brigadier General Paung Khay
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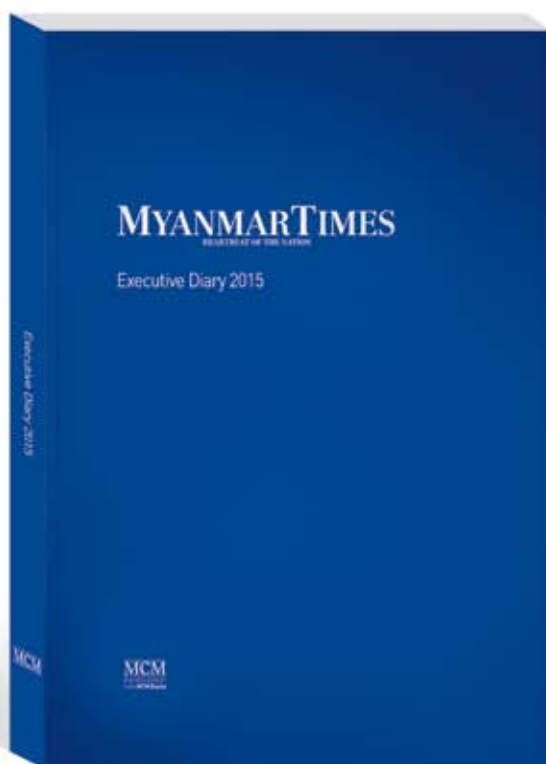
Founded in 1996, the RCSS signed a ceasefire with the government in December 2011.

The RCSS is not a member of the Nationwide Ceasefire Coordination Team, which is negotiating with the national ceasefire with the government on behalf of 16 armed ethnic groups. - Translation by Thiri Min Htun

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Catholics celebrate milestone in Yangon

THOUSANDS of Myanmar Catholics marked 500 years of the church's presence inside the country in a lively celebration at a Yangon cathedral held four years late because of religious restrictions under the former military government.

Believers, many wearing colourful traditional dress from ethnic minorities, released balloons and sang hymns during three days of parades and services that show a resurgence in confidence for Catholicism after reforms under a quasi-civilian regime.

"It is a day to say we are so proud that the faith came here 500 years ago," Cardinal Oswald Gracias, the Archbishop of Mumbai and the Pope's envoy, told congregants at a ceremony at St Mary's Cathedral to kick off the festivities.

"Myanmar is so special to Pope Francis because the Church is small, because the Church has got challenges, because the Church has got a great future," he added.

Portuguese traders are thought to have brought Catholicism to Myanmar in 1510 as they looked to extend their missionary reach from their Indian settlement in Goa.

But the church said its celebrations could not be held in 2010 because of restrictions on religious freedoms under the former military government.

"Since the political situations in Myanmar are developing now and there are many upcoming religious freedoms in the country we feel that it is a privilege to celebrate the great Jubilee in 2014," Father Leo Mang was quoted as saying in an English-language release on the church website.

There are some 500,000 Catholics in Myanmar – around 1 percent of its 51.4 million people – and Christians are thought to make up about 4pc of the country's population.

The Catholic Church has been increasingly vocal in recent months, particularly in urging religious tolerance following several waves of anti-Muslim violence.

Festivities around the 500-year anniversary ran through to November 23, with multi-faith readings and a parade at a football stadium held on the final day.

"The 500th anniversary is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for us," said Xavier, who gave only one name. "I am so happy to see people from all over the country." – AFP

Remote-area students to get priority at technology schools

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A SCHEME has been announced to help poor students from remote areas of the country access higher education in scientific, technical and medical fields, a press conference heard last week. Minister for Science and Technology U Ko Ko Oo announced on November 19 that six universities would allot up to 3 percent of their places to distance-learning students with lower grades.

The six universities are Yangon Technological University, Mandalay Technological University, University of Computer Studies (Yangon), University of Computer Studies (Mandalay), Technological University (Yadanarpon City) and Myanmar Aerospace Engineering University. An existing program is already in place at medical universities.

Students from the remote Naga, Danu, Palaung, Kokang and Wa regions, as well as those in receipt of allowances from their local authorities or who face transportation and social difficulties, will be eligible.

"The University of Medicine will allot 3pc of places as usual. We also want to encourage engineering students to help develop their respective regions, and will pay double salary in those regions," the minister said.

U Ko Ko Oo said he would coordinate with the governments of self-administered zones to implement the plan. "Admission to university will now be open to people who contribute to their region and who have passed the matriculation exams there and are recommended by that regional authorities," he said.

Deputy Minister U Aung Kyaw Myat said states and regions would be invited to recommend students from their self-administered regions who had failed the matriculation exams but should be considered for further study.

Once admitted to university, the students must then pass the necessary exams to pursue their studies in subsequent years, he said.

– Translation by Khant Lin Oo

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An afternoon with the president

Obama's visit made the news, but it also made memories for those who were lucky enough to meet the US head of state

WHEN I heard US President Barack Obama would be coming to Myanmar in November, I thought it would be wonderful to meet him, but I didn't think it would really happen. Sure, my press credentials might get me closer than those lining the streets of Yangon, hoping for a glimpse of a passing presidential motorcade. But for me, as for most of the country, it was most likely that Mr Obama would remain a face on TV, watched from home or from the teashop.

Then, six days before Mr Obama's arrival in Yangon, I received an email from the American embassy. It was an invitation to the president's address to members of the Young Southeast Asian Leaders, an initiative he started in 2013 to foster interaction, development and opportunities among ASEAN youth.

While Ulysses S Grant (1879), Herbert Hoover (1905) and Richard Nixon (1953) all visited Myanmar, they did so either before or after office, and none had the global rock-star appeal commanded by the current commander-in-chief. His first stopover, in 2012, made history, and I was thrilled to be getting the chance to see him on his second.

I promptly went to the American Center as instructed to pick up my white entrance card. It granted entry for one person to the university's Diamond Jubilee Hall between 1:30pm and 3pm on Friday, November 14. It also instructed guests to wear national dress; not to bring large bags; not to carry any sharp objects; and not to carry water bottles. Cameras, however, were allowed.

News of Mr Obama's arrival in Nay Pyi Taw around 7:30pm on November 12 spread like wildfire on social media, but that only spurred my impatience. By Friday morning, with hours to go, I was at home anxiously following coverage of his tour of the Secretariat and the press conference at Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's home.

Some people online were arguing about how U Thant Myint-U – the heritage expert and author who served as Mr Obama's guide at the Secretariat – had chosen to pair a Myanmar jacket with shoes. People only care about external appearances, I thought; they should be thinking about more important issues.

And with that, it was time to get under way. I left home early, not wanting to have Yangon's nefarious traffic jams deny my big chance to see the president in person. Turning off Pyay Road and entering the university campus, however, I saw many young people, even more eager than me, queuing in front of the entrance – the line stretched nearly to the University of Medicine building. Others, unable to enter but hoping to see him going in, lined the roads outside.

Yangon University was closed for years, I thought, but once again Mr Obama's presence had brought it back to life.

After half an hour I was able to enter the compound through the security gate, then immediately had to queue again, this time with those waiting to enter the hall. Unseasonably, a thin drizzle was falling, but it seemed to speed up the security check – fortunate, since umbrellas came under the proscribed pointed object category.

The entrance card said we should be ready to submit to airport-style checks but it seemed less strict than that. Americans were handling everything, from security to ushering, and I was told that those with green wristbands should sit on the benches in the corner, while those with white cards – like me – should go to the seats



President Obama speaks at a town-hall-style event with youth leaders at Yangon University on November 14. Photo: Kaung Htet



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in the middle of the hall in the front row. I got a seat in the third row, took a breath and looked around.

"Warmly Welcome US President Barack Obama!" was written in white letters on a brown board behind the stage. The acronym of the Young Southeast Asia Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) was stuck on the wooden posts on either side of the stage, and the flags of Myanmar and the US hung together.

We'd been told to arrive before 3pm, but most of the audience – youth from Myanmar and other ASEAN nations – had arrived before 2:30pm. Armed with handsets, phones or tablets, they passed the time taking selfies or photos of each other to record the moment, and their smiles lingered even after the photos were taken.

At 3pm, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and officials from the regional government and parliament entered the hall. Unlike other events, they were not ushered to the front row, where youth leaders were sitting, but rather to the second row. It was clear who this event was for.

At 3:30pm the spotlights came on. The president arrived about 15 minutes later – I remember checking my watch – and greeted everyone. "Myanmar lu nge, mingalabar" (young people of Myanmar, greetings), he said, bringing the crowd to their feet.

Despite having zipped from the US to Yangon via China and Nay Pyi Taw, he didn't look tired. Every gesture was lively – a vivid contrast to the poker-faced officials, who stand still and seem to speak only out of a sense of obligation, that Myanmar journalists are so used to. Though not an actor, he looked as handsome in person as

he does on-screen, with his light blue shirt, dark suit and dark blue neck tie all matching perfectly.

"It's wonderful to be back in Myanmar," he said, inviting us to sit once more. Then, seeing some signs to his left saying "Reform is Fake" and "Change," he said, "Oh, we got some signs." But he told the students they could put them away, because this was a town-hall-style meeting and they could talk to him directly after his address.

In a 10-minute speech about US policy for establishing deeper ties with Southeast Asia, Mr Obama said working with young people was a priority, which was why in 2013 he had started the YSEALI program, which now counts over 10,000 members.

"Whenever I travel the world, from Europe to Africa, South America to Southeast Asia, one of the things I most enjoy doing is meeting young men and women like you," he said. "It's more fun than being in a conference room. And it's also more important – because you are the young leaders who will determine the future of this country and this region."

He also talked about youth and reform, in Myanmar today and in American history, saying change won't happen overnight but requires discipline, persistence and faith.

One burst of applause came when he used the Myanmar saying "ngote mi the daing, tet naing phyar yauk" (dive until you reach the sand, climb until you reach the top), then asked the people's help to "tet naing phyar yauk".

"I expect many of you will take up the mantle of reform from student activists like Aung San Suu Kyi and Min Ko Naing; take your rightful place as leaders in a stable and prosperous and progressive Southeast Asia. And as you do, I promise you will have no better friend and partner than the United States of America."

He then took his jacket off and invited questions from the audience. Hands shot up, but first he had something else to add.

"Now, the one thing I'm going to do is I'm going to go boy, girl, boy, girl, to make sure that it's fair, because one thing I didn't say in my initial speech is societies that are most successful also treat their women and girls with respect. Otherwise, they won't be successful."

There were eight questions, in English, so there wasn't much time. But the conversation covered a lot of ground: trust-building between faiths in Rakhine State; ASEAN integration; priorities during the democratic transition; US technical assistance to Myanmar; citizenship; educational reforms; and climate change. One of the

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most surprising questions, for him, seemed to be what he would focus on first if he were president of Myanmar.

"You're always popular in someone else's country," he said, recovering after a moment's pause. "When you're in your own country, everybody is complaining."

Then he responded. "Number one, there needs to be an election next year. It shouldn't be delayed. Number two, there should be constitutional amendments that ensure a transition over

time to a fully civilian government. Number three, there needs to be laws put in place to protect freedom of the press, freedom of expression, freedom to politically organise."

It was nearly 5pm when he finished answering the last question. Before leaving, he encouraged the audience to work toward better futures. "I hope all of you dream big and then work hard to achieve those dreams."

Then, to the excitement of everyone in the place – and the dread, no doubt, of the burly Secret Service agents stationed at the four corners of the stage – he stepped forward to shake hands.

As I tried to push my way forward, a rather large security man looked at the smart phone in my hand and told me not to photograph the president. But all the guards in the world couldn't have stopped those further back from snapping some pictures of Mr Obama and their peers. And in some of those pictures, somewhere, there might be a picture of the president shaking my hand.

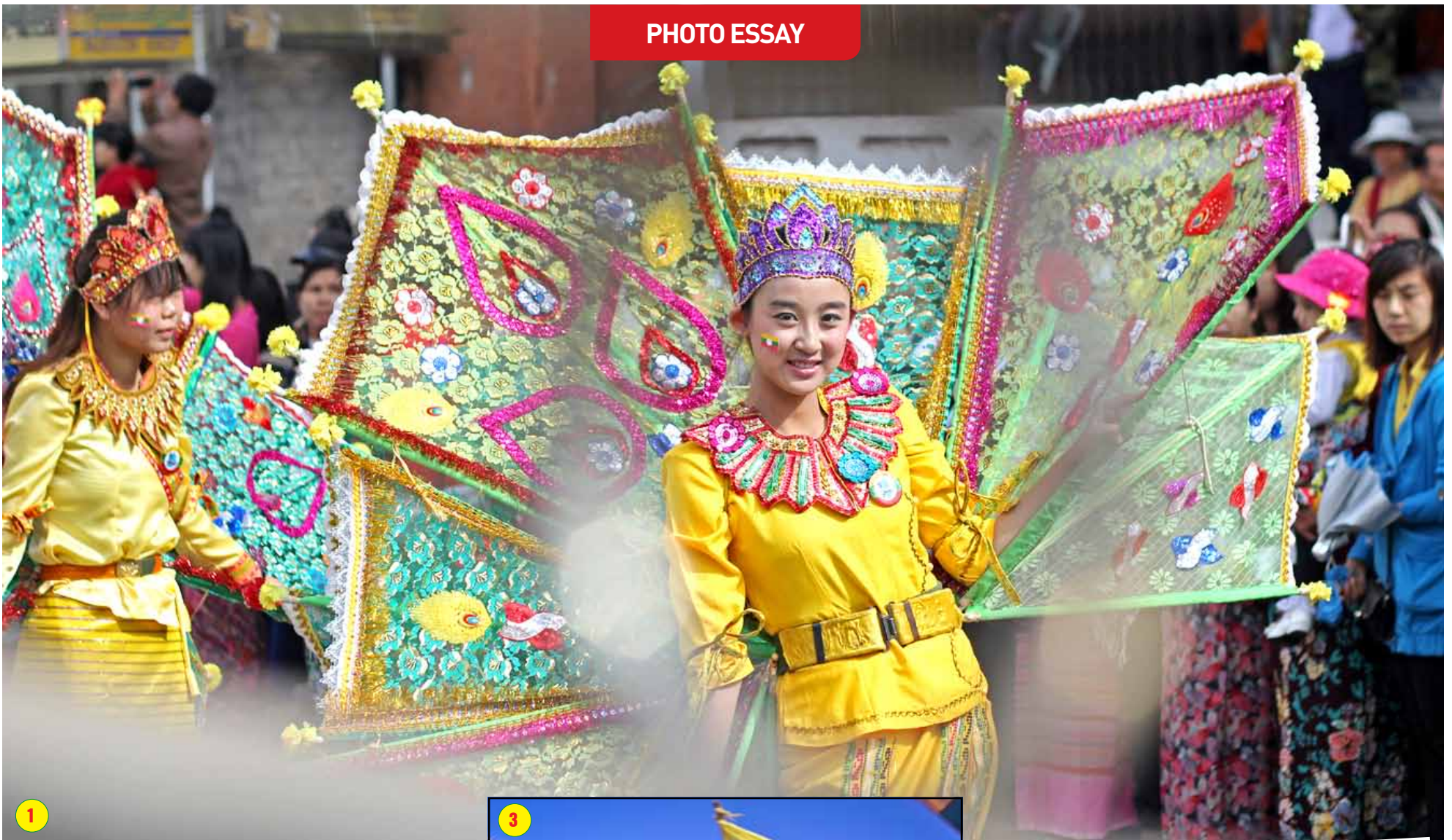
It wasn't as inspiring an exchange as his words from the stage. He said, "Hey, how's it going?" and I replied, "It's okay." But I gave a firm shake in return, feeling glad I wasn't stuck at the back, like those who were shouting "please come here" over my shoulder.

After the motorcade departed and the guards let us leave the venue, I hailed my own taxi for the long ride home. The driver said that many roads had been blocked that day, and that "because of Obama" he hadn't earned enough money to pay the rental fee to the vehicle's owner.

"I don't know whether anything in the country will change because of his visit," he added. "I don't think so. I'm sure things will continue the same as before."

I didn't reply. I was too busy thinking quietly about what Mr Obama had said to the lucky few of us who saw him in person earlier that day.

– Translation by Thiri Min Htun and Zar Zar Soe



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Hopes for peace as thousands celebrate Shan New Year in Taunggyi

"May all negativity and difficulties come to an end this year. May we have the strength to overcome the past year's failures. May we keep our traditional culture alive and raise our nationality."

At the end of the invocation, the crowd of revellers at Taunggyi's festival grounds let out a loud cheer. They had gathered to welcome Shan New Year 2109, which this year arrived on November 22.

The occasion was marked with a festival on New Year's Eve that included traditional Shan Kinnaya and Toe Na Yar dances, Shan long drum music, and fashion shows highlighting traditional Shan costumes. The performances were held on two stages that had been set up on the field.

The New Year officially arrived at midnight on November 21. As most festivalgoers counted down the minutes, others began inflating fire balloons, struggling against the strong wind to keep the balloons in place until the moment arrived.

At 12am on the dot, the fire balloons were released and fireworks were launched, setting the sky ablaze with a spectacular display of light. The thousands of Shan who had gathered started cheering, singing and dancing to welcome 2109, designated as the Year of Goat on the Shan calendar,

Sai Awng Hsan, vice president of Shan New Year celebrating committee, said Shan

people "believe they were on earth before the Buddha".

"The symbols of the Shan are the Kinnari and Kinnara, mythical creatures of grace and beauty who welcomed the Buddha with a dance when he returned to the abode of the humans after spending the Lenten season in the celestial abode preaching to his mother," he said.

Colonel Sai La, secretary 2 of the Shan State Army South, said that because of the changing political situation in Myanmar, it has only been in the past couple of years that the Shan have been able to hold large gatherings to celebrate their New Year.

He said the main purpose of the festival is to gather Shan people from around the world.

"During the New Year celebration, all kinds of Shan ethnics can gather," he said.

"I think this gathering can reduce some conflicts between us. Only peace can solve the political problems we face now, and we hope to achieve the political framework that we all expect from political dialogue following the nationwide ceasefire."

The festival also included an academic seminar during which 33 lectures on various aspects of Shan culture were delivered.

— Chit Su

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A float bearing members of the Myoma music troupe tours Mandalay on November 20 to promote events to mark the centenary of the birth of Bogyoke Aung San. Photo: Si Thu Lwin

Bogyoke Aung San birthday bash planned

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GRAND festivities are planned in Mandalay to mark the centenary of the birth of Myanmar's father of independence, Bogyoke Aung San, on

February 13, 2015. Members of an organising committee set up to oversee the event say it will include an alms-offering ceremony, literary talks, music performances and cultural competitions. They are also planning to set up a Bogyoke Aung San statue next year to celebrate the anniversary. Among the performers participating in the festivities will be the Myoma music troupe, which was established about 90 years ago.

Regional green growth centre to open this week



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NORWEGIAN royalty will visit Yangon this week for the opening of the Center of Excellence for Greening (CoE-G), which will also house the ASEAN Institute for Green Economy. The centre aims to promote the use of green technologies and practices through both demonstrations and training and is based on the campus of the Myanmar Scientific and Technological Research Department (MSTRD) in Yangon. The centre is mostly funded by the Norwegian government, and the country's king, Harald V, and queen, Sonja, are scheduled to attend the opening ceremony on December 2. U Nay Htun, one of the centre's steering committee members, told *The*

Myanmar Times that the centre will promote the greening of buildings, agriculture, industry, transportation and other sectors through demonstrations and training. The centre's two buildings are examples of how green technology can be used in construction, and feature smart glass that can be tinted when it is sunny to regulate the amount of heat and light entering the building, solar-powered LED lights, and harvested rainwater. Three more buildings are due to open in the future, with the CoE-G to cover 3.3 acres of the 33-acre department site. "We will demonstrate conserving water, electricity, materials and everything," U Nay Htun said. While the MSTRD is controlled by the Ministry of Science and Technology, the CoE-G will be both not-for-profit and non-political. It will also house the ASEAN Institute for Green Economy, which was inaugurated on November 12, during the 25th ASEAN Summit in Nay Pyi Taw.

IN BRIEF

New hospital wing to open at Mandalay General
A new 10-storey building will open at Mandalay General Hospital in January to cater to up to 500 additional patients. The building will include patient rooms, diagnostic and specialist facilities, parking and restaurants, said U Min Lwin, a public relations officer at the hospital. Work began in 2013 and is 90 per cent complete. The construction cost is estimated at K3 billion (US\$2.88 million) and was covered by public donations, while the government will fit out the building with medical equipment. "We expect to open the new hospital in January," he said. When the new wing opens the hospital will have about 1500 beds. — Maung Zaw, translation by Khant Lin Oo

Council aims to fill data gaps on disabled population
The Myanmar Council of People with Disabilities is preparing a survey to gather data on disabled people so their needs can be better met by both the government and charities, members said. Council secretary U Zaw Htwe Oo said the survey also aimed to develop an accurate estimate for the number of people with a disability living in Myanmar. "We do not have specific research on numbers of the blind, deaf or physically disabled in the country. The government and NGOs have different kinds of estimates and we hope the council can provide a more accurate figure," he said. The council was established in June with support from the Ministry of Social Welfare and is lobbying for the introduction of a national law for people with disabilities. U Zaw Htwe Oo said the data from the survey would assist with the drafting of the bill. According to the National Disability Survey conducted by the UN Development Programme in 2009, Myanmar has a disability prevalence of 2.32 percent, or about 1.19 million people. — Cherry Thein

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Democratic armies: How security reform supports peace



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THE week I returned home from exile in 2012 I bumped into an old friend – a former Bush political appointee – on a busy road in Yangon. He was in town to assess the security situation in Myanmar and over coffee we talked about the country's future and its security sector.

In the course of the conversation, he complained to me that he could not use the term “security sector reform” in meetings because it was considered too sensitive. Like “federalism”, it was deemed entirely taboo at the time. In the case of SSR, it was not only sensitive but also previously unheard of in Myanmar.

As a result of the winds of change that have swept through Myanmar, SSR is no longer taboo; indeed, it is now firmly on the discussion agenda.

Of late I have heard of several workshops and lectures on the subject in Nay Pyi Taw alone. Both Asian and Western think-tanks and SSR experts have been involved in these discussions. On the Myanmar side, security personnel have taken part.

This is heartening, as it is critical for Myanmar to strengthen its security sector in ways that are compatible with the democratic reforms and peacemaking efforts.

But first: What is the security sector and SSR? How are these related to peace and security?

The security sector is a country's defense apparatus, including its armed forces, budget, procurement, operations and intelligence branches. It is the police force and its branches and operations. The security sector also includes the judiciary and correction services.

In the case of Myanmar, the security sector involves not only government security agencies, such as the Tatmadaw and police, but also all non-state armed groups and their related security wings.

Several variants on the term SSR are used around the world. In Europe, it is predominantly known as SSR. In the US, security sector development is more common. In ASEAN, SSR is considered part of security sector governance, which goes beyond the technical aspects of SSR. SSR generally refers to a process of reforming, rebuilding or developing a nation's security sector in accordance with the needs and/or context of that nation. The aim is to provide the nation and its people with effective, affordable and efficient security in an accountable and transparent manner according to democratic norms.

The US government in 2012 defined it as “the set of policies, plans, programs, and activities that a government undertakes to improve the way it provides safety, security, and justice. The overall objective is to provide these services in a way that promotes an effective and legitimate public service that is transparent, accountable to civilian authority, and responsive to the needs of the public.”

But why would we potentially need to reform, rebuild or develop the security sector?

According to the SSR course I attended at the United States Institute of Peace, or USIP, this reform is essential because “effective and democratic security forces are central to national and international security goals”.

It is because they can “stabilise conflict environments, enable post-conflict peacebuilding and statebuilding, assist in transition from authoritarian system of governance to that of democracy, manage domestic and transnational security threats and enhance safety and security for the public”.

SSR is primarily aimed at preventing the use of security institutions by individuals or groups to further their interests. By reforming the security sector, it is hoped to curb human rights abuses commonly associated with security forces.

The Folke Bernadotte Academy in Sweden where I was trained on SSR considers it integral for human security. It points out that a misconstructed security sector can be a key obstacle to sustainable development, democracy and peace. In this case, it would require reform.

SSR is essentially aimed at strengthening civilian management and democratic accountability of the security apparatus. But a nation uses a wide range of policy initiatives and instruments to prevent or address security threats that affect the well-being of a nation's citizens, and SSR is not a standalone reform.

It is linked with other post-conflict stabilisation factors such as disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration (DDR) of armed combatants. Its success depends on how well post-conflict issues, such as reconstruction and rehabilitation, development, poverty reduction and promoting rule of law are emphasised. SSR is also used as a tool to prevent relapse into conflict.

In the words of the UN, SSR in a transitional nation like Myanmar can be aimed at introducing “the principles of democratic governance to the security sector”. The objective is to create public trust in security institutions. But Myanmar faces many challenges to achieving this. On the one hand, the effects of decades of military rule have lingered in the form of the continued dominance of military in Myanmar and ethnic politics and military prerogatives. In addition, the nation may lack financial resources for security sector reform.

On the other hand, however, Myanmar has many fragmented militias who will pose a major threat to security reform. The country has also faced sectarian violence associated with the democratic liberalisation.

Given the conflict situation in Myanmar, SSR can be a tool to reduce the war economy and its negative effects, while strengthening legitimate economic activity.

In all, SSR is a substantive issue that needs to be addressed in Myanmar's peace process. It is an inherently political process. Even if Myanmar is not yet ready for a holistic approach to this security issue, it is positive that it is no longer taboo. This certainly bodes well for Myanmar's peace process.

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Indonesia's new president an inspiring example



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IF there is one person President U Thein Sein and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi could gain most from studying between now and next year's general election, it is Indonesia's new president, Joko Widodo.

If Jokowi, as he is universally known, succeeds in maintaining his nation's stability and leads it to greater and more equitable economic well-being, he would be an ideal example to follow in comparably diverse Myanmar.

For, like this country, Indonesia also has tremendous ethnic and religious diversity – from the Melanesians of Papua to the Hindus of Bali, and from Sulawesi's Torajaland animists to the devout Islamists of Aceh.

It is the only other nation in the region that faces the same seemingly intractable issues as Myanmar regarding its many widely disparate and fractious minorities, all demanding greater rights from the centre.

Unlike Nay Pyi Taw, however, Jakarta has already taken decisive action and granted all its 34 provinces substantial control over their own affairs, and in the case of Aceh almost full autonomy.

Rather than threaten the country's territorial integrity, this devolution of power to the provinces has helped cement Indonesia's many different ethnic, linguistic and religious peoples into a strong unitary nation.

It is a national cohesiveness that Jokowi now clearly wants to further consolidate and upgrade, as shown by his amazing outreach to minorities, including Chinese, Melanesians, Christians and women.

It is a salutary lesson to the likes of Myanmar, where the absolute minimal inclusion of women and non-Buddhists and other minorities in the cabinet is scandalous. Certainly, the government that comes to power in Nay Pyi Taw after next year's elections should consider emulating Jokowi's example. In the meantime, it must be hoped that his bold policies are not derailed by domestic opponents and religious extremists.

So far, the omens are relatively positive; perhaps too positive, in the sense that he is carrying the weight of exceedingly high expectations.

In that regard, Jokowi is often compared to United States President Barack Obama, who also rose meteorically from a low-profile background to the nation's highest office.

For Obama, the extravagant hopes and expectations were impossible for any man to realise. As the recent congressional elections have shown, his failure has disillusioned many Americans. That could be Jokowi's fate if he is not careful. Frankly, though, the comparisons with Obama do not really extend much beyond their initial sudden rise to power. In truth, they are two quite different men.

On his better days, the American president can be sleekly charismatic and deliver a decent, though rarely

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Indonesian President Joko Widodo (right) congratulates Jakarta's new governor, Basuki

memorable, speech. However, he is not socially gregarious and has few close friends in Washington.

In contrast, Jokowi is no orator, preferring instead just to say just a few simple words, but he is a man of the people who is charismatic in his own natural, self-effacing way.

Perhaps no recent incident more clearly indicates Jokowi's distinctive character and how profoundly different it is from that of the region's other leaders than his visit to Singapore two weeks ago. He went for his youngest son's graduation from the Anglo-Chinese School, but he did not fly in a private jet as other leaders do; instead he bought his own economy-class ticket on a regular scheduled airline.

It was perhaps not unexpected, given that Jokowi hails from a modest small-town background – he worked in the family furniture business before entering politics – and is discomforted by privileged first-class treatment.

Furthermore, since one of his signature goals is to fight corruption, it would seem contradictory if he availed himself of the glittery trappings of the rich and famous.

The fact is that Jokowi is a simple man in the best sense of the word: He dresses simply, he does not play golf – though he likes his guitar – and he accepts that if he screws up he'll soon be gone and forgotten.

Thankfully, although it is early days in his presidency, he has been doing pretty well, especially in forming his cabinet. He's put top technocrats in key ministries like finance and education, and appointed the most women ministers in Indonesian history – there are eight, compared to two in Malaysia and Myanmar and one in Singapore.

Unfortunately, after contesting the election as a member of the Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle, which is still controlled by former President Megawati Sukarnoputri, he had to reward some of her loyalists.

So former General Ryamizard Ryacudu, a man tainted by allegations of human rights abuses in Aceh and Papua, got the defence portfolio, while Megawati's inexperienced daughter Puan Maharani also got a cabinet seat.

Jokowi has shown great strength of character in pushing back against any signs of racial or religious bigotry.

Such flaws aside, Jokowi has shown great strength of character in pushing back against any signs of racial or religious bigotry – and that is something many leaders in Myanmar and across the region fail to do.

It is best exemplified by his close ally, Basuki Tjahaja Purnama, who was his running mate in 2012 when Jokowi was elected governor of Jakarta – a city of more than 10 million, nearly all ethnic Malay Muslims.

Basuki, better known as Ahok, belongs to a group that makes up about 1 percent of Indonesia's population: He is Chinese and Christian.

Of course, despite his competence

dent Jokowi for Myanmar



Tjahjaja Purnama (left), also known as Ahok, after he was sworn in on November 19.

and solid track record, Islamic hardliners opposed Ahok. But Jokowi stuck by him – and still does now that he is president and Ahok has moved into the governor’s office.

That takes some doing. It is like President U Thein Sein or Daw Aung San Suu Kyi choosing a Rakhine Muslim or a Kachin Christian as a running

mate in next year’s election. It would not happen; they do not have Jokowi’s spine.

Yet it is another reason why they could well reap valuable lessons from continuing to observe his astonishing performance over the coming year.

Why, it might even help them win the election.

Is the USDP inciting conflict?



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AT a press conference on November 18 in Nay Pyi Taw, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann gave his opinion on the amendment to section 436 of the constitution proposed by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and her party, the National League for Democracy.

What did he say about section 436, which has already resulted in heightened tension between the NLD and military? How has the NLD proposed amending the section, and how has the military responded? And what is Thura U Shwe Mann and his Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP) trying to gain from the issue?

On that day, Thura U Shwe Mann noted that military representatives have “constantly resisted” changing section 436.

“But this is just their part. Our MPs believe that section 436 is fundamental in the process of amending the constitution. There is still no definite sign that we can succeed or fail” in amending section 436, he said.

“But I would like to say that the success of the amendment proposal depends on the military, led by the commander-in-chief of the Defence Services, and the government, led by the president, who actually has some influence over the military.”

Section 436 stipulates that proposed amendments require the approval of more than 75 percent of all Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives. In some cases, they also need approval at a nationwide referendum. This means that an amendment cannot be approved without some military support.

If we go further, section 436 means that even with the approval of all military representatives, amendments would still require the support of two-thirds of elected



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann. Photo: AFP

representatives.

This high barrier to constitutional change is the reason why the NLD conducted a nationwide public campaign advocating change to section 436, proposing instead that the threshold be set at 50pc of all representatives, or two-thirds of elected representatives. It would mean that amendments could be approved without the support of the military.

During the 436 campaign, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi said that she wanted to send the military back to the barracks without damaging its dignity. The NLD, together with the 88 Generation Peace and Open Society, which cooperated on the campaign, want the future of the military to be in the hands of the elected representatives. This is the real issue under debate in parliament.

It’s obvious that the commander-in-chief and the military more broadly cannot accept the NLD demand. The military does not want to be controlled by elected representatives, and as a result its MPs have bitterly resisted any change to section 436 throughout the amendment process in parliament. Not only have they resisted giving up control, but they have even proposed amendments that would give the military more of a role in politics.

The military representatives have also opposed removing section 59(f),

which bars Daw Aung San Suu Kyi from being elected president because her sons are British citizens. In short, the military and the NLD are facing off in the parliament over the issue of amending the constitution.

But while the military, which holds 25pc of seats, and the NLD, which holds only 7pc, are going head-to-head, it’s important to also consider the position of the Union Solidarity and Development Party, which controls 54pc of all seats.

Thura U Shwe Mann’s comments give the impression that the commander-in-chief and the president have obstinately refused to change section 436, while the USDP agrees with the NLD.

But we shouldn’t take his words at face value. They don’t mean that the USDP either shares the NLD’s view on constitutional reform or supports its proposal to make it easier to amend the constitution. In fact, what he said at the November 18 press conference is simply not true.

The USDP does not see eye-to-eye with the NLD on the issue, which raises the question of why he said it. The only result has been heightened tension between the NLD and the military, and a worsening of relations between Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, the commander-in-chief and the president.

Perhaps that was the point, after all. – Translation by Zar Zar Soe



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Finance law leaves bank questions

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THE Central Bank of Myanmar is receiving too much power under the recently completed draft Financial Institution Law, according to parliamentary officials.

The law aims to update the 1990 law governing the financial sector, modernising the statutes in areas such as responsibilities for bank oversight and activities banks are allowed to pursue.

Another main reason for the new law is to define the activities of the Central Bank, which was under the Ministry of Finance's control until receiving independence in July 2013.

U Win Myint, secretary of parliament's Banks and Monetary Affairs Development Committee, said the new draft law has already seen contributions from international experts, commercial bank officials and the parliamentary committee.

The result is a long and complicated law "that can be criticised on every page", he said.

"We've found the Central Bank has taken the safe side too much, and is too influential" in the draft, he said.

Although the law may meet international standards, it is also too complicated for local bankers to understand, U Win Myint added. The nearly 300 page draft is slated to be discussed in the upcoming parliamentary session.

"Central Bank officials didn't even agree that the draft should be announced to the public, but we believe the people need to know about it," he said. "Officials from the bill committee

decided it should be published in the [state-owned] paper."

The committee, which is chaired by U Aung Thaung, a politician who was recently blacklisted by the United States over claims he is working against the ongoing government reform, has decided to discuss the matter extensively with the public, added U Win Myint.

He said people are encouraged to express their views on the bill to the committee through phone calls or faxes.

Central Bank deputy director general U Win Thaw said the essence of the law is to shore up the regulatory framework and show that Myanmar's financial institutions are strong.

The Central Bank is open to reviewing suggestions passed from the Myanmar Bank Association or the public, as evidenced by announcements in the newspaper last week.

"International business groups targeting Myanmar and local institutions hope to read this law as soon as possible," he said.

The law discusses the overall role of foreign banks in Myanmar, but the specific activities of the foreign banks will be the subject of future regulation from the Central Bank, he added. In October, Myanmar awarded conditional licences to nine foreign banks to set up branches.

Commercial bankers said having a solid banking law is important for the sector's development.

U Soe Thein, executive director of Asia Green Development Bank, said rules and regulations in the draft would meet international standards.

While the new law is advanced and includes the best current practices, it will require some time for local banks to familiarise themselves to the new ways of doing business.

The new law has 180 sections, nearly double the 91 sections contained in the old law. The new law will also require extensive follow-up notifications and regulations to completely govern the sector. It will also set out fines and prison sentences for financial crimes.

U Soe Thein said there are two different views in drafting the law that needed to be balanced.

Some officials have taken a conservative, relatively restrictive view, while others are keen to tailor the law to meet the country's actual situation, he said.

Much of the current law also governs the responsibilities of the Central Bank, which U Soe Thein said may be too large in the current draft. He added that many of the rules in the draft could instead be included in follow-up regulations to the Central Bank law. The Central Bank law was released in July 2013, though the follow-up regulations have not been issued.

State-owner bankers said the draft financial institutions law did not focus on the state banks, meaning it is possible they will no longer be needed.

A Myanmar Economic Bank manager based in Nay Pyi Taw said that he is not yet clear on what will happen to the bank.

"I'm not clear on this part just yet. It's likely we will need to apply for a licence from the central bank to reorganise or reform as a corporation - but this is just tentative," he said.



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FMI plans listi



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FIRST Myanmar Investments intends to be one of the first to list on the Yangon Stock Exchange shortly after it opens in 2015, according to its chair Serge Pun.

The Myanmar public company aims to increase its access to capital to fund its project pipeline and has signed an engagement letter with Daiwa Securities of Japan to help it prepare to list.

"The stock exchange will be a watershed moment for the country," Mr Pun said in a speech at FMI's annual meeting on November 23.

First Myanmar Investments (FMI) will be "one of the first companies" to list on the exchange, he added.

The Yangon exchange is planned for late 2015, though questions surround whether this is an achievable timeline. However, several other companies have announced intentions to list, including Asia Green Development Bank and Myanmar Agri-Business Public Company.

Myanmar currently has over 100 public companies that are permitted to sell shares on an over-the-counter basis, though rules and oversight are relatively lax, and the public companies themselves differ significantly in quality.

FMI is one of the longest-running public companies in the country, having operated for 22 years. It is involved in a range of businesses, frequently collaborating with private company SPA and Singapore-listed Yoma Strategic Holdings, both of which are also chaired by Mr Pun.

"There are a lot of exciting projects in the pipeline and we need to raise capital for this to happen," he said during the speech.

Listing the company will likely require revaluing assets, as many are

Where does FMI have a stake?

Aviation

FMI Air (FMI has a 50pc stake)

Financial Services

Yoma Bank (35.6pc, to increase to 51pc)

Real Estate

Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holdings (5pc), Thanlyin Estate Development (the Star City project - 30pc), The Landmark Development (slated for 10 to 20pc stake)

Healthcare

Pun Hlaing Hospitals (currently 35pc)

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Garment industry insiders weigh its future

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ment in the Philippines, as seen from the air. Shell are close to beginning offshore exploration in to the first deepwater production in the country.

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being held on the company books at historical costs, he added.

FMI and Serge Pun are often associated with large-scale real estate projects, such as the Star City project, but the firm is branching out into different areas.

Mr Pun said FMI plans to concentrate on four core businesses going forward – financial services, aviation, healthcare and real estate. The company will participate in businesses outside these areas, such as agriculture, but often not as an industry leader.

FMI will increase its share of Yoma Bank from 35.6 percent at present to 51pc, enough to give it control of the financial institution. Yoma Bank has a tumultuous history in Myanmar – it was one of the leading banks in the country until the 2003 banking crisis. While other banks failed, Yoma survived, though it had a restricted licence until August 2012, forcing it out of many business areas and requiring it to concentrate on domestic remittances.

However, Mr Pun said now that the bank has received its full licence, it is continually upgrading, highlighting a financing agreement inked with the International Finance Corporation as indicating support of the bank's quality. He also unveiled new branding for the bank, changing its slogan to "The responsible bank".

"It is our intention not to be the largest bank in the country, but to be the biggest SME bank in Myanmar," he said, adding the financial sector

is perhaps the most important part of the economy.

"The banking sector is to the economy as blood is to the body."

Yoma Bank and Telenor are also cooperating in mobile banking, Mr Pun and Telenor Myanmar CEO Peter Furberg revealed in an exclusive interview with *The Myanmar Times* on November 19.

The aviation industry also has lots of potential, according to Mr Pun. Though the sector is increasingly crowded, with a number of airlines taking to the Myanmar skies in recent years, the number of passengers is still small.

While Thai airlines flew 40.7 million passengers in 2013, only 1.8 million flew with Myanmar carriers. Mr Pun said he predicts this ratio will change, as more tourists and businesspeople fly in Myanmar.

FMI Air is planning to start flying its three Bombardier jets after receiving the necessary accreditation. It has been flying to Nay Pyi Taw from Yangon, but also plans to add Mandalay, Heho and Bagan, along with other destinations.

Overall, FMI claimed revenues of K3.6 billion (US\$3.4 million) for the 2014 financial year, a 78pc increase year-on-year. Net profits increased to K3 billion, a 107pc increase on the previous financial year.

The firm also conducted a private placement of 2.75 million shares at K10,000 a share, raising K27.5 billion for the company.

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Rice volatility eats into market

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TACKLING pervasive volatility in local rice prices will require significant structural changes to the way the market works, according to a World Bank report.

Domestic rice prices are more volatile than in other countries, with low prices following the November-December harvest usually significantly different from highs seen generally the further it gets from harvest time.

"Detecting and addressing harmful price volatility as well as differentiating it from anticipated price fluctuations is not easy," said the *Myanmar: Rice volatility reduction and poverty elimination* report released last week.

The importance of rice as the staple to Myanmar diets means fluctuations in price has the potential to affect a wide range of consumers – particularly the poor, as rice likely accounts for 50 percent of expenditures from the poorest quarter of the population. It's also the second-largest exported commodity after beans and pulses.

Yet the domestic price is prone to swinging significantly during the year. During the last four years, the average difference between the year's maximum and minimum prices is a factor of 1.29 – meaning US\$1 worth of rice following the harvests in November and December could cost up to \$1.29 by August, for instance.

Local businesspeople say it is difficult to plan for their business when the price fluctuations so much.

"This affects retail shops," said Daw Nan Myint Myint Aye, owner of A Mae Thar rice shop in Yangon's Kyauktada

township. "Although the price for buying increases, we can't increase the price for selling at the same rate. So it leads to less profit for us, and more for speculators who are able to store rice."

Shops count on drops in rice prices to increase profits, though this "rarely happens", she said.

Volatility is nearly always higher in exporting countries like Myanmar, as well as Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam, than it is in importing countries. Still, most of the volatility is the result of domestic challenges, according to the report. It suggested volatility could be lowered by raising productivity, spreading production more evenly, improving handling, process and storage, improving market transparency and encouraging exports.

It also recommended avoiding exacerbating the situation through distortive policy instruments, such as buffer stocks and cash payment to farmers.

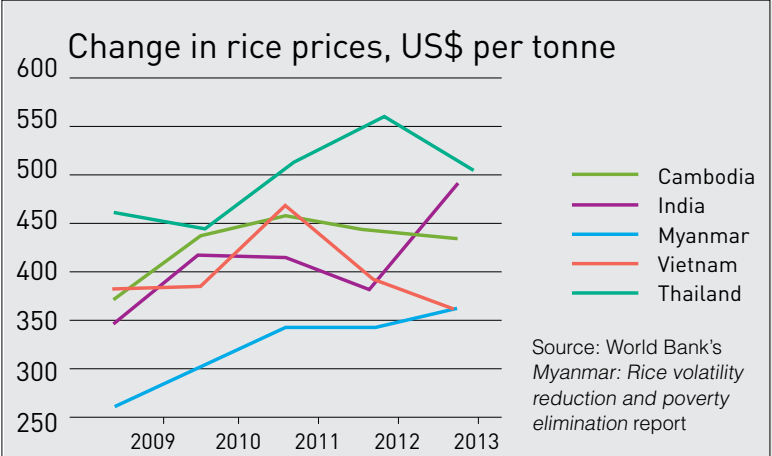
However, some rice market insiders say they would like to see more government intervention.

U Thein Aung, president of the Freedom Farmers League, said extreme volatility drives farmers to receive lower profits and causes consumers to spend too much on rice.

The government could create a floor of \$400 a tonne to provide some certainty to farmers, which would remove the worst price dips and encourage more production, he said.

"To handle the situation, I think the government should determine a stable rice price," he said. "Another solution might be to give more long-term loans to farmers so they won't sell paddy at low rates during the harvest, but can store it to sell later."

The report also noted it is difficult to determine exactly how much rice is grown in Myanmar. The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation said Myanmar produced 31.5 million tonnes of paddy in 2011-12, while the US Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agriculture Service alternative estimated is about 17.9 million tonnes, or about half of official estimates, the report added.



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Gaining garment growth

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GARMENTS is the most promising sector for foreign investment over the next 10 years, particularly if an effective strategy is drawn up and executed, industry experts say.

Yet the sector is fiercely competitive, and Myanmar faces competition from places like Bangladesh and Cambodia that have extensive experience in the business.

Obtaining a higher quantity and more stable orders as well as higher profits is an ongoing process, according to members speaking at the Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association annual meeting in Yangon.

The association is launching a project management team to operate starting at the end of the year, aiming to work with the government to improve the industry, said association president U Myint Soe.

"Although we did an estimated US\$1.5 billion worth of exports this year, if our strategy works we could have \$10 billion in exports within 10 years," he said.

The challenge, particularly for the low-margin, high-volume cut-make-trim garment production that Myanmar specialises in, is to provide a more compelling place to set up a factory than its competitors. Bangladesh for instance have more than 200 million people and



Workers do their part to hit US\$10 billion in exports in 10 years. Photo: AFP

\$20 billion in exports – 20 times Myanmar's export volumes – but also has its disadvantages. Some investors are worrying the industry has reached saturation in Bangladesh, which is also prone to man-made and natural disasters.

There is an opportunity to take the best practices from Bangladesh.

U Myint Soe said the garment sector is also quite important as an employment generator. It will require many workers as it expands, potential providing millions of jobs.

With the preferential market access offered by the European Union and signs that the China market

may also be opening to imports, the portents look strong for the sector.

"On average one factory a week is opening, with up to 2000 workers. And this trend will spread beyond the outskirts of Yangon to the states and regions," said U Myint Soe.

However, the sector must overcome significant hurdles if it is to realise its potential.

Key constraints include the weak banking system, taxes on imports and exports, infrastructure and training and technology. These areas will need government support and a comprehensive strategy to overcome, said U Myint Soe.

Factoring inflation into minimum wage proves to be difficult

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RISING and volatile consumer prices are complicating efforts to establish a minimum wage, a source of tension between garment factories and workers.

The relatively high domestic inflation rates – pegged at 6.6 percent in 2014 by the Asian Development Bank – and country wide differences in living costs and data collection are complicating a possible minimum wage, garment industry insiders say.

Myanmar passed a minimum wage law in March 2013. It was meant to be followed up by a permanent minimum wage to be decided on a state or region basis, though so far the wage rates have not been released.

Government officials say there are significant challenges getting the information that is required to set the wages.

U Thein Win, director at the Ministry of Labour, said obtaining the necessary survey data for all the states and regions that are needed to determine an effective wage is proving difficult.

"There are no signs of progress due to the current lack of detailed data," he said.

Uncertainty over inflation, which can vary significantly in the different states and regions at different times, means it is difficult to make long and even short-term plans for wages, said U Zaw Oo, Centre of Economic and Social Development executive director.

Labour activists say workers are suffering as their effective purchasing power decreases.

Daw Ei Shwe Zin Nyunt, communications coordinator of Labour Rights Defenders and Promoters, said it's not just the minimum wage that needs to be controlled but also consumer prices, or the minimum wage risks being unproductive.

"The government needs to ensure consumer prices don't rise too much," she said.

Ko Tun Tun Naing, a member of the Cooperative Committee for Trade Unions, said that unless rising prices are brought under control, a minimum wage will have little effect and labour demonstrations will continue.

However, garment factory owners are concerned they may end up having to increase their costs too much with a minimum wage.

Insiders like U Aye Tun, managing director of Aung Thein Than, which includes a garment component, and Daw Win Ei Khin, executive director of Maybel garment factory, said that firm could not afford to pay too much in wages, as domestic productivity is still low and companies are having difficulty increasing orders overseas.

Myanmar garment factories specialise primarily in low-end cut-make-trim production, a particularly price-sensitive area of the market with strong established competitors in the region, like Bangladesh and Cambodia.



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Stock exchange to find a home in former Myawaddy Bank HQ



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THE former headquarters of the Myawaddy Bank will be the location of the Yangon Stock Exchange when it opens next year, according to deputy finance minister U Maung Maung Thein.

Renovation work on the old Myawaddy building on Sule Pagoda Road near Merchant Street is projected to be completed in June or July 2015, in time for an opening of the exchange at the end of 2015, he said.

The government has also begun assigning staff from various ministries and the Auditor General's Office to join the committee that is drafting the rules and regulations to launch an exchange. The draft rules were finalised last week, and more details will be released in December.

"Stock exchanges have been created in countries without the right rules, but people often faced crises," he said. "But we want our stock exchange to be secure."

U Maung Maung Thein said he has met with the committee involved with drafting the rules last week, adding they are receiving



The Myawaddy Bank building is the future home of the Yangon Stock Exchange.

Photo: Naing Win Tun

support from the Japanese government slated for the end of the month.

The Ministry of Finance and Revenue also plans to conduct public events designed to raise public awareness of an exchange in December and January. It aims to hold the events in Yangon, as well as possibly in Patheingyi in Ayeyarwady

Region and Taunggyi in Shan State.

The ministry also still needs to nominate companies to be involved in setting up the exchange itself, and has received proposals from about 10 international firms, he said.

Officials have previously discussed the possibility of listing state-owned enterprises on the

stock exchange, while at least three private companies have also declared their intention to list eventually.

The government has also announced plans to open the exchange at the end of 2015, though some have questioned whether this is an achievable target.

— Translation by Zar Zar Soe

Japanese bank teams up with Myanma Apex to assist investments

Japan's Resona Bank has signed an agreement with Myanma Apex Bank providing for closer financial cooperation, as Japanese firms look to extend their investments in Myanmar.

The agreement aims to improve banking connections between the two countries, particularly for Japanese investors in Myanmar as well as Myanmar citizens in Japan, according to Apex Bank chair U Chit Khaing on November 24.

Central Bank of Myanmar deputy director general U Win Thaw said Japanese investment is increasing, particularly into the Dawei, Kyaukphyu and Thilawa SEZs. He added Japanese investment in Myanmar as of the end of June had reached US\$230 million.

"Japanese companies don't just come to Myanmar as individuals, but also as corporations, and that helps to develop banking services," he said. "It's a good time for these two banks to cooperate."

Japanese ambassador to Myanmar Tateshi Higuchi said Resona Bank has already assisted 50 Japanese enterprises with doing business in Myanmar. "We hope this number will increase through the Thilawa development. Resona is also dependable for small and medium enterprises," he said.

Three Japanese banks won preliminary licences in October to open branches in Myanmar, though Resona bank was not one of the three.

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Mandalay gets first catfish farm



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A FISH pond near the Yangon-Mandalay highway has been revitalised after being contaminated by industrial waste, with authorities promoting the facility as the model for commercial fish raising.

The 80.6-acre Nat Yay Kan fish ponds in Mandalay Region had been the site of extensive damage from industrial runoff, until a cleanup and improvement was completed on November 19, said Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development deputy director general U Tun Wai.

Minister U Ohn Min said it is important that Myanmar works on agricultural production as well as protecting the environment.

“Fish stocks are being threatening, and we need to create fish farms,” he said. “That’s why it is important to breed fish with improved techniques.”

The fish farms at Nat Yay Kan were once used primarily for carp, but some of the ponds have now switched to a variety of catfish, with intentions to switch other ponds over to the new fish in the near future.

It is the first time these catfish, with the Latin name *Pangiasius suchi*, have been farmed in Myanmar, and Nay Yay Kan is expected to serve as the regional centre for



Small fry: dignitaries release catfish into the Nat Yay Kan fish ponds. Photo: Khin Su Wai

production. Freshwater fish is a popular item on Upper Myanmar’s dinner tables.

The ponds have been improved by more than doubling the depth from about 4 feet to between 10 and 15 feet each, which allows for 7500 nursery fish per acre from a previous 3000, according to ministry director U Myo Aung.

As he farms had previously been polluted from a nearby industrial zone, the ministry has begun piping in water from a clean source about 2 miles (3.2 kilometres) away.

All these changes together have the potential to increase production at the site by five or 10 times, he said.

“We expect to see a dramatic

increase in the next year or two,” said U Myo Aung.

Other regional countries have extensive success with fish farming. In Vietnam, catfish breeding is an important income generator for the domestic economy. In Myanmar, however, there is a need for investment and technology for livestock breeding.

IN BRIEF

Association founded for Mandalay construction entrepreneurs

In a first step toward the creation of a nationwide organisation for the construction sector, nearly 100 developers in Mandalay Region have come together to form the Mandalay Construction Entrepreneurs’ Association.

Members will receive training from foreign experts in workplace management, safety standards and modern building techniques, said U Kyaw Kyaw, a Mandalay builder.

“We haven’t yet chosen chair and secretary, but we hope to hold elections next April,” he added.

The association expects to form a public company later in Mandalay Region. Membership is free to construction entrepreneurs, leaders of construction workers and engineers.

– Mg Zaw, translation by Zar Zar Soe

Japanese consortium to improve Mayangone water supply

A Japanese joint venture between TSS Tokyo Water and Toyo Engineering Corporation signed an agreement with Yangon City Development Committee to improve water distribution in Yangon’s Mayangone township.

The project began last month and will conclude in March 2015, the firms said in a press statement released last week.

The project aims to provide pure drinking water within the next five years, according to TSS Tokyo Water president Astushi Masuko.

YCDC mayor U Hla Myint said, “TSS Tokyo Water will be able to provide Myanmar citizens with a safe and secure water system based on their expertise, experiences and knowledge.”

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DEEPWATER production is perhaps the most complicated method of petroleum extraction – and one with which Myanmar has little experience.

While there are currently four offshore platforms in the country's waters – Yetagun, Yadana, Shwe and Zawtika – all are considered to be shallow-water projects.

Yet Myanmar auctioned off the rights to explore and eventually produce oil on 20 offshore blocks in 2013 – and half of these blocks are in deep water, generally defined as water deeper than 600 feet (183 metres).

While any offshore oil and gas activities are difficult, the challenges are much greater with deepwater projects, though there are high potential rewards as well.

There is a long process ahead until there is any such deepwater production in Myanmar, though.

First, there needs to be legal certainty. The production-sharing contracts governing how the 20 offshore blocks will be explored and developed are expected to be signed soon, ushering in a level of oil and gas search unprecedented in modern Myanmar.

Shell is one of the international giants entering into Myanmar. It won rights to blocks AD-9, AD-11 and MD-5 in conjunction with Japanese firm MOECO as part of the bidding

Deepwater rigs to come to Myanmar



The sun sets behind the offshore platform at Malampaya in the Philippines. Photo: Supplied

process last year, though the production sharing contracts are still to be finalised.

"We are discussing a lot of things," said Graeme Smith, Shell vice president for Asia and Australia. "We have to be confident in our future investment. We are clarifying details within

the models of production sharing contracts with the government, trying to understand some of the language," he said.

Once the production sharing contracts are inked, Shell and the other giants will begin exploring the offshore blocks. If they find deposits, investment comes next – usually requiring billions of dollars to tap deepwater reserves.

Shell invited journalists from regional media, including *The Myanmar Times*, to the Philippines last week to help understand what goes in to the large-scale deepwater investments.

The firm has been in Southeast Asia for a century. Its Malampaya deepwater project in the Philippines Sea is one of Shell's largest operating projects worldwide, producing enough energy to generate 2700 megawatts of electricity.

Malampaya is spearheaded by the Philippine's Department of Energy, and is operated by Shell in a joint venture with Chevron and Philippine National Oil Corporation (PNOC) – with respective 45-45-10pc stakes.

"Malampaya is an excellent example of public-private partnership, reducing [the Philippine's] dependence on imported fuel by 30 percent," said Sebastian Quiniones, managing director of Shell Philippines Exploration.

The project has also generated US\$7.7 billion for government coffers as of June 2014, providing 1400 direct jobs for local people.

Operating in deep water requires extensive focus on health and safety training, as it's perhaps the most dangerous part of an already dangerous industry.

Shell built and run a world-class centre to train its workforce in health and safety procedures. Reporters were put through the paces at the centre before heading to the offshore rig, including training in escaping underwater from a crashed helicopter – a portion of the training made particularly difficult for this reporter given a lifetime of smoking.

The consortium initially drilled several wells to determine the site's potential. It is located 80 kilometres (50 miles) northwest of Palamwa Island in the central part of the Philippine archipelago.

Reserves were estimated at about 2.7 trillion cubic feet of natural gas and 85 million barrels of condensate located 3000 metres below sea level.

The project was inaugurated in 2001 and current daily production is about 400 million standard cubic feet per day, some 13 years later.

Five wells are currently producing gas and condensate, though the production

levels are set by customer demand, said Rey Protacio Barcebal, Malampaya offshore installation manager.

"We are preparing for new phases of development to maintain production levels, like installing a new platform by 2015," he said.

A 504km (314 mile) long pipeline has also been built to avoid environmentally and culturally sensitive areas to offload the gas, he added.

In the region, Shell has a number of projects in the Philippines, Malaysia and Brunei, though the Malampaya project stands out from its sheer size.

The company also claims world records such as Bullwinkle platform in the Gulf of Mexico as the world's tallest fixed structure in the sea, and the Troll A platform in Norway as the world's biggest concrete deepwater platform.

Whether such large deepwater projects will come to fruition in Myanmar remains to be seen. It depends first on the production sharing contracts being inked, then on finding commercially viable deposits, which is no easy task.

The business is notoriously complex, and there will be challenges for the international companies like Shell as they set up in the country – but large potential rewards as well.



Workers at Malampaya discuss offshore business. Photo: Aung Shin

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Kabar Aye jade re-opens

THE Myanmar Gems and Jewellery Entrepreneurs Association re-opened its own gems shops in the Myanmar Gems Emporium Hall on Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, aiming to attract foreign customers in particular.

The renovations of 40 shops at the hall began in March and were backed by K500 million (US\$500,000) from the association's chair, prominent tycoon U Tay Za.

The site is also supposed to be the location of a laboratory to assist the gems and jade trade,

though details on its construction are still scant.

Mogoke U Than Maung, an entrepreneur owning a gems shop at the hall, said his rental fees are K800,000 per year. "These gems shops are intended to access the international market through jade transactions," he said.

Despite already having paid rent up front, shopkeepers have requested a rent-free month of December in order to connect with tour companies that transport foreigners.

U Mya Han, chair of the Association's Information and Relations Committee, said the laboratory service is still a work in progress, but should be complete by early 2015.

The association's experts have received training in Hong Kong and Japan, and two experts are expected to move here from Hong Kong.

"It will be the association's own laboratory and we have considered the cost to be fair," he said.

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Developers push for production materials to be made locally

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THE boom in construction has prompted local developers to press for the production of home-grown building materials. They say manufacturing steel and cement here instead of importing them could cut costs and create jobs.

Recent economic reform have made construction sector the most developed sector of the economy, and attracted many foreign developers.

"The construction market will develop further in the future. If we can produce building materials in this country, we will decrease transportation costs and tax on imported products, and create more job opportunities for our citizens," said U Ye Thu, who owns a household hardware company in Yangon's Bayintnaung Wholesale Centre.

U Myo Thant, a vice president of business association UMFCCL, said it was time to set up building materials factories.

"The real estate sector is the most developed and the most improved in GDP because of the economic reforms. Cement produced in-country costs much less and is in very short supply.

All kinds of building materials are imported from overseas. Why not manufacture them here?" he said.

However, it will be a tall order to begin production of many of the necessary materials just yet.

U Kyaw Kyaw, the owner of an iron and building materials company, said, "Although many local developers like to use domestic iron, it can be hard to find. But imported iron is very widespread.

"Local iron costs K80,000 per tonne less than imported rods, not because of quality, but because of taxes and transportation costs. But we cannot produce enough iron locally," he said.

Experts say the market offers a great deal of cheap, poor-quality iron imported from China.

"Some people overestimate the quality of imported materials. We need to produce high-quality products here. Perhaps a major foreign building materials brand could invest," said U Kyaw Kyaw.

Still, investment in Myanmar's construction materials sector is picking up.

The Thai materials company Siam Cement Group is to build a cement factory in Mon State that is scheduled to open in 2016.

First PSCs for offshore coming soon

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THE first of the long-delayed offshore production sharing contracts could be signed as early as next week, according to government officials.

Discussions over the contracts, which are necessary before exploration and production can begin, have been ongoing since March.

In March the government awarded 20 international companies preliminary rights to explore and produce at the blocks.

An official from state-owned Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise told *The Myanmar Times* last week that the first signings are likely in the first week of December. "We are planning to sign four blocks, but only two shallow water and one deepwater blocks are sure to be inked," he said.

The Ministry of Energy had begun its first offshore bidding round in April 2013. A total of 75 firms showed interest in Myanmar's offshore contracts, though only 18 companies won rights to 10 shallow-water and 10 deepwater blocks.

The awarded companies include BG; Woodside Energy; Chevron; a consortium of Oil India, Mercator Petroleum and Oilmax; ROC Oil; Berlanga Holding; Transcontinental Group; Reliance Industries; Ophir Energy; Shell and partners MOECO, Statoil and ConocoPhillips; Eni; and Total.

The official declined to name the companies that would ink production sharing contracts in the first week of December.

After signing the agreements, the companies must complete environmental and social impact assessments, meaning they are likely to be unable to begin exploration until next October brings a window of opportunity.

"They might be starting exploration after the monsoon ends," said an official from the Energy Planning Department.

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IN BRIEF

ADB pledges to work with planned Chinese infrastructure bank

The head of the Asian Development Bank said he is ready to work with China on a new infrastructure investment bank proposed by Beijing, despite fears it could undermine his institution. The Manila-based ADB is too large and established to be threatened by the proposed lender, said Takehiko Nakao on November 26. "If the AIIB [Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank] is established, we are very happy to have the appropriate collaboration," Mr Nakao said, adding the banks could potentially co-finance projects. - AFP

Alibaba eyes future India entry

E-commerce giant Alibaba's founder Jack Ma promised to invest more in India where online sales are soaring, predicting that the Internet will transform the country's future. Mr Ma, on a whirlwind 48-hour trip with a nearly 100-member Chinese business delegation to India, has been scouting for investment opportunities to drive Alibaba's revenues following its record US\$25-billion initial public offer. Mr Ma, who founded China's biggest e-commerce company 15 years ago in his apartment with \$60,000 collected from friends, divulged no figures for his Indian investment plans. - AFP

Uber outvalues Twitter and Hertz

Uber Technologies investors are betting the five-year-old car-booking app is more valuable than Twitter and Hertz Global Holdings. The startup is close to raising a round of financing that would value it between US\$35 billion and \$40 billion, according to people familiar with the situation. T Rowe Price Group Inc is in discussions to be a new investor and existing investor Fidelity Investments is also set to participate. "At this valuation, investors appear to be thinking that when Uber goes public, it might be worth \$80 billion to \$100 billion," said Anand Sanwal, chief executive officer of CB Insights. - Bloomberg

Boeing ready to come to India

Boeing, the world's largest planemaker, is considering investing in India as Prime Minister Narendra Modi eases rules for foreign investment in the defence sector and expedites arms contracts. The Chicago-based aerospace company is in the process of identifying partners "for a strategic and meaningful relationship," said Dennis Swanson, the New Delhi-based vice president at Boeing Defense Space & Security. Mr Modi's decision in July to allow overseas investors to buy as much as 49 percent of Indian defense companies is a "welcome change" that Boeing wants to study further, he said. - Bloomberg

Tokyo exchange ends night plans

The Tokyo Stock Exchange (TSE) has indefinitely shelved plan to hold a two-hour evening session, which was being considered as a way for the bourse to better compete with rivals in Europe and the United States. With competition intensifying among the world's exchanges, officials in Tokyo in January established a round table to discuss the idea of reopening from 9pm to 11pm (1200-1400 GMT). But domestic brokers and institutional investors opposed the idea, citing extra staff costs that would outweigh the benefits. - AFP

France, Italy lag on Eurozone

The weak eurozone economy poses a key threat to global growth, the OECD warned, urging more flexibility in fiscal rules for struggling EU members like France and Italy to prevent another recession. Forcing the two major European economies to meet the EU's tough deficit criteria "would likely depress activity further and even risk tipping the euro area into another recession", it said. - AFP

SEOUL

Korean exports suffer yen's fall

AS Japan slips into recession, South Korea is keeping an increasingly wary eye on its export rival's free-falling currency, which is honing a lasting competitive edge over Korean products in a number of key markets. The massive fiscal stimulus and flood of easy money unleashed by "Abenomics" has sent the Japanese yen plunging to multi-year lows against a basket of major currencies. In the past two years, the yen has lost around 33 percent of its value against the US dollar and 35pc against the Korean won, a depreciation that triggered public expressions of concern in Seoul from industrialists, politicians and monetary policy-setters. A weaker yen makes Japanese exports cheaper, which impacts countries such as South Korea that are direct competitors in a number of key sectors. Bank of Korea (BOK) governor Lee Ju-Yeol promised earlier this month that it would not "sit idle" despite the limited tools it can deploy to counter the falling yen. At a November meeting the BOK kept its key interest rate unchanged at 2pc, but Mr Lee underlined the "worrisome situation" regarding the Japanese currency. If Japanese companies up the ante still further by slashing export prices, then South Korean companies in the auto, steel, machinery



A homeless man eats noodles in Seoul, where the economy has been hard hit by Japan's plunging currency. Photo: AFP

and shipbuilding sectors are "bound to suffer", he said. South Korea's vast dollar reserves allow the central bank to intervene in the currency market to curb volatile swings in the won-dollar rate. But the won-yen exchange rate is calculated not by direct trade but by their relative value against the greenback, leaving the BOK little room to manoeuvre. The BOK can, in theory, sell the

won heavily to weaken it against the dollar and eventually the yen, but that causes problems for businesses importing raw materials. The advantage Japanese exports gain from the falling yen makes life particularly difficult for South Korean companies such as Hyundai, the world's fifth largest automaker. "The biggest risk for us now is eroding price competitiveness due

to the weak yen," Hyundai's chief financial officer Lee Won-Hee said last month after the firm announced a 30pc plunge in third-quarter net profit. For years, Hyundai Motor and its smaller affiliate Kia had eaten into the overseas market share of Japanese giants like Honda and Toyota. Japan's carmakers, meanwhile, have hammered home the advantage of the weaker yen by boosting sales incentives to buyers in the United States. Lee Keun-Tae, an economist at LG Economic Research Institute, said many Japanese firms - unconvinced by Tokyo's stimulus campaign - were still holding off on any major cut to export prices. But he said the Bank of Japan's surprise announcement last month to further ramp up monetary easing may convert the sceptics. "If these companies start slashing prices in earnest, it's going to be a nightmare for many Korean manufacturers," Mr Lee said. For South Korean firms it is a double blow at a time when they are already facing increased competition from China. "Korean exporters are no match for Chinese firms in price competitiveness, and now they are being cornered by Japan, too," Mr Lee said. "So they're being sandwiched harder than ever." - AFP

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Oil cartel holds price firm despite glut

OPEC's decision against cutting oil production, despite a global glut in supplies, triggered a US\$5 collapse in crude prices and prompted a fall in early trading on Asian markets on November 28.

The cartel pumping out one-third of the world's oil opted to stick by its output target, even after prices have plunged by 35 percent in value since June.

The 12-nation cartel "decided to maintain the production level of 30 million barrels per day" where it has stood for three years, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries said in a communique.

OPEC Secretary-General Abdulah El-Badri said the cartel would sit tight before the next output meeting scheduled for June in Vienna, where it is headquartered.

"We have to wait and see how the market will settle," he told the meeting's closing press conference.

"As I said many times ... we don't want to panic."

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OPEC's production level, which was unchanged on November 28

OPEC faced pressure from its poorer members, notably Venezuela, to cut output as collapsing prices slashed their precious revenues.

However, its powerful Gulf members rejected calls to turn down the taps unless they are guaranteed market share in the highly competitive arena, particularly in the United States, where a flood of cheaper oil from shale rock has contributed to the global oversupply.

Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro said on November 27 he would keep pushing OPEC to cut oil output to boost sliding crude prices.

"We have not succeeded yet, but... we will continue to try until prices return to where they should be, at around US\$100 per barrel," Mr Maduro said in a televised address.

Trading in Asia on November 28 saw markets mostly fall following OPEC's decision.

Sydney's ASX/S&P 200 took a huge hit as investors fled to the sidelines, although regional airlines benefited from the prospect of cheap fuel.

OPEC's decision had already sent world oil prices tumbling to fresh four-year lows.

US benchmark West Texas Intermediate for January delivery was at \$68.76 a barrel in mid-morning trade on November 28, down \$0.29 from its settle price in electronic trading in New York on November 27.

Brent crude for January dropped \$0.27 to \$72.31.

OPEC "may have come to the conclusion that a period of lower oil

prices could potentially work in the group's favour over the longer term, given the boost it should provide to the global economy and hence to demand", said Tom Pugh, commodities analyst at Capital Economics research group.

"Nonetheless, it seems likely that there was substantial disagreement between those members of OPEC, such as Iran and Venezuela, who had been calling for output cuts, and the Gulf members who are in stronger financial positions."

Crude prices are being depressed also by a strong dollar and worries about stalling energy demand in a weak global economy.

The International Energy Agency (IEA) recently warned that the "price rout" was not over, and that crude futures would slide well into 2015.

Plunging oil prices have fanned concerns about the growing threat of deflation in the world economy, and particularly in the eurozone.

While falling consumer prices may sound good for consumers, deflation can trigger a vicious spiral, leading to businesses and households delaying purchases, throttling demand and causing companies to lay off workers.

Elsewhere on November 27, the ruble slumped to historic lows against the dollar

and euro - with energy-rich Russia generating about half its federal budget revenues from oil and natural gas exports.

OPEC pumped 30.6 million oil barrels per day (bpd) last month, above its 30 million bpd target according to the IEA, which advises countries on energy policy.

Ahead of the meeting, OPEC kingpin and world's top oil producer Saudi Arabia cut charges for US customers in a move seen as a bid to maintain its market share amid increasing competition there from shale energy.

OPEC has meanwhile insisted that it is not solely up to the cartel to tackle the oversupply that is sending crude prices crashing.

Officials from Saudi Arabia met with their counterparts from Venezuela and non-OPEC oil producers Russia and Mexico in Vienna on November 25.

Following the surprise gathering, Russian oil giant Rosneft said it had trimmed its daily output by a paltry 25,000 barrels because of "market conditions".

On November 28, the cartel appointed Nigeria to its rotating presidency for 2015, meaning the country's oil minister Diezani Alison-Madueke now becomes the first female president of the cartel.

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Nigeria's Minister of Petroleum Resources Diezani Alison-Madueke will be OPEC's first female leader.
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FMI real estate takes first step outside Yangon with Nay Pyi Taw condo

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INTEREST in Myanmar real estate is leading investors to expand beyond Yangon, as First Myanmar Investment (FMI) public company plans to expand nationwide, according to its chair Serge Pun.

The prominent businessman unveiled plans for a 114-unit "Krisplaza condominium" in Nay Pyi Taw during FMI's annual meeting on November 23.

"This project will see us venture beyond Yangon for the first time and marks the beginning of our aspirations to become a nationwide developer," FMI's annual report said.

In addition to Krisplaza, which is a joint venture with Krislite, FMI also announced a 90-residential unit FMI City Gates condo project for its FMI City, which will also include retail space. In addition to FMI City, the firm owns 90 percent of FMI Centre on Bogoyoke Aung San Road near the Shangri-La hotel.

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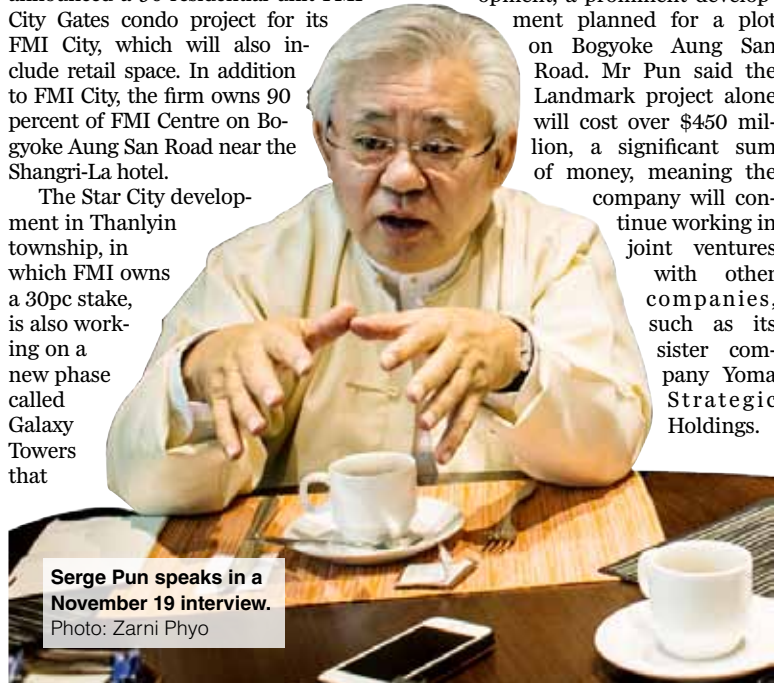
A salesperson for the site said the Towers project will launch at the end of 2014, and will benefit from its proximity to the Thilawa SEZ.

"As the SEZ develops, people working at Thilawa will choose to live in Star City, and management expects sales to remain strong," the person said.

Mr Pun named real estate - which historically contributed the lion's share of FMI's revenues - as one of its four pillars going forward, along with financial services, healthcare and aviation.

"Real estate counted for the majority of FMI's revenues since inception," he said. "Most of our new real estate projects are joint ventures. Large real estate projects require large amounts of capital."

FMI is also slated to hold up to a 20pc stake in The Landmark Development, a prominent development planned for a plot on Bogoyoke Aung San Road. Mr Pun said the Landmark project alone will cost over \$450 million, a significant sum of money, meaning the company will continue working in joint ventures with other companies, such as its sister company Yoma Strategic Holdings.



Serge Pun speaks in a November 19 interview.
Photo: Zarni Phyo



Shwe Tha Pyay housing looks like a place expats could call home. Photo: Naing Win Tun

Thaketa project caters to growing expat influx



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THE growing number of expats in Yangon is putting strain on existing residential property, providing a market opportunity for higher-end housing.

ZAO Property is conducting renovations on 34 homes in Yangon's Thaketa township, aiming to cater to the expat crowd.

Sales director Chris Oram said he has been in Myanmar since 1998, and over 16 years has seen all kinds of houses, all with a different problem.

"Sometimes it could be the landlord problem, sometimes the water and sometimes electricity and sometime just the house is the problem. So what we are trying to do with this is remember every single problem we have had and make sure every tenant never has to suffer any of those problems," he said.

The firm is renovating 34 homes on Shwe Tha Pyay housing estate

for a primarily expat clientele.

Mr Oram said the homes come with different levels of furnishings. Some expats arrive without furniture and are looking for homes that are all put together, while others simply need to rent furniture for a while, until their items are shipped from home.

"It's all international standard, with great electricity, a great water supply and all the fully furnished [units] are up to the level of serviced apartments," he said.

ZAO managing director Ma Phyo Zar Twin said the firm spent two-and-a-half years looking for the right project to manage.

"Myanmar real estate prices are going up all the time, and it's hard to find the right place to live," she said. "After looking around for two-and-a-half years, we finally found this place."

The renovated estate will include a club house with a swimming pool, a gymnasium, a child's play area, a coffee shop, a mini mart and a bar-beque area.

Current tenants say that many local projects are not geared toward expats, but rather toward Myanmar people, who often have

different tastes.

"In the past Myanmar developers often build for Myanmar families," said Tony, a resident at Shwe Tha Pyay housing. "Local people are usually looking for large properties and condos with four or five bedrooms, with limited facilities."

"Expats are also looking for good quality facilities such as swimming pools, gyms and club houses, and they're in very short supply - some expats even live in Thailand and just fly to Myanmar every week," he added.

Rent at Shwe Tha Pyay costs US\$5000 a month for a fully furnished house, \$4500 for semi-furnished, and \$4000 for unfurnished homes. Two-bedroom apartments cost \$950 to \$1150 a month furnished and \$750 to \$950 a month unfurnished.

Mr Oram said the firm also strives to provide a high level of service.

"Another good point is that we live here ourselves," he said. "If anyone has a problem they can just knock on our door."

The office also has its own staff available from morning to evening, including an electrician, gardener and maid service.

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— Serge Pun, CEO and chair of Yoma Bank

Hong Kong police quell protests, arrest leaders

WORLD 47

Property market turns sluggish as end of the year draws closer

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NEXT year will be a significant one for the domestic property market, leading to a drawdown in activity as 2014 draws to a close, according to Yangon developers.

Expectations of possible government moves to cool the market and concern that prices may be topping out have caused a sluggish turn in the market since October.

The government also reassessed tax rates on property transactions on a neighbourhood-by-neighbourhood basis in October, in most cases raising rates, which has contributed to the slow-down.

“Dealers are watching the market. The year is about to end, and they’re quiet before the start of 2015,” said Ko Min Min Soe, senior agent at Mya Pan Thakhin real estate.

The October increase of property tax rates – and growing government will to force buyers to pay the tax after a transaction – has also had an effect.

“The tax hasn’t had a totally wicked effect on property dealing, but it is causing dealers to hesitate,” he said.

‘The tax hasn’t had a totally wicked effect on property dealing, but it is causing dealers to hesitate.’

Ko Min Min Soe

Mya Pan Thakhin real estate

“It’s a little more difficult to bring buyers and sellers together when there’s a tax involved.”

Ko Htun Htun from Phoenix Realty said traders are less likely to make transactions after the tax changes.

Myanmar Real Estate Service Association central executive committee member U Maung Aye said the property tax is lower than the rates from ten years ago.

Currently the tax tops out at 37 percent of the property’s value, as assessed by Yangon City Development Committee’s city-wide list of values. However, if clean sources for the capital can be shown, the tax rate is lower.

A decade ago the tax rate was 50pc, so the current rate is lower, he said. U Maung Aye added that people are complaining about new tax rates much more than they were about the old rates a decade ago.

The transaction tax serves the dual purpose of generating state revenue and slowing a bull market. Foreign investors have been put off from entering Myanmar partly due to the high price to acquire land for a project.

Real estate brokers say there could be more changes in store to lower property prices if the market doesn’t change on its own.

Although the sales market is slowing, there is still significant action in the rental market, which is particularly brisk downtown and mid-town, according to brokers.

Ground floors are in particularly high demand for use by shopkeepers, according to Phoenix real estate’s Ko Htun Htun. “The market for renting apartments, condos and shops is humming along,” he said. “But sales of apartments and condos have slowed as they are very expensive.”

HOUSE OF THE WEEK



Taming the wilds of South Okkalapa

Location is the main determinant in the Yangon property game. No one wants to spend half the morning stuck in traffic, but living in the central areas comes at a price.

Sometimes it’s worth it to move a little out of town – the vastly better deal you get can make it up for it. It’s a matter of preference, really. Commutes and lawn-front lemonade stands alike will suffer from this week’s location in South Okkalapa township, but it’s much less of a pity for the pocketbook.

This 2400-square-foot-home has three master bedrooms, two single bedrooms, and the collection of shrines, living rooms and kitchens needed to hold a family.

The interior is painted in a light golden colour, which is sure to be divisive. *House of the Week* is personally a fan, but could see how others may demur.

If your small business isn’t dependent on too much foot traffic, it’s also a fine location to move into commerce. There’s more than enough room for an office.

There’s a full set of amenities, including a generator – essential if you’re going to live in the wilds of South Okkalapa. The home comes fully furnished, so no need for any additional shopping.

South Okkalapa is a little ways from the action downtown, but this is set to change in the years ahead

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One small sip for womankind

Italy's first female astronaut brings espresso to space

A RUSSIAN Soyuz spacecraft carrying Italy's first female astronaut safely blasted off November 23 to begin its journey to the International Space Station.

Samantha Cristoforetti was joined by Russian cosmonaut Anton Shkaplerov and American astronaut Terry Virts as the Soyuz TMA-15M spacecraft launched from Russia's Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan at 2101 GMT, the Russian space agency Roscosmos said in a state-

ment.

"Soyuz safely in orbit, next stop ISS," NASA wrote in a tweet, while live images of the launch showed Virts giving the thumbs-up and smiling.

Cristoforetti, Virts and Shkaplerov were to dock around six hours after taking off at the space station where they are to live until May 2015.

Their voyage also means substantial food supplies, with nearly half a kilo of caviar in their baggage, as

well as an espresso machine.

"There will be 15 boxes of 30 grams each of caviar, but also apples, oranges, tomatoes and 140 doses of freeze-dried milk and black tea without sugar," a space station official was quoted as saying by Russian press agency TASS.

Astronauts on the station will also finally be able to enjoy a decent brew thanks to the 20-kilogram machine designed by famed Italian coffee makers Lavazza and engineering firm Argotec, which specialises in making space food.

Cristoforetti, 37, who is also a captain in the Italian airforce, "will be not only the first female astronaut from Italy to go into space, but also the very first astronaut in the history of the conquest of space to savour an authentic Italian espresso in orbit," the two companies said in a statement.

In total 16 countries work on the ISS, including Russia and the United States, which finance most of its operation. A team of astronauts is always aboard, with stays of up to six months.

Launched into orbit in 1998, this outpost and orbiting laboratory, which cost US\$500 billion to build, saw its lifespan extended by another four years by NASA. It's now expected to remain in service until 2024.

NASA depends entirely on Russia to send its astronauts to the ISS, which costs the United States \$70 million per person in Soyuz rockets.

— AFP



A fish-eye view of blastoff from Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan. Photo: AFP



From top, in spacesuits: The European Space Agency's Samantha Cristoforetti, NASA's Terry Virts and Anton Shkaplerov of the Russian Federal Space Agency wave goodbye before launch. Photo: AFP

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Namibia to cast Africa's first e-ballot

NAMIBIA will vote in Africa's first electronic ballot November 28, a general election that will usher in a new president and quotas to put more women in government.

Opposition parties had launched an 11th-hour challenge to the use of the Indian-made e-voting machines, claiming the lack of a paper trail could open the door to vote-rigging.

But the Windhoek High Court dismissed the application on November 26, leaving the door open for the election to go ahead as planned.

Namibians will choose 96 members of the national assembly and one of nine presidential candidates, ranging from the left-wing Economic Freedom Fighters to the white-minority Republican Party.

Around 1.2 million Namibians are eligible to cast their ballots at nearly 4000 electronic voting stations across the vast desert nation.

But there is only one likely winner.

Current Prime Minister Hage Geingob of the ruling SWAPO party has run on a platform of "peace, stability and prosperity" and is sure to become the new president.

The South West Africa People's Organisation was forged from the embers of the anti-colonial and anti-apartheid struggle and has won every election since Namibia's independence from South Africa in 1990.

"I was born SWAPO," said Hosea, a Windhoek student who vowed to vote for the centre-left party of liberation.

According to pollsters, the party remains hugely popular.

The question will be whether discontent over social and economic issues will eat into SWAPO's support, eroding its 75 percent haul garnered in 2009.

Single mother of four Gredula Nashima, 39, said she will vote for

SWAPO again this time, but wants to see change.

Sitting in the dirt outside her zinc panel shack by a pile of bones, she talks about unemployment, poor housing and a lack of electricity as she artfully but violently butchers cows' heads with an axe.

Hacking and smashing at the skulls, she renders the meat to small strips that are hung on a clothesline to be dried and sold, or made into "kapana" - slices of grilled meat. The leftover bones are sold to a fertiliser company.

"We want to see our leader, whoever will be in the seat, to look at our living conditions. Our roads are not tarred. But we also want help for those who have their own businesses," she said.

Like many Namibians she remains sceptical about opposition parties and their motives.

"I don't know their intentions and their objectives. If I did know I would be with them," she said.

The opposition had called for the election to be delayed until February.

But Windhoek High Court acting judge Kobus Miller rejected their application, saying he was not satisfied with their case, although he conceded that the voting process has two components:

'We want to see our leader, whoever will be in the seat, to look at our living conditions.'

Gredula Nashima

Butcher and single mother of four

voting and verification.

Like many of Africa's liberation movements, SWAPO has become a big-tent party that spans the political spectrum and often seems more involved with intra-party politics than voters.

Supporters say that allows for continuity, but critics say it brings stasis.

A recent Afrobarometer poll showed nearly two-thirds of voters believe the government is underperforming in job creation, fighting corruption and improving living standards for the poor.

Economic growth is forecast at around 4 percent for this year, yet one in four people is out of work, according to the government's narrow definition.

The economy remains dependent on diamond and uranium mining.

Party acolytes are widely seen hogging government tenders and providing "jobs for comrades".

Wealth inequalities are stark.

Adri van Tonder, an elegantly dressed no-nonsense Windhoek car dealer, says business is great.

"It's crazy; if dealers say it is not busy then they are just being lazy."

Van Tonder said she sells small cars to people working in mining and other industries, but top dollars come from "people from the ministries" - the government elite who buy the sleekest German sedans.

In a bid to be more in touch with voters SWAPO has vowed to put half of party and parliamentary posts in the hands of women.

The party has launched a "zebra" parliamentary list - one man, one woman - to make sure half of parliamentarians are women.

But facing a backlash from sitting male MPs, parliament has also expanded the number of seats to 96 under a constitutional amendment.

— AFP

Are selfies such a crime? S Korea says 'sometimes'

THAT selfie stick in your hand: harmless memory-maker, or a potentially chaos-inducing electromagnetic radiation emitter?

In South Korea, it seems, the answer could be both – which is why last week the Science Ministry announced that anyone selling an unregistered version could face a US\$27,000 fine or up to three years in prison.

Regulating the sale of these small, articulated monopods designed for cell phone-wielding photographers won't be easy, given their numbers.

South Koreans have embraced the technology with a passion, turning scenic spots into undulating fields of waving selfie sticks and grinning, upturned faces.

The focus of the ministerial crackdown are those models that come with Bluetooth technology, allowing the user to release the smartphone shutter remotely, rather than using a timer.

The problem, the ministry says, is that such units are designated as communications equipment given their use of radio waves to provide a wireless link between separate devices.

As such they have to be tested and certified to ensure they don't pose a disruption to other devices using the same radio frequency.

Ministry officials admit the crackdown is basically motivated by a technicality, given that the weak, short-range signals emitted by Bluetooth devices

are hardly likely to bring down a plane or interfere with police frequencies.

"It's not going to affect anything in any meaningful way, but it is nonetheless a telecommunication device subject to regulation, and that means we are obligated to crack down on uncertified ones," an official at the ministry's Central Radio Management Office told AFP.

Despite the harsh penalty on offer, the "crackdown" appears to have been relatively low-key, with no mass police raids on unsuspecting selfie-stick vendors. "The announcement last Friday was really just to let people know that they need to be careful about what they sell," said the official, who declined to be identified.

"We've had a lot of calls from vendors who think they might have been unknowingly selling uncertified products," he added.

South Korea is, in many ways, a highly regulated society, and people are generally used to a pervasive requirement for registration and certification.

Patrons of the country's many Starbucks outlets, however, protested loudly recently when it emerged that the personal data they must provide to link to the in-store wi-fi was not required of foreigners.

Selfie-stick vendors in Seoul appeared to be taking the ministry's order in their stride.

"I was told about the new regulation,

but the ones I sell are all certified, so I haven't had any problems with the police or anything," said the owner of a small kiosk selling smartphone cases and selfie sticks near a subway station in Seoul's Myeongdong tourist district.

"But I know some of the bigger sellers had to get rid of some of their stock which hadn't been registered," said the owner who identified himself by his surname, Lee.

Vendors in a busy area of Myeongdong say they can shift scores of selfie sticks on a good day, but Lee said his normal turnover was rarely more than a dozen.

"They're not that profitable really. There are so many around now that you have to sell them cheap," he said.

A basic model sells for as little as \$5 and the Bluetooth-enabled versions go for \$25 and up.

"Selfie" was the Oxford Dictionaries' word of the year in 2013, and the term is believed to have been coined on an Australian online forum in 2002.

South Koreans, however, claim a much earlier coinage, with the equivalent Korean term "sel-ca" – a combination of self and camera – having been in wide use since the 1990s.

It was heavily popularised with the rise of the K-pop scene whose stars were taking and sharing snaps of themselves long before Ellen DeGeneres engineered the ultimate celebrity-studded selfie at the 2014 Oscars. – AFP

Light House shines on in Nay Pyi Taw

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TELENOR Myanmar has opened the doors of its first community information centre (CIC) in Nay Pyi Taw's Lewe township, the company announced on November 20.

The Norwegian telco has been working with ICT firm Myanmar Information Development Organization (MIDO) since June of this year to roll out and operate 200 community information centres called Light Houses.

The centres are meant to motivate rural populations in Myanmar to get online and use mobile services, and to help make strides with digital literacy among the country's schoolchildren, according to a press release.

The two companies will bring their next CIC to Yangon's Dala township.

"The Light Houses will be a source of light for the communities – to illuminate a path to easy access to information and knowledge.

Each of the 200 centres will in time provide a connection to the outside world for rural communities that traditionally have not had access to connectivity or the masses of information available online," said MIDO executive director U Nay Phone Latt in a statement.

The telco said Telenor is taking care of the CICs' tech – equipment and connectivity – while MIDO will pick "local social entrepreneurs" to head up the spaces.

Meanwhile, the two companies have prepped entrepreneurs in running the Light Houses, sustainability and serving the centres' constituencies, according to the press release.

"I believe that the Light Houses can positively impact the development process in Myanmar," Ko Thant Zin Tun, operator of the first Light House, said in a statement. "Moreover, I am positive that the Light House will offer valuable support for example to youth and women who are trying to implement their entrepreneurial dreams."

World

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KIEV

Nato fears Russian attacks across Black Sea

NATO's top military commander has said he was "very concerned" that Russia's military build-up in the annexed Crimean region could be used as a launchpad for attacks across the whole Black Sea region.

US General Philip Breedlove's comments last week came amid fears in Kiev that Russian-backed rebels will try to grab more land in eastern Ukraine to establish a land corridor to Crimea, which was annexed by Russia in March.

"We are very concerned with the militarisation of Crimea," Mr Breedlove said, following meetings with Ukraine's top political and military leaders in Kiev.

"The capabilities that are being installed in Crimea ... are able to exert influence over the entire Black Sea," he said, highlighting the influx of cruise missiles and surface-to-air rockets.

Russia's defence ministry said November 26 that it had deployed a batch of 14 military jets to Crimea as part of a squadron of 30 that will be stationed on the peninsula.

'The capabilities that are being installed in Crimea ... are able to exert influence over the entire Black Sea.'

Philip Breedlove
US general

Mr Breedlove also repeated accusations that Russian troops were inside east Ukraine "training, equipping, giving backbone" to rebel forces, as Ukraine's military said several more columns of military hardware and troops were spotted crossing the border from Russia on November 25.

Moscow fiercely rejects any claims that it is involved in the fighting in east Ukraine but gives open political backing to the rebels, who now boast the heavy weaponry of a regular army.

Meanwhile, deadly clashes between government forces and the separatists continued throughout last week.

Ukraine's new government stated its desire to move toward NATO membership, triggering further ire from Russia which strongly opposes the expansion of Western institutions in what it considers its backyard.

The Ukrainian public has previously not been keen on NATO membership but there has been a dramatic shift in opinion since Russia's involvement in the separatist uprising,

that has claimed the lives of more than 4300 people since April.

A recent poll found 51 percent of Ukrainians now backed membership of the alliance, up from 20 percent a year ago.

Joining NATO remains a remote possibility, however, since Ukraine lacks secure borders and current members are wary of further provoking Russia.

Its ill-equipped army would also need a radical overhaul to meet membership criteria, although Mr Breedlove said the ongoing training of Ukraine's military was bringing them closer to "NATO tactics, techniques and procedures".

Ukraine has unsuccessfully been pushing the US to send weapons to battle the separatist forces but Washington has only delivered non-lethal military aid, such as night-vision goggles and radio equipment.

On the ground in east Ukraine, in the beleaguered rebel-held city of Donetsk, life for ordinary people grew harder as cash machines dried up after Ukraine's central bank gave the order last week to shut down the banking system in areas controlled by the rebels.

An AFP journalist saw dozens of people queue up outside banks in the biting cold in the vain hope of withdrawing money.

"We received the order to close the establishment yesterday. There are no more money transfers here," said Valery, a worker at state-run Oschadbank.

The move was the latest step by Kiev to cut off the separatist territories following a November 14 decree by President Petro Poroshenko to halt all state services including schools and hospitals in the conflict zone.

In a sign that the measures could be starting to bite, Ukraine's military said the number of people leaving the insurgent area over the past day increased tenfold to 5677.

Russia on November 26 poured cold water over a request from the pro-Moscow rebels in east Ukraine for a UN peacekeeping force.

Asked about the appeal, Russia's Ambassador to the United Nations Vitaly Churkin said, "I think it's unlikely".

Leaders of the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic called on November 25 for "the intervention of a peacekeeping force that includes Russian representatives to control the implementation of existing agreements and help resolve the humanitarian and social situation".

Nearly half a million people have been displaced in the fighting that has raised East-West tensions to their highest level since the end of the Cold War. — AFP



IN PICTURES

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A police officer confronts a demonstrator on November 26 in Los Angeles. Violent protests and looting erupted in the US town of Ferguson, Missouri, after a grand jury to not indict a white police officer.

WASHINGTON

Hopes raised by Ebola

RESEARCHERS moved closer to developing an Ebola vaccine, it was announced last week, with a Phase 1 trial showing promising results. But it will be months at the earliest before it can be used in the field.

The news comes amid the worst ever outbreak of the hemorrhagic fever, which has killed 5500 people so far, mostly in West Africa.

Pharmaceutical companies and health agencies scramble to fast-track experimental drugs and vaccines that could help.

In the first phase of testing, all 20 healthy adults injected with a higher or lower dose of the vaccine developed antibodies needed to fight Ebola, said the National Institutes of Health (NIH), which conducted the study.

Results were published on November 26 in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

"The unprecedented scale of the current Ebola outbreak in West Africa has intensified efforts to develop safe and effective vaccines," said Anthony Fauci, head of the

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), which is developing the vaccine alongside GlaxoSmithKline.

The vaccines under development "may play a role in bringing this epidemic to an end and undoubtedly will be critically important in preventing future large outbreaks", he noted.

"Based on these positive results from the first human trial of this

candidate vaccine, we are continuing our accelerated plan for larger trials to determine if the vaccine is efficacious in preventing Ebola infection," he added.

But the vaccine is still a long way from being ready for use in the field.

The NIAID is "in active discussions with Liberian officials and other partners about next-stage vaccine testing in West Africa" for efficacy and safety, the NIH said, but no announcement on larger-scale trials was expected before early next year.

There is no licensed treatment or vaccine against the Ebola virus, which is transmitted through bodily fluids and has been fatal in an estimated 70 percent of cases in the current outbreak.

The volunteers were injected starting in September, and each showed a positive result for Ebola antibodies in blood tests within four weeks.

The 10 volunteers in the higher-dose group developed higher antibody levels, the NIH said.

'This work is encouraging and another significant contribution to efforts to tackle the Ebola crisis.'

Jeremy Farrar
Wellcome Trust director



NATO Supreme Allied Commander Europe, US General Philip Breedlove, takes questions during a press conference in Kiev on November 26. Photo: AFP



Phnom Penh’s last working elephant retires

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China drafts first national law against domestic abuse

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Student leaders arrested as Hong Kong protests go on

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Angeles during demonstrations against a decision by cer in the shooting of black teenager Michael Brown. for a second day after the grand jury’s decision.

vaccine progress

In addition, two of the lower-dose group and seven of the high-dose group developed a kind of immune cell called CD8 T cells, which are an important part of the body’s response against disease.

“We know from previous studies in non-human primates that CD8 T cells played a crucial role in protecting animals who got the vaccine and then were exposed to Ebola,” said researcher Julie Ledgerwood, the trial’s principal investigator.

None of the volunteers experienced serious side effects within the study period, though two had a brief, mild fever within the 24 hours after the injection.

The vaccine uses a modified chimpanzee cold virus to deliver segments of genetic material from the Ebola virus.

The genetic material cannot spread in the body like the virus does, but can still prompt the antibody response.

The version tested at NIH contains material from two species of

Ebola – the Zaire species, responsible for the outbreak in West Africa, and another called Sudan Ebola.

“This work is encouraging and another significant contribution to efforts to tackle the Ebola crisis,” said Dr Jeremy Farrar, director of the Wellcome Trust.

The White House also congratulated the vaccine researchers.

“We congratulate Drs Francis Collins and Tony Fauci and their teams at the National Institutes of Health on the first published results from Phase 1 clinical trials of a promising Ebola vaccine candidate,” a White House statement said, adding that President Barack Obama would visit the NIH next week.

A second version of the vaccine, aimed at blocking just Zaire Ebola, also began human testing in October, at the University of Maryland.

Another experimental vaccine that has shown promising results in primates is the Canadian VSV-EBOV, licensed by a US firm.

– AFP

ISTANBUL

Strain shows as Turkish president condemns US ‘impertinence’ on Syria

TURKISH President Recep Tayyip Erdogan last week slammed US “impertinence” on the Syrian conflict, exposing the extent of strains between Washington and Ankara days after his key meeting with US Vice President Joe Biden.

Ties between the the US and Turkey have soured in recent months over the reluctance of Turkish leaders to intervene militarily in the US-led campaign against the Islamic State jihadists, who have taken control of swathes of Iraq and Syria.

In an indication of the tensions that remain between the two NATO allies, Mr Erdogan accused the US of being “impertinent” for pressuring it to help save the besieged Syrian town of Kobane, which is within sight of the Turkish border.

“Why is somebody coming to this region from 12,000 kilometres away?” Mr Erdogan said during an address to a group of businesspeople in Ankara, in a clear reference to the US.

“I want you to know that we are against impertinence, recklessness and endless demands,” he said.

Mr Biden had personally stung Mr Erdogan in October by suggesting his policies in supporting Islamist rebel forces in Syria had helped encourage the rise of the IS militant group, a slight that prompted Mr Erdogan to warn his relationship with the US number two could be “history”.

Washington is pressing Ankara for the use of the Incirlik air base in southern Turkey by US jets launching assaults on IS.

But Turkey has refused to bow to the pressure, setting several conditions for playing a greater role in the coalition.

“They looked on as the tyrant [President Bashar] al-Assad massacred 300,000 people. They remained silent in the face of Assad’s barbarism and now they are now staging a ‘conscience show’ through Kobane,” Mr Erdogan said.

“We will resolve our problems not with the help of a ‘superior mind’ but with the help of our people,” he said.

Mr Biden wrapped up a three-day visit to Turkey on November 23 without a breakthrough on military cooperation in the Syrian crisis.

But Mr Erdogan’s comments contrasted with the relatively upbeat assessment of US officials that the meeting with Mr Biden had brought closer the two sides’ positions.

On November 25, Mr Erdogan accused the West of coming to the region for “oil”.

“I’m always meeting with them but it does not go any further than what I say. They don’t have any sensitivities. They have only one sensitivity: oil, oil, oil,” he said.

So far, Turkey’s sole contribution to the coalition has been allowing a contingent of Iraqi peshmerga Kurdish fighters to transit Turkish soil to fight IS militants for Kobane.

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US Vice President Joe Biden and Orthodox Patriarch Bartholomew I greet during Mr Biden’s visit to the Church of St. George in Istanbul, Turkey, on November 23. Photo AFP

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BANGKOK

Thai national police chief Somyot Poompanmoung (right) addresses reporters during a press conference at the Royal Thai Police headquarters in Bangkok on November 25. Photo: AFP

Graft arrests reach 17

FIVE more civilians were arrested last week as part of a major corruption probe into a network of senior Thai police officers, authorities, bringing the total number of those caught up in the scandal to 17.

The investigation, a rare move against the kingdom's powerholders, has already led to the public downfall of three senior officers who have been charged under Thailand's strict royal defamation law.

Pongpat Chayapun, the head of Thailand's elite Central Investigation Bureau, his deputy Kowit Vongrongrot and marine police chief Boonsueb Praithuen have all been accused by Thai authorities of running a corrupt patronage network that allegedly netted them a fortune.

As well as facing a slew of bribery and corruption allegations, the trio have been charged under the kingdom's lese majeste law in which anyone convicted of insulting the king, queen, heir or regent faces up to 15 years in prison on each count.

Investigators accuse the three senior officers, who have been dismissed from their posts, of making “false claims” about the monarchy in order to demand bribes.

National police spokesperson

Lieutenant General Prawut Thavornsiri said a further five civilians were arrested on November 26 as part of the widening probe.

“Based on our investigations we have found that there are more people making false claims about the monarchy to demand bribes, illegally detain people and extort them,” he said.

None of the five people have yet been charged under Thailand's royal defamation law.

“They are under interrogation and if we find clear evidence we will add lese majeste charges later,” Mr Prawut said.

‘We have found there are more people making false claims about the monarchy to demand bribes.’

Prawut Thavornsiri
National police spokesperson

A total of seven police officers and 10 civilians have now been arrested in the probe, which analysts say is an attempt by the military junta to strengthen their hold over police. Twelve have been charged.

Generals took control of Thailand in a May coup after months of street protests.

The kingdom's police have since come under intense scrutiny with the military purging dozens of top officers seen as cosy with the elected former government of Yingluck Shinawatra, whose billionaire brother and former premier Thaksin is an ex-policeman.

The police are unpopular with Thais who bemoan routine bribe-taking.

May's coup was the latest chapter in Thailand's long-running political conflict, which broadly pits a Bangkok-based middle class and royalist elite, backed by parts of the military and judiciary, against rural and working-class voters loyal to Mr Thaksin.

Both Thai and international media must heavily self-censor when covering the country's lese majeste rules. Even repeating details of the charges could mean breaking the law under section 112 of Thailand's criminal code. — AFP

BEIJING

China blames Putin's tiger ‘Ustin’ for goat massacre

AN endangered tiger set free in Russia has killed 18 Chinese goats after crossing the frontier, with Beijing's state media saying on November 26 that the animal had been freed by President Vladimir Putin.

The Siberian tiger, believed to be one named Ustin, created carnage as it carried out repeated nighttime raids on a farm on a border island, the official Xinhua news agency reported.

“Dead goats were everywhere,” farmer Guo Yulin told Xinhua of the scene which greeted him on the morning on November 24.

Five goats were killed on one night and 13 on another, Xinhua said, adding experts were blaming Ustin after tiger footprints were found around Mr Guo's goat house and on the roof.

Xinhua said the tiger was one of five big cats released into the wild by Mr Putin in May.

But according to the Kremlin's

website and multiple reports at the time, Mr Putin only freed three tigers Kuzya, Borya and Ilona.

Ustin and another feline, Svetlaya, were set free in a separate location in June, without the presence of the Russian leader, who is known for his outdoor stunts involving animals.

All five cubs had been found starving in the Russian taiga two years ago, and were rescued, treated, and taught to hunt before being released.

The island where the goat attacks occurred, known as Bolshoi Ussuriysky in Russian and Heixiazi in Chinese, was the subject of a border dispute between the two powers before they agreed to divide it in 2004.

Relations between Beijing and Moscow have warmed significantly in recent years, with Russia turning to its Asian neighbour as a trading partner as the US and Europe have enforced harsh sanctions over the crisis in Ukraine.

Russia is a major exporter of raw materials to China, often from the Siberian region which is home to the big cats, also known as Amur tigers.

Hundreds of them once roamed the lush pine and oak forests of Manchuria, but due to centuries of poaching only a couple of dozen are believed to still survive in China.

Listed as “endangered” by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature's Red List, they have fared better in Russia, where more than 400 still live, sometimes preying on local bears.

Local authorities vowed to compensate the farmer for his lost animals, Xinhua said, but added that he was encouraged “to relocate his goats or further reinforce the farm”, to avoid further attacks.

Meanwhile Mr Guo “is stressed about the tiger and was busy clearing the bodies of dead goats”, Xinhua said. — AFP

BANGKOK

Thai elections to be delayed until 2016

THAILAND'S junta have said that elections in the military-ruled kingdom would likely be delayed until 2016, days after military officials ruled out lifting martial law any time soon.

The admission will cause consternation among the kingdom's international allies who had been pushing for a swift return to democracy following the military's takeover in May.

Prime Minister Prayut Chan-O-cha had previously said his government hoped to hold fresh polls around October 2015, once the drafting of a new constitution was completed.

But on November 27 General Prawit Wongsuwon, the deputy prime minister and defence minister, said a 2016 election date was now more likely.

"We think so," he told reporters when asked if the poll would be held in 2016.

"If the constitution is ready, the election will be held by that time," he added.

Mr Prawit was speaking after Finance Minister Sommai Phasee gave an interview to the BBC saying any return to democracy was unrealistic before mid-2016.

"As announced by the prime minister, it would take about one year. But, from my feeling, I think it may take, maybe, a year and a half," he told the British broadcaster.

Mr Sommai said he had spoken as recently as the previous week to General Prayut about the feasibility of holding polls.

The confirmation from senior government figures of a likely election delay comes days after a junta official told AFP martial law would only be lifted when the country "has peace and order".

Martial law, imposed by the army two days before the coup, bans political gatherings, allows the detention of dissidents for up to seven days without charge, and permits trials in a military court.

Junta chief and premier Mr Prayut, who was army chief when he staged the May 22 coup, has said the takeover was necessary to end months of political unrest that left nearly 30 people dead.

But critics accuse the military of using the protests as an excuse for a power grab. A council selected by the junta is currently working on a raft of reforms to be introduced before any return to democracy, including a new constitution.

The military say the changes are needed to rid the kingdom of corruption and close the nation's festering political divide which has seen years of street protests and military coups.

But critics dismiss the process as a naked attempt to dilute the influence of billionaire ex-premier Thaksin Shinawatra who is adored by poor rural voters, particularly in the north, but loathed by much of the military establishment and the country's Bangkok-based royalist elite. — AFP

PHNOM PENH

Capital's last working elephant retires at 54

PHNOM Penh's only working elephant was blessed by a crowd of chanting Buddhist monks last week as she prepared for a life of comfortable jungle retirement after three decades of giving rides to tourists.

Sambo, a 54-year-old female, had been a fixture at the Cambodian capital's Wat Phnom temple since 1980.

She was forced to stop giving rides in 2012 after suffering a foot infection and after local officials accused her of causing traffic jams.

Her owner and campaigners wanted to see her rewarded for years of loyal service with a retirement away from the blaring city, a wish that was eventually made possible by international funding.

"Sambo is like a younger sister to me," owner Sin Sorn, 57, said during a farewell ceremony for the elephant, who was draped in a flower garland and fed with fruit.

"I am getting old. So I decided she needed to be with nature, I am going to miss her very much," Mr Sorn added.



Sambo, a 54-year-old elephant, receives offerings of fruit during a farewell ceremony at her owner's home in Phnom Penh on November 25. Photo: AFP

Thanks to donations from supporters around the world and the United States Agency for International Development, Sambo will be transported to the wilds of the northeastern province of Monduliri early this month.

Sambo's new home will be an eco-tourism venture, run by conservation group Elephant Livelihood Initiative Environment (ELIE), where she will roam free along with nine other elephants.

"I think Sambo will enjoy her life until she dies," said Mr Sorn, who has been with Sambo since his family caught her out of the forests when the elephant was aged about eight.

Jack Highwood, of ELIE, told reporters, "She's lived in Phnom Penh since 1980 ... and so to be able to get out of the city and go back to live in the forest, and also to go live with other elephants, is very important."

Cambodia is home to about 78 domesticated elephants and 400 wild elephants, according to Mr Highwood.

The Asian elephant is listed as an endangered species by the International Union for Conservation of Nature. — AFP

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Wild elephants left in Cambodia

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PHNOM PENH

‘Mommy’ of land activists jailed aged 75

STREET-vendor-turned-rights activist Nget Khun, known locally as “Mommy”, is a leading figure in Cambodians’ fight against forced evictions. Last week it was reported she had been jailed for a year on what her supporters call “trumped-up charges”. But the veteran campaigner refused to be silenced. “Keep struggling to save our home!” she told her daughter Eng Sokha during a recent visit to prison, where stress and loss of appetite are taking their toll. Activists say the sentencing of Mommy and several other women from her Boeung Kak Lake community is the latest wave of repression against land rights activists. This week the United Nations called on the Cambodian authorities to stop “judicial harassment for political purposes” while European ambassadors met with local authorities over the jailings.

‘She is in prison, but she has no fear.’

Eng Sokha
Activist’s daughter

But for now, Mommy languishes in a cell with two fellow activists. “She is in prison but she has no fear,” said Ms Sokha, an accounting student who lives in the family’s modest wooden house alongside her seven siblings and their children. Mommy has been a constant presence at land protests in the capital Phnom Penh. She has been hospitalised for injuries during demonstrations and was jailed for a month in 2012. This time her crime was “obstructing traffic” during a small protest against the routine flooding her community suffers due to a huge real estate project, headed by a close ally of the

premier. Under authoritarian Prime Minister Hun Sen, who has run Cambodia for some 30 years, “powerful people have bought the land, lakes, and mountains,” Chan Soveth of the Cambodian Human Rights and Development Association (ADHOC) said. Phil Robertson of Human Rights Watch said Cambodia’s “kleptocratic ruling class” had taken over the land of thousands of poor Cambodians – a capitalist version of the mass expropriations under the Khmer Rouge regime in the 1970s. But if the Khmer Rouge abolished land ownership in an ultimately disastrous attempt to create a communist utopia, the current ruling elite simply aims to control resources from forest to farmland, activists and NGOs claim. Some 770,000 Cambodians, or six percent of the population, have fallen victim to eviction since 2000. Around 22 percent of the country’s land has been confiscated, rights groups say. The World Bank suspended new loans in 2011 over the evictions and a complaint is pending at the International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague. But three years on little has changed. The prime Boeung Kak Lake site is languishing, with no sign of the promised high-end development, while the floodwaters keep coming back. The Chinese company backing the project has pulled out and the current developers could not be reached for comment. After a long battle, Mommy and her family, along with 770 others, were offered nearby plots of land as compensation. But Mommy’s family remains at their Boeung Kak home as they say they cannot afford to build a new house on the plot they have been given. “We don’t have money to move our house,” Ms Sokha said. They are also still waiting to be given



Land activist Nget Khun (centre), known as Mommy, carries a placard during a protest in Phnom Penh on March 3. Photo: AFP

the formal title to the new land as a protection against future evictions. Other residents in Boeung Kak have been offered nothing. The once vibrant community’s problems began, she explained, when the government leased Boeung Kak, a lake vital to the city’s drainage, to Shukaku Inc. Shukaku is headed by Lao Meng Khin, an influential senator who is close to Hun Sen and one of the ruling Cambodian People’s Party’s major donors. In 2010, Shukaku began to pour tons of sand into the lake, which then flooded. Mommy’s family refused an initial offer of \$8500 compensation from the company, saying it was far below market rate for the land and didn’t even cover the cost of building her house. “Back then they came both day and night with armed men to threaten us to leave the area,” Ms Sokha recalled. Earlier this year some 3500 families eventually accepted compensation “at a fraction of the market rate”, according to NGO Inclusive Development. But nearly 1000 families still refuse to move. Sea Thuon, 38, a garment worker with two young children, has been living in squalor since the flooding began. Earlier this month she and her family slept in the street after rain inundated their modest dwelling. “The development of Boeung Kak lake has caused us misery,” she said as she watched her husband pumping dirty floodwater out of their home.

According to Inclusive Development the Boeung Kak evictions are the worst mass expulsions in Cambodia since the evacuation of Phnom Penh by the Khmer Rouge. For many residents like Mommy their plight brings back traumatic memories of the 1975-1979 regime, when more than 2 million citizens were forced from the cities in a bid to create an agrarian utopia. When Mommy returned to the capital after years in a labour camp at the fall of the Khmer Rouge, she found her house occupied by others. Still mourning the disappearance of their eldest son, her family eventually settled by the Boeung Kak Lake in 2005. It was a settlement that was to bring little by way of security. – AFP

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SEOUL

S Korea pays \$1m to 1970s protestors

A SOUTH Korean appeals court last week ordered the government to compensate more than two dozen people, who were detained in the 1970s on fabricated subversion charges. The Seoul high court set a collective amount of 1.1 billion won (US\$990,000) to be shared between the 29 plaintiffs who were among nearly 200 members of a student youth movement investigated in 1974. They were accused of working under the guidance of North Korea to overthrow the government. The vast majority were tried by military courts and eight were executed, while others were given prison terms of between five and 20 years. The 29 were never formally indicted but were held without trial for months, during which they were abused and tortured. Following the end of military rule in 1987, the case was reviewed and in 2005 the National Intelligence Service (NIS) concluded that the crackdown was politically motivated and engineered by former military strongman Park Chung-Hee. In 2009 and again in 2010, South Korean courts acquitted all those indicted of all charges and ruled that the presidential decree that led to their arrest was unconstitutional. The 29 filed their suit in 2012 and it was originally rejected by a lower court. – AFP



IN PICTURES

Photo: AFP

A traditional Saman dance is performed by 5057 male children and elders belonging to the ethnic Gayo tribe during a ceremony in Gayo Lues in Indonesia's Aceh province on November 24. The traditional mass dance – involving rhythmic, synchronised and alternating expressive movement of hands including the upper body without breaking the tight kneeling line formation as they sing verses incorporating religious messages – has been categorized in 2011 by UNESCO in the list of intangible cultural heritage in need of urgent safeguarding.

BEIJING

China makes first move to outlaw domestic violence

CHINA has drafted its first national law against domestic violence, a move hailed by activists as a step forward in a country where abuse has long been sidelined as a private matter.

The new law, published on November 26, formally defines domestic violence for the first time and also streamlines the process for obtaining restraining orders – measures that anti-domestic abuse groups have advocated for years.

“Over the years, we’ve many times felt powerless ourselves to help victims,” said Hou Zhiming, a veteran women’s rights advocate who heads the Maple Women’s Psychological Counselling Centre in Beijing.

“If this law is actually enacted, because the issuing of a draft means it will now enter the law-making process, we will be very pleased,” said Ms Hou, whose centre is one of China’s longest-running anti-domestic violence organisations.

“At the very least, there’s finally movement on this law,” she said.

But advocates also say the draft law, released by the Legislative Affairs Office of China’s State Council, excludes unmarried and divorced couples and falls short in some other areas.

Less than two decades ago, physical abuse was not even acceptable as grounds for divorce in China. In 2001 the marriage law was amended to explicitly ban domestic violence for the first time.

But without a legal definition of the term, many victims – if they report abuse at all – have been shuffled from police to women’s federation to neighbourhood committee, with authorities reluctant to intervene unless serious injury is involved.

Currently little protection is available if a partner threatens violence against a victim who tries to leave, advocates note, as restraining orders are rarely issued in China and shelters are nearly non-existent.

Courts must rule on restraining order requests within 48 hours, according to the draft law, but if one is granted, the victim must start a lawsuit within 30 days or it will lapse.

The draft law stipulates that police must respond to reports of domestic violence and that schools, hospitals and other institutions may face “serious consequences” for failing to report cases to the authorities.

Nearly 40 percent of Chinese women who are married or in a relationship have experienced physical or sexual violence, the state-run *China Daily* newspaper reported last week, citing new figures from the All China Women’s Federation. – *AFP*

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HONG KONG

Student leaders arrested as police clear street protesters

HONG Kong police arrested Joshua Wong and another student protest leader on November 26 as authorities forcibly cleared part of a main road blocked for two months by a pro-democracy sit-in.

Scuffles broke out as police wearing helmets and brandishing batons moved in to protect workers, when crowds surged forward to try to stop them tearing down road barricades in Mongkok district.

The operation went ahead a day after more than 100 demonstrators were arrested as authorities cleared another section of the Mongkok protest camp.

Hundreds of police quickly pushed protesters back, and removed wooden and metal barricades, tents and other obstructions along a 500-metre (1640 foot) stretch of Nathan Road.

Around two hours after the operation started, only a handful of protesters remained at the edge of the former protest site.

The movement's student leaders Wong and Lester Shum were arrested at the scene, according to a group called Scholarism and the Hong Kong Federation of Students.

It was not immediately clear why they were detained.

Tensions were running high after scuffles the previous day when police used pepper spray on protesters at the site, the scene of some of the most violent clashes since the sit-ins began at three separate locations in the city on September 28.

'If we lose here, we won't lose heart. We can go somewhere else.'

Kelvin Ng
Demonstrator



A pro-democracy protester wears protective gear in the Mongkok district of Hong Kong on November 26. Photo: AFP

"If we lose here, we won't lose heart. We can go somewhere else [to occupy]. It doesn't need to be here," Kelvin Ng, 21, said.

Demonstrators are demanding fully free elections for the leadership of the semi-autonomous southern Chinese city in 2017.

Police said they arrested 116 people, including a 14-year-old boy, after the November 25 clashes, and 20 police officers were injured.

They also detained a television news crew member who was covering the operation, the Hong Kong Journalists Association said, condemning the arrest.

The November 26 clearance was the third since Hong Kong's high court, responding to petitions from a building owner and public transport operators, granted injunctions ordering the operations.

"Please obey the injunction, leave

immediately," a court bailiff told the crowd before the operation began.

Civilian workers wearing "I love HK" T-shirts and red baseball caps then began removing barricades blocking the road but protesters remained defiant.

"I won't leave. It [the sit-in] has been illegal from day one with or without the court order," said one demonstrator, wearing a yellow helmet and a mask, who refused to give his name.

The demonstrators are protesting against China's restrictions on who will be allowed to stand in the 2017 election for the city's chief executive.

Critics say this will guarantee the election of a pro-Beijing candidate.

The protests on a few occasions drew tens of thousands of people onto the streets.

But the crowds have dwindled markedly in recent weeks as the

movement has struggled to maintain momentum and commuters have grown weary of transport disruptions.

The Hong Kong Federation of Students, which has led the protests, said it was considering the next step.

"The path of communication has run its course. If the government continues to resort to collusion with the police, unscrupulously going against the tide, then we can only take the next step of action," it said on its Facebook page without elaborating.

Demonstrators clashed with police in Mongkok last month after protesters tried to reclaim part of a camp which had been cleared by authorities.

Officers at that time used batons and pepper spray against protesters who shielded themselves with umbrellas, but police were eventually forced into a partial retreat. - AFP

BEIJING

Uighur scholar's pupils tried

SEVEN students of prominent Uighur scholar Ilham Tohti have been tried in secret for separatism, a lawyer said last week, days after the professor lost his appeal against a life sentence for the same offence.

The hearings were held in two closed-door sessions in the Xinjiang regional capital Urumqi on November 25, said Li Fangping, one of Mr Tohti's lawyers.

The trials come during a harsh crackdown on dissent by China's ruling Communist Party under President Xi Jinping, in which scores of activists, lawyers, academics and journalists have been jailed.

Six of the students are from the mostly-Muslim Uighur minority while one is a member of China's Yi minority, the state-run *Global Times* newspaper reported.

A verdict is expected at a later date, added the lawyer, who declined to say whether he represented any of the defendants.

Mr Tohti, 45, had been an outspoken critic of China's policies toward Uighurs in their homeland of Xinjiang, which has been hit by a wave of violence which the government blames on separatist groups.

He was sentenced to life in prison in September for "separatism", a verdict that international rights groups as well as the US and European Union have criticised as politically motivated.

Xinjiang authorities rejected his appeal last week.

Several of Mr Tohti's students were paraded on state television earlier this year to deliver "confessions" on their work with the professor on his bilingual website, Uighur Online.

Authorities allege Mr Tohti used the site "as a platform to recruit and manipulate others into spreading rumours, distorting and hyping issues to create conflicts, spread separatist thinking, incite ethnic hatred and advocate 'Xinjiang independence'", the *Global Times* reported.

The students could face five to 15 years in prison, the newspaper said, citing Mr Li. - AFP

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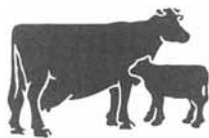
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KABUL



An Afghan woman buys silk yarn from a shop in Herat on August 6. Photo AFP

Women neglected in bid for Taliban peace deal

AFGHANISTAN must not sacrifice women's rights to secure peace with the Taliban as US-led NATO troops pull out, the Oxfam aid group said last week, revealing that not a single woman has taken part in talks with the militants since 2005.

The call came the day after about 50 people were killed and 60 others wounded when a suicide blast ripped through crowds at a volleyball game in the east of the country, underlining the challenges facing Afghanistan as national security forces take over from NATO troops.

It was also a week since prominent MP Shukria Barakzai narrowly escaped death in a suicide attack on her car in the latest evidence of the dangers that women face in the country.

Oxfam said in a report titled "Behind Closed Doors" that more than 20 sessions of exploratory talks between Taliban insurgents, the Afghan government and the international community since 2005 have not involved a single woman.

"There are fears that women's rights may be bargained away amid efforts to reach a peace settlement," the report said.

"Negotiations and peace talks to date have taken place predominantly behind closed doors and without women's knowledge, input or involvement.

"All parties must recognise that it is only peace efforts that include and

protect women that have any chance of succeeding in the long term."

Improving women's rights after the cruelties of the Taliban's 1996-2001 rule has been a central aim of the international development program that has spent billion of dollars in Afghanistan.

But the conservative Muslim country remains a strictly patriarchal society, with women enduring routine discrimination and violence.

Under the Taliban regime, women were banned from having a job and were not allowed outside the home unless wearing a burqa and accompanied by a man. Education for girls was also outlawed.

President Ashraf Ghani, who came to power in September, has said he wants talks with the Taliban insurgents, and he has also stressed that he will work to bolster the status of women.

'There are fears women's rights may be bargained away amid efforts to reach a peace settlement.'

Oxfam report

Many activists fear that limited progress for women's rights made since 2001 could be lost in the search for a settlement with the Taliban, who have inflicted heavy casualties on Afghan police and soldiers this year.

"With new peace talks just around the corner, it's time for the Afghan government and their Western allies to once again champion women's leading role in Afghanistan's future," Oxfam country director John Watt said.

The report said that the new government was likely to work toward a formal political process with the Taliban and it warned that the price of peace must not be women's rights.

"Certain rights may prove dispensable, in what are likely to be hard-fought and protracted efforts to reach a peace agreement," it said.

Hamid Karzai, president from 2001-2014, began preliminary talks with the Taliban but they collapsed acrimoniously last year in a diplomatic dispute over the militants' office in Doha, Qatar.

The Afghan constitution guarantees women equality, the right to work and the right to education, but legislation such as the flagship 2009 Elimination of Violence Against Women law has been poorly implemented.

NATO combat operations will finish at the end of this year, with a training and support mission taking over in 2015.

- AFP

TOKYO

Japanese man sues all-female university

A YOUNG Japanese man who was rejected by an all-women university where he wanted to study nutrition is suing the college over alleged gender discrimination.

In what is believed to be the first case in Japan challenging the constitutionality of a publicly run women's university, the man is seeking a ruling that would allow him to take an entrance exam at Fukuoka Women's University, the *Asahi Shimbun* reported on November 26.

"Not allowing men to take the exam violates Article 14 of the constitution which proclaims equality before the law," said the man, who was not identified in the report. He also wants 500,000 yen (US\$4200) compensation.

Kyodo News cited his lawyer as saying, "In the past, women's universities had the role of giving preferential

treatment to women who had fewer opportunities for education, but that role is no longer necessary."

Earlier in November, the plaintiff applied to the department of food and health sciences at the university for a course that would result in a dietitian's licence, a nationally recognised qualification, the reports said.

Fukuoka Women's University was the only public institution in the area to offer the course, and the young man could not afford to apply to a private college, the *Asahi* reported.

A university official declined to comment on the specific case, but added, "Generally speaking if we receive an application from a man we refuse to accept it."

"We have 91 years of history as a women's university with the mission of educating the next generation of female leaders, and this remains

unchanged to this day," the spokesperson said.

The university's website shows the majority of professors who teach there are male, as is the institution's president.

An education ministry official in charge of university entrance examinations said, "Each university has the right to set exam conditions and establish goals for the kind of education they offer."

Japan's record on gender equality is not good, with its highly educated women vastly underemployed, amid charges of entrenched and institutionalised sexism.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has made raising the profile of women in the workforce a key part of his wider bid, dubbed Abenomics, to revive the world's number-three economy.

- AFP

KATHMANDU

‘World’s biggest’ animal sacrifice begins

HINDU devotees were last week preparing for the world’s largest animal sacrifice festival which was due to begin in a remote corner of Nepal on November 28.

Thousands of animals were expected to be killed in the two-day Gadhimai festival, despite protests by animal rights activists who say the butchering of animals ranging from buffaloes to rats in the village of Bariyapur amounts to mass cruelty.

The festival, which takes place every five years, sees hundreds of thousands of worshippers from India and Nepal flock to Bariyapur’s temple in the hope of appeasing the Hindu goddess of power.

An estimated 300,000 animals, including chickens, ducks, pigeons and pigs, had their heads chopped off or throats slit during the last festival in 2009, making it the world’s biggest sacrifice of animals at any one site.

According to legend, the first sacrifices in Bariyapur were conducted several centuries ago when the Hindu goddess Gadhimai appeared to a prisoner in a dream and asked him to establish a temple to her.

When he awoke, his shackles had fallen open and he was able to leave the prison and build the temple, where he sacrificed animals to give thanks.

The practice of ritual sacrifice has a long history in the conservative, largely Hindu Himalayan nation.

“There are people who say we shouldn’t sacrifice animals, but we have our beliefs,” Gopal Adhikari, a 36-year-old civil servant who is offering up a

goat to be slaughtered this year said.

“I had asked Gadhimai to help solve property complications of my family and she granted my wish” at a previous festival.

Local priest Mangal Chaudhary, who says he is the 10th generation of his family to serve at the temple, says the number of devotees is increasing.

“We don’t force anyone to sacrifice ... People come of their own free will,” Mr Chaudhary said.

But activists say organisers’ main motivation is making money, accusing them of increasing the number of sacrifices so they can sell the meat.

“There is nothing spiritual or religious about this. It is all a money game,” Gauri Maulekhi, from India’s People for Animals group said.

Unlicensed traders and pilgrims who cross the porous border are responsible for supplying some 70 percent of the buffaloes sacrificed, according to temple authorities.

Around 70 people have been arrested and 1410 animals seized by Indian authorities since the court’s decision in October, according to local police.

While some locals say the festival is an integral part of their history, others say it is a source of distress.

Pawan Kumar Byayut, who lives in the neighbouring village of Kalaiya, said it was a “disturbing experience”.

“The grounds are bloody after the sacrifice. The air carries a strange stench, I can smell it even from my home ... it gets difficult to breathe,” he said.

Gopal Adhikari, who also lives



A devotee slaughters a buffalo as an offering in Bariyapur village, Nepal, on November 24, 2009. Photo: AFP

in Kalaiya, acknowledged that pools of blood could be seen around the temple but said, “It doesn’t affect the people, we are used to it here.” Mr Adhikari, will himself join in the sacrifice.

A campaign to ban the festival has attracted support from British actress Joanna Lumley and French movie leg-

end Brigitte Bardot.

Rights activists have taken up positions along parts of the border in an attempt to dissuade worshippers crossing over. But the activists have themselves been accused of trampling over tradition.

“I am not in favour of the random

slaughter of animals but we have to be sensitive to the historical and cultural aspects” of the festival, Subhash Ghimire, editor in chief of *Republica* newspaper, said.

“I have never seen such an outcry for Thanksgiving. Why is the reaction so different?” – AFP

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Taxidermy can be a smelly job, has used his skills to preserve that have died at the Yangon Z

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THERE'S an awful smell in taxidermist U Baw Than's workplace. Mounted on shelves and walls are a variety of stuffed specimens, including a squirrel, a bear, a kangaroo, a deer head and several species of birds. On the worktable sits a large, pale-yellow lion.

The female feline recently died of ill health at Yangon Zoological Garden, and the smell was coming from the box in which its bones had been preserved. U Baw Than seemed inured to the foul odour as he confined his attention to putting the finishing touches on his most recent work of taxidermy.

"I need to finish stuffing an animal within three days of its death. Otherwise its fur slowly comes off," U Baw Than said.

The countdown has always been the challenge during the 40 years that U Baw Than has worked for the zoo. No one else in Myanmar shares the depth of his knowledge about taxidermy or has shown such dedication to this profession that makes a quiet yet important contribution to the nation's public institutions and education.

When he began to practise his art at the age of 18, he used knives to skin the dead animal; sunlight to dry the skin; iron bars, sawdust and rags for mounting; and shoe needles to sew it all together. He still uses these old methods and materials. There's been no development due to lack of technical and financial help.

But poverty of equipment has not hindered U Baw Than from doing his best. Examples of his handiwork - a lion, a tiger, a giraffe, a zebra, a five-decade-old pangolin and an orangutan - are on display at the Natural History Museum on the zoo's premises. The museum has a collection of 77 stuffed mammals, birds and reptiles crammed into glass cases.

"I need the right tools to save a lot of elbow grease," he said. "When an animal dies in the zoo, it's sent to my department. If it is rare and has beautiful fur or feathers, I immediately take the skin off and prepare it to stuff, mount and sew."

If it is a lion, tiger or deer, it isn't much trouble to get the job done in three or four days with the help of his three pupils. But it's too much like hard work if a giant mammal like a giraffe dies.

"Without sleep, we have to skin and stuff it night and day," he said. "I can take time to fix

artificial eyes and colour the figure later."

Except for elephants, the zoo stuffs every animal that dies when the skin and coat are in good condition, and are not marred by sores or bald patches due to ill health.

"The elephant is too heavy to carry, and we don't have any machine to skin it or any method to stuff it," U Baw Than said.

During the four decades of his career at the zoo, his work has never been promoted as an art. He has never been sent abroad for further training or to visit the workshops of other experts.

"It's just a process of trial and error," he said, explaining how he learned his craft.

U Baw Than contrasted his situation to that of taxidermists in different countries. Elsewhere, craftsmen have electric motors to thin the skin and chemical substances to varnish it. Mannequins of all kinds of animals and heads are available to be dressed for lifelike results.

"The skin is like a light fabric when it is thinned by a motor. They just stretch and sew the skin over [the model] so they have an exact copy of the animal as it appeared in the wild," he said. "They can take a month or much longer to stuff an animal. Since I don't have such modern methods and equipment, I have to rush before the fur is damaged."

In the past, teachers from university zoology departments brought students to learn taxidermy under him, but this practise was no longer encouraged when those teachers retired from work.

As taxidermy requires perseverance, artistry and a hobby-like love of the work, it is hard for U Baw Than to find an apprentice to whom he can pass his skills. Apart from the three pupils who are zoo staff and have been helping him for years, he has not found anybody keen to learn.

"The art fails to attract because we still lag far behind other taxidermists in using modern methods," he said. "The art is very valuable. If there is no taxidermy in Myanmar, all the rare animals that live in our zoos will be buried when they die, and no record will be left for the public to learn from."

Because he is the only taxidermy expert in Myanmar,

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but for 40 years U Baw Than
the bodies of animals
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he is often invited to stuff animals at the zoo in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay. Recently, he stuffed two giraffes that died in the zoo in Nay Pyi Taw. The giraffes were brought to Yangon to display at the Natural History Museum. “I often rush to Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay to stuff when the beautiful and rare animals in those zoos die,” he said.

It is little wonder that there is a lack of taxidermists, as U Baw Than was the only pupil of the deceased artist U Hla Shwe, who learned the art in India.

In 1966, a foreign Christian missionary came to Taunggyi in Shan State. He was skilled at taxidermy and loved Myanmar’s native birds. He wanted to bring these birds to his home country, and he asked the Forestry Department for permission to do so.

The department granted his request on the condition that he teach the art to a local forester. He agreed. The student was U Hla Sein, who then went to India with the missionary to study the art.

“When [U Hla Sein] returned from India, he started to practise taxidermy and opened museums in Taunggyi and Pyin Oo Lwin,” U Baw Than said.

One day, U Hla Sein’s masterpieces were found by officials from the zoology department, and he was employed to work in Yangon’s Natural History Museum, which was founded in 1964. Back then there were no stuffed animals on display.

“When U Hla Sein arrived at Yangon Zoo, I was 18 years old. My father was part of the staff at the zoo and wanted me to study under him,” he said.

U Baw Than started helping him as an apprentice, and when he saw the way U Hla Sein prepared an animal and gave it a posture that was true to life, it prompted him to acquire deeper knowledge.

“The first animal that I stuffed was a parakeet. I did my best but it was painfully disfigured. But I was pleased to see the finished model,” he said.

He learned by his mistakes, trying various means until he achieved the desired results.

“I enjoy each process of taxidermy,” he said, “but seeing the finished piece is my most enjoyable time. If the animal that I stuffed is beautiful and has the correct figure, I feel very pleased.”

U Baw Than is indispensable to the zoos in Myanmar, but the artist who often deals with nauseating smells earns just K200,000 a month – no real motive for his long service. For him, the impact of his work is satisfying enough.

“You will see a stuffed orangutan in the museum, but you will no longer see a living orangutan in the zoo,” he said. “Only the taxidermist can express a history of those animals in an artistic way. That’s why I take pride in my work.”



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U Baw Than, taxidermist



Prisoner for a day at Suvarnabhumi Airport

A Myanmar journalist on her way to Germany finds herself terminally frustrated by the unhelpful attitudes of airline representatives in Bangkok

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THE Thai immigration official at Suvarnabhumi Airport in Bangkok indicated that everyone in my group should board the plane – everyone, that is, except for one person.

Unfortunately, that one person was me.

I was part of a group of nine Myanmar journalists who had been invited to attend a workshop on elections and human rights, organised by *Die Tageszeitung* newspaper in Berlin, Germany, from October 25 to November 3.

We had left Yangon on the morning of Friday, October 24, and flown to Bangkok, where we were meant to transit to a flight to Amsterdam and then to Berlin.

We had all been given Schengen

airport staff member that Bangkok Airways, with whom we had flown from Yangon, would help me change my flight.

I walked 30 minutes through the airport to reach the Bangkok Airways ticket counter. While I waited for someone to help me, I sent an email to the workshop organisers in Berlin explaining my situation.

and then she disappeared for another half-hour. When she returned, she said I could not possibly board a flight to Europe until after midnight because of my visa.

She suggested that the best course of action, given my current situation, would be to return to Yangon. She added that I might be arrested by Thai airport police if I did not return

Unfortunately, boarding had already started for the flight, and it would take me 20 minutes to reach the terminal even if I ran.

Once again I appealed to Bangkok Airways for assistance, and once again they proved completely useless.

I asked if they could call Malaysia Airlines and tell them to hold the plane for a few minutes. Instead, a Bangkok Airways staff member launched into a long-winded explanation about how they could not allow me to board any flight leaving Thailand that night because they could be blamed if anything went wrong.

Exasperated, I left the ineffectual ticket counter behind and ran for the Malaysia Airlines gate. Unfortunately, my luggage remained in the clutches of Bangkok Airways, but there was nothing I could do about that now.

I reached the gate and went to the ticket counter. They said I had to pay a fee of US\$120 to get my ticket. As I was taking the money out of my purse, two staff members informed me that I was already too late – the door to the plane had been closed and no one else could board.

Yes, that's right – it was the second flight I had been denied that day.

Downhearted, I dragged my feet to the nearest Wi-Fi access point and sent another email to Germany. They responded immediately, encouraging me not to be depressed and asking that I check my email every 10 minutes while they made plans for yet another flight.

Hungry and thirsty from running here and there, I found a place to eat dinner. Checking my email, I saw that another flight had been arranged on Turkish Airlines, this one leaving at 11:45pm and stopping at Istanbul on the way to Berlin.

An online ticket had been sent to my email. I saved the ticket on my memory stick and went to the Turkish Airlines counter. The Thai woman there subjected me to a long interrogation: What was the purpose of my trip? Did I have an invitation letter from the organisation? Where was my return ticket? Did I have life insurance? Where would I be staying in Berlin?

She then asked me to step aside and wait while she helped the two passengers behind me. Then she told me her airline did not want to download the ticket from my memory stick.

I left the counter and found a place where I could print documents from my memory stick. I had to wait 20 minutes because the person staffing the counter was busy talking on the phone. When she put my memory stick in her computer, she said she could not find to file for the airline tickets. I had to find it for her, and I had to pay 30 baht (\$1) for the printouts.

I went to the Turkish Airlines check-in counter and showed my ticket. They asked for my return ticket, explaining that they would not allow me to board with only a one-way ticket to Berlin.

At that point my anger overflowed. I glared at the Thai woman and told her to stop asking foolish questions. I said I would file a complaint against

her if I missed the flight. I demanded to talk to her superior.

She called her supervisor with whom she had a brief conversation in Thai language. Then she gave me my boarding pass, but made it clear that she did so reluctantly.

I left her behind as quickly as I could and ran to the terminal to board the plane. The flight took off only moments after I boarded.

The flight to Berlin took more than 10 hours, but after the traumatic 12 hours I had spent at Suvarnabhumi Airport, I was unable to sleep at all. I spent the entire time going back and forth in my mind between feeling angry at nearly every airline official I had encountered at the airport, and blaming myself for my lack of confidence in dealing with such unhelpful people. – *Translation by Thae Thae Htwe and Thiri Min Htun*

'Exasperated, I left the ineffectual ticket counter behind and ran for the Malaysia Airlines gate. Unfortunately, my luggage remained in the clutches of Bangkok Airways, but there was nothing I could do about that now.'



A woman from Bangkok Airways finally arrived. She looked at my tickets, told me to wait and disappeared for about 30 minutes. When she returned, she apologised and said she could not help me. She suggested that I contact KLM to arrange a new flight to Amsterdam.

I called KLM. After 30 minutes on the phone with them, I was told that the flight on the following day (Saturday) was full, and the route was not offered on Sundays. On top of that, all KLM ticket counters were closed on weekends.

After I hung up the phone, I asked the woman from Bangkok Airways how her airline could help me. She said she would talk to her supervisor,

home that day.

I was surprised by her strange words and explained that I was not visiting Thailand, but merely transiting at the airport, so there was no reason for me to be arrested.

The Bangkok Airways woman then told me not to leave Suvarnabhumi, but said all food and lodging expenses accrued during my involuntary airport residency would be my own responsibility. I said I understood. Frustrated, I left the ticket counter to take a walk around the airport.

I checked my email about an hour later. The German organisers had sent me a message saying that they had bought me a new ticket on Malaysia Airlines that would fly to Germany via Malaysia.

visas for travel in Europe. The problem was, everyone else in the group had visas dated October 24, but for some reason mine had been designated as starting on October 25.

Thai immigration therefore would not allow me to board the plane one day earlier than my visa allowed.

The other journalists boarded the KLM plane and left for Europe. Once I was alone, I was told by an

STRANGE LANDS

Scam city:

A traveller's travails in pickpocket haven Barcelona



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VISITING a foreign country can be fun, exciting and rewarding, but it can also put travellers in a position where they are vulnerable to being cheated by dishonest locals.

I have been to several countries in Asia, but it took a trip to Europe for me to experience what it feels like to be targeted by one of these scam artists.

It all started when I became the sole journalist from Myanmar to get invited to the 45th World Conference on Lung Health, scheduled to be held in Barcelona, Spain, from October 28 to November 1.

I was also asked to arrive a few days early to participate in a three-day media training seminar. I jumped at the chance.

I was worried about the long journey from Myanmar to Spain, but my family gave me good advice on how to avoid missing my connecting flights in Bangkok and Frankfurt.

I made it to Barcelona just fine. On the first couple of days I woke very early because I was still operating

on Yangon time. The weather was pleasant, and every morning from my hotel window I could see young locals out exercising on foot, on bicycles and on skates.

I learned a lot from the experts who led the three-day training seminar. For lunch each day I went to a Chinese restaurant near the conference hall because I could not stomach the bread and cheese supplied by the organiser.

Aside from my lunchtime excursions, I never strayed too far from the hotel by myself because I wanted to avoid dangerous situations. I missed Myanmar food and speaking my own language, but otherwise everything went smoothly during the training.

But things took a turn for the worse on the first day of the World Conference on Lung Health, which was held at the same venue as the training seminar.

On that day, I was sitting on a bench outside the conference hall with Sheila from the Philippines. It was 10am, and we were taking photographs while we waited for the start of a seminar on child

tuberculosis. I had two bags with me – one for my laptop and another for everything else – and Sheila had one bag.

Suddenly a local man on a bicycle stopped nearby and called out to me, indicating that he needed help of some kind. When I approached, he spoke to me in words I could not understand. Then Sheila came over and also tried to talk to the man.

He suddenly stopped talking and pedalled away on his bicycle. At that same moment, we remembered we had left our bags on the bench, but in that brief time two of them had already been stolen. The only thing left behind was my laptop bag.

We called security at the conference hall, but they said they couldn't do anything because the incident had occurred outside the building. They called the police for us, who told us to go to the nearest police station and file a report.

No one at the station spoke good English, so we had to wait until 5pm for a translator to arrive. Still, the report was written in Spanish. I was given a copy to take to my embassy,

because among many other things that were in my stolen bag, I had lost my passport.

The problem was that Myanmar has no embassy in Spain. The nearest one is in Paris, France, more than 1000 kilometres (620 miles) away. At the same time, I could not fly back to Myanmar without my passport.

I was able to contact the Myanmar embassy in Paris by telephone. They told me not to worry, that I could travel by train from Spain to France without a passport. Once in Paris, they would issue a new passport so I could return to Yangon.

The embassy in Paris helped relieve my fears, but because of this incident I ended up missing most of the World Conference on Lung Health.

I also felt bad for Sheila, who lost most of her money when her bag was stolen. The Philippine embassy also cancelled her travel documents, so she was unable to follow her plan to travel to Paris after the conference, despite the fact that she had already spent money on flights and hotel bookings. She had to stay

in Barcelona during the time she was supposed to go to Paris.

Barcelona is well known for its food, drink and exciting nightlife, but it has also been identified on the World Nomads website as the "pickpocket capital of the world".

"The crooks [in Barcelona] often work in groups, preying on distracted and disoriented tourists. One hand captures your attention while the other rifles through your bag," the website says.

The security men at the conference hall said our incident was the fourth such problem reported during the conference. Although they could not help us, their eyes showed that they felt sorry about what had happened. Maybe they realised that while I had expected to have a happy time in Barcelona, the episode had ruined my impression of the city.

Being victimised by European thieves also taught me a valuable lesson: Always research your travel destination ahead of time so you know what to look out for, and always be very careful with your bags whenever and wherever you travel.



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Mandalay headmaster leads by example

Charismatic educator says English skills and critical thinking create good citizens

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ANYONE who attends the morning assembly at Basic Education High School 31 on 58th Street in Mandalay's Chan Mya Tharsi township will notice something strange: The students are actually happy to be there.

Standing in the sunny courtyard with 3120 students aged five to 15, headmaster U Than Nyo invites a group of students to join him on the stage.

He asks questions in English, and the students answer in kind illustrating to the assembly the importance that the headmaster places on English skills.

"English is very important for every person," U Than Nyo told *The Myanmar Times* in a recent interview.

"When the government sent me to Singapore in 2006, it was to attend a 'leaders in education' program. If I want to improve my life, and if my country wants to improve our lives, we must know how to speak English."

A clean-cut man, U Than Nyo is popular with students and teachers alike at the school.

"Here we must lead by example. The first example is the headmaster," he said. "When I was young I wanted to be a good teacher. Now my dream has come true."

U Than Nyo, 57, is the fourth of seven children in a family of farmers from the village of Pin Kying in Pin Le Bu township, northern Sagaing Region. He grew up among the Katu and Kanan people who live in the hills near his home village.

His own educational journey was

marked by fine teachers who helped him on his way. His first school was in Pin Kying, where a teacher named U Kyaw Sein made a big impression.

In middle school, a teacher named U Tin Too contributed to his knowledge.

"He taught me the history of Myanmar," U Than Nyo said.

When he passed fourth standard, he moved to another school in the same township where another teacher, U Thein Aung, helped and encouraged him.

When he was 14 years old and in eighth standard, U Than Nyo joined the Academy for the Development of National Groups (ADNG), located on the banks of the Ayeyarwady River near the town of Sagaing.

"That school gave me a lot of knowledge and habits. They treated me as their own son," he said.

After four years he obtained a matriculation certificate and was appointed assistant primary school teacher. He worked in a number of small villages, progressing along the way to primary teacher, junior teacher and then senior teacher before becoming the principal of a middle school in Pin Le Bu District.

In 2007 he transferred to Mandalay where he lived and worked at BEMS 21 until he was promoted to high school principal and reassigned to Kyaukse from 2011 to 2013.

Last year, U Than Nyo arrived at BEHS 31. Since then the school has transformed.

One of 34 schools in Chan Mya Tharsi township, BEHS 31 stands out, according to township education officers U Soe Myint and U Aung Kyeeg, both of whom joined the discussion during the visit by *The Myanmar Times*.



U Than Nyo chats with students at Basic Education High School 31 Chan Mya Tharsi in Mandalay. Photo: Stuart Alan Becker

'The most important songs we sing are songs about nature. I open their minds to critical thinking, not learning by rote. We show the students a good road by reading and speaking with each other'

U Than Nyo
BEHS 31 Chan Mya Tharsi

"I see this man as an outstanding principal," said U Aung Kyeeg.

On a budget of only K16 million (US\$16,000) a year, U Than Nyo makes BEHS 31 shine using donations to the school's board of trustees from local businesspeople.

The chair of that board, U Soe Naing, praised U Than Nyo for his leadership in improving the school's main gate.

"The trustees help find people to donate," he said.

Another example of U Than Nyo's ability to stretch the budget as far as possible with support from local businesses is a new building with a downstairs assembly hall capable of holding up to 400 students. The concrete is freshly in place and the smell of the new paint lingers in the air.

"I have been a teacher for 37 years and I'm happy because of my pupils," U Than Nyo said. "I'm not rich by money, but I'm rich by spirit and I'm very satisfied in my life."

And whether the students are impoverished or wealthy, U Than Nyo treats them all the same.

"Poor or rich, we don't discriminate. We educate them to be brave and honest, and to be good citizens," he said.

As he grows older, the students who put the biggest smile on his face are kindergarteners because he sees the introduction of critical thinking at an early age as making a big difference in their lives.

"I give them good ideas. When we have spare time on weekends and holidays, we take the students to Mandalay Hill or Sagaing Hill and explain things to them like natural resources, including the Ayeyarwady River," he said.

"The most important songs we sing are songs about nature. I open their minds to critical thinking, not learning by rote. We show the students a good road by reading and speaking with each other, and through excursions and school activities."

His sincerity is evident as he speaks about the students and the school.

"I want them to be brave. I want them to be good citizens. I want them to become successful persons in their respective lives," he said.

"I teach them to love my country, my motherland. When I do that at morning assemblies, discipline is systematic. Everybody sings our national song with their heart and soul."

U Than Nyo also stresses other core values, such as love of mother and father, and love of school.

The trips to places like Mandalay Hill allow the students to learn about the history of their homeland.

"I give them lectures and experiences outside their school," he said.

U Than Nyo sees the human resource of young students as the key to the future of Myanmar.

"We have plenty of natural resources but we are not great yet in economics. We must change the human resource, the ability and the quality, the physical and mental tendency toward good nature, to become a beautiful heart," he said.

"I do this for my country. This is my duty. Teachers are very important to develop my country. If the teachers have good nature, students will have good nature."

National Orchestra celebrates diplomatic relations between Myanmar and Japan

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THE Myanmar National Symphony Orchestra will perform alongside two classical musicians from Japan at the National Theatre in Yangon on December 2.

The concert is part of a series of cultural events being held this year to mark the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Myanmar and Japan.

The Japanese musicians performing at the concert are conductor, composer and cellist Yunosuke Yamamoto and his pianist wife Kyoko Koyama. They have been in Myanmar since March, during which time they have held four 10-day training workshops with the Myanmar National Symphony Orchestra.

"I had lots of difficulties while giving lessons to the Myanmar orchestra, but I have enjoyed the

moments when the players suddenly improved," Mr Yamamoto said.

Mr Yamamoto's father, who is also a conductor and composer, is also no stranger to Myanmar, having written the music for the 1985 remake of the 1956 film *Burma no Tategato* (The Burmese Harp).

The Myanmar National Symphony Orchestra was founded in 2001 and consists of more than 60 musicians who are trained to perform Western classical music.

"The orchestra has not captured the attention of Myanmar audiences, especially young people, so this concert will help introduce the orchestra to the public," said U Toe Kyaw, director of Myanmar Radio and Television's music division.

"It is such a pleasure for our orchestra to cooperate with the two Japanese musicians, and the concert will promote friendly relations between our two countries."

He said the orchestra plans to

hold another concert next year with the aim of bringing classical music to local audiences.

This week's concert will be more than two hours long and will consist of at least 10 songs, including some well-known classic songs of Myanmar; pop tunes such as "Yaung Pae Sue", "Shwe O Zi" and "Latti"; remixed classical songs; and international movie theme songs.

The concert is free and will be broadcast live on MRTV-4.

Myanmar hosts ASEAN Disabled Art Festival

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THE Myanmar Disabled Organisation will host the ASEAN Disabled Art Festival in Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw from December 3 to 7.

U Aung Ko Myint, the festival's operation director, said the aim of the event was to "showcase the artistic abilities of disabled people for the public".

"Some people think disabled people can't do the things that a normal person can do, so we want this festival to change their perceptions," he said.

"It's possible that a new star will emerge from this festival, because

anyone can be a star, whether they're disabled or not. The participants in this festival can be happy with their efforts and their artistic creations."

U Aung Ko Myint said the organisation held the Myanmar Disabled Art Festival in October 2013, but this time they are inviting participation from the 10 ASEAN member countries.

"The biggest problem for us while arranging the festival was making contact with people in other countries, so there were some delays," he said.

The festival will showcase various art forms, including street dancing, singing, Myanmar traditional dancing, Myanmar traditional orchestra and wheelchair dancing.

"We also created some short films and documentaries about disabled people, which we directed ourselves. We will also screen these at the festival," U Aung Ko Myint said.

The opening ceremony will take place at the Myanmar International Convention Centre in Nay Pyi Taw on December 3 from 6pm to 10pm.

The main events will be held at Minder Ground on Myoma Kyaung Road in Yangon from December 5 to 7, from 3pm to 11pm daily.

Free tickets for the festival can be collected at the following locations: Kyeemyindaing School for the Blind (Pann Pin Gyi Street, Kyeemyindaing township), Myanmar Disabled Organisation (17 Tharyar Aye Street, Mayangone township), Shwe Min Thar Foundation (Room B/104, 797 Bogyoke Street, Lanmadaw township) and Happy Zone Playground (People's Park).

U Aung Ko Myint

Festival operation director

'Some people think disabled people can't do the things that a normal person can do'

What's on

DECEMBER 1 - 7

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ART

Nov 22-Dec 2 "The Miniature the Beauty." Work by U Thet Nyunt and U Maung Maung Thein (Patheingyi), River Ayeyarwaddy Gallery, 134 35th Street, middle block, Kyauktada, 9am-5pm

Nov 22-Dec 13 "Renovation Plan." Work by artist Kaung Su, TS1 Gallery, between Lanthit Jetty and Kaing Dan Jetty No 1, Oo Pa Sa Street, Seikkan, 10am-5pm

Dec 3-4 "From Myanmar With Love." Photography collection by Maria Verli, Union Bar and Grill, 42 Strand Road, 5:30-8pm

Dec 2-7 "4 Degree Celsius" by four artists, Min Thit Kyi, Ye Man, Ye Hnaung and Banyar Lwin, Gallery 65, 65, Yaw Min Gyi Road, 10am-6pm

FILM

Start times at Mingalar (1, 2), Top Royal, 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 Pya are 10am, 12:30pm, 3:30pm, 6:30pm and 9:30pm.

Nay Pyi Taw Cinema, near Sule Pagoda
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay (Part 1). Directed by Francis Lawrence. Katniss destroys the games and goes to District 13.

Big Hero 6. Directed by Don Hall. A robotics prodigy falls into a criminal plot.
Fury. Directed by David Aye. A World War II flick starring Brad Pitt.

Mingalar Cinema 1, near Thein Gyi Zay, Latha
Happy New Year. Directed by Farah Khan. An Indian caper in which a team of "losers" carry off a diamond heist.

Mingalar Cinema 2, at Dagon Center 2, Myinigone
Big Hero 6.

Shae Shaung Cinema, Sule Pagoda Road, Kyauktada
Ouija. Directed by Stiles White. This American supernatural horror film will scare the pants off of you.

Happy New Year.

Junction Square Cineplex, Kamaryut
Sifu vs Vampire. Directed by Daniel Chan. A Hong Kong comedy horror film following the wacky hi-jinks of old Mr Vampire.

Junction Mawtin, Lanmadaw
Sifu vs Vampire.

Mingalar San Pya Cineplex, Phone Gyi Street and Anawrahta, Lanmadaw
Ouija.

The Hunger Games: Mockingjay (Part 1).

MUSIC

Sept 5-Dec 31 Live Music. Thiripitsaya Sky Bistro, 20th Floor, Sakura Tower, 7-10pm

Dec 1 Monday Blues. Mojo Bar, 135 Inya Road, Bahan, 9:30-11:30pm

Dec 2 Myanmar National Symphony Orchestra Concert 2014. The orchestra performs with Japanese musicians at the National Theatre, Myoma Kyaung Road, Dagon, 6pm

Dec 3 Live Music, 50th Street Bar, 9/13 50th Street, Botahtaung, 8pm

MISC

Dec 1 World AIDS Day event. Health discussions, performances and plays from local organisations. Excel Tower, 1-5pm. Free entrance. For more information contact 660-948 or 664-952.

Dec 2 Gallery conversation and drinks. Pansodan Gallery, 289 Pansodan Street, Kyauktada, 7pm-late

Dec 4 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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Landscape in Kayin State. Photo: Yu Yu

The legends of dreamy Mawlamyine

Mon and Kayin states prove fertile ground for stories and folktales whose contradictory versions only enhance their appeal, writes **Catherine Trautwein**

SOME cities – to paraphrase American poet Walt Whitman – are so much story to the square inch. So it is with Mawlamyine, where the histories locals told me were rich with drama and colour. Like a composite Scheherazade, the Mon State capital's sites spun tales of ancient kings, religious martyrs, even sparks flying at an old pagoda on the top of the town.

While most seemed rooted in religious doctrine and tradition, sometimes the truth of the related tales proved as malleable as the oldest and best fairytales, unimpeded by reality or dry and dusty fact.

My first morning in Mawlamyine was spent outside the city proper. A half-hour drive took my travelling partner and me to Win Sein Taw Ya, the home of a statue trumpeted as the world's largest reclining Buddha image. Our guide – a monk looking fly in his maroon robes with a toothpick gripped between his teeth – picked us up in a comfortable white sedan and drove through short switchbacks

to the statue. Inside, he spoke in Myanmar language but didn't seem to be explaining much, judging by the reaction of my local companions.

Instead, the Buddha's innards furnished a narrative. One hundred and eighty-two rooms feature scenes from the Buddha's life and other religious stories. Most captivating were depictions of Buddhist hell. Gory, fire-and-brimstone tableaux depict bare-chested women and men stewing in hot coals, gruesome demonic pincers gouging out a man's eyes, and a horned demon tending a cauldron full of screaming people. In a strangely modern twist, one figure wears jean shorts.

The afternoon took a lighter turn back at our accommodations in Mawlamyine. Cinderella Hotel, well known among those who seek inexpensive respite, is an unofficially Disney-fied resort. Service was not only impeccable but also whimsical: the bell hops wore white gloves, my complimentary European-style breakfast (two eggs sunnyside up, sausage, French fries and a few

veggies) was plated in the shape of a smile, and a waiter taught us how to fold our napkins into "tuxedos".

Our stay was a dream – but even in fairytales some characters tell a different side of the story. In the hotel guestbook, we noted a sprawling two-page handwritten spread: "Because of the family-type environment and atmosphere, I started teasing with fellow workers ... I have heard very degrading bad rumour about me from all female workers, and spreading dishonouring words," wrote Dan, evidently an unhappy guest at the hotel. "They called [me] 'HNAR BUU [womanizer],'" he wrote.

"I truly need clean, sincere apology from all female workers," Dan concluded. One wonders what kind of teasing he engaged in.

That same friendly, attentive staff gave us a map and helpful recommendations on which local sites to visit.

Our first destination: the top of the city, and a vague point at its peak called "the vista", which was to offer gorgeous views of the town below.

We tramped up Wut Kyi Phayar Street, aiming for higher ground. At Upper Main Road, we crossed and found ourselves at the foot of a forlorn, overgrown staircase with wide steps and an aura of having been there forever. We started up, and surprised two paramours cuddling in the privacy of a corner. Offering our apologies, we continued on and to the left, past religious monuments and a hill monastery where young monks played soccer.

Always we were looking for "the vista" until we came to a place so beautiful I didn't care if we'd come upon it or not.

Kyaik Tha Lan is supposed to be Rudyard Kipling's "old Moulmein Pagoda, lookin' lazy at the sea". In that poem the imperial bard explains that there's a Burmese girl a'settin on the pagoda's steps, and he knows she's thinking of him.

To me, that line now seems presumptuous. The Mon pagoda – first constructed in the year 875 under King Muphi Raja and rising 45 metres (150 feet) tall – offers visitors a breathtaking view of Mawlamyine and the Thanlwin River, a view that only gets more gorgeous when the sun starts to yawn, spraying pink and blue light out from the horizon.

Reality does invade this dreamy picture, though, when visitors realise that an integral part of the view – a large, neat collection of buildings on the right-hand side – is a prison complex built under the British.

Sunsets are something of a specialty in Mawlamyine. After another spectacular one over the river the following evening, we found our way to a Shia mosque in town whose turrets glowed green against the darkening sky.

Having introduced ourselves to the Muslim women standing outside the door, we were quickly invited in for biryani. The worshippers were preparing for the remembrance of Ashura, the day the grandson of the prophet Muhammad was killed along with a small band of comrades in the Battle of Karbala.

We entered the mosque just before the men had finished worship. The group, comprising mostly teenagers, joined us from behind a partition and admirably contained their surprise at the presence of strangers.

They guarded their expressions with less success after one man, who

seemed to be "Dad" to at least a few of them, embarked on an expansive explanation about the holiday. He told us about the history of the battle, the deaths of the martyrs (neither children nor the elderly were spared) and the mosque's decorations. As he spoke, the teens smiled in a way that indicated we weren't the first to hear this man deliver a monologue.

We left with instructions from those gathered on how to participate in Ashura in downtown Yangon, an event we later attended that saw Shia Muslims self-flagellate, lashing themselves with blades.

The next day in Mawlamyine, we ventured across the border to Kayin State and Hpa-an, and stopped at a monastery donated by U Nar Auk. Inside the gates of the compound are small palace-like structures, some of which have interiors that glitter with what remains of gold leaf and shining stones inlaid throughout. The effect is one of having stumbled into a well-kept but very old pagoda, which isn't far off from the truth; one particular structure's origins date back at least 100 years.

That pagoda plays home to two companion but different-sized Buddha statues made of teak and skinned in gold. Their story was variously revealed to us by guides, monks and our taxi driver. The man at the front door of the house said the statues were each made from a trunk of teak, but a monk told us a more emotional story: The Buddhas were meant to represent the donor and his brother, and were made from the same teak tree.

That tale didn't hold up for long, though, as an English-speaking guide pointed out that the two statues were meant to represent the monastery's donor and his wife – or the previous and current Buddha, according to another source. We never did quite nail down the whole truth.

The best storytellers know the truth can be overrated. More important might be the feeling stories evoke – and in Mawlamyine, what resonated was the kindness of the people we met across pagodas, mosques, temples, shrines, churches and hotels.

Though I won't be submitting the histories I heard on the trip to any definitive guides of the city, you might catch me retelling them again and again – embellished every time.



Volunteers decorate a wire tree with fresh flowers at U Nar Auk Monastery. Photo: Yu Yu

PARIS

Koons ‘knew nothing’ about art

PASCALE MOLLARD-CHENEENOIT

HE may be the highest-selling artist alive, but on his first day at art school Jeff Koons had a crushing realisation: He “knew nothing” about the world he was about to join.

Today likened to pop art icon Andy Warhol, the now-59-year-old Koons was lucky to survive the bolt that hit him as a 17-year-old newcomer to the Maryland Institute College of Art.

“We went on a bus to see a great cubism collection. I didn’t know who Cézanne was, who Matisse was ... I didn’t grow up with that background,” the US mega-artist said ahead of a retrospective opening in Paris on November 26.

“When I was 17, I realised that I knew nothing about art.”

The Pennsylvania-born Koons had been taking drawing lessons since the tender age of five, and as a young teen was already copying works by the old masters, proudly displayed in the window of his father’s home decoration store.

But that did not stop the budding artist feeling utterly belittled by the history of art with a capital A.

“I survived that day but I think that a lot of people never survive that moment,” he said. “They become lost. They feel like it’s already too late for them to ever participate.”

Koons did more than survive; he went on to smash world auction records when his “Balloon Dog (Orange)” sold last year for US\$58.4 million – the most money for any work by a living artist and the most for a contemporary sculpture.

His fame extends beyond the art world, hitting the headlines for his colourful personal life and association with celebrities such as Lady Gaga, who made his art a centrepiece of her most recent album launch.

For three years in the early 1990s, he was married to Ilona Staller, a former Italian lawmaker and porn star widely known by her stage name Cicciolina, who once offered to have sex with now executed Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein to avert the first Gulf War.

It was this marriage that provided the inspiration for Koons’ most controversial work, “Made in Heaven”, a graphic depiction of the couple having sex that sparked outrage.

Keenly aware of his tricky first brush with high art, Koons says he wants to make his art “accessible through the experience of it ... which does not intimidate”.

“Not necessarily that I want my work to be popular but accessible,” explained the artist, today rivalled only by Britain’s Damien Hirst in commercial success.

“When I make an artwork, I want the viewers to feel that whatever their background, they never feel unworthy.”

He has been no stranger to criticism, including in France, where an exhibition in 2008 at the historic Palace of Versailles, featuring a bright red inflatable lobster and a spaceman-like silver “rabbit”, split opinion to say the least.

Does the artist feel misunderstood?

He replies cryptically, “I believe criticism and judgments prevent people from experiencing art.”

“I remember I made art magazine ads. In one of them I had myself photographed with a big pig and a baby big in my arms. I wanted to call myself a pig before anyone else could.”

The retrospective runs at the Pompidou Centre in Paris until April, when it then moves to the Guggenheim Museum in the Spanish city of Bilbao. It was previously displayed at the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York. – AFP

WEEKLY PREDICTIONS

DECEMBER 1 - 7, 2014

AQUARIUS | Jan 20 – Feb 18



Life is not a fairytale. Expecting the best but preparing for the worst is not an easy balancing act. Strive to find a happy

medium between being kind and considerate to others, while at the same time being kind and considerate to yourself. A little dose of perspective makes life easier to manage. In hindsight, most of the problems you think are disasters turn out to be blessings.

PISCES | Feb 19 – March 20



Get in the habit of exploring the dynamics of human relationships to better understand the potential and value of individuals and

individuality. Unravelling life’s mysteries and discovering life’s secrets is neither mysterious nor secretive. Your courage and determination can provide the foundation for your self-motivated pursuits. “Give” is an important word in your love life.

ARIES | Mar 21 – Apr 19



No person is wise enough by themselves. You can draw wisdom from other people’s experiences and thoughts, as well as from

your own. Nothing is more important than the manner in which you talk to yourself. You need to remind yourself where you are headed to keep your targets clearly in view. Your idea of success should never be confused with an idea of wealth.

TAURUS | Apr 20 – May 20



Learning is not attained by chance; it must be sought with ardour and attended to with diligence. Your mind must always be active, even

while you’re shaking hands and going through all the necessary motions of daily life. The human race is governed by its imagination. You must maintain an emotional commitment to your most important pursuits.

GEMINI | May 21 – June 20



The happiest lives are lived in accord with their own nature. Self-confidence is a prerequisite for great understanding. Rather than

doing things merely out of habit, pay attention to your actions to avoid making mistakes. People will respect you more when they see that you practise what you preach. You should be fair and consistent in action.

CANCER | June 21 – July 22



There is no top without a bottom and middle. Set high goals for yourself, but strive for them with

patience. Don’t abandon your initial goals prematurely, but always be ready to refine, redefine and renew. You need to cultivate the flexibility to change with a changing world. Use any success you attain to launch yourself onto the next quest for a new success.

LEO | July 23 – Aug 22



Set your goals by asking the simple question, “How can I best make my contribution to the world?” Use the

power of your imagination on a regular basis. Success is not the same thing as the lifestyle of the rich and famous. Forget phony formulas and proceed full speed ahead to pass through social interference. The only antidote to anger is eliminating the internal sentence.

VIRGO | Aug 23 – Sept 22



Acceptance is not a state of passivity or inaction. Make your life an active science through intellectual experimentation. Observe

your inner reactions to outer experiences, and maintain a good balance for mutual effectiveness. Whenever you encounter people of a contrary character, turn inward and examine yourself. Your soul should render honesty in emotional affairs.

LIBRA | Sept 23 – Oct 22



Problems provide the opportunity for you to do your best. Never give up your right to be wrong, because then you will lose

the ability to learn new things and move forward with your life. Determining your strengths and how best to make a contribution is your unending challenge. Quality of understanding and quality of humanity are elements of love.

SCORPIO | Oct 23 – Nov 21



Allow yourself shorter and shorter periods of “worry-time”. It is better to tolerate something familiar than to work at changing it,

because change is fraught with uncertainty. You are not just someone with potential, but someone with substance. You can count on being more valuable and stronger than you give yourself credit for. Love should always be in your heart and soul.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov 22 – Dec 21



No activity is beyond your potential. Get inspiration from the people who are regarded as geniuses and were spectacularly effective in their

lifetimes. Look at yourself with new eyes, and open yourself up to experiences that you never considered part of your own potential. Past experience is not a solid indicator of future performance.

CAPRICORN | Dec 22 – Jan 19



There is no psychological reward for anger. Learning to express your anger through courageous types of new behaviour is the best

reaction. You must be careful about sharing your wishes, possible plans or general feelings with those with whom you work. Performance has nothing to do with fate: The present leads to the future based on controllable factors.

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Great Day Out: UK past and present

FIONA MACGREGOR

THE historic environs of the British ambassador's residence in Yangon will be open to the public on December 7 as part of a day of celebrations aimed at raising awareness of the UK.

The Great Day Out event is part of the global "GREAT Britain" campaign, and will highlight historic and modern ties between the UK and Myanmar, with traditional British foods and garden party events.

Visitors will also get the chance to see the grounds of the British embassy residence, which date back to 1855 when the property was bought by George Swann, the first manager of the Irrawaddy Flotilla Company.

The central Belmont building would later serve as accommodation for the Burma Independence Army. In 1942, two of the country's most influential leaders, generals Aung San and Ne Win, shared a bedroom there, according to U Myint Thein, the embassy's estate officer.

In 1949 the site was purchased

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Andrew Patrick
British ambassador

by the British government for £70,000 to house then-ambassador Jim Bowker and his wife, and has been a residence for diplomatic staff ever since. For the past 18 months it has been home to current ambassador Andrew Patrick.

"It's very much living in a piece of history, and there are some fantastic stories about the house," he said ahead of the Great Day Out event.

"Because of the history [between Britain and Myanmar], people have an idea of what Britain used to be like here," he added. "The idea [of A Great Day Out] is to celebrate some of these traditions and at the same time promote what modern Britain really looks like."

Children from local monastic schools will attend the celebrations, which will feature a Peter Pan-themed treasure hunt, face painting and summer-fair sports activities, including a tug-of-war as well as an egg-and-spoon race.

Winners of the drawing contest on the Facebook page of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in Burma will attend as guests of honour and will be presented with certificates.



British ambassador Andrew Patrick stands at the entrance to the ambassador's residence in Yangon. Photo: Fiona MacGregor

Visitors will also be offered classic high-tea fare, including scones with cream and jam, and Victoria sponge.

Mr Patrick said the occasion, while having a traditional theme, also aims to highlight current activities.

"It is very important to project what Britain is today and not what it was 50 or 60 years ago," he said.

"That means modern technology and diversity. On the other hand, a lot of people ... quite like the idea of coming to this very traditional place."

"They've known it over the years and have certain expectations about

what it's going to be like, because people have certain ideas about what the British are like. The 'Great' campaign and the garden party with scones and Victoria sponge very much [fit with that] traditional image."

The event, which is sponsored by four British companies with a presence in Myanmar, will also highlight present-day links between Britain and Myanmar.

The UK currently spends around US\$100 million a year on development in Myanmar, and that figure will soon rise to \$130 million.

"At the moment that's [particularly] focused on health and rural development," Mr Patrick said, adding that there has also been increasing attention to education.

"We've got a very successful project which has put two native English speakers into almost all the education colleges in the country so the next generation of teachers will have good English-language skills, which means they will be able to pass that on to their pupils," he said.

"Obviously, that's not designed to have English take over. It's because English is a very useful commercial language if you want to do business."

However, the Great Day Out event is principally about fun, the organisers said.

"Last year's Great Britain week was enormously successful, and I look forward to welcoming guests, especially those less familiar with the UK, to come and enjoy themselves," Mr Patrick said. "It will be a lot of fun and a chance for families and friends to come together."

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British people love cucumber sandwiches on hot afternoons. The sandwiches are so refreshing, and they're an important part of the menu for afternoon tea. They taste great with salt and pepper, but being Burmese, I need something else to go along with them. Some Australian recipes use anchovy butter, so I made my own version using balachaung butter.

BALACHAUNG CUCUMBER SANDWICH

- Serves 6
- 6 slices white bread or whole-meal bread
 - 3-4 tbsp sweet balachaung or fried dried shrimp powder
 - 2-3 big cucumbers (hard and fresh)
 - Butter

Cut both ends of the cucumbers and peel the skin, then cut them into ribbons using a peeler.

Discard the seeds.
Lay the cucumber ribbons on kitchen paper to absorb the water.
Butter the bread, being generous with the butter but also careful to maintain the shape of the bread. Sprinkle 2 teaspoons of balachaung on the butter, then arrange the cucumber ribbons in three or four layers on one bread slice.
Sprinkle another teaspoon of balachaung on the cucumbers and top them with another piece of buttered bread.
Trim the edges of bread and cut the sandwich into the desired shapes.
Don't make these sandwiches too early; assemble them as a last-minute dish and serve at room temperature.
For the balachaung, you can buy readymade sweet fried dried shrimp powder packets from the supermarket. I use Shwe Pa Zun brand.

LAST week I received an email from a friend inviting our family to participate in the Great Day Out organised by the British embassy in Yangon on December 7. This will be a good chance to taste the scones for which Britain is famous, as well as to enjoy sandwiches and afternoon tea. Yum!

My friend also asked me to share my fusion recipes based on these famous British foods. I loved the idea!

I really enjoy English afternoon tea and everything that goes along with it: making the house look nice, and dressing up to have a tea party with your best mates. Sitting around eating and chit-chatting sounds so relaxing, but for the host there is always a bit of kitchen drama beforehand. Don't worry - there are always tricks for making it easier. Email me if you want to know more.

Making scones with my daughter is lots of fun. She loves baking, and scones are easy to make. As usual, though, some of the basic baking ingredients are not always easy to find in Myanmar, so you might need a bit of planning.

Thankfully, I've saved a few bags of self-rising flour for just such an emergency. Apparently, it's currently out of stock at a few supermarkets around town, but you might be able to find it at bakery supply stores.



Don't be tempted to substitute the lemon juice with lemonade, though, unless you have an imported brand you're familiar with.

BASIC SCONES

- 3 cups self-rising flour
- 300ml fresh milk
- 100g butter
- 2 tsp baking soda or sodium bicarbonate
- 2 tsp caster sugar
- 1 tbsp fresh lemon juice

Preheat the oven to 200-220C. Leave the butter at room temperature so it will mix easily with the flour. Mix the milk and lemon juice and set aside.

Add the flour through a sieve into mixing bowl. Form a well in the middle of the flour and add the butter. Using your fingertips, mash the butter into the flour until the mixture has the consistency of fine bread crumbs.

Make another well in the middle, and pour in the lemon juice and milk mixture. Then mix them well until they become doughy. Don't press too hard.

Transfer the dough onto a kitchen

bench that has been lightly dusted with flour. Knead the dough gently few times, then pat it lightly with your hands to form a flattened mass about 2-2.5cm high.

Use a cookie cutter or drinking glass to cut the dough into circles roughly 3cm in diameter. It should yield about 20 pieces.

Arrange them on baking tray lined with grease-proof paper, brush them with milk, and shove them in the oven and bake 10 minutes.

To check if they're ready, push a small skewer or toothpick into the scones and then remove it. If there is no sticky dough on the skewer, the scones are done.

Cool them on a wire rack, then serve with berry jam and cream.

To make vanilla cream, whip 250ml of thickened cream or whipped cream with 1 teaspoon of vanilla extract until the mixture becomes foamy and creamy.



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SP Gems hosted a promotional sale at its main branch on Pyay Road on November 21.



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"The Miniature the Beauty" Opening Ceremony

The opening ceremony of "The Miniature the Beauty" exhibition, featuring work by artists U Thet Nyunt and U Maung Maung Thein (Pathein), was held at River Ayeyarwaddy Gallery on November 22. The show continues through December 2.



Phyu Ei Thein



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Wedding Celebration

Myanmar Times senior business reporter Ko Zaw Htike held his wedding reception at Kyauk Se Hall in Bahan township on November 15.



Jaguar Gala Night

A gala dinner for Jaguar cars was held at the British ambassador's residence on November 11.



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The Social Enterprise Expo was held at Parkroyal Hotel on November 22.

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YANGON TO NAY PYI TAW				
Flight	Days	Dep	Arr	
FMI A1	1,2,3,4,5	7:15	8:15	
FMI B1	1,2,3,4,5	10:45	11:45	
FMI C1	1,2,3,4,5	17:00	18:00	
FMI A1	6	8:00	9:00	
FMI A1	7	15:30	16:30	

YANGON TO MANDALAY				
Flight	Days	Dep	Arr	
YH 909	1,2	6:00	7:40	
Y5 775	Daily	6:00	7:10	
YJ 891	Daily	6:00	8:05	
K7 262	Daily	6:00	8:10	
YH 917	Daily	6:10	8:30	
6T 401	2	6:20	8:30	
W9 201	Daily	7:00	8:25	
YJ 811	3	7:00	8:25	
YH 835	1	7:00	8:40	
YH 826	3	7:00	8:40	
YH 831	6	7:00	8:40	
7Y 131	Daily	7:15	9:20	
K7 266	Daily	8:00	10:05	
K7 244	1,3,5,6,7	8:15	9:40	
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K7 226	2,4,6	13:30	14:55	
K7 224/7Y 241	Daily	14:30	16:35	
6T 501	1,3,4,5,6,7	14:30	16:25	
7Y 241	Daily	14:30	16:25	
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W9 211	4	15:30	16:55	

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YJ 891	Daily	6:00	7:20	
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YH 917	Daily	6:10	7:45	
YH 909	3	6:10	7:45	
6T 401	2	6:20	7:40	
YJ 881	1,2,4,5,7	6:45	8:15	
K7 242	Daily	7:00	8:20	
6T 401	6	7:00	8:20	
YJ 801	6	7:00	8:20	
YH 633	5	7:00	8:25	
YH 633	7	7:00	8:35	
7Y 131	Daily	7:15	8:35	
7Y 121	1	8:20	9:40	
Y5 649	Daily	10:30	11:50	
K7 224/7Y 241	Daily	14:30	17:25	
7Y 241	Daily	14:30	17:10	
6T 501	1,3,4,5,6,7	14:30	17:10	
YH 731	1,2,4,5,6,7	15:00	17:55	
K7 264	Daily	15:00	17:10	
W9 129	1,3,6	15:30	17:35	
W9 211	4	15:30	17:40	
YH 731	3	15:15	18:10	

YANGON TO MYITKYINA				
Flight	Days	Dep	Arr	
YH 835	1	7:00	10:05	
YH 826	3	7:00	10:05	
YH 831	6	7:00	10:05	
YJ 201	1,2,4	11:00	13:50	
YJ 211	7,5	11:00	13:50	
YH 835	4,7	11:00	14:05	
YJ 233	6	11:00	16:05	
W9 251	2,5	11:30	14:25	
7Y 841	5	11:45	14:35	
K7 622	1,3,5,7	13:00	15:55	

NAY PYI TAW TO YANGON				
Flight	Days	Dep	Arr	
FMI A2	1,2,3,4,5	8:35	9:35	
FMI B2	1,2,3,4,5	13:30	14:30	
FMI C2	1,2,3,4,5	18:20	19:20	
FMI A2	6	10:00	11:00	
FMI A2	7	17:00	18:00	

MANDALAY TO YANGON				
Flight	Days	Dep	Arr	
YH 910	1,2,4,5,7	7:40	9:45	
Y5 233	1,2,4,5,6	7:50	9:00	
K7 262	Daily	8:25	12:25	
YH 918	Daily	8:30	10:45	
YH 910	6	8:40	10:35	
W9 201	Daily	8:40	10:35	
YJ 811	3	8:40	10:05	
6T 402	2	8:45	10:50	
7Y 132	Daily	9:35	11:30	
K7 244	1,3,5,6,7	9:55	13:00	
K7 267	Daily	10:20	12:25	
YH 836	1	13:20	14:25	
YH 827	3	13:20	14:45	
YJ 202	1,2,4	15:30	16:55	
YJ 602	4	15:40	17:05	
YJ 602	6	15:40	17:35	
YH 912	2	15:45	17:40	
YJ 212	7,5	15:55	17:20	
YH 830	5	16:00	17:25	
YJ 762	1,2,4	16:35	18:00	
7Y 242	Daily	16:40	18:45	
6T 502	1,3,4,5,6,7	16:40	18:45	
YH 728	1	16:45	18:10	
YH 730	2	16:45	18:10	
K7 225/7Y 242	Daily	16:50	19:00	
Y5 776	Daily	17:10	18:20	
W9 211	4	17:10	19:15	
K7 823	2,4,7	17:10	18:35	
YH 732	Daily	17:10	19:15	
8M 6604	4	17:20	18:30	
K7 227	2,4,6	17:20	18:45	
YH 836	4,7	17:20	18:45	
8M 903	1,2,4,5,7	17:20	18:30	
YH 738	3,5,7	17:25	18:50	
YH 732	3	17:25	19:30	
K7 623	1,3,5,7	17:40	19:05	
YJ 234	4	17:45	19:10	
YH 730	4,6	18:00	19:25	
W9 252	2,5	18:15	19:40	

NYAUNG U TO YANGON				
Flight	Days	Dep	Arr	
YJ 891	Daily	7:35	10:15	
YH 918	Daily	7:45	10:45	
6T 402	2	7:55	10:50	
YJ 881	1,2,4,5,7	8:20	10:25	
YH 910	1,2,4,5,7	8:25	9:45	
K7 242	Daily	8:35	11:45	
6T 401	6	8:35	10:45	
YH 634	5,7	8:35	10:40	
YJ 801	6	8:35	9:55	
7Y 131	Daily	8:50	11:30	
YH 910	3	9:35	10:55	
7Y 121	Daily	9:55	14:10	
K7 263	Daily	11:05	12:25	
Y5 650	Daily	13:55	15:15	
K7 265	Daily	17:25	18:45	
6T 502	1,3,4,5,6,7	17:25	18:45	
7Y 242	Daily	17:25	18:45	
K7 225/7Y 242	Daily	17:40	19:00	
W9 129	1,3,6	17:50	19:10	
YH 732	1,2,4,5,6,7	17:55	19:15	
YH 732	3	18:10	19:30	

MYITKYINA TO YANGON				
Flight	Days	Dep	Arr	
YJ 202	1,2,4	14:05	16:55	
YJ 211	7,5	14:05	17:20	
YH 832	6	10:05	12:55	
YH 836	1	11:55	14:25	
K7 623	1,3,5,7	16:10	19:05	
YJ 234	4	16:20	19:10	
YH 827	3	11:55	14:45	
YH 835	4,7	15:55	18:45	
W9 252	2,5	16:45	19:40	

YANGON TO HEHO				
Flight	Days	Dep	Arr	
YJ 891	Daily	6:00	8:50	
K7 262	Daily	6:00	9:55	
YH 909	3	6:10	8:40	
YH 917	Daily	6:10	9:35	
6T 401	2	6:20	9:20	
YJ 881	1,2,4,5,7	6:45	9:00	
K7 242	Daily	7:00	9:15	
6T 401	6	7:00	9:15	
W9 201	Daily	7:00	9:10	
YH 909	6	7:00	9:25	
YH 633	5,7	7:00	9:30	
7Y 131	Daily	7:15	10:05	
K7 266	Daily	8:00	9:15	
K7 244	1,3,5,6,7	8:15	10:30	
7Y 121	Daily	8:20	10:35	
Y5 649	Daily	10:30	12:45	
YH 505	1,2,3,4,5,6	10:30	11:55	
YJ 751	7,5	10:40	11:55	
YJ 751	3	11:00	12:10	
YJ 233	6	11:00	12:10	
YJ 761	1,2,4	11:00	12:10	
YH 727	1	11:15	12:40	
YH 911	2	11:15	16:30	
YH 737	3,5,7	11:15	12:40	
7Y 941	1,2,4,6	11:45	13:55	
K7 828	1,3,5	12:30	13:45	
K7 822	2,4,7	12:30	13:45	
K7 224/7Y 241	Daily	14:30	15:45	
7Y 241	Daily	14:30	15:40	
6T 501	1,3,4,5,6,7	14:30	15:40	
YH 731	1,2,4,5,6,7	15:00	16:25	
K7 264	Daily	15:00	16:25	
YH 731	3	15:15	16:40	
W9 129	1,3,6	15:30	16:40	

YANGON TO MYEIK				
Flight	Days	Dep	Arr	
Y5 325	1,5	6:45	8:15	
7Y 531	1,5	7:00	8:38	
K7 319	2,4,6	7:00	9:05	
Y5 325	2	15:30	17:00	

YANGON TO SITTWE				
Flight	Days	Dep	Arr	
6T 605	6	11:15	13:10	
W9 309	1,3,6	11:30	12:55	
6T 605	1,2,3,4,5,7	12:30	14:25	
K7 422	Daily	13:00	14:55	

YANGON TO THANDWE				
Flight	Days	Dep	Arr	
K7 242	Daily	7:00	10:35	
K7 244	1,3,5,6,7	8:15	11:50	
YH 505	1,2,4,5	10:30	13:10	
YH 505	6	11:00	13:40	
6T 605	6	11:15	12:10	
W9 309	1,3,6	11:30	13:50	
7Y 122	Daily	12:15	13:05	
6T 605	1,2,3,4,5,7	12:30	13:25	
K7 422	Daily	13:00	13:35	
Y5 421	1,3,4,6	15:45	16:40	

YANGON TO DAWEI				
Flight	Days	Dep	Arr	
K7 319	2,4,6	7:00	8:10	
7Y 531	1,5	7:00	7:48	

YANGON TO LASHIO				
Flight	Days	Dep	Arr	
YJ 751	7,5	10:45	13:40	
YJ 891	3	11:00	13:15	
YH 729	2	10:00	12:00	
YH 729	4,6	11:15	13:15	
7Y 741	1,5	11:30	13:18	
K7 828	1,3,5	12:30	14:50	

YANGON TO PUTAO				
Flight	Days	Dep	Arr	
YH 835	1	7:00	11:00	
YH 826	3	7:00	11:00	
YH 835	4,7	11:00	15:00	
W9 251	2,5	11:30	15:25	

YANGON TO CHIANG MAI				
Flight	Days	Dep	Arr	
Y5 251	2,4,6	6:15	8:05	
7Y 305	1,5	11:00	12:50	
W9 9607	4,7	14:30	16:20	

Universal Crossword

Edited by Timothy E. Parker

IN ON THINGS By Jerry J. Billings

- ACROSS
- 1 Prices paid
 - 6 Matures, as wine
 - 10 Fjord explorer?
 - 14 Sneak ____ (glimpse)
 - 15 Romanian coins
 - 16 "That's clear to me," hippie-style
 - 17 Dog found in the pound
 - 18 New York canal
 - 19 Grandma, affectionately
 - 20 Easy ____
 - 21 A lift, in Aspen
 - 22 Alumnus, for short
 - 23 "Say ____" (dentist's request)
 - 25 Pungent-smelling
 - 27 Forrest Gump's forte
 - 31 Abstains from
 - 35 By way of
 - 36 Winter fall
 - 38 Aid one's alma mater
 - 39 Eat an ice cream cone, e.g.
 - 41 You can't tell if she's coming or going?
 - 43 Strip in the Middle East
 - 44 City of Light
 - 46 Mischievous type
 - 48 Coop resident
 - 49 Affording a view
 - 51 Monotonous in cadence
 - 53 Comprehension
 - 55 Geological time
 - 56 River border
 - 59 Weaver's tool
 - 61 Mended temporarily
 - 65 San Juan, Puerto ____
 - 66 Emit amplified light
 - 67 Subtle sarcasm
 - 68 "Back ____ hour" (shop sign)
 - 69 Quarter-miler's path
 - 70 Launch a tennis ball
 - 71 Bachelor's party
 - 72 Flogging memento
 - 73 Some playing cards

- DOWN
- 1 Dwelling in Durango
 - 2 ____ out (withdraws)
 - 3 Word in a Doris Day tune
 - 4 Little sack of leaves
 - 5 Airport porters
 - 6 Aid in crime
 - 7 Pig, in the Flintstones' kitchen
 - 8 Early 30-ton computer
 - 9 Lead-in for "Madre" or "Leone"
 - 10 Door opener?
 - 11 Jewish month before Nisan
 - 12 One of Columbus' three ships
 - 13 "Goodness gracious!"
 - 24 Celeste or Ian
 - 26 "Direct" ending
 - 27 Insect feelers
 - 28 "Sacro" addition
 - 29 Mother-of-pearl
 - 30 A tide
 - 32 "Famous potatoes" state
 - 33 Thirteen, to some bakers
 - 34 What the hillbilly batter did?
 - 37 Vehicle at a stand
 - 40 Empire State Building climber
 - 42 Outfielder's call
 - 45 Title of respect
 - 47 Stuck-up sort
 - 50 Immature
 - 52 Hunter, at times
 - 54 Dry white Italian wine
 - 56 Jewish rite of circumcision
 - 57 The "nonexistent" contraction
 - 58 "Sweet 16" org.
 - 60 Soften, as chocolate
 - 62 Skin orifice
 - 63 Green feeling?
 - 64 Pre-Easter purchases

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Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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By DAVID OUELLET

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Bike races kick off new series

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MORE than 80 local and foreign cyclists converged on Hlegu township north of Yangon on November 23 to participate in a day of road and mountain bike racing.

The event was the first round of a six-race, year-long series organised under the guidelines of the Ministry of Sport and sponsored by Myan Shwe Pyi Tractors Inc (MSP) and the Myanmar Cycling Federation (MCF).

The 46-kilometre (28-mile) road race, which started at 8am, was held on the notorious, vomit-inducing 11 Hills course in Ou Yin Wa village in Hlegu township.

The road race was won by Phyo Wai Zin with a time of 1 hour, 22 minutes. He also triumphed in the 19-25 age group, while Kyaw Tun Oo finished first among the under-19s (1h22m). Australian Benjamin Rowse clinched the over-25 title (1h29m).

The cyclists then transferred to nearby Nga Su Taung village for the noon start of the mountain bike



Cyclists start the mountain bike race held in Nga Su Taung village in Hlegu township, Yangon Region, on November 23.

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race. Poor race directions along some sections of the challenging course caused some of the leading riders to take wrong turns and suffer disqualifications, but in the end victory was awarded to under-19 competitor Kyaw Tun Oo (55 minutes, 46 seconds).

The 19-25 category was won by Than Naing Soe (57m40s), while the over-25 title was taken by Kyaw San Win (57m10s). The women's race was won by Ma Su Su Wai (1h20m).

MCF vice president Khin Maung Win - who is also the owner of main sponsor MSP, the authorised dealer for Caterpillar heavy machinery in Myanmar - said his company supports cycling because it is "a great sport and lifestyle that will help achieve better living ... We are all winners if more people can cycle regularly and maintain a healthier lifestyle. We want to create awareness by supporting competitive cycling."

He said the idea for the race series came from an "experienced cyclist" with whom he rides.

"The concept is to support competitive racers to prepare training programs based on an organised race calendar throughout the year," he said.

The race was the first in a series of six events that will be held over the coming year in different locations all over Myanmar, with competitions scheduled every two months. The next

events will be held in Nay Pyi Taw in late January 2015, and in Mandalay in late March.

The race series also has a charity element to it.

"We want to support the communities living in the vicinity of race events," Khin Maung Win said. "We set aside some funds from our company to do that, but we also welcome other corporate sponsors. We like to support education for children, so the funds will go to either scholarships or school facilities."

He said future events would see improvements - including installing better race course markers and holding the road and mountain bike races on different days - but for an inaugural event, both races went well.

"This was mainly due to sportsmanship demonstrated by all riders and support from the people of Oo Yin Wa and Nga Su Taung villages, local authorities, the Sports Ministry and the MCF. Our volunteers did a great job," he said.

Knut Bjorgum, a Norwegian expat living in Yangon who finished 14th in the over-25 category in the road race, was left with a positive impression of the event.

"The organisers, the challenging and beautiful course, the local riders, the cheering local communities - everything was great," he said.

Remote chance for Myanmar in Suzuki Cup 2014

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MYANMAR was left with only a remote chance of advancing to the group stage of the 2014 Suzuki Cup after losing to Singapore at Singapore Sports Hub National Stadium on November 26.

Shaiful Esah gave Singapore a lead in minute 15 from a free kick, and then struck twice more in final 10 minutes of the first half to give the host nation a 3-0 lead.

Myanmar hit back in the second half through Kyaw Zayar Win and a Kyaw Ko Ko penalty, but captain Khin Maung Lwin headed into his own net 15 minutes from time to give Singapore the crucial 4-2 win.

"I think we played well but a lack of concentration in the first half cost us dearly, and that's the only reason that we now have a very difficult job to do against Thailand," Myanmar coach Radojko Avramovic said after the loss to Singapore.

"Our plan in the first half was to try to keep Singapore from our goal and to try to attack them in the second half. But we didn't achieve that because we conceded three really easy goals.

"If you look at the 90 minutes, I think that Myanmar did well and they showed that they could compete with Singapore. If we were a little bit lucky, then when it was 3-2, we could have scored another goal as we had a really good chance."

Myanmar earned only 1 point after two group matches, the first of which was a draw against Malaysia in the opening Group B match on November 23.

Myanmar faced Thailand in their last group match on November 29, after *The Myanmar Times* went to press.



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Phillip Hughes

Australian cricketer died Thursday from head injuries sustained in a match two days ago

Born: Nov 30, 1988
Place: Macksville, NSW
Style: Left-handed opening batsman

Career highlights

	Test	ODI*	T20	First class
Matches	26	25	1	114
Runs	1,535	826	6	9,023
Highest score	160	138	6	243
Average	32.65	35.91	6.0	46.51
Centuries	3	2	0	26

Feb 2009

Test debut
South Africa v Australia
Johannesburg

Jul 2013

Last Test
England v Australia
Lord's, England

Jan 2013

ODI debut
Australia v Sri Lanka
Melbourne

Oct 2014

Last ODI
Australia v Pakistan
Abu Dhabi

*One-day international

Source : Cricinfo AFP

Phillip Hughes in Zimbabwe, Aug 2014
Photo: Jekesai Njikizana



Pakistani cricketers walk past bats and caps placed outside the Pakistani dressing room at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium in Sharjah on November 28 in honour of Australian cricketer Phillip Hughes. Photo: AFP/Aamir Qureshi

Hughes' death stuns cricket

PLAYERS and politicians expressed shock and grounds fell silent last week as the cricket world plunged into mourning after the death of Australian batsman Phillip Hughes.

Ripples from the demise of Hughes on November 28, two days after he was knocked unconscious by a cricket ball, quickly spread across the planet as the sport reeled from a rare death in competition.

Play was called off on the second day of the third test between Pakistan and New Zealand in Sharjah, with some players described as distraught.

An image of a smiling Hughes adorned the electronic scoreboard in the empty stadium in the United Arab Emirates, where the 25-year-old recently played for Australia.

At the Adelaide Oval, home ground of Hughes's South Australia team, the heart-wrenching message "Vale Phillip Hughes 1988-2014" was posted on an otherwise empty scoreboard.

Australian legend Adam Gilchrist summed up the shock at Hughes's death with a tweet that read, "No no no no. RIP Phillip Hughes."

The batsman collapsed on field during a Sheffield Shield match in Sydney and underwent emergency surgery, but he never regained consciousness.

Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott said Hughes "was a young man living out his dreams. His death is a very sad day for cricket and a heart-breaking day for his family."

Shane Warne and Glenn McGrath were among the Australian greats to send condolences along with national

coach Darren Lehmann, who tweeted, "RIP you little champ, we are all going to miss you!"

And Indian superstar Sachin Tendulkar led a wave of sympathy from abroad as he saluted Hughes, his former teammate in the Indian Premier League.

"Shocked to hear about Phil. Sad day for cricket," Tendulkar said.

Former South African wicketkeeper Mark Boucher, who was forced to retire in 2012 after being hit in the eye by a bail while wicket-keeping, tweeted that he was "lost for words".

International Cricket Council chief executive David Richardson said, "All those who play, have played or are in any way connected to the game are devastated by the news."

There was also sympathy for New South Wales paceman Sean

Abbott, who bowled the ball that felled Hughes.

"How will he will continue? He is dealt a blow to his career and he needs counselling, which I am sure must have started, and needs to stay calm," said former Pakistan fast bowler Waqar Younis.

Former England captain Andrew Strauss, who played alongside Hughes at Middlesex, led British tributes, describing the news as "sickening".

"The most sickening aspect of all of this is that he was a guy in the best years of his life and that was extinguished out of the blue," Strauss told Sky Sports News.

Middlesex Cricket Club announced that flags at Lord's would be lowered in Hughes's memory, while fans left flowers at the ground's Grace Gates.

The MCC president David Morgan

said, "Phillip was a fine cricketer and one who we will tragically never have the chance to see batting again here at the home of cricket."

Giles Clarke, chair of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), said his organisation extended its "deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences" to Hughes's friends and family.

England players past and present took to Twitter to express their shock at the news.

"Absolutely devastated to hear that Phil has passed away. Thoughts and prayers with his family and friends," wrote England batsman Ian Bell.

Former England batsman Kevin Pietersen also spared a thought for Sean Abbott, writing, "NO NO NO NO! RIP, Hughsey #63notout. Sean Abbott - thinking about you too, mate!" - AFP

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