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Residents from Shwezar Village in Maungtaw Township show their National Verification Cards. **PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**

National Verification Card-NVC process stepped up in Maungtaw

AUTHORITIES have issued National Verification Card-NVC to residents in Shwezar Village in Maungtaw Township, northern Rakhine, as a first step for the process of citizenship

scrutiny. More than 520 villagers from Shwezar Village-tract have got the cards since the work began on 12 October.

The work of verifying identification and issuing NV cards

is a priority for the government, because it was one of the main suggestions made by an independent committee to spur on the development of Rakhine State.

The officials from the Rakhine State Immigration and Population Department explained to local villagers the merits of having an NV card.

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Youth to take role in Rakhine aid project

OPENING ceremony of preliminary on-job training for volunteer youths to take part in the Union Enterprises for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development—UEHRD process was held at the Women's Development Centre in Than Lwin Street, Kamayut Township in Yangon yesterday morning. At the ceremony, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye, Vice-President of UEHRD, and Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein gave welcoming addresses.

“The UEHRD is an all-inclusive project which will be implemented with the strength of the people. The UEHRD has three main goals — resettlement and development, freedom from conflicts including provision of humanitarian aid for all people living in Rakhine State suffering greatly due to the conflicts which took places in Rakhine State. In implementing the project with the cooperation of the people, the provision of humanitarian aid will be performed by our youths. Youths possess great prospects, by which they must take responsibilities for national peace and stability.

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Pyithu Hluttaw

2nd Pyithu Hluttaw 6th regular session holds its 9th day meeting

Aye Aye Thant

At the 9th day meeting of the 2nd Pyithu Hluttaw's 6th Regular Session held yesterday, Ministry of Transport and Communication Deputy Minister U Kyaw Myo announced the ministry releasing the old Sedoktara airfield land back to the local populace to extend the town land and discussed on systematically conducting this in accordance with rules and regulation.

The Deputy Minister was responding to a question raised by U Kyaw Aung Lwin of Sedoktara constituency on plan for planes to land in the old airfield and to continue using it as an airfield.

The Deputy Minister added that the old Sedoktara airfield is about 3 furlong away from Padaukmyaing Ward, Sedoktara Township, Magway Region and had an earth runway with a length of 2,000 ft. and a width of 100 ft. that was used by Dakota plane.

After 1980 there were no

planes landing at the airfield and field maintenance was also no longer conducted. The area of the airfield is about 32 acres. Department of Civil Aviation is conducting maintenance works as a priority for safe operation of aircrafts in 34 airports/airfields including 3 international airports and 31 local airports and Sedoktara airfield is not included in the list of short airfields in the maintained 34 airports/airfields.

The Deputy Minister explained further that Sedoktara airfield is not included in the national transport main project of Ministry of Transport and Communications as well as in the future work programs of Department of Civil Aviation.

Replying to a question by U Kyaw Soe of Bamauk constituency on plan to maintain Hehtan Dam, installing sluice gate and constructing a canal system systematically, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Deputy Minister U Hla Kyaw said Hehtan Dam in Sagaing Re-



Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw. **PHOTO: MNA**

gion, Katha District, Bamauk Township was built around 1980 by local populace to provide irrigation water to about 100 acre of farm land and supply water to 3 wards of Bamauk Town. In 2013-2014, the dam height was raised, maintenance and construction of a spillway and discharge canal was conducted by the Region's fund and with the machinery assistance of Irrigation and Water Utilisation Management Department



Deputy Minister for Ministry of Transport and Communications U Kyaw Myo. **PHOTO: MNA**

(IWUMD). Water discharging gate of Hehtan Dam was initially constructed with a wooden plank type system and two different water discharge system and canals systems were constructed, a spillway and discharge canal and a sluice gate and irrigation canal. As the water discharging gate was a wooden plank type system, it could not adequately prevent water from leaking out while sediments built up in the canal while some portion of the

dam embankment had sunk.

The installation of a sluice gate with gear mechanism, constructing a water control station at overspill and irrigation canal, removal of sand sediments in the canal and raising the dam height would cost an estimated Ks 60 million and it is requested for in 2018-2019 budget year. Once the fund is allocated, IWUMD will provide technical and machinery assistant to conduct that work answered the Deputy Minister together with the reply made by Sagaing Region government.

Next questions by U Kan Myint of Thayet constituency, U Sai Kyaw Moe of Mongpan constituency, Dr. U Hla Moe of Aungmyethazan constituency and U Aung Kyaw Zan of Pauktaw constituency were answered by Ministry of Transport and Communications Deputy Minister U Kyaw Myo and Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Deputy Minister U Hla Kyaw.

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Amyotha Hluttaw

2nd Amyotha Hluttaw 6th regular session 9th day meeting

By Aung Ye Thwin

2nd Amyotha Hluttaw 6th regular session 9th day meeting was held yesterday morning in Amyotha Hluttaw's meeting hall.

At the meeting Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Ohn Win responded to a question by Dr. Kyaw Ngwe of Magway Region constituency 10 on plan to amend the instruction on collecting 25% forestry tax on the value of Thanakha tree and Thanakha blocks that are classified as small scale forest product. As per notice no. 931/2017, Thanakha and other non-forest products produced outside of forest areas (private land and plantation land) by a person or business are exempted from registering in Forest Department and did not require a recommendation or an approval letter in transporting and trading these products said the Union Minister. As for exemption from collecting forestry tax, Section (254) schedule (a), 12 (b) of the Constitution specifically stated this to be under the man-

agement and administration of state and region governments answered the Union Minister.

Union Minister U Ohn Win then responded to a question raised by Dr. Khun Win Thaung of Kachin State constituency 11 on plan to release forest lands on which houses, primary school and village administrator office of Kyauksakhan Village, Momauk Township, Kachin State were located. In 2013, a combined team was formed to conduct a nationwide survey of long term settlements without permission in forest areas but Kyauksakhan Village in Momauk Township Momauk reserve area was not surveyed due to security situation. Without conducting a survey, Kyauksakhan Village could not be released from forest land answered the Union Minister.

However, because of Kachin State Chief Minister's guidance and instruction after receiving requests from local populace during the Chief Minister's and Kachin State Hluttaw Speaker's tour of Bhamo District for regional development, Kyauksakhan Village being a village listed in (Ministry of) Home Affairs and application made by director of Kachin State Forest Department to Director General of Forest Department to conduct a survey of Kyauksakhan Village after it was unable to do so in 2013, head office with its letter of 14 July 2017 had informed Kachin State government to coordinate with Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation on releasing Kyauksakhan Village



Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Ohn Win. **PHOTO: MNA**

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Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr. Myint Htwe. **PHOTO: MNA**

from forest area and to conduct a survey of long term settlements without permission in forest areas in Momauk Township reserve area said the Union Minister.

Therefore, for the primary school land, Ministry of Education that is utilizing the land needs to review and apply to the Union Government. For houses, hospital, ward and village office etc. review and application must be made through Kachin State government to the Union

Government. Upon receiving instruction from the Union Government, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation will conduct a survey and report back to the Union Government said the Union Minister.

Next, questions by U Kyaw Ni Naing of Shan State constituency 11, by U Bwe Khane of Chin State constituency 3 and U Soe Moe of Ayeyawady Region constituency 1 were answered by Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr. Myint Htwe.

Afterwards, Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr. Myint Htwe tabled a bill to amend the Myanmar Red Cross Law to the Hluttaw and member of Amyotha Hluttaw bill committee U Lal Min Htan read and explained the committee's report on the bill.

Enrollment for discussing the bill was then announced by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than. 2nd Amyotha Hluttaw 6th regular session 10th day meeting will be held on 8 November it is learnt. ■

State Counsellor attends third meeting central organising Committee for holding the ASEM FMM13

THIRD meeting of central organising committee to hold 13th ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting (ASEM FMM13) was held at Ayeyawady meeting hall, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning and ASEM FMM 13 organizing central committee chairperson State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attended and delivered a speech.

At the meeting sub-committees formed for related sectors explained about status of completed works and works still need to be done for Myanmar to successfully host the ASEM FMM13 and related meetings to be held from 17 to 21 November 2017 and the State Counsellor coordinated and provided guidance it is learnt.—Myanmar News Agency



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi delivers a speech at the third meeting of central organising committee to hold 13th ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw on 6 November 2017. **PHOTO: MNA**

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi receives outgoing Singaporean Ambassador

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi received outgoing Singaporean Ambassador to Myanmar H. E Mr. Robert Chua who completed his tour of duty in Myanmar, at the Union Minister's guest room at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

During the meeting, they exchanged views on ongoing agendas for vocational sector development along with promoting relations and cooperation between the two countries.—Myanmar News Agency ■



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi bids farewell to Mr. Robert Chua, Singaporean Ambassador to Myanmar. **PHOTO: MNA**

Bangladesh objected for small arm fire against four police

An incidence of four police personnel being fired upon by small arms while they were undertaking security measures between border post 45 and 46 occurred in the afternoon of 5 November and Myanmar Police Force Border Police Command (1) commander sent a letter of objection to commander of Border Guards, Chittagong Area Command, Chittagong, Bangladesh yesterday it is learnt.

At about 5:45 p.m. on 5 November, police personnel from border post 45 station while undertaking security measures and inspecting the border fence and between border post 45 and 46 they were fired 20-30 round of shots from a hill in Bangladesh

side about 100 yard away. Even though none of the police personnel was hurt, the fact that the presence of armed group in Bangladesh side firing with small arms could damage the existing friendly relation between the two countries' border police forces as well as international image.

Therefore, with a view to bilateral friendship and based on the existing friendly relation between the border police forces, the letter was sent to Bangladesh to expose the armed men who attacked the police personnel and to exchange news, information and reply, according to the local authorities. —Myanmar News Agency ■



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MFF offers incentive to join the course

MYANMAR Fisheries Federation (MFF) launched first batch of fish and prawn farming training course last Sunday and will offer job opportunities at high basic salary rate, according to yesterday's report of Myanma Alin.

Of 500 applicants, MFF started to give three-month training course to 180 participant and it will also provide monthly contributions of Ks60,000 to those trainees who graduated and Ks40,000 to people without bachelor degree. Upon completion of the course, MFF will link them with fish and prawn farming companies to get access to job opportunities and those companies have incentives to join them with attractive basic salaries starting from Ks200,000 to Ks400,000.

At present, there are 80,000 acres of fish and prawn lakes, only 40,000 of which are legitimate. Fish and prawn farming sector needs to be enhanced by upgrading farming methods and producing skilled livestock trainees, said Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein



Workers use a fishing net during harvesting at a fish farm in Htantapin, Yangon. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

at opening ceremony of this course.

In order to boost fishery export volume, investments from private sector and government loans are required as those businessmen engaged in livestock industry are faced with difficulties to get access

to loan plans, weak technology and land lease problems.

During last fiscal year 2016-2017, fish and prawn export volume estimated 4.3 million metric tons with export revenue of US\$605 million. MFF is targeting to increase export earnings to five holds in FY

2020-2021.

As of 20 October in current FY, export revenue from fisheries reached over \$329 million which is an increase of around \$60 million compared to same period of last FY, according to the figures of the Commerce Ministry.—Ko Htet ■

Coffee plantation acreage to be extended to keep up with foreign demand

IN a bid to meet foreign demand, acreage of coffee plantation will be extended in cooperation with local residents of Chin, Kayin and Kachin states, according to yesterday's report of Myawady Daily.

Ywangan coffee beans, being globally recognized as specialty coffee, are highly demanded. Myanmar's Arabica is exported to about ten countries including Thailand,

Malaysia, China, America and Taiwan.

Growers from Chin, Kayin and Kachin states are interested in coffee cultivation. We are aiming to produce quality products in cooperation with the growers and they can also increase their income, said U Ye Myint, the chairperson of Myanmar Coffee Association.

Additionally, the acreage of coffee plantation has in-

creased up to 8,000 this year whereas there were over 4,000 acres during previous fiscal year 2016-2017, Ywangan Coffee Association said.

Myanmar's coffee is mostly produced from Ywangan area, Pyin Oo Lwin town, Naungcho and Mogok townships. This year's coffee export volume increases 100 tons more than that of previous years.—GNLM ■

Domestic production reduces half of cement import

AS cement is locally produced, its import volume in current fiscal year is cut by half compared to that in the similar point of last FY, according to the Commerce Ministry.

With high domestic production of the cement, only US\$56 million worth of cement were imported so far. In the similar period of last FY, cement with estimated value of \$113 million was exported.

Many foreign companies are entering local cement industry, resulting in declining import of cement year on year.

Ensuring the quality, locally produced cement can save about Ks2,000 a bag than that of imported cement.

With ongoing and future infrastructure development activities, cement industry is likely to boom. Cements are imported into the country primarily from Malaysia, China, India, Bangladesh and Thailand through sea route as well as border gates.—GNLM ■

Chickpea growers to join hands with a company for contract farming

CHICKPEA growers from Myingyan District, Mandalay Region will cooperate with a local company under contract farming system, according to yesterday's report of Myanma Alin. After India's restriction on pulses importation, Myingyan growers are turning to edible oil crops and chickpeas. The growers are interested in chickpeas as it has widely

penetrated local and foreign markets.

A company provided baskets of highly yielding varieties- Yezin 8 and 12 with estimated value of Ks65,000 per basket. Under this contract farming, a basket of seeds will be provided and the company will be returned a basket and half of peas, said U Aung Kyaw Kyaw, managing director of

that company.

Additionally, the growers can take up one option of fertilizer, pesticide, fungicide, inputs. Around 300 acres of chickpeas plantation are planned for contract farming system in villages in Myingyan Township and the company will conduct negotiation with the Agriculture Department.—GNLM ■

Lackluster trading on YSX hit all-time low in October

STOCK trading of four companies listed on the Yangon Stock Exchange (YSX) reached all-time low of Ks1 billion in October since its establishment, according to monthly data released by YSX yesterday.

The figure plunged from September's trading with estimated value of Ks1.8 billion. YSX failed to attract local stock traders even after publicity discussions, expo and educative talks of stock market. A year and half old YSX was bitterly criticized with cool market and dropping share prices of listed companies.

Currently, four companies—First Myanmar Investment (FMI), Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holdings (MTSH), Myanmar Citizens Bank (MCB) and First Private Bank (FPB) are currently trading their shares on YSX.

Last year, FMI traded shares worth over Ks 24 billion on YSX in March and over Ks5.8 billion in April.



A visitor looks at the electronic board showing the stock exchange rates at YSX. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAH

With MTSH entering YSX on 20th May, stock trading values of FMI and MTSH estimated Ks 16 billion in May, over Ks 6.8 billion in June and over Ks 3.7 billion in

July respectively.

After MCB was listed on YSX, the monthly stock trading values of FMI, MTSH and MCB were estimated over Ks2.9 billion

in August, over Ks 2.4 billion in September, over Ks 4 billion in October and over Ks 2.2 billion in November. YSX stock trading reached a record low of only

Ks1.5 billion in December.

With the debut of First Private Bank (FPB) on YSX, the stock trading of four listed companies in Jan and Feb 2017 hit over Ks 6 billion and over Ks3.3 billion in March. April's stock trading on YSX plummeted to Ks1.2 billion. Stock trading in May increased a bit with estimated value of Ks1.48 billion and so did the stock trading in June with trading values of Ks1.54 billion, according to the monthly report of YSX.

In July, stock trading estimated value of Ks1.37 billion, according to the statistics of YSX and it increased to Ks2.29 billion in August.

A total of 9,139 shares were traded by four listed companies yesterday, with estimated value of Ks47.6 million. The share prices at the closing time are Ks12,500 for FMI, Ks3,200 for MTSH, Ks8,200 for MCB and Ks23,500 for FPB.—Ko Khant ■



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National-level Water Resource Committee holds 4th meeting

WATER resource projects which would benefit Myanmar should be given priority while working together with international organizations for water management of the country, said Vice President U Henry Van Thio.

He made the remarks at the fourth meeting of the National-level Water Resource Committee in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Vice President U Henry Van Thio, also urged the ministries concerned, in his capacity as the chairman of the committee, to make further cooperation with other related ministries looking into sustainability of the country's water resources.

The committee will make efforts to encourage investment in the water sector, to reduce disasters connected with water,



Vice President U Henry Van Thio delivers a speech at the fourth meeting of the National-level Water Resource Committee in Nay Pyi Taw on 6 November 2017. **PHOTO: MNA**

sustainable use of water resources, to cooperate with neighboring countries for rivers flow across the countries, to encourage win-win cooperation in water-related projects, to distribute water-related information to the people, to improve capacity for water management, to draw plans for water management and to assist in cooperation with international organizations. Myanmar will host the Asia-Pacific Water Confer-

ence and leaders from 48 countries and the United Nations and international organizations would be invited to the conference.

At the meeting, Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung, vice chairman of the committee, reported on implementation of the tasks laid down during the third meeting of the committee.

The previous meeting focused on carrying out survey for natural springs across the

country and to conserve them.

Currently, ministries are working together for prevention of flooding and water scarcity and development of the water sector in the country.

The committee has set its target of achieving success in conservation of the Inle Lake and watershed areas of dams and forest plantations in watershed areas in the 2017-2018 Financial Year.—Myanmar News Agency ■

State Counsellor to attend 31st ASEAN summit and related summits

At the invitation of his Excellency Mr. Rodrigo Duterte, President of the Republic of the Philippines, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi will leave for the Republic of the Philippines to attend the 31st ASEAN Summit and related Summits in Manila.

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi will also attend the ASEAN-APEC Leaders' Informal Dialogue in Da Nang, at the invitation of His Excellency Mr. Tran Dai Quang, President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Youth to take role in Rakhine aid project

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So the government must take the responsibility of laying down strategic directives for fulfilling the aspirations of youths with social, political, educational, cultural and developmental prospects for the future", the Union Minister said.

"After the terrorist attacks, humanitarian assistance is being provided in many ways. For more effectiveness, the UEHRD will continue to operate. Preliminary on-the-job training will be opened for volunteer youths to implement the project. The training opened today is a good chance for youths to take part in the democratic transitional process, also expressing the unity, love for the nation and the Union. During the administration of the incumbent government, we firmly hope that there will be good support for the programmes which will make efforts in bringing about means and ways to implement youth policy drawn up in democratic ways. The present project is not being launched for using youths for politics. The progress of democratic reforms is shown in the youth's participation, stance and efficiency. The State Government is responsible for giving care to all the people residing



Volunteer youths receive on-job training to take part in the Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development-UEHRD in Rakhine State. **PHOTO: MNA**

in the nation, regardless of race, religion and their traditions. In doing so, we will try our best to give unbiased, equal support. We firmly hope that youths will make efforts to lift up their abilities by taking part in the campaign."

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein said the terrorist incidence in Rakhine threatened the unity of the country, which will now be repaired

"The affair of Rakhine nationals reached up to the stage of harming nationalism, national sovereignty and ownership of the land. Now the Union Government is bringing about the

peace, stability and development of the nation. UEHRD is the all-inclusive project which will be implemented with the force of the people. In providing humanitarian aid to the conflict-affected people in the region, this is a chance for youths to show their abilities with firm determination. The opportunity to take part in the campaign is of great importance and will show the characteristics of our young people. The government is carrying out a programme for youths to take part in the campaign in helping people in trouble from the people living in peace. So, we humbly urge

our people to co-operate with the government."

The opening ceremony was attended by Dr. Aung Tun Thet, Chief Coordinator of the UEHRD, U Kyaw Myaing, Information and Communication Director, representatives from Rakhine national social societies, representatives from Yangon civil societies and invited guests. The first training course was attended by 83 trainees from Regions and States including Rakhine. One group comprised of 20 youths will travel and provide aid for 20 days, then another group will follow in turn. —Myanmar News Agency ■

National Verification Card-NVC process stepped up in Maungtown

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"With the card, we can go everywhere we want. We got the card in a day free of charge," said Gawra Kumar, 18, a Hindu from the village.

This work was already being conducted in the past, but was delayed due to the ARSA extremist terrorists attack of 25 August and was restarted in Maungtown Township, Shwezar village tract on 12 October.

Shwezar Village-tract comprises of three villagers namely Shwezar Village (Middle), West and North.

National Verification Cards have been issued to more than of 26,00 people from the village-tract over the past two months in accordance with the 1982 Citizenship Law and the 1949 Myanmar Citizens Registration Act and the Registration of Residents in the Union of Myanmar Act-1949.—News Team/MNA ■

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
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Message of Greetings sent by U Htin Kyaw, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, to the 62nd Anniversary celebrations of the Kayin State Day



2017 November 7

Dear esteemed ethnic brothers and sisters living in Kayin State,

I am very happy and honored to have this opportunity to send this Message of Greetings to the 62nd Anniversary celebrations of the Kayin State Day which falls today, the 7th of November. This day is deemed to be an auspicious day by the ethnic Kayin brothers and sisters. On this special day, I send these good wishes and Message of Greetings to all ethnic Kayin nationals as well as to all ethnic nationals of the Union.

Since time immemorial, our ethnic brothers and sisters who are nationals of the Union such as Kachins, Kayah, Kaysins, Bamars, Mons, Rakhines, Shans, have lived and worked in unity, through weal and woe.

When the States/Regions were formed after Independ-

ence, deliberations were made at the Parliament to designate as Kayin State all the regions where the Kayin nationals were residing. Thus in accordance with the Amendment Act of the 1951 Constitution, Thanlwin District of Phapon Region; in accordance with the 1952 Act to Extend Kayin State all the adjacent areas of Thanlwin District such as Kyarin Seikgyi Township, Kawkareik Township, Hlaing Bwe Township, Pa an Township, and Thandaung Township were designated as Kayin State as a second step of extension; on 1st March 1960, the Myawaddy area was designated as a Township and Kayin State was formed step by step to include seven townships namely, Pa an Township, Pha Pon Township, Hlaing Bwe Township, Thandaung Township, Kawkareik Township, Kyarin Seikgyi Township, and

Myawaddy Township.

Thus the 7th of November, the day on which the Union President signed the Amendment Act of the 1951 Constitution to designate Thanlwin District as Kayin State, has been designated as Kayin State Day. Since 1955 we have celebrated the Kayin State Day and this year marks the 62nd year.

Throughout history, after gaining independence, because of misunderstandings and conflicts for many years, our country has lagged behind in the areas of politics, economics, and social development when compared to neighboring countries. That is why the Union Government has been striving hard, hand in hand with all the ethnic national races to uplift and strengthen national unity for achieving durable peace. At this moment, because the ethnic armed groups have come

forward to participate in the peace process, the nationals of the State have begun to taste the fruits of peace.

The ethnic brothers and sisters of Kayin State have traversed a difficult and rugged journey for a long time. The development of Kayin State has suffered because of deficiency of trust and armed conflicts among our ethnic brothers and sisters. At this time, we can begin to see and enjoy the rays and fruits of peace, and also the opportunities for development. Thus the residents of the Kayin State should hold on fast to the good foundations and work together with the Union Government for the peace and development of Kayin State. We need to build a lasting peace for the benefit of future generations.

In building transforming the Union of Myanmar into a

new Democratic State, it is of utmost importance for all ethnic nationals to be given the opportunity to participate on an equal basis. In working for the development of Kayin State, the Union Government has spent huge sums of money in planning and working in areas such as transport, education, health, human resources development, electricity, uplifting the socio-economic life of the people, and improving health care projects. As we walk towards the new Democratic State holding fast to the good foundations of unity and good development foundations already achieved, I send this Message of Greetings to urge all ethnic brothers and sisters residing in Kayin State, to cooperate and work in unity.

sd/ Htin Kyaw
State President
(Unofficial Translation)

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Afterwards, U Tun Tun Nang of Kani constituency tabled a motion for the government to settle disputes between original farmer land owners and land grabbers who acquire the land using various permissions with committees to assess cases of confiscated farmland and other lands. With regards to forest it is learnt that relevant ministry aim to increase forest and reserved lands to 30 percent of the country and natural lands to 10 per cent of the country. It is partly correct that the reason for natural forests disappearing is farmers clearing it for farming. But the main reason for the rapid disappearance of natural forests is due to granting of timber extraction, both legally in illegally. In making decisions based on basic principles of section 8 of national land utilization policy chapter 3 for illegal extraction of forest and natural resources without following the policies, rules and regulations of the ministries after confiscating the various lands worked by farmers, for resolving the problem of

farmers whose lands were confiscated, the benefit for the public must be given a priority over the benefit of a private company. As for those who obtained permission to work on lands, policies, instruction and conduct of the related ministries are hurting the initial farmers who had owned those lands and would hurt the aim and work of the committee to assess cases of confiscated farmland and other lands.

U Myint Kyi of Katha constituency discussed in support of the motion after which the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker decided to accept the motion for debate and announced for Hluttaw representatives who want to discuss the motion to register their names. Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker then seeks the decision of the Hluttaw to confirm the bill to amend Early Childhood Development Law with amendment after which an announcement was made of the Hluttaw agreeing to the bill. 2nd Pyithu Hluttaw 6th Regular Session 10th day meeting will be held on 8 November it is learnt. ■



Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Soe Aung accepts donation for UEHRC from World Vision Myanmar officials. **PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**

World Vision donates a million sachets of water purifier to UEHRD

WORLD Vision donated a million sachets of purifier of water worth Ks 50 million to Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development through Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Soe Aung re-

ceived the donations. Officials from World Vision discussed current provisions for humanitarian assistances, developmental implementation plans, child protection plans and cooperated works from respective ministries for microfinance programmes.

The Deputy Minister U Soe Aung expressed his heartfelt thanks to World Vision and also suggested the potential humanitarian aids that can be donated by World Vision to Northern Rakhine States. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Bringing about emergence of a peaceful social environment

Khin Maung Oo

VERY recently, there were arrests of gangs of nasty people and drinkers in groups made by the police in big cities of the country, especially at junctions, market places, on corridors, bridges and in parks. Being public nuisances and likely to create dangers and criminal cases for passers-by and the public, the people will be pleased to hear arrests of such offences.

With a view for the public to live in peace, one-month scolding and reprimanding period was designated as of 1st October, and thereafter arrests were made starting from 30th October. Now, if anyone violated restrictions,

that is, drinks at the restricted places, knowingly or unknowingly they will be arrested. It will be better if punishments and penalties are strictly prescribed.

Under section 41/16 of the 1899 Police Act, if a person makes a public nuisance in public places, the offender must be sentenced to seven-day-imprisonment or pay K 50 as fine or both, with no alternative to choose.

The people need to know the punishments depending upon places and kinds of offences.

On October 30 and 31 nearly 400 people were arrested while taking liquor at public places, some sentenced to imprisonment and some fined, it was learnt. So as not to be public nuisances,

prevention will be better, it is assumed.

Such public nuisance makers usually drink at public places, mostly in the night time rather than in the day-time. Intoxication at nocturnal hours may cause unnecessary offences. Saying that drinkers gather at such places because there are illicit moonshine sellers at public places is unreasonable. In fact, there should be official restrictions concerning time and place on alcoholic sale, like in international countries.

With the arrests of drinking at inappropriate places and at late hours, action should be taken against those people who sell liquors in accordance with rules and laws. For example, some stores and

mini-marts across the city are being seen selling liquors around the clock. If such sales are under control, the above-said nuisances can be reduced.

Though we have seen educative campaigns on cigarettes and tobaccos on many occasions, we have not seen any educative campaigns regarding the consumption of liquors. Compared to evil effects, the latter has greater side effects more than the former.

Had illicit sales of liquors been effectively arrested and prompt action been taken against drinking at late hours of the night at inappropriate places such as public places, we would be able to see the emergence of a peaceful social environment. ■

By Maung Tha (Archaeology)

AMONG many historical sites in Myanmar, Pyu Cultural evidences were found in ancient sites of Sri Ksetra, Baikthano and Hanlin which were included in the UNESCO World-heritage lists on June 18, 2014. Thus these sites attract a lot of local and foreign researchers as well as tourists who take great interest in archaeological sites.

Among ancient Pyu cities, Beikthano old city is situated 270 kilometres away in the veering direction of Southwest of Hanlin in the North. Sirikhitara is located 130 kilometres away from the South of Beikthano, paralleling with each other. Hanlin old city is in the Wetlet Township, Sagaing Region and lies 10 miles and 5 furlongs in the north of Shwebo Township and also 6 miles away from the Northeast of Wetlet itself. It falls between north longitude 22° . 28" and east longitude 95° . 46".

Rectangle-shaped Hanlin old city is six kilometres long from the east to the west and 3.2 kilometres long from the south to the north with a total area of 500 hectares. Experts estimate the width of original city wall is 16 feet.

A team led by Mr. Taw Sein Kho, the Director of the Archaeology Department made preliminary surveys in February, 1905 making first excavations on ten plots of land. Again from 1929 to 1930 Mr. Charles Durracel continued excavations on Hanlin old city and successive excavations have been carried out on 38 plots of land up until 2014-2015.

Hanlin salt

As 35 gm of salt is diluted in one litre of sea water, raw salt can be obtained by evaporating brine by the heat of the sun. It is known as the sun-drenched salt and can be used as table salt after grinding and decolourizing of solids of salt.

Even though it is not near the sea, hot springs in Hanlin region spill out salt



Ancient method of boiling brine into pure salt in Pyu Region.

water containing sodium chloride. Table salt can be manufactured by changing salt water into earth salt. As hot springs in Hanlin region contain 0.2 to 1.5% of salt, the soil in the region happens to be naturally salty. Residents in the region are mostly engaged in the livelihood of producing salt from the salty earth. Hanlin region is an inland saltworks even if it is away from the sea.

Hanlin region is covered with salty earth which is 10,000 feet long from the north to the south and is 3500 feet wide from the east to the west. Methods of producing salt include three ways: spreading of dry earth, spreading of wet earth and spreading along the drainage.

The method of spreading dry earth includes removing grasses from the land

which is levelled by rakes. The levelling of "salt land" usually starts after the rain. The so-called "plots of salt land" get wet with snow during the night and dries by the heat of the sun during the day. This process is known as spreading of dry earth.

The method of spreading wet earth includes collecting salty earth by using rakes at the beginning of autumn. The water from hot springs is allowed to flow into the wet earth to the full. Then the water from the wet earth must be evaporated by the heat of the sun. This process is known as "spreading of wet earth". Spreading along the drainage is somewhat similar to the process of spreading of wet earth by channelling water through the drain.

The process used may be different; but the salt land is levelled by rakes or mattocks by collecting salt earth on the plot.

The salt earth in the rectangular walls mixed with water is ploughed to be smooth and delicate. Then the salt water is channelled into the rectangular walls by blocking all the water outlets and by keeping mixture of salt water and earth for at least from 20 days to a month. The water inside becomes less and less by the heat of the sun. The process of drying salt water and earth is known as "salt nursery".

Raw salt can be obtained from sea water by drying by the leaf of the sun. Inland saltworks process, salty earth is left after evaporation of water from the salt plots. The salty earth is collected by rakes and for the second time the salt water is channelled in the plots and then dried by the heat of the sun. The process is repeated for four to five times for salt nursery.

To sieve the salt into a pot, a mixture of straw and mud is formed into a small hill. The collected salt earth is formed into a small hill with a pen-shaped pot-hole inside attached with a beak-shaped bamboo stick.

'Ker' is a Mon word which means a pot attached with a beak. The earth is shaped like a pan which is attached with a beak-shaped bamboo. As it is somewhat similar to a pot with a beak, it is known as Ker, according to former Director of the Archaeology Department U Po Latt. In accord with the size of hummocks, three to four bushels of salt earth are thrown into the plots, with a beak of bamboo attached at the bottom to let the salt water out. With rice husks inside, the salt earth is thrown into the plots with water, thereby saltwater coming out of bamboo inlets which is known as dirty water. After that salt water comes out, collecting in small earthen pots and storing the salt water in big earthen pots.

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Union Supreme Court sits to pass judgment and hear civil cases

CHIEF Justice of the Union U Htun Htun Oo, Supreme Court judges U Myint Aung and U Soe Naing of Special Appellate Bench sits at Union Supreme Court room number 1 yesterday morning and passed judgment on six (Certiorari) civil cases and heard seven other (Certiorari) civil cases it is learnt. — Myanmar News Agency ■

Public Announcement for remonstration

NATIONAL Progressive Party headquartered at No. 888, 3rd floor, Myitta Road, Ward No.10 in South Okkalapa Township, Yangon Region, registered as a political party in accord with the Section 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law to Union

Election Commission submitted the application for the change of the flag and the emblem as described hereunder.

In accord with Section 14 (d) of the Political Parties Registration Rules, it is hereby announced that those who want to

remonstrate with the UEC about the change of party's flag and emblem may submit a complaint along with the supporting evidence within seven days starting from issuance of this announcement. —Union Election Commission ■



Flag.



Emblem.



Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Win Myint holds talks with Ambassador of Singapore Mr. Robert Chua in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives outgoing Singaporean Ambassador

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint received outgoing Singaporean Ambassador to Myanmar H. E Mr. Robert Chua who completed his tour of duty in Myanmar, at the guest room of Pyithu Hluttaw in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday evening.

During the meeting, matters relating to promoting friendship

and cooperation between the two countries, assistances for human resources development, collaboration processes between the parliament of Singapore and Myanmar's Hluttaw. Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U T Khun Myat and officials from the hluttaw also attended the meeting. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Inland salt production in Pyu Region

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In an acre of salt earth မြေငှက် (plots of land) can be prepared, producing two earthen pots of salt water during a period of 24 hours. Therefore as many as 600 earthen pots of salt water are available during one month. If a pot is boiled, two visses of salt can be obtained, meaning 1200 visses produced from an acre of salt earth. During the whole season of average four months, 4800 visses are available. A viss of salt could fetch K 300-400 in accordance with local price.

Saltworks

To boil collected salt water, a rectangle-shaped pan is made with flat zinc sheets with a length of feet, a with of 4 feet and a depth of four inches. That rectangle-shaped zinc pan is filled with salt water and boiled, thereby producing salt. The zin pan

can hold as many as 10 earthen pots of salt water 10 produce 100 visses, rice husks of bullockcart loads are used to boil salt water. Firewood such as toddy-palm branches and coconut fronds and other rubbishes are used for boiling purposes.

In ancient times, Hanlin-region made earthen pots also known as labon pots were used. Labon pots had been used up until M.E 1257, according to Sayadaw U Narga, pointed out by U Myint Aung.

Hanlin region gets yearly rainfall of 30-35 inches with only 25 inches during the less rainfall season. Heavy rainfalls could damage the salt fields, reducing the production of salt. During the year of less rainfall and drought salt production continues up to the months of July and August. In those periods, abundant supply of salt is manufactured without

damaging anything in the production of Hanlin salt. Generally salt fields are nurtured during November and December; salt water is made into salt after a month of collection. Salt-production season usually starts from November to February; but depending on the weather the process continues up until May and June.

Residents in Hanlin region have been making inland salt for many years, creating salt-production as a kind of livelihood it is different between inland salt and seawater salt; the former is ready-made use in nature but the latter is sun-drenched of and ground into powder. Salt produced from salt earth can be directly sent to market after being boiled and sieved from salt earth.

Mass productions were made in neighbouring villages

of Hanlin, Thakhutaw and Leinpin during older times; nowadays due to high price of land, environmental changes and cost prices the village of Thakhutaw remains committed to producing salt in the Hanlin region. One can go and study the process of producing salt which is sieved by the "Ker Method" and boiled in zin pans during the months of salt-making season in model village of Hanlin.

During the heyday of Pyu civilization in Hanlin region, evidences have not been found yet as to whether Pyu people had made salt, but these people are believed, in some ways to produce and utilize in their daily life. It is not yet known whether trading in salt had existed in Hanlin region.

In ancient times, Mon people skilled in making salt from sea water, went to Hanlin region, thereby creating a sort of salt-

works in the region. The opinion was rejected by U Myint Aung. Excavations from old city of Hanlin from second AD to 9 AD centuries have shown that there have been no evidences of relationship between Mon and Pyu peoples. But after the Pyu era, the relationship between Mon and Myanmar was found near the Shwebo region, prompting to believe that terms about salt productions were described in some articles.

Anyway, those who have come to the Hanlin region to study the Pyu civilization, can have a golden chance of witnessing the Pyu national heritage including inland production of salt.

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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



Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than meets outgoing Singaporean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Robert Chua. **PHOTO: MNA**

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During the meeting, they discussed on matters relating

to promotion of friendship and cooperation between the two countries, human resources development, investment, trading and travel. Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Aye Tha Aung and officials from the Hluttaw also attended the meeting.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Special edition stamps to be sold to commemorate 50th anniversary of ASEAN

FOR the commemoration of 50th anniversary of ASEAN, Myanmar post and telecommunication from Ministry of Transport and Communications will sell special edition stamp of Ks 1000 value imprinted with *Pterocarpus macrocarpus* flower (Burmese Padauk) picture on 11

November at each and every post offices of states and regions in Myanmar.

The special edition stamps that will sell on 11 November will have the dated seal at Central Post Offices of Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay.—Myanmar News Agency ■

One civilian injured by ARSA terrorists in Rakhine State

A RAKINE ethnic people was injured by terrorists on 2 November during an attack on Pachiyatan village in Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State.

Four of extremists terrorists from the ARSA attacked with knives and other devices on seven people including U Hla Than, 53, living at Thayaygon village at 4:00 pm on 2 November in Maungtaw. Linking with the case, the security forces detained the three suspected terrorist who

were found on 3 November while the measures for the rule of law are being taken in Buthidaung Township.

The three terrorists were found on the beach between Hmowin Chaungwa outpost and Gawduthara Chaungwa.

Security forces arrested Mammud Shakku, 27, Mammud Rawphi, 22, and Zubai, 15, and charged in accordance with the law.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Tunnels dug by ARSA extremist terrorists found in Maungtaw

SECURITY personnel found tunnels dug by ARSA extremist terrorists in Kyaukpandu and Thinbawkway villages it is learnt.

Following up on information received, security personnel searched the said villages on the morning of 5 November and discover a log-roofed man-made tunnel 15 ft. long, 10 ft. wide and 5 ft. high in a small hill in the middle of Kyaukpandu village. Upon inspection, it was found to be used as store for food and medicines.

On continuing the search at Thinbawkway village, a 4 ft. high, 3 ft. wide tunnel dug into the rocks in a hill east of the village was found.

Entering about 30 ft. into the tunnel from the mouth, the tunnel split into two. The right tunnel is about 40 ft long with about 2 ft. wide human living spaces along the side of the tunnel and a 5 ft. square empty space at the end. The left tunnel is about 40 ft long with about 2 ft. wide human living spaces



Tunnels dug by ARSA extremist terrorists seen at Thinbawkway village in Maungtaw, Rakhine State. **PHOTO: MNA**

along the side of the tunnel and the end had an exit to the outside. The tunnels are found to accommodate about 20 to 25 persons and five rice bag parts, empty oil can, two student cards with the names of Mahmat Tusong, son of Mahmat Kalamya, Thinbawkway village and Abdul Harlope, son

of Abu Hussain, Kyaukpandu village, 3 Korans and 3 torn clothing were also found.

According to the office of Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief, security personnel are continuing detailed search of the area where the tunnels were found.—Myanmar News Agency ■

A man arrested on suspicion of ARSA terrorist in Maungtaw

SECURITY forces arrested a man on 1 November on suspicion of being ARSA terrorists in Kyaukhlaykha village in Maungtaw, Rakhine State.

Following a tip off that suspected terrorist was in Kyaukhlaykha village in Maungtaw township round about 4:30 pm on 1 November, security

forces carried out a search in the village and found Al Na, 23, living at MichaungTet village holding a handset and Robi branded sim-card used in another country.

Upon an interrogation, Al Na was allegedly involved in the terrorist attack on the five heads of the villages on 30 June. Dur-

ing the attack, 15 terrorists attacked on five villagers including two heads of the 100-household near the market in PyinPhyu village in Maungtaw. Al Na arrested on suspicion a one of the 15 terrorists who escaped from the scene and he was investigated in accordance with the law.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Agricultural Mechanization Department harvesting monsoon paddy in Rakhine State

AREAS of Rakhine State where there were terrorist attacks were facing difficulties to harvest monsoon rice and Agricultural Mechanization Department had deployed harvesters to harvest the monsoon rice. A total of 460 acres in Kanpu, Kyaungtaung, Myothugyi, Ohntaw, Alethankyaw, Nwayo-



A worker harvests rice in Maungtaw, Rakhine State. **PHOTO: MNA**

netaung villages of Maungtaw Township were harvested from 26 October to 5 November.

Similarly, 44.5 acres in Thinganet, Chaungwe, Ky-

witay villages, Sittway Township, Rakhine States were harvested from 30 October to 5 November it is learnt.—Myanmar News Agency ■

SG Min Aung Hlaing attends Defence & Security 2017

An opening ceremony of Defence & Security 2017 was held yesterday morning at IMPACT Exhibition Center, Bangkok, Thailand and Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attended it together with head of armed forces from more than 40 countries.

At the ceremony, Thailand Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence Gen. Prawit Wongsuwon delivered an opening speech and took commemorative photo together with head of armed forces in attendant.

Next, Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and party viewed the display military equipment and were explained by officials.

In the afternoon, Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief and party attended a luncheon hosted by Thailand Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence Gen. Prawit Wongsuwon.

Earlier in the day, Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief met with General Gatot Nurmantyo, commander of Indonesian National Military in the guest hall of IMPACT Exhibition Center. During the meeting Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief explained about the attack on security posts in Rakhine State, merciless murder of ethnic nationals, media spreading false news by making accusation and how the situation was being handled. Commander of Indonesian Na-



Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing visits Defence & Security 2017 at IMPACT Exhibition Center, Bangkok, Thailand on 6 November 2017. **PHOTO: MNA**

tional Military said that it is the duty of all armed forces in the world to protect their nationals from terrorist attacks, appreciate the Tatmadaw helping and

protecting without differentiating race and to make the world know widely of this.

In the evening, Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief and party

attended the dinner hosted by Royal Thai Armed Forces deputy commander-in-chief Gen. Haspong Yuvarnavandhana it is learnt. —Myanmar News Agency

“Our Performances will lead to the peace and development”: Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye

By Myo Myint and Mi Mi Phy (MNA)

FOR the success of UEHRD process, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Chairperson of UEHRD herself made the on-the-ground survey in Rakhine State, a few days ago.

Concerning the process of UEHRD, an interview was made with Vice-Chairman of UEHRD Dr Win Myat Aye, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, with a view to convincing people well.

Q: Let me know with which aims and objectives UEHRD was formed.

A: To perform in Rakhine State, Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development was formed. To do so, the State Counsellor herself explained to the people on October 15 and formed on October 17. UEHRD is all-inclusive project to be performed through people's forces. Its first objective is to effectively help provide humanitarian aids as there are many difficulties and problems on ways of living, food and shelter concerning the affairs which

took places in Rakhine State. Since August 25, humanitarian aids were provided by the Union Government, the State Cabinet and the people in combination. Concerted efforts were vigorously made by the Government. The present is to lift up its momentum so as to broadly cover the area in providing aids. Secondly, it is to accept and resettle them in a systematic way. Rehabilitation and resettlement are to be made regardless of man-made conflicts or disasters. Now Rakhine State affair was caused by humans. As regards this, it must be performed effectively to reach a better state. Those who had lived in Myanmar and now had been in the neighboring country on various reasons are to be systematically accepted. Thirdly, it is to bring about the development and freedom from conflicts for long, in the region. In doing so, it will reduce the outbreaks of conflicts by bringing about the regional development.”

Q: On August 25, how many people had fled their homes due to the ARSA extremist terrorists attacks?

A: Concerning the ARSA extrem-



Vice-Chairman of UEHRD Dr Win Myat Aye, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement. **PHOTO: MNA**

ist terrorist attacks on August 25, people were greatly worried. The frightened local nationals abandoned their locations, daring to live no longer, mostly from Maungdaw, Buthidaung and Rathedaung. 272 villages in Maungdaw, 29 villages in Buthidaung and 18 villages in Rathedaung were burnt down. They fled to safer places, mostly to

Sittway.

Q: As UEHRD had been established, let me know which arrangements are being made for those who abandoned their places to be located in their places.

A: Under the current situations, in the region security is of great importance. If security has been

assured, they will have to reach their original location. Provided that their former houses and farming lands were undamaged it will be ready for them to live and settle there again. But some villages where minority ethnic groups of Mro, Daingnet and etc. lived were completely burnt down. There, it will be great importance to make rehabilitation and resettlement.

Q: Concerning all-inclusive participation, how it will be carried out?

A: In this regard, now UEHRD appeared. It was found out that the people from Regions and States including Nay Pyi Taw Council and respective responsible officials were taking part. Dr Aung Tun Thet, chief coordinator of UEHRD assembled and consulted with those who would like to donate among the people, entrepreneurs, foundations, those who will participate, the people, local businessmen, Civil Societies in the land. On October 28 and 29, Dr Aung Tun Thet and myself arrived in Rakhine region. Major participants are mostly youths. Myanmar abounds with ebullient youths.

(To be continued)

Russian state arms exporter's military hardware sales hit \$140 bln over 17 years

MOSCOW Russia's state arms exporter Rosoboronexport, part of the hi-tech state corporation Rostec, has sold military hardware worth \$140 billion over 17 years of its operation, the Rosoboronexport press office quoted Rostec CEO Sergei Chemezov as saying on 3, Friday November.

Rosoboronexport will celebrate the 17th anniversary of its establishment on 4 November.

"Over the period of 17 years, Rosoboronexport has become one of the world leaders in the deliveries of weapon systems and military equip-

ment, selling products worth over \$140 billion. We are demonstrating good results in foreign trade activity and the country's leadership does not leave these successes without attention," Chemezov said.

This year, Rosoboronexport has done enormous work aimed at expanding the geography of the exports of armaments and military hardware, and also at increasing the range of domestic military and dual-purpose products supplied to foreign customers, the company's press office said.

Russia's state arms export-



er is actively interacting with more than 50 countries of the world, the press office noted. "By the end of 2017, this figure will increase further."

As of today, Rosoboronexport's order book equals about \$45 billion, which testifies to

the high competitive edge of Russian defense products in the global format. Contracts for the purchase of hi-tech Russian systems, first of all, aircraft and air defense means, make up a considerable part of the order book," Rosoboronexport

CEO Alexander Mikheyev was quoted by the company's press office as saying.

Rosoboronexport is also entering new market segments, developing the export of recreational and sporting firearms, he said.—Tass ■

Israeli regulator says evidence supports criminal charges in Bezeq case

JERUSALEM — The Israel Securities Authority (ISA) said on Monday it had found enough evidence to support bringing criminal charges against senior officials at Bezeq Israel Telecom.

The ISA, which has been investigating possible fraud and financial reporting offences involving executives at Israel's largest telecoms group, including its chairman, said it was submitting its findings to the Tel Aviv District Attorney, who will decide whether or not to bring indictments.

Bezeq Chairman Shaul Elovitch denied any wrongdoing. The company declined to comment on Monday about the ISA statement.

"In the framework of this complex and multifaceted investigation ... the Israel Securities Authority concluded that there is a foundation of evidence, apparently, that establishes the involvement of the main suspects in the case," the ISA said.

The ISA announced in June that it was investigating Bezeq, focusing on allegations that Elovitch, its controlling shareholder, had meddled in the merger between Bezeq and its satellite TV

unit YES for personal financial gain.

The investigation has since branched out, touching on deals involving satellite operator Spacecom, which is also controlled by Elovitch, and even led to the director-general of Israel's Communications Ministry being placed under house arrest.

Elovitch and Bezeq CEO Stella Handler had also been remanded temporarily to house arrest.

Shares in Bezeq have fallen 17 per cent since the case was made public but were up 2 per cent on Monday, trading at 5.36 shekels. "We believe beyond any shadow of doubt that no offence was committed and that it will be determined as so," lawyers representing Elovitch said in a statement. In 2015 Bezeq acquired the remaining stake in YES for about 1 billion shekels (£217.1 million) from parent company Eurocom, a holding group also owned by Elovitch. The ISA said it had evidence that financial reports related to that deal were manipulated, illegally triggering 170 million shekels in milestone payments to Elovitch.—Reuters ■

Ex-Catalan leader granted freedom to campaign for independence

BRUSSELS/MADRID — Catalonia's former leader Carles Puigdemont was spared custody on Monday, when a Brussels court ruled he could remain at liberty in Belgium until it had heard Spanish allegations of rebellion against him.

The court's decision means Puigdemont, who left Spain last month after Madrid fired his secessionist government and dissolved the Catalan parliament, is free to campaign for independence for an election in the region on 21 December.

The vote is shaping up as a de facto independence referendum.

Puigdemont's PDeCAT and another secessionist party said at the weekend they might run on a combined ticket, but would need to make a decision on any formal alliance — which might also include other parties — by a deadline of Tuesday.

Alliances could however also form after the election.

The independence push has dragged Spain in to its worst political crisis since its return to democracy four decades ago and has deeply divided the country, fuelling anti-Spanish feelings in Catalonia and nationalist ten-

dencies elsewhere. Puigdemont turned himself in to Belgian police on Sunday along with four of his ex-ministers, after Spain issued a European arrest warrant on charges of rebellion as well as misuse of public funds. All five are barred from leaving Belgium without a judge's consent.

"The next step in the proceedings is the appearance of the five defendants before the Chambre du Conseil within the next 15 days," prosecutors said in a statement.

The Chambre is a court of first instance that is responsible for ruling on extradition requests. Spain's central government took control of Catalonia, which makes up a fifth of the national economy, after local leaders held an independence referendum on 1 October despite a Constitutional Court ban.

The region's parliament then passed a unilateral declaration of independence. In response, Spain's Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy fired the government and called the snap regional elections.

Opinion polls show support for secession and for Puigdemont and his allies, eight of whom stayed behind in Spain

and are being detained on similar accusations to the ones the deposed leader faces, has remained steady.

On Sunday, the first part of a GAD3 survey showed that pro-independence parties would win the election but may not gain the parliamentary majority needed to continue with secession. On Monday, the second part showed just one in seven people from Catalonia believe the current standoff between Barcelona and Madrid will end in independence for the region while more than two thirds think the process has been bad for the economy. Published in La Vanguardia newspaper, that survey polled 1,233 people between 30 October and 3 November. Optimism that a negotiated solution would be found was low, with just over a fifth of respondents thinking the crisis would lead to talks between regional authorities and Madrid. The uncertainty has prompted more than 2,000 companies to relocate their legal headquarters out of the region since 1 October, while the Bank of Spain said if the conflict persists it could lead to slower growth and job creation.—Reuters ■

China releases draft law to expand power of new anti-graft body

BEIJING — China's legislature on Monday released the first public draft of a law giving a nascent super-ministry powers to detain, investigate and punish public servants, widening President Xi Jinping's signature war on graft.

A National Supervision Commission that combines several anti-graft bodies, set to be launched next year, will spearhead Xi's campaign and expand its scope beyond the ruling Communist Party to

any civil servant. At last month's five-yearly party congress, Xi pledged to continue the campaign to root out deep-seated corruption in the party, which has ensnared more than 1.3 million officials. The public has a deadline of 5 December to comment on the draft, but the largely rubber-stamp legislature did not say when the final law would be implemented.

The new commission will be empowered to investigate, interrogate and

detain government workers, besides freezing their assets and seizing property, the draft released by the parliament, the National People's Congress, shows.

The new law would further centralize the power of anti-graft investigations and apply to bureaucrats, including teachers at government schools and managers at state-owned enterprises.

The draft gave new details of a detention system to replace a controversial

practice of questioning suspects at undisclosed sites without legal representation, known as "shuang-gui", which rights activists say carries the threat of torture and abuse.

The new measures can be used when the case is "major" or "sensitive", when a subject is at risk of fleeing or suicide, when there is danger of collusion or evidence tampering or other forms of obstruction to the investigation, the draft said. Detained sus-

pects must sign off on all confessions and their family or work unit should be notified within 24 hours, it added, with a three-month limit on the interrogation that can be doubled in "special circumstances", which it did not specify.

The draft includes measures to monitor the finances of those suspected of graft, to avoid their fleeing overseas. Separately, the Party's official People's Daily on Monday provided frontpage details of trial

commissions launched in January in the capital, Beijing, and the eastern province of Zhejiang and northern Shanxi.

In Zhejiang, the commission handled more than 24,000 cases from January to August, more than double the number handled by the authorities during the year-ago period, Xinhua said. In Shanxi, the total number of people overseen by anti-graft authorities jumped to 530,000 from 131,500, it said. —Reuters ■



People stand on the roof of their house along submerged street in the UNESCO heritage ancient town of Hoi An after typhoon Damrey hits Viet Nam on 6 November, 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

Death toll from Viet Nam storm nears 50

DANANG, Viet Nam — The death toll from the typhoon that struck Viet Nam at the weekend has risen to at least 49, the government said on Monday. After Typhoon Damrey's winds tore off roofs, felled trees and ripped up electricity poles, heavy rains brought floods to central Viet Nam just days before the region is due to host the APEC summit of Asia-Pacific leaders.

The Communist state's Steering Committee for Disaster Prevention said 49 people had been killed and 27

were missing. It did not say how the victims died, but said most casualties were in Khan Hoa province near the city of Nha Trang, where the storm made landfall on Saturday.

Nearly 2,000 homes had collapsed and more than 80,000 had been damaged, it said. Roads that had been flooded or washed away caused traffic jams across several provinces.

In Danang, authorities called on soldiers and local people to clean up after the rains so that the beach resort would

be ready for delegates to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) meetings, which started on Monday.

Although the rain continued, organizers said the schedule had not been disrupted.

Danang will host US President Donald Trump from 10 November, as well as China's President Xi Jinping, Russia's President Vladimir Putin and counterparts from other APEC members.

The storm moved from the coastal area into a key coffee-growing region of the world's

biggest producer of robusta coffee beans. The typhoon had damaged some coffee trees at the start of the harvest season, farm officials said. But farmers in Daklak, the heart of the region, said the damage was limited.

Floods killed more than 80 people in northern Viet Nam last month, while a typhoon wreaked havoc in central provinces in September. The country of more than 90 million people is prone to destructive storms and flooding due to its long coastline. —Reuters ■

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‘Thor: Ragnarok’ rules with \$121 million weekend

LOS ANGELES — Disney-Marvel’s “Thor: Ragnarok” is heading for a stellar opening weekend with \$121 million at 4,080 North American locations — the fourth best launch of 2017.

The third Thor movie is also putting an emphatic end to the month-long box office slump that saw the worst October in a decade. Among 2017 titles, its debut weekend trails only “Beauty and the Beast” at \$174.8 million, “Guardians of the Galaxy Vol 2” at \$146.5 million and “It” at \$123.4 million.

“Thor: Ragnarok” also officially launches the holiday season with a major bang. Moviegoing has been battered this year by a subpar second half that’s pulled down 2017 grosses by 5%, but it should rebound somewhat, thanks to “Thor: Ragnarok,” Warner Bros.-DC Entertainment’s “Justice League” (which opens 17 November) and Disney-Lucasfilm’s “Star Wars: The Last Jedi” (opening 15 December).

“November has been a hotbed for blockbusters and is as important to any given year as even the hottest summer months and has been the launch pad for some of the biggest franchises in box office history including ‘Har-

ry Potter,’ ‘The Hunger Games’ and ‘Twilight,’ not to mention the traditional home for James Bond,” noted Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst with comScore.

“Now Thor joins the rarefied air that is the \$100 million November opening club, becoming only the ninth film to ever reach this threshold and the first to do it within the first part of the month.”

STXfilms’ R-rated “A Bad Moms Christmas,” which opened Wednesday, is heading for a respectable \$21.6 million at 3,615 sites for its first five days. A24’s launch of Greta Gerwig’s “Lady Bird” posted the best platform opening of the year with \$375,612 on four screens for an impressive \$93,903 per-screen average.

“Thor: Ragnarok” wound up over-performing recent estimates, which had been in the \$100 million to \$118 million range. The rollout includes 3,400 3D screens, 391 IMAX screens, 616 premium large format screens, and 204 D-Box locations. The IMAX total was \$25.4 million.

With Chris Hemsworth reprising the title role, “Thor: Ragnarok” will finish far above its predecessors, nearly doubling



Chris Hemsworth and Elsa Pataky at World Premiere of “Thor: Ragnarok” in Los Angeles, California, US on 11 October, 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

the 2011 opening of “Thor” at \$65.7 million and coming in 41% above the 2013 sequel “Thor: The Dark World” at \$85.7 million.

“Thor: Ragnarok” is directed by Taika Waititi from a screenplay by Eric Pearson and the writing team of Craig Kyle and Christopher Yost. It also stars Tom Hiddleston, Cate Blanchett, Idris Elba, Jeff Goldblum, Tessa Thompson, Karl Urban, Mark Ruffalo, and Anthony Hopkins.

The character of Thor, based on Norse mythology, was created in 1962 by Stan Lee, Larry Lieber, and Jack Kirby for Marvel Comics.

“Thor: Ragnarok” has also taken in \$306 million overseas, including \$109 million in its international launch last week in 52% of foreign markets. It expanded to most other overseas territories this weekend. — Reuters ■

Failure motivates one to work harder: Diana Penty

MUMBAI — After two back-to-back hit films — “Cocktail” and “Happy BhagJayegi”, actor Diana Penty says the failure of her last release “Lucknow Central” did bother her but she still thinks it was a great story.

Diana starred opposite Farhan Akhtar in “Lucknow Central”.

“Anyone who’s worked on a film would want their work to be watched and appreciated. I signed ‘Lucknow Central’ because it was a story I wanted to be part of. I still stand by the fact that it was a well written, well directed film with some great performances,” Diana says in an interview with PTI.

“Unfortunately, it got lost along the way. But these (referring to failure) are experiences you learn from and grow with. They (failure) motivate you to work harder.” Her next venture is “Happy BhagJayegi Returns”, a first sequel for the 32-year-old actor and she is super excited about it. Eros International and Aanand L Rai’s Colour Yellow Productions are working on the sequel to “Happy BhagJayegi” and the team has roped in Sonakshi Sinha as well for the second part. — PTI ■

Turkish director’s dystopian film ruminates on modern woes, self



Turkish director Semih Kaplanoglu talks about his film “Grain” in an interview with Kyodo News in Tokyo, Japan on 3 November, 2017. The film, which focuses on food and refugee crises, won the Tokyo Grand Prix, the top prize at the 30th Tokyo International Film Festival, the same day. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**

TOKYO — Polluted soil and environment. Food shortage. Outpouring of refugees.

The scenes, filmed in black and white, are part of award-winning Turkish director Semih Kaplanoglu’s dystopian sci-fi film “Grain,” which on Friday won the Tokyo Grand Prix, the top prize at the 30th Tokyo International Film Festival.

But the images of environmental destruction and other social issues are all too familiar of modern-day woes, as the international community fights the growing perils of climate change and Syrian refugees continue to flee into Turkey, his home country.

“I wanted to tell a story about people,” the 54-year-old director said, through a Turkish-Japanese interpreter, in a post-award interview with Kyodo News.

“Human beings are doing many bad things to and destroying their own selves, and it is hurting one’s psyche. That is also happening outside (of them),”

he added. “Grain” depicts the journey of Erol Erin, a gene scientist-cum-professor, to search for a grain to save humanity amid a shortage of food in a near-future world faced with food and other crises.

Kaplanoglu is no stranger to film festival awards as he won the Golden Bear, the top prize at the prestigious Berlin International Film Festival, in 2010 for his film “Honey,” about a young boy who goes on a journey to search for his missing father, a beekeeper.

For “Grain,” which made its Asian premiere at the Tokyo festival, it took him over five years to write.

The celebrated director-writer of contemporary cinema in Turkey said he wanted to create a film “with depth and that can be seen from various angles.” Based on the competition jury’s assessment, he felt he was able to get across his film’s message.

US director and actor Tommy Lee Jones, head of a five-member jury for the festival’s

main competition section, said they unanimously chose “Grain” for its “beautiful photography” and “presentation of myth as reality or maybe, say, the reality of myth.”

“We were certainly impressed by this movie’s appreciation of a common understanding among all people through a shared mythic experience,” Jones said at the award ceremony. Kaplanoglu said he is happy to hear positive feedback from audiences in Japan about how they were moved by his film.

“There were people who said this film depicts a world that looks deep inside the human being, and that they wanted to watch it again, if not a couple more times,” he said. “Grain” follows the professor’s departure from the city, protected by magnetic walls, and into a new world to search for his fellow geneticist. What ensues is a series of dialogue between the two men that borders on philosophical issues and inner exploration. — Kyodo News ■

Paintings by Indian elephant auctioned off in Hungary

BUDAPEST — Paintings created by an Indian elephant who enjoys wielding a brush were auctioned off by a Hungarian traveling circus on Saturday.

Three of 42-year-old elephant Sandra's abstract canvases, with colored lines flowing across them resembling rivers, fetched about 40,000 forints (\$150) each.

A painting depicting Sandra herself, done by a Hungarian painter, sold for 260,000 forints. The money will be offered to an elephant sanctuary in Malaysia.

Sandra paints with her trunk purely for pleasure, according to her owner and trainer Florian Richter, a horse acrobat and circus director.

Sandra, who was already well practised in a circus trick

involving a shaving brush, was given a paintbrush and she quickly adapted her skills to the canvas.

Richter said that unlike many elephants in Thailand that are thought to be forced to paint, Sandra does it by herself when she is in the mood.

"I only help her with changing the brushes and putting them into paints but she does the rest by herself more or less.

I praise her by saying 'oh this is really good, or not so good'," Richter said. "We have been together for 40 years so this is a family connection."

Sandra arrived as a baby elephant at the circus where Richter grew up, as a seventh generation member of an acrobat family. —Reuters ■



Sandra, a 42-year-old elephant, paints with her trunk in a Hungarian travelling circus of Florian Richter Circus in Budapest, Hungary, on 2 November 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

Speaker made from vegetable hitting the right notes for listeners

UTSUNOMIYA, (Japan) — A speaker made from bottle gourd in Tochigi Prefecture, north of Tokyo, has been attracting listeners with its good acoustics and a cute appearance that makes it look like an animation character.

A car audio system maker in Tochigi, which is the biggest producer of dried gourd strips used in sushi rolls, began developing the speaker named "fucucchi" in 2013 in collaboration with local farmers, using the plant known as "fukube" in Japanese.

"Gourds have been used to make musical instruments around the world," said Akira Takahashi, 67, president of Sound Tec Takahashi Denki that makes the unique speaker in the city of Oyama.

"We want even those who are not interested in audio systems to experience the quality of the sound" produced by this speaker, he added. Takahashi came up with the idea of using bottle gourd as he realized the potential of natural products in creating sounds.

Grown and harvested by farmers partnering with Takahashi, the gourds are dried for around two years before their flesh is scooped out. Then two speaker units are installed in the gourd in such a way as to make them look like the round eyes of a character. After that, two legs

are attached to the bottom of the gourd, making the final product look like "yuru-kyara" — popular mascots of "loose character" with a laid-back image.

A large gourd with a thick skin makes a low sound that can travel a long distance. "It is especially good for listening to string sounds," Takahashi said.

The price of the speaker varies according to its size, ranging from 160,000 yen (\$1,400) to

230,000 yen. An online shopping site for the product was launched in late September under the brand of "Blue Star Sounds." Only 300 gourd speakers are sold every year.

"We were able to use the acoustic know-how we have accumulated all these years. We will be happy if we can promote the signature agricultural product of Tochigi" with this speaker, Takahashi said. — Kyodo News ■



Akira Takahashi, 67, president of Sound Tec Takahashi Denki, shows off the company's unique speaker made from bottle gourd in Oyama, Tochigi Prefecture on 17 October 2017. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**

User input helps shape innovative products for disabled

TOKYO — A couple of products launched by Japanese companies recently that make it easier for persons with disabilities to get out and about were both developed with input from their target market.

Medical sheet maker Teikoku Pharmacare Corp released in May a shoulder strap for a walking cane. Called "ArukuTomo," or "walking friend," the strap enables the user to let go of the cane when reaching for a wallet, taking the stairs and in other situations.

A 63-year-old man came up with the idea after suffering a stroke that left him paralyzed down his left side.

On his release from hospital, Kazuyoshi Endo attached a camera strap to a walking stick so that he could hook it over his shoulder and practice walking without worrying about dropping the cane.

The strap drew attention when he visited his local rehabilitation facility — without a wheelchair. Impressed, staff asked Endo where they could buy one. Convinced there was a market for his invention, Endo brought the idea to Naomi Matsumoto, who heads Hatsume Labox, a Tokyo company that specializes in developing innovative products.

"Is it possible to commercialize this?" Endo asked her. Matsumoto saw the potential, not only for those with disabilities but for

the elderly as well.

Improving on Endo's original idea, the company developed a prototype that subsequently attracted the interest of Teikoku Pharmacare President Mikiya Kasai.

Before the product was officially launched, Endo made a trip to the family grave in Kitakata, Fukushima Prefecture, made easier because he was wearing the new strap.

"It's so great because it means I don't have to stay at home," Endo said.

ArukuTomo features a safety mechanism that prevents it from snagging on people or objects, and that automatically detaches the strap should it get caught in a train door, according to the developers. The product carries a price tag of 9,800 yen (\$87).

In Hamamatsu, Shizuoka Prefecture, meanwhile, cotton fabric processing company Suzuki Industrial Arts Co has launched a bag designed for women who use a wheelchair.

The bag, sold under the brand of ADOM, can be hooked to a wheelchair via a specially designed belt. It is priced at 14,018 yen. To make the product fashionable as well as functional, the company tied up with Semui, a nonprofit organization publishing Co-Co Life Joshibu, a fashion magazine for women with disabilities. — Kyodo News ■

President of MFF inspired Myanmar footballers



Myanmar Football Federation President U Zaw Zaw (in the middle) gives encouragement to Myanmar football team yesterday at the team's training ground in Yangon. **PHOTO:MFF**

MYANMAR football Federation (MFF) President U Zaw Zaw met and encouraged Myanmar national football team as the team will play against India national football team on 14 August.

"We must win this match and I do believe that we will get success. Our team's skills will get improved only if we play with Asian leveled football

teams. Let's play the best to make our fans happy", U Zaw Zaw told the Myanmar football team.

As a qualification match of 2019 AFC Asian Cup, Myanmar will play against India at Fatorda Stadium in Margao City in India in the morning of 14 August. Myanmar lost to India 0-1 in the first round match played at the Thuwunna

Stadium in Yangon, Myanmar on 28 March.

Thus Myanmar needs win for upcoming match to recover a good condition in the Group A of the qualification. In preparation for the qualification, Myanmar will also play friendly match against Cambodia on 9 November and the team is departing for Cambodia today.— Kyaw Zin Lin ■

AFC Grade A Coaching Certificate Course launched in Yangon

WITH the collaboration of Myanmar Football Federation (MFF) and Asian Football Federation (AFC), AFC Grade 'A' Coaching Certificate Course will be conducted from 6 to 18 November in Yangon.

The opening ceremony of the course was conducted at the meeting room of the MFF yesterday morning. A total of 23 trainees are attending the course and all the trainees are old national team players, Myanmar national league's players and current coaches of the Physical and Sports Science.

The AFC Grade 'A' Coaching

Certificate course is for coaches who hold both the Grade 'C' and 'B' Coaching Certificates. Selection of participants is based only on the recommendation of the instructors. The duration of the course is 27 days, with a minimum of 148 hours.

The course is designed to educate coaches in tactical and advanced technical requirements of teams and team management. Students are examined on the practical and theoretical aspects of the game, and are required to submit and present a dissertation.—Kyaw Zin Lin ■

Alli ruled out with injury, Keane added to England squad

LONDON — Everton defender Michael Keane was called up on Monday to replace injured Tottenham Hotspur forward Dele Alli in the England squad for friendlies against Germany and Brazil this month.

Alli has been ruled out after he sustained a hamstring injury during last week's Champions League victory over Real Madrid. Tottenham team mates Harry Kane and Harry Winks, along with Chelsea defender Gary Cahill, will undergo late

fitness tests, the Football Association said. "Keane has now been added to the group of players due to report to St George's Park today, ahead of the upcoming double-header at Wembley Stadium," the FA said in a statement.

The 24-year-old has a chance to earn his fifth England cap after returning from a leg infection during Everton's 3-2 comeback win over Watford.

England host Germany on Friday and meet Brazil four days later. — Reuters ■

Man United players keen to prove themselves after break — Herrera

LONDON — Manchester United players will be eager to prove themselves after the international break as they head into it with a 1-0 loss to Premier League champions Chelsea, midfielder Ander Herrera said.

Spaniard Alvaro Morata scored the winner that re-ignited Chelsea's hopes of retaining the title as they sit just one point behind second-placed United and third-placed Tottenham Hotspur after 11 league games.

For United, the defeat marked their second in three league games and left them eight points behind leaders Manchester City. "It's disappointing for us because we came here to win, we pressed them and we created a couple of good chances..." Herrera told the club's website. (www.manutd.com) "When you lose you want to play as soon as possible but we have to wait a couple of weeks but also it's good

to have some rest. Some players have played every game since the other international break so it's good to have a rest and recover." Defender Chris Smalling, who was left out England manager Gareth Southgate's squad for this month's friendlies, also reflected on the defeat and bemoaned the international break.

"The result is frustrating because we put in so much effort and I think we controlled large parts of the game," Smalling said. "It's unfortunate there's now an international break but I think we'll have to regroup and in our next game make sure we put on a performance to rectify this."

"I think it's about us getting back to Old Trafford for that game and put on a performance that the fans can be proud of."

United host 11th placed Newcastle United when the league resumes on 18 November. — Reuters ■



Manchester United's Ander Herrera is shown a yellow card by referee Anthony Taylor at Stamford Bridge in London, Britain on 5 November, 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**