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The Myanmar Red Cross Society is helping evacuate internally displaced persons from conflict areas in northern Rakhine. MRCS has also provided aid and assistance to the people affected by armed attacks by ARSA extremists and administered first aid to them. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

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Order for rule of law in Maungtaw

Authorities warned locals in Maungtaw not to cooperate with or support terrorists, not to set fire to homes or properties and not to enter restricted areas as part of a new order

issued yesterday.

Order 3/2017, announced by the Maungtaw District General Administration Department yesterday, stated that those who violate the

rule of law and erode stability would be brought to justice.

To maintain the rule of law, security forces will fire warning shots at those who break the law.

People are obliged to cooperate with the authorities by following the instructions of the authorities, added the statement.

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Action to be taken against incitement to violence

THE information committee issued a statement yesterday to take action against those who carry out incitement to violence on 11 September.

The statement said that it

is found incitements to violence attacks on 11 September were spreading to the people via mobile phone messages and social media.

The statement has also

urged the people not to incite both communities, asking the citizens to inform acts on suspicions of inciting to violence to the authorities. "It can be assumed that both communities

carry out incitements to cause panic among the people and actions will be taken against those who carry out the incitements," said the statement. —Myanmar News Agency ■

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint returns from China



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint and party arrive back Yangon International Airport. **PHOTO: MNA**

PYITHU Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint and party, who paid a goodwill visit to China at the invitation of H.E. Mr. Zhang De-jiang, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, the People's Republic of China, returned to Myanmar from Beijing via Kunming yesterday morning.

The Myanmar Hluttaw delegation was seen off at the Beijing airport by Mr. Long

Zhuangwei, Vice Chair of the National People's Congress of Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee and responsible personnel, U Thit Lin Ohn, Myanmar Ambassador to China and officials.

While transiting through Kunming, the Hluttaw delegation was hosted to a luncheon by H.E. Mme. Dao Linyin, Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee of the People's Congress

of Yunnan Province at the Best Hotel in Kunming.

The Hluttaw delegation arrived in Myanmar at 2:30 pm and was welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Yangon Region Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Lin Naing Myint, hluttaw representatives, the Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Hong Liang and officials from the hluttaw office. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Union Attorney General receives Forum of Federation's vice chairman

UNION Attorney General U Tun Tun Oo received a delegation led by Forum of Federation's vice chairman Mr. Felix Kneuepling on Thursday at the Union Attorney General's Office.

During the meeting, they discussed matters concerning democracy development, success of the peace process, cooperation activities for the development of federalism with the assistance of Forum of Federations of the Canadian Government, holding awareness seminars about feder-

alism's basic activities and practices for the hluttaw, the government, political parties and public, holding law-related courses in accordance with the principles of federalism in collaboration with the Union Attorney General's Office as well as the peace process and constitutional processes of the measurements with providence of the Forum of Federations.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Attorney General U Win Myint and permanent secretary Daw Nu Nu Yin.—Myanmar News Agency ■



Union Attorney General U Tun Tun Oo holds talks with Forum of Federations vice chairman Mr. Felix Kneuepling. **PHOTO: MNA**



U Kyaw Myo, Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications, is welcomed by Ambassador of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to Myanmar Mr. Jong Ho Bom as he arrives at the reception to mark the 69th founding anniversary of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea at Chatrium Hotel in Yangon on 9th September 2017. **PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**

Provision to displaced people, security staff in Maungtaw donated by women's affairs federation

THE Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation provided cash donations, food and utensils to displaced people, security forces and departmental staff yesterday in Maungtaw, northern Rakhine State.

On 8 September at the meeting hall of regional command headquarter in Sit-

taw, the chairman of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation donated Ks2 million and food for local people, departmental staff and security forces who served in Maungtaw region.

The regional commander accepted the donations.

Later, ethnic people who

are being sheltered at Mani Yadana monastery in Sittway were provided food, clothes and cash.

The party then went to temporary rescue camps in Buthidaung and donated cash and food to displaced ethnic people.—Min Htat Aung, Tin Maung Lwin ■

Suspected terrorist arrested in Buthidaung

A suspected extremist terrorist from the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA) was found with a gunshot wound in Buthidaung Township on Thursday, according to the government information committee.

Acting on a tip off that a terrorist was hiding in Sinoyepyin Village, security forces inspected the village and arrested Abugawbu, 23, son of Miyarlauth, who was

allegedly involved in the terrorist attacks on 27 August. He was found at his house with a gunshot wound on Thursday evening.

The information committee stated that the terrorist allegedly involved in the terrorist attack on security forces on 27 August was wounded during the attack. He was hospitalised and charged in accordance with the law. —Myanmar News Agency ■



Abugawbu. **PHOTO: MNA**



Union Minister Dr Pe Myint and attendees pose for a documentary photo at AMRI Roundtable Discussion on Countering Fake News in Manila, the Philippines, on 9th September 2017. **PHOTO: MNA**

ASEAN, Japan ministers discuss countering fake news

UNION Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint attended the ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Information (AMRI) roundtable discussion on Countering Fake News and Communicating the Right Information held in Manila, the Philippines yesterday.

The roundtable discussion was held to share each country's experiences on incorrect news and fake news, handling the effect of such news, how officials from the government information sector respond to such news by communicating true information and to discuss cooperative work that can be done among countries

within the region in countering such news. The roundtable discussion was attended by 32 information ministers, information sector sub-committee chairmen and officials from ASEAN member countries and Japan.

Also discussed at the meeting was the effect of fake news on the socio-economic security of the people, and the political problems and that arise when unscrupulous persons post fake photos and news for their political and economic benefit. The problem spreads as television broadcasts, newspapers and some mainstream media refer

to such unverified fake and wrong news. With the advancement of technology, and the increase in the use of social media in each country, taking legal action against such acts, increasing media literacy campaign process, responding to fake/false news, cooperating in communicating the right information and regional co-operation to increase ethical and socially responsible media sector were discussed.

Later in the afternoon, the Union Minister attended the ASEAN-Japan TV Festival held in Trinoma Mall Activity Center, Quezon City, Manila. — Myanmar News Agency ■

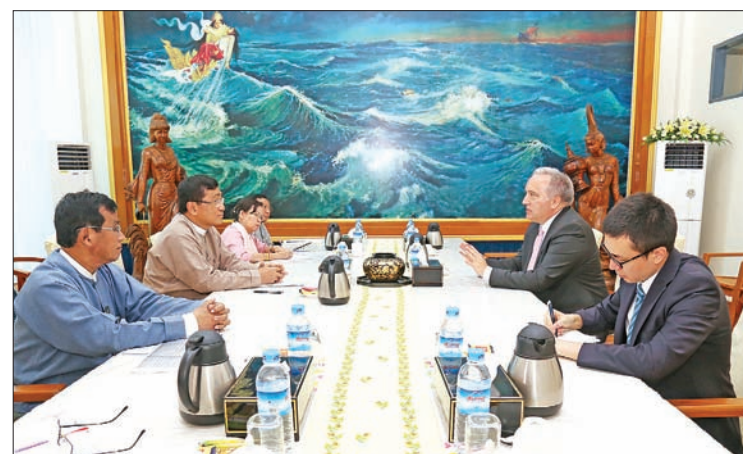
Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye receives Turkish Ambassador

Dr. Win Myat Aye, the Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, received Turkish Ambassador to Myanmar H.E. Mr. Kerem Divanlioglu on Friday in the ministry.

During the meeting, the Union Minister explained the status of providing assistance to people in need who were affected by the terrorist acts in Rakhine State according to the humanitarian assistance principle for which the ministry is responsible for, the status of coordinating with the Red Cross Movement in providing humanitarian assistance in Rakhine State, and incorrect news published by international media on the attack and the killing of ethnic nationals by extremist terrorists.

The Turkish Ambassador said Turkey was assisting millions of Syrian refugees and was

experienced in providing humanitarian assistance. Turkey was the first nation to condemn the terrorist attacks of August. "Turkey does not accept extremism. With regards to Myanmar, especially the Rakhine State affair, Turkey had a constructive view. It believes that civilians not involved in terrorist acts need to be assisted without any discrimination of race and religion. Turkey is providing assistance and would like to continue assisting", the ambassador said. "Our President has spoken with the State Counsellor on the phone and, in addition to the leaders, the implementers from the two countries will cooperate", said the ambassador. The ambassador also welcomed and recognised Myanmar arrangements to provide humanitarian assistance to all. —Myanmar News Agency ■



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye holds talks with Turkish Ambassador Mr. Kerem Divanlioglu yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Outstanding first aid awards given at 2017 World First Aid Day

THE 2017 World First Aid Day and an awards ceremony for a first aid talent competition were held at the Hall of the Myanmar Red Cross Society in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The 2017 World First Aid Day ceremony was held with the theme "Injuries at home, help with first aid".

Present at the ceremony were officials from the Ministry of Health and Sports, the chair of the Myanmar Red Cross Society, Nay Pyi Taw Council Red Cross supervision committee chair, members of Red Cross Society from states and regions, Red Cross nursing members, Red Cross volunteers and recognised Red Cross youths.

Dr Daw May Thu, the chair of the Myanmar Red Cross Society, delivered an opening



Dr Daw May Thu Chair of the Myanmar Red Cross Society delivers an opening speech at 2017 World First Aid Day ceremony. **PHOTO: MNA**

speech in which she noted that a new Red Cross Law was enacted on 26 August, 2015, and new members of executive and new members of central council and leaders from states and regions

were selected in accord with the law.

Then, she urged old leaders and volunteers of the Red Cross Society to carry out their strategy in cooperation with new public leaders select-

ed from various backgrounds of regions and states.

Outstanding awards for the first aid talent competitions, single men and women competition, double men and women competition, and four people competitions were given by officials.

Hpa-An Township was awarded for the highest first aid training opening.

Chin State was awarded the best prize of the first aid talent competition. Mandalay Region was awarded for all-round best prize and best multiplier training prize.

The Myanmar Red Cross Society holds First Aid Day annually and the first aid talent competition has been held since 2013.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Order for rule of law in Maungtaw

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The order also urges the people not to rob, steal or destroy property in the restricted areas, not to hold or store sticks, machetes or explosives and to inform authorities when they see any acts which break the prohibition.

The statement came about a week after local authorities urged Islamic villagers in Maungtaw to cooperate with them when security forces searched ARSA extremists, and asked them not to pose a threat or brandish weapons when the security forces enter their villages.—Myanmar News Agency ■

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UCSB Chairman attends discussion on civil service reform at Oxford University

Upon the invitation of Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford, London, Britain, Union Civil Service Board (UCSB) Chairman Dr. Win Thein attended a discussion on civil service personnel reform and a high level officials' meeting held in University of Oxford from 3-7 September and returned to Yangon via Malaysia on 8 September.

The discussion and meetings were attended by heads of civil service of internationally top 31 countries. Civil service personnel reform experiences of each country, result of the research project "International Civil



U Win Thein discusses civil service personnel reform at the University of Oxford. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

Service Effectiveness" (InCiSE) that was conducted by Blavatnik School of Government and affiliate organisations, method-

ology to measure the increase in the capacity of civil service personnel, process to develop the capacity of the heads of civ-

il services to the highest level, challenges expected to be faced in a decade by civil service personnel and preparation to overcome it, setting and implementing best policy for civil service system using InCiSE indicators and uncovering best methods to use for civil service personnel based on experiences and lessons learnt from civil service sector were discussed.

UCSB Chairman and Myanmar Ambassador U Kyaw Zwa Min also met with heads of Britain's Civil Service Commission, National School of Government International, Implementation Unit to discuss and exchange views on civil service matters. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Rakhine authorities, IDPs discuss resettlement plan

Rakhine State Government held a meeting with local people yesterday, exchanging views on future plan for the displaced people from the conflict areas in Maungdaw.

At the meeting, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu clarified current efforts of the state government, saying that the authorities are collecting data on IDPs and carrying out

restoring the rule of law and improving the transport and communication sector in Maungdaw.

Representatives of the IDPs suggested that men should be given priority when resettlement

is carried out by the authorities.

They also urged the government to build strong buildings for schools at the ethnic villagers in Maungdaw District. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Tourist arrivals increased five-fold in Mandalay in nearly a decade

U SAN YU, assistant director of the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism (Mandalay), the international tourist arrivals have increased more than five-fold in Mandalay within the past nine years, according to the Myawady Daily issued on Saturday.

Tourist arrivals have been on increase in the region year after year.

According to the official statistics, Mandalay, the last royal capital of Myanmar, hosted 64,377 foreign visitors in 2009.

The number increased to 75,727 in 2010, 99,016 in 2011, 160,975 in 2012, 219,518 in 2013, 242,566 in 2014, 306,432 in 2015 and 385,031 in 2016.

Between January and July of this year, more than 260,000 tourists entered the region, said U San Yu.

Efforts have been



A couple of tourist seen at the Golden Palace also known as Mya Nan San Kyaw in Mandalay. **PHOTO: NYI ZAW MOE**

made by the region authorities to promote tourism market in Mandalay in collaboration

with local and international tourism bodies, extending new travel destinations and imple-

menting eco-tourism as well as community-based tourism. —GNLM ■

Domestic gold price on upward trend due to high global gold price

DOMESTIC gold price keeps rising due to high global gold price.

As global gold price jumped to US\$1,356 per ounce last Friday, domestic gold price reached a peak of Ks953,000 per tical (0.578 ounce).

In spite of the fact that global gold price slipped a bit yesterday against last Friday's price, domestic pure gold price still remained on the rise with a record high of Ks953,500 a tical in the evening of 9 September, according to Aung Thamardi Gold and Jewellery Shop and Gold Refinery.

"Record high gold price cools the market. The gold and jewellery shops do not rush to make transaction while observing the market price, said U Kyaw Win.



A salesman displays a tray of gold bangles at a jewellery shop. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

The global gold price is likely to remain on the upward trend due to political tension, he added.

The pure gold reached above Ks900,000 a tical in mid July and then, the price

soared to Ks945,000 in the end of August. And now, the price reached its new peak of Ks935,500 per tical in the evening of 9 September while global gold price is \$1,347 an ounce. — GNLM ■

Myanmar's regional trade hit US\$3.43 billion in first four months of this FY

REGIONAL trade of Myanmar with ASEAN countries amounted to about US\$3.43 billion in the first four month of this fiscal year, comprising \$1.2 million worth of export and \$2.2 billion worth of import, according to the statistics released by the Ministry of Commerce last Friday.

Since April, Thailand was ranked first among ASEAN countries having the largest trade value of \$1.47 billion with Myanmar, followed by Singapore at the second place with

about \$1 billion. Malaysia was listed at the third place with trade values of \$354 million while Indonesia stood at the fourth place with estimated \$285 million and Myanmar's trade with Viet Nam reached about \$260 million.

The value of bilateral trade with the Philippines reached \$13.5 million. The trade value with Cambodia and Laos was about \$1 million each. Value of Brunei's trade with Myanmar was less than \$1 million.

The country mainly ex-

ported agricultural products, fishery products and minerals while food and beverages, electronic tools, motor vehicles and consumer goods were imported into Myanmar.

Regional trade value was about \$9.6 billion in 2016-2017 FY and FY 2015-16 saw \$10.4 billion. Myanmar's trade with ASEAN countries reached \$12.6 billion in 2014-2015 FY, \$11 billion in 2013-2014 FY, \$8.4 billion in 2012-2013 FY and \$8.69 billion in 2011-2012 FY. — Ko Htet ■

Ginger exports through Myanmar-Bangladesh border declines

GINGER export across the border between Myanmar and Bangladesh decreased by more than 50 tons in third week of August, according to border trade authorities.

From 19 to 25 August, Myanmar exported fresh ginger weighing nearly 185 tons to the People's Republic of Bangladesh via the Sittway and Maungtau land borders, earning a total of US\$50,530.

Neighbouring Bangladesh imported nearly 165 tons of fresh ginger from the Maungtau border trade camp and another 20 tons from the Sittway border point of entry.

The country exported al-

most 240 tons of the same kind of product to its neighbour in the previous week before 19 August, including 57 tons from the Sittway border gate and 182 tons from the Maungtau cross-border point.

Ginger, a common ingredient in Asian and Indian cuisine, is the main export item at Myanmar-Bangladesh borders. Bangladesh also imports peanuts, mung bean, dried plum, garlic, rice, dried fish and prawns, and bamboo.

In Sittway, the price of one ton of fresh ginger reached over Ks1 million. A ton of ginger was lower than Ks1 million in the same period of last year.—Shwe Khine ■

More than \$2.2 billion in trade deficit this FY

THE VALUE of international trade for the current fiscal year reached more than US\$13 billion since April, with a trade deficit of over \$2.2 billion, according to the Commerce Ministry's statistical report released on 8 September.

Between 1 April and 1 September of this year, the total external trade value rose by \$1.635 billion compared to the same period of last year.

Exports were \$5.412 billion and imports were \$7.673 billion.

Trade value included over \$1.778 billion from normal trade and over \$3.633 billion from cross-border trade. Eighty per cent of Myanmar's exports were accommodated by seaports.

This year's border exports decreased by over \$110 million from that of last year. However, exports by sea rose by \$544 million.

The country's trade deficit was \$91 million in FY2012-2013 and increased to \$2.555 billion in FY2013-2014, \$4.109 billion in FY2014-2015, \$5.441 billion in FY2015-2016 and \$5.5 billion in FY2016-2017, according to the ministry's yearly report.

The country chiefly exports agricultural products, marine and animal products, minerals and forest products while it imports capital goods, intermediate goods and consumer products.—Swe Nyein ■

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China, Russia vow to boost cooperation in Far Eastern development

KHABAROVSK — Chinese Vice Premier Wang Yang and Russian Deputy Prime Minister Yury Trutnev agreed here on Friday to strengthen the two countries' cooperation in developing the Far East.

The agreement was reached at a meeting between Wang and Trutnev in Khabarovsk on intergovernmental cooperation between China's northeastern regions and Russia's Far Eastern and Baikal regions.

Such cooperation is among the consensus reached by Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin, and is also a strategic direction for China-Russia cooperation, Wang said, hailing the achievements in Far Eastern development between China and Russia.

Trutnev said China is an important partner of Russia in regional cooperation.

China and Russia will improve the docking of their development strategies and



Chinese Vice Premier Wang Yang (L) shakes hands with his Russian counterpart Yury Trutnev in Khabarovsk, Russia on 8 September, 2017. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

policy coordination, and push ahead partnerships in trade, investment, tourism and people-to-people exchanges, according to Wang and Trutnev.

They said the two countries will start to compile a guideline for Chinese and Russian enterprises intending to participate in Far Eastern development.

Wang and Trutnev agreed to improve interconnectivity, boost infrastructure construction and build a number of big projects.

The two sides also decided to create a more favorable business environment, provide better financial services and further facilitate investment and trade.—Xinhua ■

Drone to measure radiation inside tainted Fukushima plant buildings

TOKYO — The operator of the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant is planning to use a drone to measure radiation inside heavily contaminated structures as it prepares to decommission damaged reactors there, according to officials of the operator.

Data obtained from its use is expected to help the operator, Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings Inc, create 3-D maps and identify areas with high-level radiation inside buildings where workers cannot stay safely.

The drone envisioned for the task is 83 centimetres tall and 93 cm wide, and, equipped with four propellers, can fly for around 15 minutes. The operator envisions its use inside buildings that house damaged reactors and inside those hous-

ing turbines.

In February Tepco, as it is known, tested a drone inside the turbine building for the No 3 reactor, one of three reactors that experienced meltdowns in the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

After improving its performance, the plant operator has decided to put the drone into use for radiation measurement. But it is still considering where it should begin using the machine, according to the officials. The government and Tepco are aiming to start debris extraction work from 2021, and are currently in the process of determining a specific approach to removing melted fuel from each damaged reactor and of updating their decommissioning road map.

— Kyodo News ■

Philippines suspends trade with North Korea to comply with UN resolution

MANILA — The Philippines has suspended trade relations with North Korea to comply with a UN Security Council resolution over its repeated missile tests, Manila's foreign minister said on Friday.

The United States and other

Western countries have asked the United Nations to consider tough new sanctions on North Korea after its test last week that it said was of an advanced hydrogen bomb.

"We can say we have suspended trade relations with

North Korea," Foreign Minister Alan Peter Cayetano told reporters after a meeting with the US ambassador on cooperation on an anti-drugs programme.

"We will fully comply with UNSC resolution including the economic sanctions."

Tension on the Korean peninsula has escalated as North Korea's young leader, Kim Jong Un, has stepped up the development of weapons in defiance of UN sanctions.

It has tested a series of missiles this year, including one that flew over Japan, and conducted its sixth and biggest nuclear test on Sunday.

The Philippines is North Korea's fifth-largest trade partner, with bilateral trade from January to June this year worth \$28.8 million, according to the state-run Korea Trade-Investment Promotion Agency.

On an annual basis, North Korea imported \$28.8 million of

products from the Philippines in 2016, an increase of 80 per cent from the previous year, while Manila's imports from Pyongyang surged 170 per cent to \$16.1 million.

According to the Philippine Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), the main exports to North Korea in 2015 were computers, integrated circuit boards, bananas and women's undergarments.

"The UN Security Council is quite clear," Cayetano said.

"Part of these are the economic sanctions and the Philippines will comply. We have been communicating with the DTI secretary and I think it was yesterday and the other day, we have gotten direction from the (presidential) palace to support the UN Security Council."

Cayetano said the trade ban covered raw computer chips from the Philippines.

— Reuters ■

Iran, South Korea sign deal on banking cooperation

TEHRAN — Iran and South Korea signed an agreement to cooperate in banking sector, Press TV reported on Friday.

The agreement was signed by Ha Yung-ku, chairman of the Korea Federation of Banks, and Kourosh Parvizian, head of Iran's Association of Private Banks.

The agreement, between private lenders of Iran and South Korea, mostly envisages the expansion of non-dollar trade between the two countries.

It also calls for the share information on banking affairs, provides banking assistance to importers and exporters, and conducts exchanges of financial training.

Iranian bankers have called for the expansion of euro-based trade between the two countries what it said had been welcomed by South Korean bankers.

— Xinhua ■



Philippine Foreign Secretary Alan Peter Cayetano speaks during the closing ceremony of the 50th Association of Southeast Asia Nations (ASEAN) Regional Forum (ARF) in Manila, Philippines on 8 August, 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

Korea marks founding anniversary with adversarial words to US

BEIJING — North Korea marked on Saturday the 69th anniversary of its founding boasting of its status as a world-class military power and taking an explicitly adversarial stand against the United States, as the international community struggles to rein in the secretive country following a series of weapons tests.

North Korea's most influential newspaper, Rodong Sinmun, in its front page praised the country for becoming an "invincible nuclear power" after having succeeded in possessing an atomic bomb, a hydrogen bomb and even an intercontinental ballistic missile.

With North Korea's upgraded military capabilities, the newspaper warned that the United States and its "vassal" forces are doomed to be defeated, at a time when the international community is carefully watching the North for signs of another missile launch or other provocations on the occasion of the anniversary.

Rodong Sinmun also denounced in a separate commentary the administration of US President Donald Trump for spearheading new UN sanctions against North Korea and threatened that "as long as the United States will pursue hostile action, it will continue to receive big and small gift packages from us." The US aircraft carrier Ronald Reagan left its home port in Yokosuka, located south of



North Koreans lay flowers before large bronze statues of the country's two late leaders on Mansu Hill in the capital Pyongyang on 9 September, 2017, the 69th anniversary of the country's founding. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

Tokyo, for a patrol mission of the region on Friday.

Last year, North Korea conducted its fifth nuclear test on the day of the anniversary. This year's ceremony comes about a week after the country's by far most powerful ever underground blast of what it claimed was a hydrogen bomb.

North Korea has also test-fired already nearly 20 ballistic missiles this year alone, including two ICBMs in July believed capable of reaching the mainland United States.

Just days before its sixth nuclear test, North Korea launched an intermediate-range ballistic missile that crossed Japan before landing in the northern Pacific Ocean.

In response to the sixth nuclear test on 3 September, the United States and its allies are trying to have the UN Security Council endorse a new resolution toughening sanctions on North Korea.

The United States, which has proposed an oil embargo and a freeze on North Korean

leader Kim Jong Un's assets, among other punitive steps against the country, has requested the 15-member Security Council to vote on the resolution on Monday.

China and Russia, two of the five veto-wielding permanent members of the council, hold the key to whether North Korea will face stricter sanctions.

Both China and Russia have condemned North Korea for the latest nuclear test but have adhered to their long-held positions of prioritizing the restart

of negotiations, rather than putting too much pressure on Pyongyang in the belief that doing so would further escalate tensions.

On the occasion of the 69th founding anniversary, North Korea's official media reported that Kim received a congratulatory message from Russian President Vladimir Putin.

"The relations between the two countries are based on the excellent tradition of friendship and mutual respect," the Korean Central News Agency quoted the message as saying. "I am convinced that further development of the bilateral relations in all fields will conform with the fundamental interests of the two peoples and contribute to consolidating the security and stability of the Korean peninsula and Northeast Asia as a whole."

However, there are no reports of Kim receiving a message of greetings from Chinese President Xi Jinping, a possible indication of fraying ties between the two neighbors.

While the rest of the world is worrying if or when North Korea may tame its nuclear ambitions, the country's citizens, young and old alike, dressed up for one of its most important national holidays. Many were seen laying flowers before giant statues in Pyongyang of state founder Kim Il Sung and his son Kim Jong Il, the current leader's father, who died in late 2011.—Kyodo News ■

India doing best to help nationals affected by hurricane Irma in North America

NEW DELHI — India said on Saturday that it is constantly monitoring the situation in the aftermath of the deadly hurricane Irma hitting North American countries and doing its best to provide all help to its affected nationals there.

The Indian External Affairs Ministry said that its missions in Venezuela, the Netherlands, France and the United States are in touch with local authorities in the affected countries to give all possible assistance to Indian nationals there.

"Our missions in Venezuela, the Netherlands, France and the United States are constantly

monitoring the situation following destruction due to hurricane Irma," External Affairs Ministry spokesman Raveesh Kumar tweeted.

"They (Indian missions) are in constant touch with the Indian diaspora affected by Irma and with local government officials to provide all possible assistance," he added. Hurricane Irma, a category five storm which pounded the Bahamas before making landfall in Cuba's Camaguey Archipelago late Friday night, has now been moving towards Florida in the United States. It claimed the lives of at least 19 people on the Caribbean islands.—Xinhua ■

Storm Katia rapidly weakens after making landfall near Tecolutla, Mexico

MIAMI, Florida — Storm Katia rapidly weakened on Saturday after it made landfall near the working-class beach resort of Tecolutla in the state of Veracruz on the Mexican Gulf coast, the US National Hurricane Centre (NHC) said.

Katia was downgraded from a hurricane to a tropical storm as it was about 110 miles (175 km) northwest of Veracruz, Mexico with sustained winds of 45 mph (70 kmh), the centre said in an advisory.

Veracruz state officials said in a statement on Friday that the storm could cause landslides and flooding, and urged people living below hills and slopes to be prepared to

evacuate.

Luis Felipe Puente, head of Mexico's national emergency services, said this week that Katia has "worrying characteristics" because it is very slow-moving and could dump a lot of rain on areas that have been saturated in recent weeks.

State oil and gas company Pemex has installations in and around the coast of Veracruz, but the firm has not reported any disruption to its operations.

Mexico is also dealing with the aftermath of a powerful earthquake on Thursday night. The quake, the strongest to strike the country in

more than 80 years, killed at least 61 people.

As Katia was making landfall, Hurricane Irma, one of the most powerful Atlantic storms in a century, walloped Cuba's northern coast as a Category 5 storm. Millions of Florida residents were ordered to evacuate after the storm killed 21 people in the eastern Caribbean and left catastrophic destruction in its wake.

Hurricane Jose continued to gather strength far out in the Atlantic and was nearing Category 5 strength as it churned about 435 miles east-southeast of the Northern Leeward Islands.—Reuters ■

Every citizen needs to have security awareness

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National peace and stability is of great importance in every country. For doing so, security awareness and rule of law play an important role. Though the national security must be operated by its security forces and organizations, but it will be more effective and successful only if all the citizens help to participate energetically.

In regard to present events currently happening in Rakhine State, it can be said that anxieties for national security may occur in the country. At the time when the State is exerting its concerted efforts for the national security, we can find destructive elements from the outside world and aggressive behaviors that ignite up to leading to the breach of

the national security. This can be likened to the event of blowing wind while catching a fire, or the event of waiting for a chance while a wildfire is burning angrily. So, we are repeatedly to warn for the people to keep security awareness and to be alert about the possible dangers of those destructive elements.

Due to such and such situations, these days the State is calling for awareness over conspiracies of extremist terrorist attacks in the country, simultaneously issuing news releases occasionally, so as for unnecessary conflicts not to emerge.

It has been learnt that arrangements are under way to launch terrorist bomb blast attacks in the inner part of the country in a foreign country that encourages terrorism, which is designed

to make timely attacks at the time when ARSA extremist terrorists are making terrorist attacks and during this month when the meetings of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) will be held, with a view to attracting supports over ARSA extremist Terrorists.

According to these news and information, the State has issued instructions to take awareness on security across the nation. Based on potential attacks, riots, religious and racial conflicts can be created, so it is of great importance to take special awareness on risks of the breach of national peace and stability.

As security awareness, the people are required to report to the nearest authorities if found suspicious persons and their deeds, accumulation of explosives and actions of abnormality. It is

necessary for the whole populace to take notices of political agitations to create riots and conflicts, by exploiting threat on terrorist attacks.

As the State is making preparations to protect the country from the danger of potential terrorist attacks, we need not be worried about it. But we need to keep constant alertness on national security.

As security awareness and rule of law is important for the national peace and stability, all the national people and all those living in the country are required to express their love and loyalty toward the country by co-operating campaigns for national peace and stability, being implemented by the government. ■

(Translated Khin Maung Oo)

Asia-Pacific Region: Gearing Up for the Next Transformation



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Following is the discussion of Ms Christine Lagarde at the conference in Seoul on 6th September focusing on how to **promote sustained and inclusive growth** in the world's most dynamic region.

Introduction: Asia Today and Tomorrow

When we think about Asia's economic future, we know that this future is being built on strong foundations—on the richness and diversity of its cultures, on the incredible energy and ingenuity of the people who have changed the world by transforming their own economies.

China and India have been driving the greatest poverty reduction in human history by creating the world's largest middle classes. In a single generation, Vietnam has moved from being one of the world's poorest nations to being a middle-income country.

And Korea has transformed itself into a thriving advanced economy—inspiring those who are working hard to avoid the so-called “middle income trap”. These are only some of the many Asian success stories that have captured the imagination of policymakers and economists around the world.

Why? Because this region is not just about sound macroeconomic policies and embracing global economic integration. It is also about resourcefulness and immense determination.

Twenty years ago, so many communities and companies were deeply hurt by the Asian financial crisis. So many countries in this region suffered a lot. But they also learned a lot—as did the IMF—and they are much stronger today. As the famous Korean proverb puts it: “*After rain, the ground becomes firmer.*”

This resilience was earned through bold, post-crisis reforms. Many countries adopted more flexible exchange rates and reduced external vulnerabilities. They also strengthened their financial sector regulation and supervision, and developed domestic capital markets.

With these reforms, Asia was able to weather the global financial crisis, and has since emerged as a key engine of global growth. Over the past decade, the Asia-Pacific region has contributed two thirds of global growth, and now accounts for about 44 percent of global GDP.

Today we see the beginning of another economic transformation across Asia. What does that mean? It means that countries can build on the progress made so far, while addressing *new vulnerabilities*.

These include immediate challenges such as high corporate debt and the risk of protectionism—but also *longer-term* challenges such as population ageing and lower productivity growth.

There is a huge opportunity for policymakers to take the best of today's Asia to build the best possible tomorrow for Asia. How? Through bold policy actions and strong international cooperation.

Here the Korean government has provided leadership—and not just by hosting international economic conferences. Next year, for example, Korea will

host the **Winter Olympics in Pyeong Chang**, bringing together the world's top athletes.

I believe that policymakers can take inspiration from these athletes—because that is what the next transformation requires: a *relentless focus on training*, on the nitty-gritty of economic reform.

Let me briefly discuss this from three perspectives:

- First, how can Asia seize its demographic opportunities?
- Second, what can governments do to boost productivity?
- And third, how can the IMF best serve its member countries in managing the next transformation?

1. Seizing the Demographic Opportunities

Let us start with demographics. Reforms in this area can lift potential growth and help societies share the benefits of growth more widely. Consider the immense potential of young and growing populations in countries such as India, Indonesia, and the Philippines.

By lifting productivity and creating more, higher-quality jobs for a growing workforce, these economies can reap this demographic dividend. IMF analysis shows that a growing workforce can add one full percentage point to their annual GDP growth over the next three decades.

There are also rapidly ageing populations in countries such as China, Japan, Korea, and Thailand. They will have *smaller* workforces in the future and potentially lower productivity growth.

We estimate that these countries could face lower annual GDP growth, again by up to a percentage point—although some of the negative effects of

ageing remain subject to debate.

So what can Asia do to step up its demographic “training”?

One avenue that has worked in all countries around the world is to boost the proportion of women in the workforce. Korea and Japan, for example, could further increase their focus on reforming secondary earner taxation and boosting childcare benefits and tax incentives for part-time work.

Emerging and developing countries, such as Cambodia and India, can benefit from expanding girls' access to high-quality education and promoting women's access to finance.

Taken together, these initiatives could become an economic game changer. By some estimates, closing the gender gap in the labor market could boost GDP by 9 percent in Japan, 10 percent in Korea, and 27 percent in India.

We have also seen benefits from fostering more inclusive growth—especially in countries where income and wealth inequality are high and rising. To put it simply, when the benefits of growth are shared more broadly, growth is stronger, more durable, and more resilient.

Here in Korea, the Parliament recently approved a budget that includes transfers to the elderly, subsidies for job-seeking youth, and higher unemployment benefits. A stronger social safety net—including a more reliable pension system—is also crucial for China, because it facilitates the transition to consumption-led growth.

In other words, increasing the economic “fitness level” can help ensure that the next generation will be better off.

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Senior General Min Aung Hlaing visits Thilawa Special Economic Zone

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Tin Aung San, Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Khin Aung Myint and senior officers of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) yesterday visited Thilawa Special Economic Zone in Thanlyin Township, Yangon Region.

Myanmar Japan Thilawa Development (MJTWD) Limited Chairman Mr. Watanabe, President and Chief Executive Officer Mr. Yanai explained the concept and operation of the Thilawa Special Economic Zone in MJTWD executive office.

Afterwards, the Senior General and party toured the Thilawa Special Economic Zone by car.



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing observes green house agriculture zone of Thanlyin under the regional naval headquarters in Thanlyin Township yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

Earlier, the Senior General and party visited a greenhouse agriculture zone of

Thanlyin Base under the regional naval headquarters, where officials explained the

flora and fauna being planted in the zone.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Car import system with slip to be abolished only after deregistration of all old vehicles

CAR import with the use of slip (import permit) returned for deregistration of old vehicles continued to be permitted until all old vehicles in the country are retired, said an official from the Commerce Ministry to Myawady Daily.

About 3,000 buses 1995 model were claimed to be retired at the Road Transport Administration Department (RTAD) and slips for cars with black licence plate were given back to the owners.

However, many old vehicles are still left to claim for deregistration. Therefore, import permit with slip will continue to use next year. Slip price are on the rise at Yangon auto market, which reached the highest rate of over Ks12 million in the past months.

Returning slip for car owners after deregistration of old buses pre-1995 and 1995 model commenced in November 2016. —GNLM ■

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2. Boosting Productivity

So much for demographics. What about productivity?

Over the *long term*, **productivity growth** is the most important source of higher income and rising living standards. For example, countries such as Bangladesh, India and Indonesia are benefiting from steady investment, which can help boost innovation and potential growth.

The not-so-good news is the sharp slowdown in productivity growth since the global financial crisis in countries such as China, Japan, Korea, and Thailand. This is part of a global trend, affecting advanced economies and many emerging market countries.

We estimate that, if productivity growth had followed its pre-2008 crisis trend, overall GDP in the Asia-Pacific region would be about 9 percent higher today. That would be the equivalent of adding to the global economy a country with an output of Japan.

So how can governments step up their productivity “training”? **Fostering innovation is one way.** This includes providing tax incentives for research and development, and investing

more in infrastructure and education reform.

For example, Korea and Vietnam are world champions in educational achievement. Here a greater emphasis on vocational training could help reduce skills mismatches in some sectors.

Of course, **Asia has been a world champion in entrepreneurship**, most recently in smartphone apps, e-commerce, and fintech. In these and other sectors, the region could benefit from reducing overly stringent regulations and fostering new ventures and fresh ideas, rather than protecting incumbents.

More trade can also play a role. Why? Because trade promotes innovation-sharing and pushes firms to invest in new technologies and more efficient business practices.

For example, we estimate that China’s integration into the global trading system accounted for as much as 10 percent of the average overall productivity increase in advanced economies between the mid-1990s and mid-2000s.

Gains like that illustrate **the transformative power of trade.** Today, billions of people across the globe enjoy higher incomes

and living standards, because we are—collectively—world champions in trade and technological progress.

But we also know that these structural changes come with negative side-effects, from job losses in shrinking sectors to social challenges in some communities.

Each country has a responsibility in this area—it is a global responsibility as well. What do I mean by that? I mean pushing for better and smarter trade agreements, including better protecting labor and environmental standards. Here international cooperation has a key role.

As the famous Korean proverb puts it: *“Even a sheet of paper is held more easily by two people”.*

3. The IMF as a Partner

That brings me to my third and final topic—the **IMF as a partner, as a “fitness coach”.**

In many ways, the IMF has been going through its own transformation, and continues to adapt to better serve our member countries here in Asia and around the world.

Our *raison d’être* is to work with our members to foster

resilient and inclusive growth. This means engaging deeply through analysis, policy advice, and hands-on assistance and training on how to strengthen institutions and improve economic management.

For example: when Myanmar began opening its economy, the IMF helped modernize its tax administration and revamp its central bank and foreign exchange market. We also supported Myanmar in building a statistics program and strengthening its anti-money laundering regime.

More broadly, we work with our members every day to address the challenges posed by demographic pressures, climate change, and new technology—but that is not the whole story.

We are constantly learning from our members and sharing that knowledge—so *all* members can enhance their own performance.

Think of what has been achieved since 2010, when Korea chaired the G20. Our discussions have contributed to the IMF’s reassessment of the role of capital flow management measures.

We have also been working with our members to strengthen

the global financial safety net—by enhancing our toolkit and by deepening our cooperation with regional financing arrangements, including the Chiang Mai Initiative.

And there is now a greater representation of dynamic emerging economies in the governance of the IMF. With the most recent quota reforms, the BRIC countries are now among our top 10 shareholders.

This is a new Fund in a new world, serving our membership in new and better ways.

Conclusion

Let me conclude on a personal note: **I have learned so much from Asia**—from the young entrepreneurs in Vietnam to the students in Cambodia, China, Korea, and India. They embody Asia’s tremendous potential.

I see a generation that will have a unique opportunity to lead Asia’s next transformation. By working and learning together—by stepping up our “training”—we can help improve the lives of people in this region and across the globe.

Thank you—*kamsa hamnida!*

Defence Ministry surprised at statement from German military authority about West-2017

MOSCOW — The Russian Defence Ministry is surprised at the statement made by German's Defence Minister Ursula von der Leyen claiming 100,000 Russian military will be involved in the Russia-Belarus West-2017 exercise, spokesman of the Russian authority Igor Konashenkov said on Saturday.

"We are surprised at the statement, made by the German defence minister, Ms Ursula von der Leyen, as she quoted the unreasonable figures concerning claimed 100,000 Russian military to be involved in the West-2017 exercise and about consequent threats to Europe," the spokesman said. "The German side was notified and it has received all the exhaustive information about the plot, defence character and real numbers of the Russian military involved in the West-2017 exercise."

According to the spokesman, the German side has received detailed information both by the Belarussian side and directly to the German embassy's military attache in Moscow during a special briefing on 29 August by Russia's Deputy Defence Ministry Alexander Fomin in the presence of hundreds of foreign reporters.

"Moreover, Russia's Head



Russian military will be involved in the Russia-Belarus West-2017 exercise. **PHOTO: TASS**

of the General Staff General Valery Gerasimov only the day before yesterday in Baku during a meeting with head of NATO's Military Committee informed additionally General Petr Pavel about the Zapad-2017 exercise, stressing it is a planned action and it is not aimed against third countries," the Defence Ministry's spokesman said. "It is difficult to imagine that colleagues of Ms Ursula von der Layen at NATO, or from other involved German authorities or her office deliberately mislead

the German defence minister." "It is much easier to suppose the opposite," he added.

Earlier, Germany's military spokesman Jens Flosdorff in a comment on the statement by Minister Ursula von der Layen about the number of personnel involved in the Zapad-2017 exercise said those were estimations of NATO's experts.

Zapad-2017 exercise

The joint strategic exercise Zapad-2017 is scheduled for September 14-20. Six proving grounds in Russia and Bela-

rus will be used. It is expected that 12,700 troops will take part (about 10,200 in Belarus) and 680 pieces of military equipment.

The Belarussian Defence Ministry has dispatched invitations to monitors from seven countries and a number of international organizations, including NATO, CSTO, CIS, UN and OSCE. Russia, too, has invited senior officials from a number of foreign defence ministries to see the final phase of the exercise.—Tass ■

WORLD BRIEFS

Chinas Hong Kong, ASEAN conclude Free Trade Agreement negotiations

HONG KONG — China's Hong Kong and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) announced Saturday the conclusion of the negotiations on a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and a related Investment Agreement.

The announcement was made at the second ASEAN Economic Ministers-Hong Kong, China Consultations (AEM-HKC Consultations).—Xinhua ■

Russian Dep ForMin Ryabkov to meet US Shannon on 11-12 September—RIA

MOSCOW — Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov will meet US Undersecretary of State Thomas Shannon in Helsinki on 11-12 September, the RIA news agency cited a Russian diplomatic source as saying on Saturday.—Reuters ■

Hurricane Jose on track to pass close to northern Leeward Islands

MIAMI, Florida — Hurricane Jose, a Category 4 storm, was a track to pass close to the northern Leeward Islands on Saturday, the National Hurricane Centre said.

The storm was about 190 miles (305 km) east-southeast of the northern Leeward Islands with sustained winds of 150 mph (240 km), the center said.

The core of Hurricane Jose will pass close to or just east of the islands on Saturday. After it passes it is expected to gradually weaken, the centre said.—Reutres ■

Russia's ambassador to US hopes US really stops policy of countermeasures

WASHINGTON — Russia's new Ambassador to the United States Anatoly Antonov said on Friday he hopes Washington's wishes to stop the policy of countermeasures will be realized.

"I would like very much to hope that all this [US] putting an end to the policy of countermeasures - TASS] will be implemented in concrete actions," he said answering a TASS question.

"I can vow that there are no problems on our part," Antonov noted, adding that Russia has always stood "for improvement in bilateral relations."

"We want our relations to be trust-based, mutually respectful, equal, and, of course, mutually



Russia's Ambassador to the United States Anatoly Antonov. **PHOTO: TASS**

beneficial," he stressed, adding that this is in the interests of both the international community, Russia and the United States.

The Russian ambassador

presented his credentials to President Donald Trump on Friday.

"The atmosphere was good, constructive and friendly," he

said. "President Trump met me cordially. We agree with his staff members to continue our contacts."

US Department of State Spokesperson Heather Nauert told reporters on Thursday that the United States is not willing to continue the diplomatic tit-for-tat with Moscow and wants relations to improve. "We don't want to continue this kind of diplomatic tit-for-tat. There are far too many areas where we can, we hope we can, cooperate with Russia," she said. Nauert did not elaborate on possible retaliatory measures from Moscow, stressing once again her country's hope to improve ties with Moscow.—Tass ■

Australia to send more troops to help Philippines fight Islamist militants

SYDNEY — Australia will send troops to assist Philippine forces in the ongoing battle against Islamic State fighters in the southern city of Marawi, Australia's Defense Minister Marise Payne said on Friday.

Small contingents of Australian soldiers will be sent to train Philippine troops, Payne said during a press conference with her counterpart, Delfin Lorenzana in Manila.

"We are very committed to supporting the Philippines in its efforts to defend itself against terrorist threats," Minister Payne said.

"This is a threat to the region (that) we all need to work together to defeat."

But no Australian troops will be actively involved in the fighting, Lorenzana said.

"It would not look good if we would be needing troops to fight the war



Smoke billows after a fighter jet plane released a bomb during an airstrike as government troops continue their assault as part of clearing operations against pro-IS militants group which have seized control over large parts of Marawi city, southern Philippines on 9 September, 2017. REUTERS/Romeo Ranoco

here. We are happy with the assistance we're getting from Australia."

The militants swept through Marawi on 23 May and have held parts of it

despite sustained ground attacks by hundreds of soldiers and daily pummeling

by planes and artillery.

The southern Philippines has been marred for

decades by insurgency and banditry. But the intensity of the battle in Marawi and the presence of foreign fighters fighting alongside local militants has raised concerns that the region may be becoming a South-east Asian hub for Islamic State as it loses ground in Iraq and Syria.

The Australian troops will compliment those from their country already sent to the Philippines to train local personnel, Payne said.

Philippine troops fighting Islamic State-linked rebels in a southern city have encountered armed resistance from women and children who were likely family member of militants, the Philippine military said on Monday.

A spokesman for Payne said further details of the training contingent would be determined in coming days.—Reuters ■

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Scoping of EIA Study of M9 East Appraisal and Exploration Drilling in Block M9 by PTTEPI

PTTEP International Limited (PTTEPI) plans to develop appraisal and exploration drilling campaign in the eastern part of Offshore Block M9 with objective to confirm (or deny) and to indicate the presence of hydrocarbon reservoirs, and could serve the development of the existing Zawtika gas field. The proposed appraisal and exploration drilling will be up to 12 wells which will begin in Q1 2018.

Under Environmental Impact Assessment Procedure of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, PTTEPI is required to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study to obtain an Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) for the proposed activity. PTTEPI and Artelia Eau & Environment (Artelia) are currently undertaking Scoping of EIA Study to define project description, study area, potential environmental and social impacts and relevant stakeholders. The Scoping will be conducted in accordance with the Myanmar EIA Procedure (2015).

More information about the proposed activity can be found on PTTEPI's website as follows: www.pttep.com.

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Scoping of EIA Study of M11 Exploration Drilling in Block M11 by PTTEPI

PTTEP International Limited (PTTEPI) plans to develop exploration drilling campaign in the Offshore Block M11 with objective to confirm (or deny) the presence of hydrocarbon reservoirs. The proposed exploration drilling will be up to 2 wells which will begin in Q4 2018.

Under Environmental Impact Assessment Procedure of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, PTTEPI is required to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study to obtain an Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) for the proposed activity. PTTEPI and Artelia Eau & Environment (Artelia) are currently undertaking Scoping of EIA Study to define project description, study area, potential environmental and social impacts and relevant stakeholders. The Scoping will be conducted in accordance with the Myanmar EIA Procedure (2015).

More information about the proposed activity can be found on PTTEPI's website as follows: www.pttep.com.

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Pope to see a Medellin that has put drug wars in its past

MEDELLIN, (Colombia) — Pope Francis on Saturday travels to Medellin, once notorious as the stomping grounds of drug lord Pablo Escobar, to find a city transformed since his predecessor Pope John Paul visited in 1986.

Violence between cartels, paramilitary groups and guerrillas raged in the poor 'comuna' neighbourhoods on its outskirts and the late pontiff was moved to decry drug violence.

Instead, Francis is expected to honour the commitment and sacrifice of those who dedicate themselves to religious vocations when he says mass for a crowd expected to draw hundreds of thousands of people near an airport.

He also visits a home for children who were victims of violence and addresses priests, nuns, seminarians and their families at the La Macarena bullring.

In the 1980s and early 1990s, violence between cartels, paramilitary groups and guerrillas raged in the poor 'comuna' neighbourhoods on its outskirts and the visiting pontiff was moved to decry drug violence.



A woman sells t-shirts with images of Pope Francis as the faithful (not pictured) arrive for a holy mass on Saturday by Pope Francis outside Olaya Herrera Airport, Medellin, Colombia on 8 September, 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

The city is now heralded as a model of urban development. It has installed cable cars up the steep Andean slopes that surround it to save working-class residents a punishing climb home and built libraries in neighbourhoods once host to gun battles.

Feared drug trafficker Escobar, Medellin's most infamous resident, was gunned down in the city in a US-backed operation in 1993. He was recently resurrected as a character in the popular Netflix series Narcos.

During his visit to the

city, Francis will highlight those who choose the habit and the cassock over secular careers, as the number of new entrants to vocations in the Roman Catholic Church has slumped.

At the La Macarena meeting, Francis will also pray before the relics of Mother Laura Montoya, a nun who was the first female Colombian saint. Montoya was a teacher and prolific author who hosted classes in her own home when the 1895 civil war forced schools to close.

The leader of the world's 1.2 billion Roman Catholics has brought a

message of national reconciliation as the country tries to heal the wounds left by the conflict and bitter disagreements over a peace deal with guerrillas agreed last year.

On Friday in the tropical city of Villavicencio, he urged Colombians skeptical of a the deal with the FARC guerrillas to be open to reconciliation with those who have repented, speaking hours after a top rebel leader asked the pontiff for forgiveness.

He visits the city of Cartagena on Sunday before leaving for Rome that night.—Reuters ■

Manchester concert venue shattered by bomb attack to reopen

LONDON — The Manchester music venue where a suicide bomber killed 22 people as they left an Ariana Grande concert in May will reopen on Saturday for the first time since the attack.

A benefit concert entitled "We Are Manchester" will raise money for a charitable trust in charge of establishing a permanent memorial in the northern English city. The victims of the 22 May attack at the

Manchester Arena included many young girls, who make up a large part of US singer Grande's fan base. The youngest, Saffie Rousos, was aged eight.

Parents who had come to pick up their children after the show were also among those killed in the attack carried out by Salman Abedi. "May's events will never be forgotten, but they will not stop us, or Mancunian music fans, from coming togeth-

er to enjoy live music," James Allen, the venue's general manager, said in a statement. The line-up for Saturday's concert, which was sold out, included Noel Gallagher, formerly of Oasis, one of the most successful bands to emerge from Manchester.

Also performing will be local poet Tony Walsh, known as Longfella, who moved crowds to tears at a vigil in central Manchester the day after the attack

with his poem "This Is The Place" which celebrates the spirit of the city.

Grande will not take part, having performed at a previous benefit concert, "One Love Manchester", which raised funds for victims. The 4 June concert, which took place at a cricket ground in Manchester, also featured artists including Justin Bieber, Coldplay, Miley Cyrus and Pharrell Williams.—Reuters ■

Japanese lawmaker Inoki meets N Korea's top diplomat

PYONGYANG/BEIJING — Japanese wrestler-turned-lawmaker Antonio Inoki on Friday held talks with North Korea's top official in charge of foreign affairs, amid soaring tensions between the country and the rest of the world over its relentless nuclear and missile tests.

Inoki and Ri Su Yong, a vice chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea who formerly served as foreign minister, shook hands and hugged when they met in Pyongyang.

"I welcome you," Ri, known as a trusted confidant of leader Kim Jong Un, told Inoki, who does not represent the Japanese government or belong to any political party, at the outset of their discussions.

Their meeting was held a day before North Korea marks the 69th anniversary of its founding.

The Japanese government has expressed concern over the visit of Inoki, who has developed uniquely close ties with North Korea, just days after its sixth nuclear test and when the international community is bracing for another possible provocation by Pyongyang around Saturday's foundation day.

Inoki told Ri, who as head of the ruling party's international department

is responsible for North Korea's external affairs, that he finds meaning in his visit to Pyongyang especially in a "period like this."

"I don't care about any criticism," Inoki told Kyodo News on Thursday before leaving for Pyongyang from Beijing.

The 74-year-old House of Councillors member, whose real first name is Kanji, said he thinks it necessary to keep lines of communication open with North Korea, even at a time when many countries are trying to further isolate it over its defiant pursuit of nuclear and missile development.

The former pro-wrestling star last visited North Korea one year ago also for its national foundation day, when its fifth nuclear test was conducted.

Inoki, who is on his 32nd visit to Pyongyang, has said one of the trip's other main purposes is to help facilitate "sports exchanges" between Japan and North Korea, which have no diplomatic relations.

What Inoki discussed with Ri was not immediately known. He is scheduled to stay in North Korea until Monday and may disclose some elements of their discussions afterward.—Kyodo News ■



Japanese wrestler-turned-lawmaker Antonio Inoki (2nd from R) and Ri Su Yong (2nd from L), a vice chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea who formerly served as foreign minister, hold talks in Pyongyang on 8 September, 2017, amid soaring tensions between North Korea and the rest of the world over Pyongyang's nuclear and missile tests. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**



Japan's Self-Defence Forces F-15 fighter jets (top and bottom) conduct an air exercise with US Air Force B-1B Lancer bombers flying from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, in the skies above the East China Sea, Japan, in this photo released by the Air Staff Office of the Defence Ministry of Japan on 9 September, 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

Japan says jet fighters conducted drills with US aircraft over East China Sea

TOKYO — Japanese F-15 fighter jets on Saturday conducted an air exercise with US B1-B bombers in the skies above the East China Sea, Japan's Air Self-Defence Force (ASDF) said. The joint drill comes as South Korea braces for

a possible further missile test by North Korea as it marked its founding anniversary, just days after its sixth and largest nuclear test rattled global financial markets and further escalated tensions in the region. The exercise in-

volved two US Air Force B-1B Lancer bombers flying from Andersen Air Force Base on the US Pacific island territory of Guam, which were joined by two Japanese F-15 jet fighters.

On 31 August, Japa-

nese F-15 fighter jets also conducted an air exercise with US B1-B bombers and F-35 stealth fighters in skies south of the Korean peninsula, two days after North Korea launched a ballistic missile over northern Japan.—Reuters■



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'Five Foot Two' explores Lady Gaga's vulnerable side

TORONTO — In "Gaga: Five Foot Two", director Chris Moukarbel captures the artist hidden behind the outrageous costumes, revealing a woman unafraid to express her vulnerabilities and exercise her agency.

"This is me with nothing," Lady Gaga says in the film.

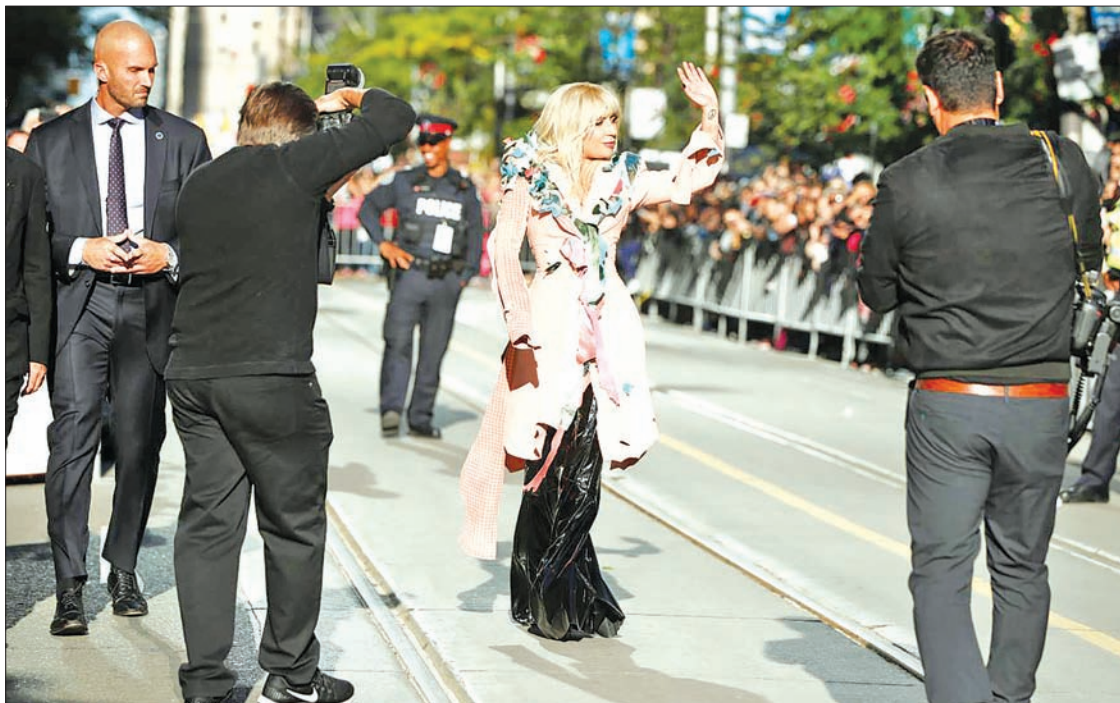
The Netflix documentary, which had its world premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival on Friday, follows Lady Gaga over an eight-month period leading up to her Super Bowl Halftime performance in February 2017.

It's an intimate and often raw look at the real Lady Gaga, Stefani Joanne Germanotta, roughly a decade after she exploded into the pop culture scene with her debut, "Just Dance".

Moukarbel said the film was a rare opportunity to shine a light on a story that people thought they were already familiar with, describing the singer as powerful, yet vulnerable.

He told audiences after the premiere that the biggest challenge to filming Gaga's life was "how to narrow the scope when it's about somebody whose life is so big and vast."

"With her life, it's just like this daily whiplash which she's experiencing, as you saw, and I tried to capture that."



Lady Gaga arrives on the red carpet for her film "Gaga: Five Foot Two" at the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF), in Toronto, Ontario, Canada on 8 September, 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

The film depicts that "whiplash", juxtaposing the public Lady Gaga with the personal Germanotta.

An interview with the New York Times about her new single "Joanne" is book-ended by a call from a dying friend, Sonja Durham, and an emotional visit to her grandmother, who listens to her new song about her aunt Joanne for the first time.

Durham passed away earlier this year and the film is dedicated to her memory.

Lady Gaga, who performed a ballad version of "Bad Romance" before the film screening, watched the documentary for the first time on Friday.

"I was very overwhelmed watching it," she told audiences afterwards, calling the film an authentic look at her life.

One moment she is elegantly turned out for a christening, surrounded by family, another moment she is wrapped in a towel, crying from the chronic pain that resulted from a hip fracture

several years ago.

In the film, Lady Gaga's vulnerabilities are on display: the depression and trauma caused by the hip injury, reflections on her self-image, being alone, turning 30, her dealings with men.

But she also talks extensively about finding empowerment and validation from within, as well as the power and influence of music on her life.

"Sometimes it's like open heart surgery, making music. It's invasive."—Reuters ■

New film goes behind the curtains of Grace Jones' glamour

LONDON — With her statuesque profile, striking gaze and visually arresting performances, Grace Jones has long been an emblem of high fashion, art and glamorous eccentricity, but a new documentary hopes to shed light on a different side of the pop culture figure through her private life.

"Grace Jones: Bloodlight and Bami," which premiered on Thursday at Toronto International Film Festival, follows Jones' life through her music and her roots in Jamaica, where she was born and raised in her early years.

"I think they (audiences) are just going to see what's life behind the scenes, other sides of the glamorous," Jones told Reuters on the red carpet.

"Everyone thinks it's glamorous but this does show a lot of different sides of also the struggles to ... do what it is you have a vision to do," she added. Jones, 69, known for her sharp cheekbones and androgynous look, carved a pioneering career as one of the first black models to grace fashion magazines covers and campaigns for major fashion houses such as Yves Saint Laurent and Kenzo in the 1970s.—Reuters ■

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Reese Witherspoon encourages women to be ambitious

LONDON — Actress Reese Witherspoon said she is encouraging women to be more ambitious and do away with the stigma surrounding them.

The 41-year-old actress said she believed ambitious women have the power to "change (the) society", reported FemaleFirst.

"A couple of years ago I wrote a speech of Glamour Women of the Year about why ambition in women is considered a dirty word. And we do kind of think, they've done all these studies at Harvard and Colombia about how women who have ambitious qualities

are seen as selfish or self-serving, and it's actually completely the opposite.

"Usually they have a mission or a drive to help other people, or accomplish something. So I'm just trying to take the stigma off the word so we can encourage more little girls to be ambitious, because I do think that's how society will change," Witherspoon said on "Good Morning America".

Recently, the "Big Little Lies" actor slammed sexism prevalent in Hollywood, saying big studios are uninterested in making films with "female-driven material".—PTI ■



Actress Reese Witherspoon. PHOTO: PTI

More sex education needed in China, director Vivian Qu says with new film

VENICE — Vivian Qu hopes her new film “Angels Wear White” (“Jia Nian Hua”) will generate a discussion on sex education and child protection in her home country, the Chinese director said at the Venice film festival on Friday.

Qu, whose directorial debut “Trap Street” (“Shuiyin jie”) premiered to critical acclaim at the festival in 2013, is back in Venice to present her latest project.

“We are trying to tell educators it’s important to (educate about sex) at an early age because children need to learn how to protect themselves because the parents are not necessarily always around,” Qu told Reuters in an interview.

“Angels Wear White” is set in a seafront town, where two young girls are assaulted in a motel by a middle-aged man. The only witness is receptionist Mia, played by Wen Qi, who is only a few years older than the girls. As news of the assault spread, the hotel’s managers try to cover up the evidence. Mia, worried she may lose her job, says nothing, and with few adults to turn to, both her and Wen have to find their own way out of their troubles.

Qu said she drew inspiration for the film from real life. It pained her to think that justice often was not served or came too late for the victims, she said.

Making a movie on

such a sensitive topic with a young, non-professional actress presented its own challenges, she added.

Qu spent two months training her young star Zhou Meijun on weekends when the girl was out of school. Zhou was not aware of the full plot and was given the scenes only gradually.

“She didn’t understand, she was very young and very pure. So, we only gave her scene by scene,” Qu said.

“We focused more on her relationship with her parents because that’s also how the film was and because those are the things that she could understand,” she added. Qu is the only female director in the festi-



Director Vivian Qu (2nd R) and actresses Zhou Meijun (2nd L), Peng Jing (L) and Shi Ke pose during the photocall for the movie “Angels Wear White” (Jia Nian Hua) at the 74th Venice Film Festival in Venice, Italy on 7 September, 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

val’s main competition this year and, while acknowledging the difficulties female film makers face, Qu said she believed it was more important to encourage women to get into the

industry rather than opt for quotas. “Any serious film makers would not want to be selected only because she is female, we want to be selected as good film makers, we make equally

good films,” she said.

The 74th Venice film festival runs until Saturday, when the winner of the coveted Golden Lion award will be revealed. —Reuters ■

Advertorial

Safety of MSG, “AJI-NO-MOTO®”



AJI-NO-MOTO® New plant in Thilawa Special Economic Zone

One of the responsibilities of a housewife is to select seasoning powder produced from natural raw materials that had the least side effect to use in preparing the daily foods for the family.

Currently, imported bowl (mistakenly identified as a pot locally) brand “AJI-NO-MOTO®” seasoning powder had occupied a place in the kitchens of Myanmar since a long time ago.

Ajinomoto Co., Inc. of Japan had produced “AJI-NO-MOTO®” seasoning powder since 1909. A Japanese scientist first discovered this substance from natural seaweed and named it “Umami, a fifth tastes” because it is not among the four basic tastes of sweetness, sourness, saltiness and bitterness.

Monosodium Glutamate (MSG), substance name of “AJI-NO-MOTO®” was produced biologically from natural raw materials such as sugar cane and tapioca. MSG is Sodium Salt of Glutamic Acid, one of Amino acids in protein that is in meat and vegetables the people consume daily. This Amino Acid is inside a human body and is included in mother’s milk. That is why consumers like the taste of MSG. Now, MSG is called Umami seasoning.

Company Profile

Ajinomoto Co. Inc. is a global manufacturer of high-

quality seasonings, processed foods, beverages, amino acids, pharmaceuticals and specialty chemicals. For many decades Ajinomoto Co. Inc. has contributed to food culture and human health through wide-ranging application of amino acid technologies.

Today, the company is becoming increasingly involved with solutions for improved food resources, human health and global sustainability. Founded in 1909 and now operating in 28 countries and regions.

There are endless rumor about MSG in Myanmar or some Asian countries due to misleading scientific data and some Myanmar people are anxious about using MSG.

But, US-based independent organization, the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) made experiments and surveys of consuming MSG is safe or not in 1990. After completing the survey, the team disclosed that it is safe for consuming MSG because there is no evidence linking MSG to any serious, long-term medical problems. And then, world’s highest ranked organization protecting public health, US FDA had recognized the consumption of MSG to be generally safe.

MSG is recognized to be safe by Myanmar FDA as well.

“The most popular MSG product, “AJI-NO-MOTO®”

is imported into Myanmar. Import is permitted. Import Recommendation is also issued. “AJI-NO-MOTO®” is officially permitted to be imported” said Dr. Tun Zaw, Director of Myanmar FDA (Food and Drug Administration).

“We, Ajinomoto Co., Inc. have been conducting dissemination of correct scientific information and benefit of MSG (Umami) continuously. We understand the consumer response have been generally improved through the activity,” said Mr. Satoshi Ogawa, Managing Director of Myanmar Ajinomoto Foods Co., Ltd.

Once a product becomes well known and market demand is high, it is a nature of the market for fakes and similar products to come out. In today’s world there are still many fakes and unsafe products but food safety become increasingly important for consumers.

Some MSG products in the market are not approved by Myanmar FDA presently. These unapproved MSG products are mainly repacked in Myanmar using Chinese MSG. Some products are fakes of branded products and some products are local brand products which mislead consumer using the words Thailand Technology or printing Thailand or Japanese language on the packaging materials.



AJI-NO-MOTO® production in new plant of Thilawa Special Economic Zone

Fake products may be packed in the market under the unhygienic environment or mixed the other materials like salt or sugar to cover lack of weight. These products may not only cheat consumer, but also may damage consumer health by some extraneous material.

“Our product “AJI-NO-MOTO®” is produced with raw materials from Thailand such as sugar cane and tapioca. “AJI-NO-MOTO®” is the only one MSG brand in Myanmar which is made in Thailand from Thai natural raw materials and repacked in Myanmar with Japanese technology. Some people may misunderstand that the cheaper “AJI-NO-MOTO” in the market is made by Ajinomoto Company officially in China, but it is not true and they are the fake ones. We Ajinomoto group don’t produce MSG in China.” said Mr. Satoshi Ogawa,

“AJI-NO-MOTO®” under a Japanese technology is the global top brand in MSG category. Due to high demand in the market, a factory had been set up all over the world and is distributing to Asia and world markets. According to company figures, Ajinomoto Company had been selling more than 300,000 MT in Asia annually.

“Myanmar FDA approves “AJI-NO-MOTO®” and so does Asian and western countries. There is no country in the world that is banned “AJI-NO-MOTO®” and there were no instances of it being prosecuted,” said the company.

Currently, a factory has been setup in Thilawa Special Economic Zone and started the packaging operation and the distribution within the country.

“Myanmar consumer first experience of seasoning powder is from consuming pot brand. Whatever brands that came in later, it is still top brand in the market. Because it is the first in the market, many people knew it. At home, I’m using pot brand, “AJI-NO-MOTO®” said a store owner with 20 years of selling various goods.

In every household it is the responsibility of the housewife to buy safe products to cook. If not, family members who had consumed the food will have subsequent health problems causing the loss of time and money as well as facing social problems. In the age when there are many fake products, it is the main responsibility of the housewife to buy trusted brand instead of cheap brands that affects the health.

Therefore “Take care of your family’s health by using FDA recognized “AJI-NO-MOTO®” seasoning powder.

Myanmar U-18 football team beats Brunei 7-0 in AFF Youth Championship

Kyaw Zin Tun

The Myanmar U-18 football team beat Brunei by a score of 7-0 while Viet Nam beat the Philippines 5-0 at the Asian Football Federation (AFF) Youth Champion Group B tournament at Thuwanna Stadium in Yangon yesterday.

Myanmar midfielder Eant Maw Oo scored the opening goal for Myanmar at the nine-minute mark. Myanmar defender Naing Ko Ko scored the second goal by heading the ball into the net with a pass by Thet Paing Htwe from the left side of the Brunei goal.

Myanmar forward player Win Naing Tun scored the third goal from a ball given by Myat Kaung Khat at 44 minutes.

The first half of the Myanmar and Brunei competition ended at 3-0. In the second half, Myanmar scored four additional goals.

In earlier Group B action, Viet Nam beat the Philippines 5-0.

Today's competitions will see Cambodia face Malaysia at 3pm and Singapore and Thailand at 6pm at Thuwanna Stadium. Timor-Leste will play Laos at Aung San Stadium at 3pm.

Myanmar will play against the Philippines tomorrow and against Viet Nam on 13 September. All group matches of the tournament will end on 13 September, with seminal final matches on 15 September and the final and third place matches on 17 September. ■



Myanmar U-18 forward football player Win Naing Tun after scoring third goal of Myanmar team at Asian Football Federation Youth Championship, Thuwanna Stadium yesterday. **PHOTO: MFF**

2017 states and regions men field hockey competition held

Kyaw Zin Tun

The opening of the states and regions men's field hockey competition was held on the artificial turf of Theinphyu Stadium, Yangon on 8 September.

Field hockey is a sport in which a team consisting of 11 players, including a goalie, use sticks made out of wood, carbon fibre, fibre glass or a combination of carbon fibre and fibre glass to hit a round, hard, plastic ball.

The opening ceremony yesterday featured a welcoming speech by U Myo Hlaing, the managing director of the sport and physical education department in the Ministry of Health and Sports.

The purpose of the competition is to increase the public interest in field hockey and

to nurture new generations of field hockey players, said U Myo Hlaing.

U Myo Hlaing urged the selection committee and the field hockey federation to try their best to become a good Myanmar field hockey team.

A total of seven teams representing, Kachin, Chin, Bago, Mandalay, Mon, Yangon and Shan participated this year.

Last year's winner and runner-up, Yangon Region and Chin State, played on opening day.

In other matches yesterday, Shan State defeated Mandalay Region 2-1 while Bago Region and Kachin State played to a 1-1 draw.

The 2017 men hockey competition began on 8 September and will end on 22 September. ■

Keita, Werner goals help Leipzig to snap Hamburg's winning start

BERLIN — Second half goals from Naby Keita and Timo Werner helped RB Leipzig beat hosts Hamburg SV 2-0 on Friday and snap the northern club's two-game winning start to the Bundesliga season.

Victory lifted Leipzig, last season's Bundesliga runners-up, to six points and provisionally into third place, ahead of their opponents on goal difference.

Leipzig had a good chance in the first half but Jean-Kevin Augustin's effort bounced off the post as they took the initiative from the start. Hamburg were then saved by the video assistant referee on the stroke of halftime when Werner was brought down in the box and the referee initially pointed to the penalty spot before changing his mind after asking for a video replay.

The hosts, looking to make it three wins in a row at the start of a season for the first time since the 1974/75 campaign, again sur-



Schalke's Daniel Caligiuri in action with RB Leipzig's Naby Keita during the match of Bundesliga in Gelsenkirchen, Germany on 19 August, 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

vived early Leipzig pressure in the second half.

But keeper Christian Mathe-
nia could do nothing when Keita, who will join Liverpool next season, thundered in an unstoppable shot past the keeper in the 67th minute. Germany international Werner then showed why he is the most in-form striker at this

moment, charging through and finishing his solo effort seconds after Hamburg missed a golden chance to level in the 75th.

Champions Bayern Munich will look to make it three wins in a row when they travel to Hoffenheim on Saturday. Leaders Borussia Dortmund face Freiburg.—Reuters ■

Leverkusen request FIFA to register Alario

BERLIN — Bayer Leverkusen have requested world soccer body FIFA to register striker Lucas Alario as their own player after the Argentine federation refused to release him, the German club said on Friday.

Leverkusen had announced

the deal late last month, saying it had paid the Argentine international's release clause to River Plate and the 24-year-old forward was eligible to sign with Leverkusen.

"The Argentine football federation, after discussions with

Club Atletico River Plate, have refused the release of player Lucas Alario," the Germans said in a statement.

"Bayer Leverkusen have absolutely no understanding for the federation's and the club's actions. The refusal of the Argen-

tines... means Bayer Leverkusen can now request the registration of Alario as its own player with FIFA."

Financial details were not released but media reports put the deal at 19 million euros (\$22.93 million).

Alario, who is in Germany and has been training with Leverkusen for several days, had joined River Plate in 2015, netting 31 times in 71 competitive games.

He also helped them lift the Copa Libertadores in his first season with the club.—Reuters ■

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ADOPT other people's good habit and sharing what you learned good to those who's around are a very lovely culture. It is "must" to have in our community to more likely develop a good culture.

"Handing something good over to someone and Sharing" - I cannot guess honestly about what's other opinion. But it is simply beautiful for me seeing this habit in people.

I do not think any kind hearts have to hesitate to share their knowledge and experiences to someone else requested.

Because "Good heart always behave kind".

Sharing is worthwhile for both taker whose request comes from the heart and giver who gives with all his hearts.

Some words I have seen at a book written by a young successful author are "The happiest people on earth are the givers".

That doesn't mean you need to get all absence your duties and responsibilities for helping people and use all your time for people else.

That doesn't mean you need to have all your consideration went up for the matters of others all times. It means "helping" as you can by the time someone needs help, no matter how big or small.

I have found out same behaviours at the wise and admired people. These are warm welcome and loves. They do never keep their knowledge secrete for any reason to the ones who request and who need.

They share. They give. They do never

proud and look down on things and people. Instead, they attribute it is a blessing to see eagerness found in learners.

It was lovely listening to a man who talked me once about sharing. He is very experienced senior of our company. It is better and good prospect for the organization if we could make our new young juniors and generations to be better in experiences and skills. For this, we have full responsibilities to make them better and more developed.

We need to share them. We need to give hands and we need to help them.

Sharing knowledge is like a candle. Even as it lights a new candle, the strength of the original flame is not diminished."

There, what we need is to have an good attitude for willingness to share others.

What I believe about philanthropy is not helping other by giving only physical things. Helping the one who got depression and who felt sad to get stronger by your words and encouragement is a philanthropy too. Helping others with what we can is philanthropy.

Here are three good jobs I found that we can do it comfortably and easily,

- 1) have an positive attitude
- 2) help others with something we can effort but no cost and
- 3) make merit by philanthropy

I think sharing is the best way to fit all three above on the right track, also we could create a good culture at our community too by our three good tips.

A Foray to Inya Lake

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As I am a master student attending the YUFL, I always find myself confined to the classroom on week days. But, last Monday, a cultural show was staged at the university. So the class was dismissed

earlier. When I arrived at the gate of the university, it was just 1 p.m. I decided to wend my way to Inya Lake, on whose bunds I had not set my foot for some days.

The vehicles coming from the direction of Hledan was held up by the traffic light. So, I crossed University Avenue hurriedly and turned into Inya Road. I saw the Inya Hostel on the left and tall shady trees on the right. Many vehicles of different sizes, shapes and colours are

streaming along the road. As I walked with the brisk steps, I came to the western bund of Inya Lake after twenty minutes. I found a row of stalls along the bank selling various snacks. Opposite it, I found "Minlam" Monhti (Rakhine Traditional rice vermicelli) stall packed with the customers. To my joy, the immediate environs of the Lake was so pleasant. Ornament coconut palms were standing on either side of the concrete foot-path at the foot

of the western bund. Near them were the plants with the colourful flowers. When I walked along the footpath beside the green grass. I felt that the atmosphere was laden with the sweet fragrance of the flowers. The butterflies were flitting to and fro among the flowers and plants. Suddenly, I heard some calls of a cuckoo from afar. There were many trees near the car parking.

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Invitation to young writers for Sunday section

The Global New Light of Myanmar is accepting submissions of poetry, opinion, articles, essays and short stories from young people for its weekly Sunday Next Generation Platform. Interested candidates can send their works to the Global New Light of Myanmar at No. 150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon or by email to dce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com with the following information: (1) Sector you wish to be included in (poetry, opinion, etc.), (2) Real name and (if different) your penname, (3) Your level of education, (4) Name of your School/College/University, (5) A written note of declaration that the submitted piece is your original work and has not been submitted to any other news or magazine publishing houses, (6) A color photo of the submitter, (7) Copy of your NRC card, (8) Contact information (email address, mobile number, etc.).— Editorial Department, The Global New Light of Myanmar news office

Basic English Grammar for Basic Students

Lesson 18: Verbs — Tenses(1)

Hello dear students,

In the last two lessons, we have studied 6 different kinds of Sentence Structure Patterns. There are more to study concerning these patterns, but let's stop for awhile and let's study about "Tenses" which will be a great help in your sentence making.

Look at the following sentences.

- (1) I write this letter today.
- (2) I wrote a letter to my mother yesterday.
- (3) I shall write a letter to my friend tomorrow.

In sentence (1), the Verb "write" refers to the Present Time.

In sentence (2), the Verb "wrote" refers to the Past Time. In sentence (3), the Verb "shall write" refers to the Future Time.

Thus, a Verb may refer to

(1) Present time, (2) Past time and (3) Future time.

A Verb that refers to Present time is said to be in the "Present Tense", as

I write, I sing, I see.

(The word "Tense" comes from the Latin word "tempus" which means "time".)

A Verb that refers to Past time is said to be in the "Past Tense", as

I wrote, I sang, I saw.

A Verb that refers to Future time is said to be in the "Future Tense", as

I shall write, I shall sing, I shall see.

Therefore, there are three main Tenses: .. the Present, the Past and the Future.

The Tense of a Verb shows the "Time" of an action or an event.

So, the Definition of the "Tense" is as follows: ..

Tense is that form of a Verb which shows the time and the state of an action or an event.

Note the followings about the Tense.

Present Tense

	Singular Number	Plural Number
1st Person	I write	We write
2nd Person	You write	You write
3rd Person	He writes / She writes	They write

(Note that we put "s" or "es" for 3rd Person, Singular.)

Past Tense

1st Person	I wrote	We wrote
2nd Person	You wrote	You wrote
3rd Person	He wrote / She wrote	They wrote

(Note that there are no difference among the Person and the Number.)

Future Tense

1st Person	I shall write	We shall write
2nd Person	You will write	You will write
3rd Person	He will write / She will write	They will write

(Note that we use the word "shall" for the 1st Person and the word "will" for the 2nd and the 3rd Persons.)

But, there are some exceptional cases when we use "I will", "we will" and "You shall", "He / She / They shall". It will be explained later.

So, today we have already studied the three different Tenses: the Present, the Past and the Future.

As these are used very simply to show the time of an action, we call these Tenses, "the Simple Present Tense", "the Simple Past Tense" and "the Simple Future Tense".

We use these "Simple Tenses" just to show simply about the Time of an action or an event.

Exercise 18.

I. Write down 5 sentences in Simple Present Tense, 5 sentences in Simple Past Tense and 5 sentences in Simple Future Tense.

II. Write down in a table as shown in the above example on the following "Verbs".

"write, sing, tell, read, sleep, drink, come, go, love, show"

You should write down for the 1st Person, 2nd Person and the 3rd Person and for Singular Number and Plural Number.

III. Fill in the following blank spaces with suitable Verbs and Tenses.

- (a) The boy the cakes.
- (b) He that letter last night.
- (c) I up early in the morning.
- (d) She back home yesterday.
- (e) I to Mandalay tomorrow.
- (f) Mya Mya on the bench last evening.
- (g) You to school tomorrow.
- (h) I you a present next Monday.
- (i) They the songs sweetly.
- (j) The girls with their dolls.

Hope that the following word forms will be useful for your exercise.

Verb Forms

Present	Past	Past Participle	Present Participle
write	wrote	written	writing
sing	sang	sung	singing
tell	told	told	telling
sleep	slept	slept	sleeping
read	read	read	reading
drink	drank	drunk	drinking
come	came	come	coming
go	went	gone	going
love	loved	loved	loving
show	showed	shown	showing
eat	ate	eaten	eating
get	got	got	getting
wake	woke	waken	waking
sit	sat	sat	sitting
give	gave	given	giving
play	played	played	playing
stand	stood	stood	standing
hate	hated	hated	hating
receive	received	received	receiving
finish	finished	finished	finishing

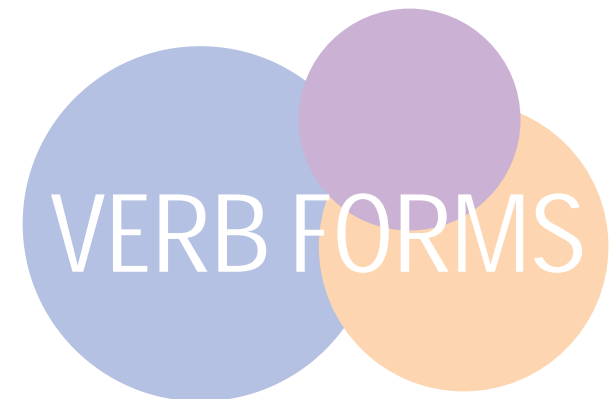
(Note: You should learn all these Verb Forms by heart so that you can use in the future.)

Hope that you can do your exercises well!

Bye for now!

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Here come the answers for the last Exercise 17.

I. Five Example Sentences of S+V+C Pattern.

- (1) Mi Mi is beautiful.
- (2) Mg Mg is strong.
- (3) My nephew is smart.
- (4) Aung Aung was young.
- (5) This dog can be clever.

II. Subject Verb Complement

(a) She	can make cakes	very well. (Adv.)
(b) He	is	strong. (Adj.)
(c) She	is	bright. (Adj.)
(d) Maung Maung	will return	soon. (Adv.)
(e) Mi Mi	is sitting	silently. (Adv.)

III. (a) fluently, (b) pretty, (c) My mother, (d) quickly, (e) soon.

IV. Five Example sentences of S+V+Prep+O Pattern.

- (1) He looks at his book.
- (2) The ball went through the window.
- (3) She will take care of her father.
- (4) Mu Mu is looking through the window.
- (5) Nyi Nyi can jump over the fence.

V. Subject Verb Preposition Object

(a) The goal-keeper	will kick	out	the ball.
(b) You	can take	away	these plates.
(c) Mya Mya	picks	up	her books.
(d) Maung Maung	is finishing	up	his dinner.
(e) Ko Ko	lit	up	the room.

VI. (a) over, (b) on, (c) off, (d) The boy, at, (e) looks, his father

VII. Five example sentences of S+V+IO+DO Pattern

- (1) Father will give me a new car.
- (2) She shares her friends noodles.
- (3) The teacher hands her the books.
- (4) You want to show her your letter.
- (5) The children hand their mother flowers.

VIII. Subject Verb Indirect Obj Direct Obj

(a) Hla Hla	hands	her mother	a rose.
(b) Nyi Nyi	gave	me	a present.
(c) Ko Ko	shares	his brother	the pocket money.
(d) U Ba	will not give	his grandson	a penny.
(e) You	can show	him	your book.

IX. (a) show, (b) your essay, (c) buy, (d) his daughter, (e) You, the teacher.

Hope that you all have done well.

Bye Bye Class! See you next week!

Some different attitudes and opinions of different stakeholders in Education

Dr. Nu Nu Win
(Retired Professor and Head of Department)

THIS time, the writer wants to share some of my findings from my latest research named “An Analytical Pilot Survey on Different Attitudes and Opinions on the Present Education System by Different Stakeholders in Education.”

Here, “Stakeholders in Education” means those who are concerned with Education in one way or another, such as students, parents, teachers, donors, laymen, members of school committees and so on. Even some monks who are working or teaching in the Monastic Education Schools are also stakeholders and disabled children and their parents are also stakeholders.

I have read some main important findings at the Silver Jubilee Research Paper Reading Session of Sagaing University of Education very recently, but according to limitation of time, I have stated only some important findings which I thought are the points we should take into account for changing to the better way.

The first one the researcher wants to state and discuss here is about the “Chapter-end Tests” of which all three main stakeholders (students, teachers and parents) complain about.

Although as my study is only a Pilot Study and only about 150 of each three different stakeholders, all three of them (students, teachers and parents) pointed out that the first thing which they want to change in the Present Education System is the “Assessment System of our Education” and all three different stakeholders complained about these “Chapter-end Tests” as the most annoying system for them.

So, in my discussion today, the researcher wants to discuss about this matter of “Chapter-end Tests” and let us try to find the best way to overcome this annoyance.

First, we need to see why we have “Tests and Examinations”. The basic point is to assess a person’s achievement after the teaching. Always after a teaching by a teacher, it is natural that a teacher wants to know whether the students understood and learned well or not on what he or she has taught. That is why we need to do the assessment on the students’ learning or achievement.

Why do we need to do so?

The first purpose is we want to know whether our teaching is effective or not on the students. The second reason is teachers should modify their teachings or they should explain more on the points which their students did not learn well. That’s why we call these Chapter-end

tests, the Formative Tests. There is the same nature to all the Tutorials in the Universities. We let our students answer the tutorials or Chapter-end Tests so that we can do better formations onto their learning, modifying their learning.

By its very nature, Formative Tests should not be a burden on the students.

They just need to have feed-back to both teachers and students, whether the students learnt well or not and to modify what they have learnt if it is in need.

That is why we need to do these tutorials and Chapter-end tests in an easy and fun way to learn ways and means. Here, “easy” does not mean “to ask only easy questions to answer”. May be some facts a student should learn cannot be easy. What the writer means is “students should answer and learn in very convenient ways and means”.

So, here the writer wants to point out why these Chapter-end Tests pose a burden onto all students, teachers and parents and also wants to give suggestions to all teachers and persons in authority how to perform them in better and burden-less ways.

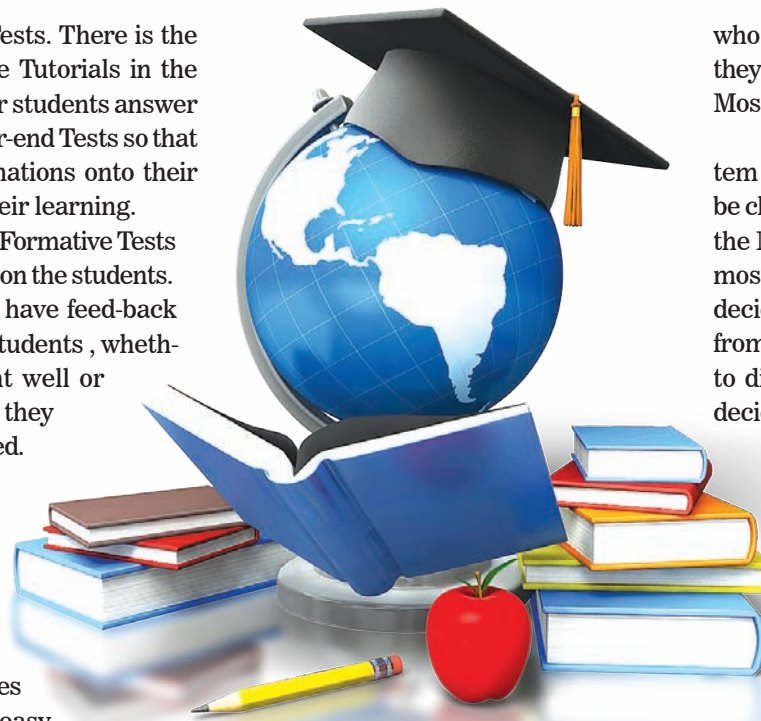
As these are a kind of Formative Tests, we need to know very well about its purpose. The main purpose of these tests is to know whether the students learnt what they should learn and what would be the best way to improve their learning.

For this purpose, not every Chapter-end tests needs to sit for a paper and pencil test.

We have so many different ways and means to see whether our students learn what they should learn after a Chapter. These different ways and means include... group activities, group projects, practical activities, playing games concerning the Chapter, role playing, presentations, and so on.

For example, after teaching a Chapter we teachers can ask them to discuss in groups and ask each group to make a presentation. Or we can let them draw a map or make teaching aids in groups and ask them to do presentations using the teaching aids made by the students themselves. Or we can let them play a game concerning what they have learnt in the Chapter. Or we can let them do role playing about the Chapter they have learnt.

In the above different ways, we teachers can come to know whether they learnt what they should learn from the Chapter or not and we can easily make modifica-



who taught the class and for the tutors they need to take care of the tutorials only. Most of the tutors need not give lectures.)

Then we have the Examination System which is the most important one to be changed. In our Examination System, the Matriculation Examinations are the most important for a student’s life. As we decided with the marks the students get from this Examination as their entrance to different Universities, this means it decides an individual’s life too.

As a retired Professor of Educational Psychology (under which we have to teach Educational Test and Measurement also), the writer does not believe that it is the end result for a student’s achievement decided only by a three-hour paper. It is not a reliable measurement of an individual’s efficiency or ability. There can be many a mistake in deciding in this manner.

And as the marks for the Matriculation Examination is the decision maker for a person’s life, it is not a wonder every student, every teacher and every parent tries to get higher marks by hook or by crook. These lead to all kinds of different corrupt practices in the Field of Education, not only in Matriculation Examinations, but also in all other matters such as giving Tuitions, resorting to bribery, and so on. All these can place great burdens on the students, parents and teachers not only as money matters but some other many annoyances also.

So, if we change this exam system first and foremost and then other things will follow. For this purpose, first we should give Authority to each University to make their own arrangements for giving Access to their University. All Universities should choose their students by their own authority according to their own needs. They can hold Entrance Exams for their own Universities to accept new students.

First and foremost, it is sure that we will find some corruptions by some Universities. But, after some few years they will not dare to do so, as the quality of their products will show the truth. Then only, they will change their policy. That is also what is happening in all different Universities all over the world.

So, what we need is to do away with some aspects of unnecessary Centralization by the Ministry of Education and give the Universities more authority.

(to be continued)

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By Khin Zarli

Thara Saw Hti is one of the five films to be shown during the Myanmar Democracy Film Festival on 15 September, based on the lives of local people who lagged behind in education and health care services due to instability and inaccessibility to resources in their area. Despite the lack of resources, the film highlights the life of young teacher who has made a commitment to develop human resources by teaching the children in the area how they can make positive changes, region by region. The following are quotations from those who created the film.

Thura, also known as Zaganar, the writer and scriptwriter for the film Thara Saw Hti

“This story has been familiar to me since I was in prison. A political prisoner told me this story. Now, he is a member of parliament. He is from the region where the story originated. Since then, I have been interested in this story. When I was released from prison, I wrote a draft of the story, and this story was selected to be made into a film in a competition by the Ministry of Information last year. I have been in love with this story for seven years.”

“This story tells us that if we want to build a democratic country, we must work ourselves. Expecting help from others without making efforts ourselves is the situation I don’t want to see. This film shows all who take their respective responsibilities to improve their region. This film also reflects that everybody, including teachers, the rich and the poor love the country. We cannot consider that just politician love our country.”

Director San Shwe Maung, also known as Aung Lwin

“The film came about after the meeting between the Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint and artists from our film world. He asked me to make a film about male teachers, because the number of male teachers is very low compared to female teachers in our country. Despite severe weather when we were shooting the film, we were able to complete it. I am satisfied because I could show the situation of a state such as its education, communications, transportation, agriculture and peace through this film.”

Tun Tun, Actor

“This film reflects the situation of the disparity of access to education between the urban and rural areas. The more educated people the country have, the more development a country can achieve.”

Yin Lat, Actress

“To act in this film is a huge opportunity for me. I did my best in the film, despite difficulties. This film left me with many memories.”



Scenes from the movie Thara Saw Hti, lives of local people who lagged behind in education and health care services.

FESTIVAL IN HONOUR OF DEMOCRACY DAY PRESENTS SPECIAL FILMS

Demo Yatkwet:

An education and satirical comedy about life

By Khin Zarli

THE Ministry of Information is hosting the Myanmar Democracy Film Festival with a view toward raising up the country and its people’s morality and esteem and supporting the instilling of democratic practices and thoughts as in other democratic countries during the transition to democracy. The festival will feature films, anyeint (traditional dance) and shows. The festival will be held on September 15, at which five movies will be shown.

One of the five films that will be shown, Demo Yatkwet (ward), is based on the people who live in a ward. The aim of the movie is to recognise and change the wrong physical and moral attitudes during Myanmar’s current transition to democracy, value the efforts of those who have strived toward achieving democracy, to live together in peace with others regardless of their beliefs and to arrive at the ultimate destination of democracy.

The movie’s story, script was written and directed by Director Min Nyi (Yin Hnint Yin

The – Invested with the heart) and Academy Zaw Oo, Academy Aung Khaing, Academy Myat Kaythi Aung, Academy Wah Wah Aung were joined by new actors and actresses Yazar Yaung Ni, Nay Thway Mahn, Mi Yaza, Sit Nyan Htat Lin, Khin Ma Ma, Yu Yamin Kyaw, Maythu Htun, Thiri Grace, Doe Doe, Soe Theinkha and Khay Ko together with experienced artistes. Demo Yatkwet was arranged by Ko Naing Moe (Smart), produced and distributed by Lin Thauung Aung & Nanda Htu Movie Production.

Demo Yatkwet will be informative and educative about democracy for the viewers and will portray life experiences in a satirical comedy setting. The movie was shot by a new director with many new actors and actresses. An interview was conducted with the director, actors and actresses.



Scenes from the movie Demo Yatkwet, a satirical and educational film about life experiences in a typical Myanmar ward.

Story, script and director Min Nyi

There is weariness toward newcomers. I myself as a newcomer felt it. I have a good understanding toward the feelings of the newcomers. However, as the movie is for democracy festival, I rounded up new actors and actresses from all over the country democratically. Of the 180 that showed up, 11 were selected that were most appropriate for the movie. They were supported by experienced actors and actresses. But do not underestimate this movie for not including super top-line actors and actresses. We’ve done the best we can. I just want to say support us by viewing it.



Actor Yazar Yaung Ni

As a new actor, I am very lucky to participate in this movie. I portray the head of ward Ko Phyo Maung Maung. I’m satisfied with my characterisation in some parts but in others, I felt I needed to do more. But I honestly try my best under the guidance of Saya (Director) Min Nyi. I urge the viewers to come watch the movie made by a new director, actors and actresses.

Academy Wah Wah Aung

This movie is to be shown on Democracy Day, and thus it was shot democratically. New actors and actresses were used in this movie. Auntie Wah taught them to the best of my ability. Of course there were difficulties. This is not a love story that most are used to. Political words and phrases were used, so it is a bit strange for all of them. Since I myself was new once, I understand. The movie will show the good and bad that co-exist in the two eras. The viewers can analyse and determine these, so I invite all to come watch Demo Yatkwet.

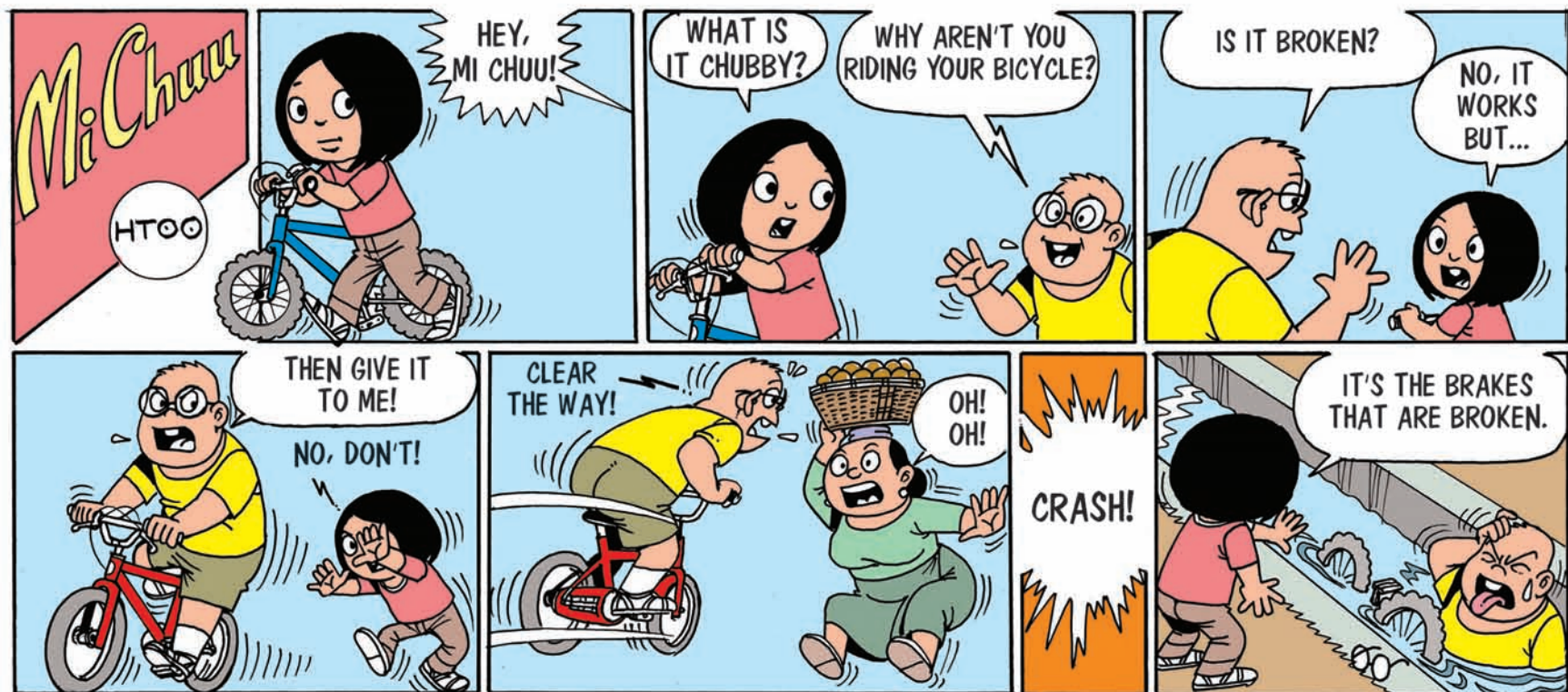


Actor Khin Ma Ma

The first movie I’m acting in is a big one. It includes words that are beneficial for the country. The good feeling for being able to participate in this movie could not be described. I portray a doctor in the movie. I’m satisfied with my acting. I would like to invite all to come and view the movie. I will be very much satisfied if the viewers’ misunderstandings (on past events) were corrected and they get the message given in the movie that is beneficial for the country.



SUNDAY COMICS



PEOPLE WILL BE PEOPLE

Cartoon
Maung Shwe Win



SUNDAY JOKE

Cartoon
Maung Maung Aung
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You had better go back home when peace and stability come!: Alodawpyae Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Ariya Vamsa

By Min Thit (MNA) and Aye Min Thu

ALODAWPYAE Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhanma Jotik Daja Dr Bhaddanta Ariya Vamsa and Sanghas are going to provisional Shelter Camps where displaced people from Maungtau, Buthidaung and Yathedaung due to ARSA extremist terrorists' attacks are presently residing, and those remaining to live in their own villages, providing them with foods and other necessary commodities and giving words of encouragement to return home, permanent living places for them, when the region regains peace and stability.

Here is the interview with the Sayadaw during his trip of supporting subsidies at rescue camps and villages of national ethnic people.

Interviewer : Please let me know how Sayadaw performed for displaced local nationals to lift up their depressed spirits, apart from programs for providing subsidies.

Sayadaw: Those who arrived at rescue camps at Sittway, Yathedaung, Buthidaung and Maungtau are in fact the ones who have fled their locations for fear of dangers of extremist terrorists. In reality, they greatly cherish their own land. Being well convinced that life is the most important above all, however, they reached the camps assumed to be safer ones, by giving up all their possessions—cattle and farming lands. Yet, they will have desires to return homes when their lands regain regional peace and stability. For the time being, they are taking shelter in the places free from dangers and difficulties in which most Rakhine nationals are living, as there are still area

clearance works left to be solved.

There are 12 rescue camps altogether, in Sittway. Yesterday I visited the camps, providing 15 rice bags, cooking oil, chili, onions and etc., each. While enquiring about their desires, I come to know that most of them want to go back home when their places become peaceful and stable, giving them words of encouragement. Now that the area is beginning to regain peace and stability, they can decide themselves whether they will go back or not. As regards the security of the area, Tatmadaw and police forces are currently are giving security measures. It is wholly incumbent upon Tatmadaw and police forces in regard to security matters.

Interviewer: What would like you to say over responsible officials who are helping to provide subsidies in the areas and donor organizations?

Sayadaw: There are authorities at different levels—district and township administrators and departments. They all are the reliable ones who are working for the sake of the regions. They are Myanmar nationals who are conceived of nationalism in them. There are individuals and organizations that are ready to contribute aids and offertories to fellow brethren at the time when they are greatly in need of help. Yangon-based female Samaritan group named, “Lay-kyun-thu/ Goddess of four Isles,” came to donate one truckload worth of 40-50 million kyats, as did by a group of film stars dry goods and K 9 million in cash. And many other groups delivered contributions, as far as they could.

It is not that easy to come here, Rakhine State in the midst of conflicts. Now, I came here today via a Tatmadaw-owned helicopter by courtesy of Commander-in-Chief of the Defense



Alodawpyae Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhanma Jotik Daja Dr Bhaddanta Ariya Vamsa. **PHOTO: PAUK GYI**

Services. On seeing the scene of our region, I was greatly saddened. I would not like to blame anyone. No one dares to live under these miserable conditions. They all were overwhelmed with fears, anxieties and worries. They cannot be blamed for fleeing from their regions temporarily. It is necessary for the regional government not only to give subsidies but also to secure and rehabilitate the area under strict and careful supervision, so that the region will reactivate and revitalize. Or otherwise, perfunctory efforts will never bring about revitalization. But responsible personnel are all dutiful. It was heartening for me to have seen it.

Interviewer: Please tell me as to how much subsidy and aid had been delivered and where there had still been difficulties.

Sayadaw: We carried subsidies and aid from Yangon to Sittway, thence to Buthidaung by boat. Those goods were delivered to border areas and starving people in the Tatmadaw-owned helicopter, in our presence. We subsidized myriads of aids, as did the Tatmadaw. All are co-operating hand in hand with each other, with a view for our national brethren to live in our own land.

On arrival at the rescue camps, I always encourage them to come back home to settle there when peace and stability are acquired again. Now, they are having security measures

and they have had rations for 3 months. Authorities are fulfilling all requirements of displaced people, so they had best go back home when it becomes peaceful, in my opinion. If not so, we cannot guess what will happen to the region. Failing that, destructions of bomb blasts and arson cases may occur anytime. At that time, we will lose the opportunity to set foot on our own land. Accordingly, our people are required to decide to go back home at the time of peace and stability.

Interviewer: We would be much obliged if you say how we should make our children free from fear, if they return home when it is peaceful.

Sayadaw: As to how the government will protect the people so as to be free from fear, I want to assert that these fears will vanish only if the government will implement in a practical way. How much we give words of encouragement, they will never disappear easily from us, all of a sudden. That is because people rely upon the Government and the Tatmadaw when they confront with fearful happenings. In accord with their reliance, they have effective help. To sum it up, the Government needs to implement programs of assuring people of safer places, strengthened buildings and necessary cares. —Translated by Khin Maung Oo (Tada-U)



Local people flee from Maungtau after Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA) attack, at Sittway, Rakhine State, on 27 August 2017. **PHOTO: RETUERS/SOE ZEYA TUN**

A Foray to Inya Lake

FROM SUPPLEMENT-A

These green trees afforded a welcome shade for the visitors. Along the bund were the roofed benches built with the sponsorship of a company. Some youths who seemed university students were sitting relaxingly on them. When I threw my look towards the vast extent of the water, I saw some ripples rising on the surface. Some birds were riding on the water. Some were wheeling about in the sky. Some were swooping down upon the fish bobbing up to the surface of the water. I espied the University Boat Club established in the 1920s, which stood on the headland jutting out into the lake. When I looked eastwards across the lake, I sighted some skyscrapers against the skyline.

While gazing at the wooded island on the water surface, I thought of the lake. It was formerly called “Kamarwat” in Mon meaning “Lake of Jewel”. The village near it was named “Kamaryut” after it. It devel-



A night scene of Inya Lake. **PHOT: NYI ZAW MOE**

oped gradually to a town in subsequent times. In ancient times, the lake was connected with the Hlaing River by a creek. So it was affected by tide. However, when it came to 1882, the British built

Pyay Road by damming this lake with embankments. Since then, it turned into a land-locked lake. It is said that before the British occupied Myanmar, it was called “Ko Kaing Lake” after the val-

lage near it. When Myanmar fell into the hand of the British, its name was changed into “Victoria Lake” after their queen. Only after Myanmar had restored her independence, it was called ‘Inya

Lak’. It is learnt that there was a British military camp some distance on the south of it during the Second World War, where some Japanese war prisoners were kept. Today, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi’s residence stands in a large compound on its southern bank. I remembered her campaigning for democratic rights from this residence for some years. While thinking of the heroine and national icon, I got down the bund and took a bus to Kabar Aye, where my house was located.

In conclusion, Inya Lake is a large body. So it can help regulate the climate. Besides, greening and beauty of its environs can make the visitors fresh, happy and free from the anxieties. So it can serve them as a good place of recreation and relaxation. Therefore, I think that it is necessary to conserve this lake in pristine purity. Anyhow, my visit to Inya Lake that day was indeed an exhilarating one for me.

Travelling in the pages

With a book at your hand
You can see the Garden of Eden
Covering in full blossom
Of which beauty you can feel

With a book at your hand
You can hear the fairies sing
Dancing in the marvellous land of fairies
Of whose pleasure you can steal

With a book at your hand
You can see ranges of high mountain
Stretching out to the horizon
Of which blessed silence you can hear

With a book at your hand
You can go anywhere you wish
You can feel like a reality
So real you can almost reach

Come friends!
Let’s sail across the reading
Which, like a door or a channel
Conducts you to where you wheel.

Honey Soe (B.M.T.M)

A TALE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 10

A little monkey ridding on a crocodile and crosses the stream

By Khin Maung Phone Ko

In a jungle of forest there were heavy rain and flooding of all streams. Many trees were fallen here and there. There lived a few month-olds little monkey. Unfortunately, he was away from his mother when the thunder storm started.

Naturally he was cut off from his mother who dwelt on mango tree. He wanted to go back to mother as he was afraid of the storm. But he faced difficulty to get home, as there was a stream now flooding and roaring. He paused to think how I could cross to the other side of this steam.

The God of creation help created being when it needed help. Suddenly God show a floating log in the stream. But it did not flow along the way water is flowing. But it was stationary and quite near the stream bank. The little monkey, let us call him Mookie. Then Momo got a flash

of thought to use this floating log and peddle across the stream. Without hesitation he jumped on the log.

Wooh! To his surprise he noticed the log was floating to the other side of stream, before he used hands to do it. Momo took a free ride up to the middle of stream. Then suddenly the log below him started talking to him. “Hi, little guy I am not log as you may think, we croc deceived other to trap them. Then Momo was fearful but calmly ask the cunning Crocodile “What do you want of me, sir?”. The croc reply that his wife wanted to eat the heart of a monkey”. If memo reply no, croc could dive into the water and catch him.

But momo reply calmly and wisely to croc that “Mr. croc I want to make your wife happy to give my heart, but unfortunately, we monkey left our heart on that tree”, pointing to a big mango tree on the other side of the stream. He added “our hearts

are hanging as fruit from the tree see there, pointing and added. What memo said was believed by croc, as we (or it) knew the mango fruit is like heart shape of living creatures. “So, sent me other side and I will come back and give you’. Thus, Mookie the little monkey escapes the trick-trap of the cunning crocodile and got off safely on the other side of a stream. [Based on the mi-yo-fa-lar or traditional Myanmar tale]

Bible Verses:

Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as (Jesus) is righteous. The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning (or a deceiver) from the beginning. The reason the Son of God (Jesus) appeared was to destroy the devils work. (1John 3:7-8 NIV)

[Note!!! Free to use in the Sunday school in the churches]