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A girl from Zedipyin Village in Maungdaw Township has her photo taken as she applies for a National Verification Card, the first step towards citizenship in Rakhine State. **PHOTO: PHOE HTAUNG**

## Threats to NV card applicants by terrorists: Rakhine villagers

As the government steps up efforts at issuing the National Verification Card, the first step in the process towards citizenship, villagers in conflict areas in northern Rakhine said they have been threatened by terrorists who do not want them to apply for the card.

“They have seriously threatened villagers not to get the NVC. They have made death threats to villagers. These threats prompt villagers here not to apply for the card. The reason is the NVC cards can help distinguish between local people and immigrants.

They don't want that,” said U Aung Min, Director of the Rakhine State Immigration and Population Department, who was at Zedipyin Village in Shwezar Village-tract supervising his mobile team tasked with issuing NV cards.

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### Republic of the Union of Myanmar Ministry of the Office of the State Counsellor

Press Statement  
(7 November 2017)

Press Statement by the Ministry of the Office of the State Counsellor on UN Security Council Presidential Statement, dated 6 November 2017

The Government of Myanmar has taken note of the Presidential Statement issued by the UN Security Council on 6 November 2017.

Myanmar appreciates the stand taken by some members of the Security Council who upheld the principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of sovereign countries.

We have noted that the Presidential Statement partially acknowledges the dedicated efforts by the Government of Myanmar to bring peace, stability and development to Rakhine State, including the significant strides that have been made in the delivery of humanitarian aid and assistance to all those in need, irrespective of ethnicity, religion, or citizenship status.

The issuance of the Presidential Statement ignores the fact that the issues facing Myanmar and Bangladesh today can only be resolved bilaterally, in an amicable manner, between two neighbouring states. Furthermore, the Presidential Statement could potentially and seriously harm the bilateral negotiations between the two countries which have been proceeding smoothly and expeditiously.

As noted in the Presidential Statement, the Bangladesh Minister of Home Affairs visited Nay Pyi Taw from 23 to 25 October 2017. Both countries successfully reached agreement and signed two key documents that will impact positively on border security between the two countries.

Simultaneously, Myanmar Government officials are in close negotiations with the Bangladesh authorities on an arrangement for the return of displaced persons from Rakhine State. The Foreign Minister of Bangladesh has been invited to Myanmar from 16 to 18 November 2017. The intention is to reach an agreement satisfactory to both sides during his visit.

The Government of Myanmar therefore regrets that a Presidential Statement has been issued with regard to a situation that is in the process of being resolved amicably between two neighbouring countries.



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## Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

2<sup>nd</sup> Pyidaungsu Hluttaw 6<sup>th</sup> regular session holds its 5<sup>th</sup> day meeting

AT the 5<sup>th</sup> day meeting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pyidaungsu Hluttaw 6<sup>th</sup> regular session yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw, the budget, including the policy and principles of the bill on the Revised Budget Estimate of the Union, FY 2017-2018, was discussed by parliamentarians.

Concerning additional funds, U Khin Cho of Hlinebwe constituency said, "It must be allotted after scrutiny in accord with seven principles. According to the Budget Estimate of the Union, incomes were targeted at Ks16,605 billion and spending at Ks20,594 billion. Additional budget allotments amounting to Ks2,544 billion were found to have been demanded. As for the departments and organisations, they need to demand the nearest

amount of the money to be really spent. Especially, lump sum amounts and investment money to be spent in jobs should be demanded after careful calculation. Money for spending is required to be demanded in accord with seven principles for demanding additional funds.

Here, I would like to suggest that additionally demanded amounts should not exceed the designated percentage of the Budget Estimate. Concerning the interest rate on foreign loans, if necessary preventions are carried out after sustainable assessment of nature and months in which rise and fall of foreign exchange rates happen, a big gap on surplus and deficit in demanding additional fund can



Members of Parliament attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

be put under control."

Afterward, Mahn Win Khaing Than, Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, received

the approval of the Hluttaw concerning Myanmar's signing of the ASEAN MoU on Cooperation Relating to the Aircraft Accident

and Incident Investigation sent by the President of the State, and its approval was announced to the Hluttaw. ■

## Comments on Myanmar ICT sector at e-Government and ICT Exhibition



U Zaw Min Oo, general secretary, Myanmar Computer Federation.



U Kyaw Moe Naing, Managing Director, Myanmar Ease Net Co.



Daw Nwe Ni Soe Yin, Director, Ministry of Transport and Communications.



U Maung Maung Kyi Tha, Technical Director, Golden Myanmar Apex Co., Ltd.



Mr. Bob Zhu, Huawei Technologies (Yangon) Co., Ltd.

Hmwe Kyu Han,  
(PHOTO: KO KO SOE NYUNT)

WITH an aim toward establishing a government that supports the socio-economic development of the people, a union-level e-Government Conference and ICT Exhibition is being held for two days on 7 and 8 November at the Myanmar International Convention Center-2 (MICC-2) in Nay Pyi Taw. The following are suggestions and comments on the Myanmar ICT sector.

#### U Zaw Min Oo, General Secretary, Myanmar Computer Federation

Compared to last year, systems in ministerial departments have improved. Looking at the country as a whole, the ICT (information and communications technology) usage index also in-

creased. On the e-Government ranking, it had risen compared to the past. As we are above 160 out of 190 countries, we need to reach the level of others ranking. Our country lacks ICT-related infrastructure. There are also requirements on the legal side. Despite having many universities, we are still weak in human resources to actually work in industry. In order to overcome these requirements and weaknesses, we need to cooperate with developed countries and later, try to stand on our own. This is a very important sector. Once this part is done, other required projects can be conducted.

#### U Kyaw Moe Naing, Managing Director, Myanmar Ease Net Co., Ltd.

We are working together with the Ministry of Labour, Im-

migration and Population for the online e-Visa. Having electricity is the basic requirement for ICT sector development in our country. Data centres are also required. Firm policies on ICT are required. We must strive toward network stability for cyber security. We will work toward having all the data of our country in a secure network.

#### Daw Nwe Ni Soe Yin, Director, Ministry of Transport and Communications

This is the second exhibition. In the first exhibition last year, there were no ministerial department booths. This year, government departments' works will be known from these exhibition booths. The current situation of Myanmar ICT can be seen as doing things separately. Although there are ministeri-

al works being done, there no connection between one another and there is no linkage. By participating in the exhibition, there can be linkage.

The Myanmar National Portal will be launched in 2018. An agreement was signed for the Myanmar National Portal on 3 April. The project is now being implemented. Data and information were collected from the ministries. All will be completed in January.

#### U Maung Maung Kyi Tha, Technical Director, Golden Myanmar Apex Co., Ltd.

At the present time, our companies are still striving to meet the requirements in order to successfully implement e-Government in our country. Market economy businesses were started only a decade ago.

(Government) departments are still trying to fulfil the requirements so all need to cooperate. In cooperating, plans should be made for the long term. An e-Government needs to be successfully implemented for the country to develop.

#### Mr. Bob Zhu, Huawei Technologies (Yangon) Co., Ltd.

The Myanmar ICT circle needs to develop when compared internationally. The Union Minister today spoke of requirements in the ICT sector. To achieve development, country-wide internet coverage needs to be improved.

A Strong and firm data centre is required to successfully implement e-Government. Data centre-related exhibits were seen to be displayed in the booths. ■



## 267 tons of rice donated by S. Korea to Rakhine

TWO-hundred and sixty-seven tons of rice donated by the Republic of Korea through the ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve (APTERR) reached Sittway on 1 November by arrangement of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation.

The Rakhine State gov-

ernment is preparing to distribute the rice to specific regions as the rice are donations to displaced people staying at the IDP camps in Buthidaung, Maungdaw, Yathedaung, Ponnagyun, Sittway, Kyauktaw, Minbya and MraukU townships.—Myanmar News Agency ■

## Monsoon paddy harvested in Sittway, Rakhine State

MONSOON paddy harvesting was being done by the Department of Agriculture on the farm of U Tun Win, No.48 in field No.570, Ywar Thit Kay Village, Sittway Township, Rakhine State on 3 November.

The harvesting work was done by nine people including U Tin Aung of the Maungdaw District, other district staff, U Tin Aye, the head of the township department and his staff.

The Sin Thwe Latt paddy

species is the most cultivated paddy species in Sittway and among the most popular of paddy species by consumers. In 2017-2018, 4,500 acres of Sin Thwe Latt were included among the 23,188 acres of total cultivated paddy in Sittway Township.

While harvesting the Sin Thwe Latt species, an acre of paddy yielded 89.82 baskets of paddy before drying and 81.92 baskets after drying the grain.—Myanmar News Agency ■

## MOA, ASEAN Arthroplasty Association to hold conference on 9 November in Yangon

THE Myanmar Orthopaedic Association and ASEAN Arthroplasty Association would hold its Conference starting 9 November 2017 at Novotel Hotel Max at Pyay Road, Yangon. At the opening session Dr San

Baw Memorial Lecture entitled 'Ivory Prostheses: A Myanmar Success Story' will be delivered by Dr Bartek Szostakowski, an orthopaedic surgeon from Poland around 9 am on 9 November 2017, it is learnt.—MNA ■

## Three dead after migrant workers forcibly enter gem mine in Phakant

MIGRANT workers who forcibly entered a mining area in Phakant, Kachin State, on 6 November prompted a clash with authorities, resulting in the deaths of one police officer and two migrants.

Migrants are known to illegally enter mining areas to search through mine waste for overlooked gemstones.

On Monday, a large crowd of migrant workers numbering about 500 forcibly entered the Ruby Dragon mining plot. When they were denied entry, the mi-

grant workers allegedly attacked security police with hammers and stones.

Police Sergeant Aung Khine was seriously hurt and later died from his injuries at Phakant Hospital, authorities said.

Also killed were Aung Paing Soe, 23, who died at the scene, and Khin Maung Win, 35, who died from his injuries at the hospital, it was learnt.

At least eight others were injured, most of them police officers.— Win Naing (Kachin Myay) ■



Vice-President U Myint Swe, centre, together with responsible officials and local people pose for photos at the 62<sup>nd</sup> anniversary ceremony of Kayin State Day in Myawady, Kayin State. **PHOTO: MNA**

## Vice President U Myint Swe attends 62<sup>nd</sup> Kayin State Day ceremony

VICE-President U Myint Swe attended the 62<sup>nd</sup> anniversary ceremony of Kayin State Day in Myawady yesterday.

Present at the ceremony were Union Minister for Ethnic Affairs Nai Thet Lwin, Kayin State Chief Minister Nan Khin Htwe Myint, Speaker of Kayin State Hluttaw U Saw Chit Khin, Commander of South-Eastern Command Major General Myo Win, Chairman of KNU Saw Mutu Sae Phoe, Deputy Speaker of State Hluttaw, Kayin State Cabinet's ministers, Hluttaw representatives, members of Kayin National Traditional Culture, social societies, responsible officials, armed national groups under ceasefire, invited guests and local people.

At the ceremony, Union Minister Nai Thet Lwin, Kayin State Chief Minister Nan Khin Htwe Myint and Speaker of State Hlut-

taw U Saw Chit Khin presided over the ceremony.

First of all, those present at the ceremony paid salutes to the State Flag of the Myanmar, Fallen Martyrs and comrades. After that, U Saw Chit Khin read out the message to the 62<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Kayin State Day, 2017 sent from President U Htin Kyaw, followed by the address in commemoration of 62<sup>nd</sup> Kayin State Day from Daw Nan Khin Htwe Myint, Chief Minister of the Kayin State Cabinet.

Following that, Kayin State Chief Minister, Speaker and Deputy Speaker of Kayin State Hluttaw, Kayin State Chief Auditor, State Ministers and responsible officials presented those who gained honorary outstanding awards of Kayin State with prizes.

In addition, Vice-President U Myint Swe, Union Minister Nai Thet Lwin, Kayin State Chief

Minister Daw Nan Khin Htwe Myint, State Hluttaw Speaker U Saw Chit Khin and Chairman of Kayin State Election Commission U Kyaw Win Maung opened the ceremony by cutting the ribbon, posing for a documentary photo together with those present at the ceremony and inspecting the exhibitions.

From there, Vice-President, Union Minister and members proceeded by cars, arriving at Myawady where VP and members met with Hluttaw representatives, departmental heads, businessmen and merchants' associations.

In the meeting, U Yan Naing Tun, director-general of trade department explained concerning situations on tax collection, in and out of vehicles into the trade zone and development of Myawady trade zone.—Myanmar News Agency ■

## Threats to NV card applicants by terrorists

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A man from Shwezar (West) Village has been charged for threatening the villagers not to apply for the card, U Aung Min said.

The mobile teams of the Rakhine State Immigration and Population Department have made numerous field trips to villages in Maungdaw explaining to villagers the merits of having an NV card.

Meanwhile, authorities an-

nounced they will take action against anyone who threatens villagers under the Counter-Terrorism Law.

"I got the NV card 10 days ago because now I can travel to other areas without restrictions by holding an NV card," said Haris Sarmud from Shwezar (North) Village. All four of his family members also recently received NV cards.

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.

This work was already being conducted in recent months but was delayed due to the ARSA extremist terrorists attack of 25 August. The work was restarted in Maungdaw Township, Shwezar village tract on 12 October.—Ye Khaung Nyunt and Nay Lin ■



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# Fourth Ayeyawady dolphin tour in dolphin conservation area begins

THE fourth Ayeyawady dolphin tour in a dolphin conservation area kicked off last Sunday for tourists and locals with an interest in exploring nature and the livelihoods of fishermen, according to on 6 November's report of Myawady Daily.

A dolphin watching tour commenced on 15th October, the fourth time that tourists and locals were taken on guided tours. A total of 21 tourists and four local visitors have taken part.

It is hoped this eco-tourism effort will result in increasing numbers of tourists and local visitors to observe endangered dolphins, eco-villages and fishermen.



An Ayeyawady dolphin seen at a conservation area near Mandalay. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

This tour aims to reduce the possible threat to endangered dolphins, said U Thant Zin, the

eco-tourism manager of the Wildlife Conservation Society. This Ayeyawady-dolphin

based tour includes two-day or three-day trips from Mandalay to Singaing. In addition to dolphin watching, eco-tourists can also observe fishing, traditional businesses such as pottery making and bamboo hat production businesses.

During high season last year, more than 290 tourists and 400 local visitors visited dolphin conservation areas. This year is expected to host more visitors.

Ayeyawady dolphin conservation activities were launched by the Wildlife Conservation Society and the Fishery Department. A total of 72 dolphins were discovered in 2011 and 2014, whereas only 60 dolphins were found in previous years. — GNLM ■

## Three pedestrians killed, 15 injured in car crash

THE 22-year-old driver Win Ko has been charged with causing death by dangerous driving after three pedestrians were killed and 15 others sustained injuries in an accident happened on Friday early morning, police reported.

Investigators say that the crash occurred on Kalay-Tamu road near Kanthaya Village in Kalay Township of Sagaing Region. A Nissan Dyna car being driven by Win Ko en route to north lost control of his car and collided with three people,

including a two-year-old boy, who were walking along the road on the opposite side of the car. The car then crashed into a tree beside the road and overturned.

Daw San Htay, 45, Ma Aye Chan May, 25, and Khant Thura

Aung, 2, died on the spot and 15 passengers aboard the vehicle individually received injuries.

Action is being taken against the reckless driver under Section 304 (a)/338/337 of the Penal Code.—Police Information ■

## Illegal teak confiscated in Bago

A combined investigative team comprised of police officers and staff from the Forestry Department confiscated illegal teak timber between mile-posts 50/2 and 50/3, on the old Yangon-Mandalay Highway in Bago Township on 6 November.

Acting on a tip off, members of the investigative team stopped the vehicle heading for

Bago driven by Aung Soe Naing, 27, with Soe Min on board. Upon conducting a search, authorities found 132 illegal teak timbers of different sizes weighing 1.2604 tons worth Ks600,000.

The two suspects are being charged under section 43(A) of the Forestry Act.—Phyo Ko Lin (Nyaung Wine) ■



Forestry department officials seized illegal teak timber. **PHOTO: PHYO KO LIN (NYAUNG WINE)**

## 500 dead in 2,145 traffic accidents over ten-month period in Yangon

OVER 500 people died and over 2,700 others were injured in 2,145 road accidents that occurred in the Yangon Region from April to October this year, according to traffic police.

The traffic police in Yangon said that 174 traffic accidents occurred in January, killing 35 people and injuring 197. A total of 182 traffic accidents happened in October, killing 42 and injuring 224.

"The traffic accidents can be reduced if traffic rules are obeyed. Our traffic police are also working to reduce such accidents and the dangers of traffic. Most of the small vehicles involved in accidents were caused by high speed," according to traffic police. Traffic police have filed charges against reckless drivers under sections 279, 337, 338 and 304 (A) of the Penal Code.—Min Thu ■

## Man arrested in murder of his wife

A 60-year-old man has been arrested in connection with the killing his wife on Friday evening, according to a police report.

According to police investigation, the case happened in Kanyindaing Village in Pyu Township in Bago Region. U

Toke Khine stabbed his 44-year-old wife to death during a fight at around 8.20 p.m. on 3 November. His wife Ma Soe Soe died on the spot at the scene due to severe wounds. Action has been taken against the suspect under Section 302 of the Penal Code.—Police Information ■



## Destruction of onion plantations led to high price of seeds



Onion growers planting winter onion on nursery in 2016. PHOTO: WIN OO (ZAYAR TINE)

ONION nurseries in Monywa Township, Sagaing Region were destroyed by torrential rain last month, causing the price of seeds to rise, said onion growers.

This year, onions were

fetching a high price and so, the acreage of onions increased. But torrential rain poured down while the onion nurseries were being prepared, hiking the price up to Ks100,000 per small basket (similar to the contents of eight

condensed milk cans).

Some damaged nursery beds have been saved, but other onion beds remain unprepared for planting, said an onion grower from the Sagaing Region. —Win Oo (Zayar Tine) ■

## Singapore's largest public transport operator to offer limousine service in Yangon next year

STRIDES, a subsidiary of Singapore's leading multi-modal public transport operator SMRT Corp, will operate luxury vehicle service in Yangon in cooperation with foreign corporations, according to Myawady Daily.

Strides Transportation Pte Ltd. will team up with Toyota Tsusho Asia Pacific and Alliance Urban Transports (AUT)

to offer limousine service in early 2018.

"We do see that there is a need for limousine transport in Yangon, especially from booming businesses," Tony Heng, managing director of SMRT Taxis & Private Hire Services said. "With SMRT Corp's wealth of experience of in public transport, we aim to provide the best service to Myanmar

locals joining with our partner companies".

Strides will own 60 per cent of shares and Tsusho Asia Pacific and Toyota Alliance Urban Transports (AUT) will hold 20 per cent each. Strides will offer premier private luxury car rental, limousine services and chartered bus services. It will run the business with about 100 vehicles in two years.—GNLM

## Rubber exports in seven months increase US\$26 million more than last FY

EXPORT revenue from rubber in the past seven months of the current fiscal year fetched about US\$89 million, which increased \$26 million more than the same period of last year.

More than 90 per cent of rubber production goes to the export market. The vast majority of Myanmar's rubber goes to China through

cross-border trade gates and, smaller percentages are exported to Malaysia, Singapore, Japan, Indonesia, South Korea, Taiwan and India. Myanmar's rubber export accounts for only 1.6 per cent of exports in the global market.

Most of the country's rubber enterprises are small-scale farms which use traditional methods of harvesting

that have been handed down from one generation to another. They are thus far removed from international norms. Due to Myanmar's lack of technical capacity and its low-grade rubber production, Myanmar rubber sells below market price on the export market.

Mon State is the main rubber producer in Myanmar. —Htet Myat ■

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

By Myo Myint and Mi Mi Phyo (MNA)

(Continue from yesterday)

**Q: Please let me know as to how many youths and civil society organizations took part in the present activity.**

**A:** The Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement had implemented the policy of utilizing the power of youths since the time of launching 100-day programme as one of the top priorities. The draft policy was formulated with one and a half years, which was drawn up by the youths themselves. Now, this draft policy only needs Cabinet approval. And it will also be finished very soon. A policy is for further working processes to be performed to be laid down and implemented step by step. We have a great deal of youths across the nation who got involved in activities. It is difficult to perform the task of representing. But we tried our best as much as we could. But, in implementing in actuality we must bring about the desires and expectations of youths to the full. We have youths to perform this. The program of implementation through combined forces of youth is being initiated in helping provide humanitarian assistances for the Union Enterprise (UEHRD). Contacts are being made with very active and enthusiastic youths. Ways and means are being sought to bring this about. Now that we have got means and ways most of the youths are already practically implementing preliminary tasks in the region. By taking lessons from experiences encountered, further ways and means will emerge for the works youths must perform later. Civil societies need to carry out mobilization efforts to get people's participation. In Rakhine State, community-based organizations are also very important. We are now performing our routine duties by using the power of youths and the people.

**Q: How about the attitudes of the local people concerning the conflicts?**

**A:** It is of great importance to find out the root cause of this controversial conflict. In doing so, a



Vice-Chairman of UEHRD Dr Win Myat Aye, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, speaks during the interview with Myanmar News Agency. **PHOTO: MNA**

mere knowledge is not enough. In fact, we need to have enough accurate evidence, as to what they are. To have a direct link with the global community, an advisory commission on Rakhine State led by Mr. Kofi Annan was formed. An Investigation Commission led by Vice-President U Myint Swe was also formed to find out the root cause of the conflicts. When recommendations made by the Vice-President came out, the things that would be beneficial for the public concerning the present situation were found out and implemented as priority works. We have got responses, feelings, ideas, opinions and suggestions from the people about the solution to the present situations and the root causes.

**Q: Could you please tell us what kind of assistance and support will the people in Rakhine State get in their resettlement efforts as a result of the establishment of UEHRD?**

**A:** Being the Union Enterprise, changes will be made promptly. The Union Enterprise is the first-ever Enterprise in Myanmar. Here, what are important are concerned with different sectors of the economy, job opportunity, education, health and socio-economy. Development matters are of great importance. As regards the project for the development of Rakhine State, we

have had the project launched by Rakhine State. That was submitted to the Union Government and there are many development projects in progress, which are being implemented in cooperation with the Union Government, since May this year. Due to difficulties which occurred, they had to be stopped. We are to move on with great momentum so that we can achieve success quickly. We are afraid of moving backward. If developments are achieved, conflicts will be reduced. Instability and conflicts are the result of lack of progress and development. Here, lack of development and progress are fundamentally concerned with job opportunity, education and social affairs. We are not talking about

human rights here. We as well have fundamental rights. We must bring about the enjoyment of rights we deserve for survival as human beings. To what extent are Rakhine nationals lagging behind in education, health and job opportunities? Is it lower than other areas in comparison? How many businesses are being run in Rakhine State? To

what extent are industrial zones developing in Rakhine State? To what extent has transport been good in Rakhine State? Is the supply of electricity in Rakhine State enough for all the people in the region? These are all important. UEHRD will be able to speed up the momentum in all these areas.

The establishment of UEHRD resulted in global attentions to the country's efforts and attitudes. Since the time when the government took office, the

Union Government has given priority to the development of Rakhine State. Meanwhile, conflicts happened. This time, we would not like any conflicts to happen again. Hence we expressed our determination to the world that we will

perform the implementation of big projects, with our concerted effort to get rid of the root cause of the scourges. As a result, the world came to know our aims and objectives. And friendly countries, UN Organizations, INGOs are now going to help UEHRD projects. Likewise, the people will participate. In brief, the region will develop quickly.

**Q: What about the plans as to how contributions from home and abroad will be spent in the resettlement process?**

**A:** It is an important matter. In spending the contributions, we need to show that donations are directly beneficial to the people. Transparency and systematic management of the donations are of great importance. We tried to release the account balances based on the statistics received every fortnight. Arrangements are underway for local and foreign auditors to check the statistics as to whether UEHRD's deeds are right or wrong, true or false and reasonable or unreasonable.

**Q: How can challenges and difficulties be overcome in implementing development and resettlement projects?**

**A:** Common causes have challenges, which can be overcome only through collective implementations. Provided that anyone is desirous of combining to participate, transparency is very important. UEHRD must be implemented in such a way so as to gain the trust and confidence of the people. So, news media plays an important role. News media as well need to cooperate and to release correct news and information. We will try to provide news directly to the people.

**Q: Concerning UEHRD, what would you like to add, please?**

**A:** The scope of UEHRD is too broad. On a nationwide scale, it must be based on people's power. As we will show the strength of people's power, and how much we can organize, all the people need to participate. Here, I would like to say that media should cooperate to make people know the true situations. We want to urge the people to learn from the media. For further information, anyone who wants to ask can contact us. Our performances are geared towards peace and development, being closely related. Efforts for development will be followed by peace. We are trying in every way. By enthusiastically joining these activities with true intentions, this will surely be a real force for peace and stability in our country. ■

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# 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of General Administration Department

UNION Minister Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe attended and delivered a speech at a dinner held yesterday evening at Hotel Max, Nay Pyi Taw on the occasion of the 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary of General Administration Department, Ministry of Home Affairs.

The Union Minister said General Administration Department (GAD) has a high tradition in the government's administrative mechanism and historically was conducting administrative works since 1908 as per Myanmar Secretariat Code. It was established in states, regions, districts, townships and village level to conduct administrative works. In 1958 it was moved to Prime Minister Office. In 1974 People's Council time, staffs of GAD has fulfilled their assigned duties. GAD was reformed in 7 November 1988 had been conducting its duties for 29 years by now.

The government is striving toward achieving a permanent peace. As GAD personnel are assigned widely from ward/village-tract level to union level, they need to let the people and



Union Minister Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe presents the award to the administrative service providers at the 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary of General Administration Department, Ministry of Home Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

ethnic nationals in their assigned area have a taste of peace and strive for them to participate together and assist in achieving permanent peace. GAD personnel are also in the committees to assess cases of confiscated farm-

land and other lands. So they need to resolve the problems of confiscated farmland according to the law, rules and regulations fairly and compassionately. GAD personnel need to be dutiful and responsible in conducting

their works to the best of their ability according to the democratic standards while keeping the 6 Oath of a public servant and work according to laws and rules for the country and the people. They need to avoid cor-

ruption totally. Corruption is the biggest threat to development of the country, democracy, peace and stability. Your ego must not be put in the front and conduct straight forwardly according to rules and regulations. According to the work nature, all levels are urged to be managed properly with good leadership and family style relations said the Union Minister.

Next, the Union Minister presented awards for best service providing Township One Stop Service, supervisors and distinguished administrative service providers in Rakhine State peace and stability works. Ministry of Home Affairs Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Aung Soe and Permanent Secretary U Tin Myint then presented awards to distinguished trainees of Central Institute of Civil Servant and administration development course schools.

The dinner was attended by Union Ministers, invited Permanent Secretaries, directors general, representatives of UN, INGO, NGO and invited guests. —Myanmar News Agency ■

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Co-ordination meeting held for Convening Youth Multi-Development Festival

THE 3<sup>rd</sup> Coordination meeting for Convening Youth Multi-Development Festival was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw at 2 pm yesterday.

Present at the meeting were Union Ministers Dr Pe Myint, Dr Myo Thein Gyi, Dr Myint Htwe and Dr Win Myat Aye, permanent secretary of the Ministry of Information and departmental heads and responsible officials of the department of fine arts, the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture.

At the meeting, Union Ministers respectively discussed concerning the convention of youth multi-development festival, including arrangement of literary, talks and discussions, youths' talk and extempore

talks, arrangements of meeting with outstanding youths, programmes for ex-university students/alumni to participate, sports show rooms with extraordinary games included, exhibition on science with the avant-garde of youths included, display of discussion on English and Myanmar languages and related showrooms, description of the festival as the Pre-Centenary Commemorative Ceremony which did coincide unusually, showroom exhibiting preventive ways against contagious and infectious diseases, showing effects which will result from regular physical exercises, programme for making youths know federalism and set-up of federal union, the State Counsellor's address on



Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint addresses the 3<sup>rd</sup> Coordination meeting for convening Youth Multi-Development Festival in Nay Pyi Taw, on 7 November 2017. **PHOTO: MNA**

requirement of inclusion of traditional challenge in drawing up Action Plan, sector of media and Facebook meant for traditional challenge, loss of youths' lives due to Facebook Social Media and requirement of inclusion "how to deal with and how to prevent" in drawing action plan on youth policy.

Afterward, the permanent secretary of the Ministry of Information and deputy director-general of the department

of fine arts, clarified concerning preliminary selection of logo, motto and theme song of Youth Multi-Development Festival, programmes to be held, showrooms and exhibitions during the festival, formation of committees and sub-committees, and their performances.

YMDF was learnt to be held from December 1 to 3 in the Yangon University Campus.

During the festival period, English language Proficiency

Contest, Impromptu Competition, Discussion on Youth, Traditional Sports Contest, Myanmar Martial Arts, Sepak Takraw, Mass Walking, Sale of Traditional Foods, Sale of Arts and crafts, computer and technology exhibition, showing national costumes, showrooms of national ethnic people, program building by use of application, rare books and book fair festivals will be included.—Myanmar News Agency ■



## Sustenance and nourishment for our minds

By Khin Maung Oo

ENCOURAGEMENTS and efforts have been made for youths to develop reading habits since their salad days. Building libraries, holding literary talk shows and opening book fair festivals and book-stalls are opportunities for the public to have access to literature, in bringing about the development of probing knowledge from books and literature. Here, opportunities mean making necessary arrangements so that people will have opportunities to read and have access to good books.

The simplest answer to the question as to why we should read is “for knowledge.” In fact, in the three “lokas” or worlds (viz., the world of living beings, the world of material things and the world of mental phenomena, in Pali they are Thatta Loka, Awkatha Loka and Thinkhara Loka) in which we are living abound with things

we have already known or otherwise. As for knowledge of human-beings, persons with a scanty knowledge excel totally naïve ones, and likewise much knowledgeable ones are better off than those who have less knowledge. Accumulation of knowledge is the basic aim of education; an educated person has a better change of accumulating wealth and gaining a better position in society. Reading is the best and quickest way to acquire knowledge. Books and literature, sources of knowledge are likened to a treasure trove of knowledge.

Reasonable answers to the question why we should read include becoming a skilled and qualified person. Wisdom closely follows knowledge, giving good reasoning, judgment and ingenuity. A person who can differentiate the good from the bad, advantage from disadvantage and truth from falsehood automatically becomes the person who will bring about

benefits for their society and the world. By upgrading the capacities and skills of individual citizens, we can one day hope to have a country of citizens who possess information and skills for creating wealth and nation building.

This type of country will have qualified citizens for national development and prosperity. In such a situation, we would be ready to build a prosperous and Democratic Federal Republic.

We came to know that the advanced and well-developed countries have millions of erudite people. They—students, company staff and the people spend most of their valuable hours reading, in cars, trains, cafes, etc. They read books to broaden the scope of their knowledge and to keep pace with the developments of science and technology, in areas such as ICT – Information and Communications Technology, new technologies to tap renewable sources

of energy and more efficient and economic methods of preserving our environment.

Our people are by their innate nature desirous of knowledge and intellectual accomplishments.

The majority of the Myanmar people being Buddhists follow the teachings of the Buddha and he teaches us to seek Truth (Sacca) and Wisdom (Vija). He also teaches us that it is harder to control the negative emotions (such as anger, greed and ignorance) within oneself than to conquer our enemies in battle. We used to say, “Read books worth reading at homes, and just as he becomes an erudite person, his uncivilized wife can be made more civil through frequent hearing of his erudition. Good books and literature being nourishment and sustenance for our minds, we should select and read good books for improving our information, knowledge and wisdom.

## The self-identifying people are always changing their stance

By Khin Maung Myint

**W**HEN the assumed name of the self-identifying race, which was never heard of before in the Rakhine State, first emerged in 1969/70, it was linked to an underground movement group. Their objective was to take up arms and fight to liberate the border areas of that region to create a Muslim enclave to accommodate the overflow of illegal migrants, who had been sneaking in for centuries from the East Pakistan, now Bangladesh. Their objective was similar to that of the Mujahideen rebellion of the 1948-1961.

I had time and again mentioned how that organization known as the “Muslim Independence Revolutionary Front” (RMIRF) was uncovered as a result of an anonymous tip off and the leader and some members were apprehended and jailed. At that time the authorities in Sittway, deduced that their aim was to continue the cause of the failed Mujahideen rebellions.

Soon after the RMIRF was uncovered, I asked some Rakhine town elders, including a well known retired lawyer in Sittway, who obtained a Barrister at Law degree from England, whether they know who those self-identifying people were. None of them knew or had ever heard of that name before. This fact alone was concrete enough to prove that there wasn't such a race that ever

existed in the Rakhine area. Thus it was just an adopted name for a purpose. As that organization was nipped in the bud and not much publicized in those days, you may not be able to find any record of the existence of that failed organization.

That self-identifying name went into obscurity for a while until 1974, when the pan-Islamic movements in the world was on the rise, it reemerged as an armed group by the name RPF-patriotic front. It was formed with the remnants of the earlier failures. That group splintered into many small armed factions, the most radical was the “Rohingya Solidarity Organization” (RSO). The RSO split again and gave rise to the “Arakan Rohingya Islamic Front” (ARIF) armed group. All of the above mentioned armed groups were mostly based in the border areas in the neighbouring country. Then recently the “Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army” (ARSA) emerged. At this juncture, it would be necessary to know their latest stance. They claimed that they belonged to an ethnic race of Myanmar whose ancestors had dwelt in the Rakhine area since the 8th century. If the date they claimed was true, their ancestors couldn't be Muslims. Those people who migrated into those regions were Bengali from the East Bengal of India. Thus they would be either Hindus or Buddhists by faith as those were the only two major religions of those people

in those days, years before the spread of Islam to that region.

The Islam religion hadn't spread to those region of India until the early 9th century. However, with the support of the Muslim communities from nearly all over the world and some Western countries, they managed to build a large and effective propaganda and lobbying network around the world.

The majority of the boat peoples who sought refuge in some countries in the region and also in the West were not from Myanmar but they were posing as residents of Myanmar and some illegal migrants from inside Myanmar. They also posed as an ethnic race of Myanmar who were being discriminated, persecuted, and unfairly denied recognition as an ethnic race or were denied the rights to citizenships.

Their ploy worked in the beginning as the international communities and even the UN organizations such as the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) fell for their deceptions. Most of them managed to get settled in third countries as refugees with the help of the UN organizations. However, when the flow of fleeing boat peoples never ceased, those countries which accepted them as refugees before, refused to do anymore. Here, I would like to suggest that the responsible

organizations under the UN should make an actual list of those people who they had resettled or placed in refugee holding camps in some countries. I'm sure they will find that the numbers would be so large that they would be unrealistic to believe to have come from the Rakhine State alone. In the meantime their intensive lobbying had garnered much attentions, sympathies and support, especially from the rich Muslim countries, in the form of finance, morale supports and military trainings.

Also the INGOs and the biased UN rapporteurs lent hands to their cause. The 2012 riots was not an accidental one as in the past, which I had witnessed while serving in the Sittway District in 1968-70, but was intentionally staged to get the international attentions. The unthoughtful and unwise responses from our public made us the villains in the eyes of the world community and their stance worked in their favours. Our country

drew much criticisms, condemnations and was ridiculed as an oppressive country. In my opinion, that riot was part of their plan to get more sympathy from abroad and paint ugly images of our people and country. If that should be the case, they were very successful, because seasoned and well known militants from some Muslim countries came to their support.

The latest mass exodus of people, who are trying to flee to the neighbouring country are undoubtedly lured by ARSA terrorists with false propagandas, threats and promises.



## Myanmar Investment Commission’s work in August and September 2017

MYANMAR Investment Commission had permitted in August of 2017-2018 fiscal year a total foreign investment including the increasing of investment totals US\$ 706.629 million and in September of 2017-2018 fiscal year a total foreign investment including the increasing of investment totals US\$ 440.571 million.

Foreign investment permitted during August and September of 2017-2018 fiscal year are as follow.

Sr.	Sector	August		September	
		No. of investments	Capital US\$ million	No. of investments	Capital US\$ million
1	Transportation and communication sector		270.456*		0.150*
2	Industrial sector	15	130.143	10	265.221
3	Electricity sector	1	116.921		
4	Housing sector	1	2.300	1	174.000
5	Hotel and tourism sector	3	47.720		
6	Animal husbandry and fishery sector	1	3.000		
7	Other service sector	5	21.089	1	1.200
8	Agricultural sector	1	115.000		
Total		27	706.629	12	440.571

\*Increase in the investment was included in the investment amount.

Myanmar Investment Commission had permitted in August of 2017-2018 fiscal year a total Myanmar national investment including the increasing of investment totals Ks 556,739.540 million including US\$ 153.029 million and in September of 2017-2018 fiscal year a total Myanmar national investment including the increasing of investment totals Ks 76,885.337 million including US\$ 6.580 million.

Myanmar national investment permitted during August and September of 2017-2018 fiscal year are as follow.

Sr.	Sector	August		September	
		No. of investments	Capital Kyat million	No. of investments	Capital Kyat million
1	Transportation and communication sector	1	20,717.150		
2	Housing sector	1	27,826.370		
3	Industrial sector	4	88,213.470	2	1,600.980
4	Industrial zone construction sector	1	222,545.450		
5	Hotel and tourism sector		15,000.000		
6	Construction sector		10,988.980*		65,784.357*
7	Animal husbandry and fishery sector	1	100.000		
8	Electricity sector	1	9,457.560		
9	Agricultural sector			1	400.000
10	Other sector	3	161,890.560	3	9,100.000
Total		12	556,739.540	6	76,885.337

### U Myint Lwin appointed as Non-Resident Ambassador of Myanmar to Ethiopia

THE President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Myint Lwin, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of

the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Arab Republic of Egypt, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of

the Union of Myanmar concurrently accredited to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.—Myanmar News Agency

### U Moe Kyaw Aung appointed as Ambassador of Myanmar to India

THE President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Moe Kyaw Aung, Ambassador at

the Embassy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in Malaysia, as Ambassador Extraordinary and

Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of India.—Myanmar News Agency

### U Myo Tint appointed as Ambassador of Myanmar to Brazil

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Myo Tint, Director-General of the

Consular and Legal Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipo-

tentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Federative Republic of Brazil.—Myanmar News Agency

\*Increase in the investment was included in the investment amount.

Increased number of jobs created by foreign investment during August and September of 2017-2018 fiscal year are as follow.

Sr.	Sector	No. of jobs created for local workers	
		2017-2018 fiscal year In August 2017	2017-2018 fiscal year In September 2017
1	Oil and gas sector	-	-
2	Agricultural sector	536	-
3	Animal husbandry and fishery sector	213	-
4	Mining sector	-	-
5	Industrial sector	10,829	4,406
6	Electricity sector	188	-
7	Transport and communication sector	-	-
8	Hotel and tourism sector	291	-
9	Construction sector	-	-
10	Housing and building construction sector	39	61
11	Industrial zone construction sector	-	-
12	Other service sector	404	23
Total		12,500	4,490

Increased number of jobs created by Myanmar nationals investment during August and September of 2017-2018 fiscal year are as follow.

Sr.	Sector	No. of jobs created for local workers	
		2017-2018 fiscal year In August 2017	2017-2018 fiscal year In September 2017
1	Electricity sector	82	-
2	Mining sector	-	-
3	Industrial sector	552	180
4	Hotel and tourism sector	-	-
5	Housing and building construction sector	74	-
6	Animal husbandry and fishery sector	35	-
7	Transport and communication sector	188	-
8	Industrial zone construction sector	67	-
9	Construction sector	-	-
10	Agricultural sector	-	11
11	Other service sector	340	404
Total		1,338	595

## The self-identifying people are always...

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I presumed the first simultaneous coordinated attacks in October 2016 on some border police outposts in Maungtaw, Buthitaung and Rathedaung were to test their strengths and the fighting abilities of their newly trained men. However, the latest assaults in late August 2017, which were carried out under a new name—ARSA, seemed to be more meticulously planned to inflict as much destructions as possible. They were designed to create reign of terror to frighten away the people to flee to the other country. Their supporters falsely alleged our country of harassments and high-handedness in carrying out the law enforcement security measures. In reality, the ARSA terrorists are the real perpetrators. They went on rampage killing, and burning their own houses. Those murdered included many of their own kind, who they suspect of collaborating with the au-

thorities. During those rampages they also killed many innocent Hindus, including men, women and children from some villages in the Maungtaw area. There were many Hindus still missing. They forced eight Hindu women to convert to Islam and were taken along with them as they retreated to the neighbouring country.

These ARSA terrorists are not only cruel or brutal, but also evil or wicked and cunning. They massacred the Hindus in Northern Rakhine to put the blame on the law enforcement personnels. It was another wicked plan of theirs, which was to divide the peace-loving Hindus, who are of the same race as them and the ethnic Rakhines. Their recent labeling of the Hindus as Rohingya Hindus, which they never did before, was quite evident of the change in their stance again; to put a wedge between the Hindus and Rakhine Buddhists to create a divide. The Myanmar Hindu Organiza-

tion publicly rejected and denounced their move.

The latest mass exodus of people, who are trying to flee to the neighbouring country are undoubtedly lured by ARSA terrorists with false propagandas, threats and promises. This could be their latest tactics or stance to make the situations become more confusing and complicated. I hope the responsible persons at the UN and leaders from the West would be intelligent enough to see their intentions and not fall for their deceits again. Also the fact that many stateless Bengali from Pakistan, who were not native to our country, but calling themselves by that self-identifying name, were involved in the recent fightings was concrete indication of their intentions to create an Islamic State in the region, for the stateless Bengali.

(This article solely represents the opinion of the author.)

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# e-Government Conference & ICT Exhibition 2017

IN his opening speech at the e-Government Conference & ICT Exhibition 2017 opening ceremony, the Union Minister for Transport and Communications U Thant Sin Maung said the e-Government index is a composite measure of three important dimensions of e-government, namely: provision of online services, telecommunications connectivity, and human capacity. The Myanmar e-Government index in 2016 among 193 countries was 169.

The e-Government Conference & ICT Exhibition 2017 opening ceremony was held yesterday morning at Myanmar International Convention Center-2 (MICC-2) in Nay Pyi Taw. The conference and exhibition was opened by Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung, Myanmar Computer Federation (MCF) President U Khun Oo, Pyithu Hluttaw transport and communications committee chairman U Tin Maung Win, Myanma Post and Telecommunications managing director U Khin Maung Tun and Huawei Company CEO Mr. Liman Zhang.

At the opening ceremony, the Union Minister said e-Govern-



An official explains to Union Minister for Transport and Communications U Thant Sin Maung and party at e-Government Conference & ICT Exhibition 2017 held in Nay Pyi Taw on 7 November. **PHOTO: MNA**

ment is one of the development indexes used to measure the development of a country.

“Those who are conducting e-Government works need to manage systematically, review some of the works conducted and change into a system that works faster. This is more important technology. It is difficult to progress if the technology is good but

the work system is unchanged”, the Union Minister said.

“It is now more than 13 years since e-Government system in Myanmar was started in 2004. During this period government departments websites appears but only a few departments or works are providing their services (works) fully online. e-Government was implemented for the

appearance of good governance and people centered government services. Only then can there be more understanding and cooperation between the people and the government”, said the Union Minister.

Similarly, MCF President U Khun Oo said Myanmar ICT Industry is at an early start-up stage compared to other coun-

tries. Myanmar also aims to make the ICT business sector the country's main income business sector like other countries and needs to strive toward this.

“Implementation of e-Government requires huge financial investment, and it is difficult for the government alone to do this. In implementing some of the e-Government works, not only the government departments but the help of ICT Industry and private sector is required for an e-Government system to be successful. In order to reduce the government's financial outlay, it is required to be conducted in a government-private cooperation system (public-private partnership)”, suggested U Khun Oo.

The conference and exhibition will be held for two days on 7 and 8 November. During those two days, in addition to forums, technical papers presentation and workshops will be conducted by local and foreign experts, it is learnt.

More than 70 booths of government departments, local and foreign companies will be displayed in the ICT exhibits of the conference and exhibition. —Myanmar News Agency ■

## Irrigation water distribution training begins

THE opening ceremony for a course titled “Capacity Development Training for Irrigation Water Distribution” was held yesterday afternoon at the Department of Irrigation and Water Utilisation Management.

The class was opened in cooperation with the Irrigation and Water Utilisation Department, the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation and MASHAV, Israel's Agency

for International Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Israel's Ambassador to Myanmar H.E Daniel Zohar Zonshine and Deputy Director-General U Soe Myint Tun delivered opening speeches at yesterday's ceremony. Present at the ceremony were H.E Daniel Zohar Zonshine, Israeli instructors Mr. Shai Dontan (Senior Director, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development) and Mr. Gilad

Marek (Agronomist consultant of MASHAV), Deputy Directors-General of Irrigation and Water Utilisation Management Department U Soe Myint Tun, U Tin Maung Aye Htoo and U Bo Bo Kyaw and U Tun Kyaw Soe, chief engineer (mechanical), officials and 40 trainees. During the five-day class from 6 to 10 November, theories and practicum will be taught. — Than Oo (Lay Myatnar) ■

## Lt-Gen Sein Win receives Singapore Ambassador

UNION Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Sein Win received Singapore Ambassador to Myanmar H. E. Mr. Robert Chua at Ministry of Defence yesterday afternoon.

During the meeting matters relating to cooperation between the militaries of the two countries and Rakhine State affairs were discussed. — Myanmar News Agency ■



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspects the display of military at the Defence & Security expo in Thailand. **PHOTO: MNA**

## Senior General visits 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Defence & Security expo

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF Senior General Min Aung Hlaing yesterday visited the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Defence & Security 2017, which was held at the IMPACT Exhibition Centre in Bangkok, Thailand. The Commander-in-Chief Senior General and party viewed and inspected the display of military wares and security equipment from India, Thailand and Africa as well as Israel.

In the afternoon, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and party attended a luncheon hosted by Royal Armed Forces (Army) Thai Consulate-General Gen. Konjanart Sukrasreni. In the evening, the Commander-in-Chief and party attended a dinner hosted by Royal Thai Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Gen. Tarnchaiyan Srisuwan. — Myanmar News Agency ■





Union Minister Dr Aung Thu and dignitaries pose for a documentary photo. **PHOTO: MNA**

## 40<sup>th</sup> Business session of the Animal Production and Health Commission for Asia and Pacific

UNION Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr. Aung Thu delivered an opening speech at 40<sup>th</sup> Business session of the Animal Production and Health Commission for Asia and Pacific (APHCA) held yesterday afternoon in Royal ACE Hotel, Nay Pyi Taw.

The Union Minister said the ministry is striving toward livestock breeding development, increase export in addition to producing sufficient animal products for local consumption, rural people's development and fulfilling the 17 Sustainable Development

Goals. Having sufficient and balanced nutrition is important for healthy life. Especially milk is a very good nutrient for continuous growth rate from young age as well as to have a good intelligent capability. All countries are urged to work together for development of dairy cow breeding and sufficient production of milk and related products in the region.

Due to increasing world population, travel between countries and development of industries, there were more climate irregularities and occurrence of natural disasters

resulting in increased effect of climate change on human and animals were experienced. On the other hand increased breeding of animals such as cows and improper disposal of animal wastes were suspected of causing environmental damages resulting in climate irregularities.

The Union Minister is happy to note that in this meeting country wise works need to be done for establishment of animal production and dairy cow breeding that are in harmony with climate and cooperation works between the countries will be discussed.

The meeting hosted by Myanmar was jointly organized by Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, Myanmar Livestock Federation, Asia region dairy cow breeding association and Thailand dairy cow development. Senior officials from 18 member countries of APHCA, officials from related local and international organizations like Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and European Union (EU) attended the meeting that will be held until 10 November. — Myanmar News Agency ■

## No.1 Steel Factory (Myingyan) to operate with BOT system

UNION Minister for Industry U Khin Maung Cho held talks with local and foreign investors over cooperation in No. 1 Steel Factory (Myingyan) yesterday.

At the meeting held at the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw, the representatives of Thiha Group, CAMC Engineering Company from China and Millcon Steel Company from Thailand they discussed matters related to operating the factory with the Build Operate Transfer system.

Regarding inviting investors for the factories of the ministry, the Union



Union Minister U Khin Maung Cho meets with the representatives of Thiha Group, CAMC Engineering Company of China. **PHOTO: MNA**

Minister assured that the tender system would be ensure transparency.

The steel factory, which is being upgraded, would be finalized by the

company while producing steel billet and steel slabs.

They also discussed standardizing the quality of steel products to

be manufactured by the factory.

For the development of the industry sector of Myanmar, factories in the country need investment and technology eyeing local and foreign investors who has strong capital and high technology. After constructing the infrastructure, iron poles, iron plates, iron frames, iron beams, railway lines and other iron and steel products which are demanded by the market will be distributed systematically with the standard quality and fair rates.—Myanmar News Agency ■



Permanent Representative of Myanmar to UN, U Hau Do Suan.

The Permanent Representative of Myanmar to the United Nations delivers Statement on adoption of Statement by the President of the Security Council (PRST)

An open door meeting on the adoption of Statement by the President of the Security Council (PRST) on the situation of the Rakhine State was held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 6 November 2017 at 1500 hrs. Although the Security Council attempted to issue a resolution, it has been able to issue only PRST due to the lack of consensus among the Security Council members to adopt a resolution on the Rakhine State.

Following the adoption of the Statement by the President of the Security Council, U Hau Do Suan, the Permanent Representative of Myanmar to the United Nations in New York delivered a Position Statement in the meeting. The main points of his response are as follows:

- We are deeply concerned by the adoption of the PRST on the situation in Myanmar.
  - The PRST fails to give sufficient recognition to the efforts of the government of Myanmar to address the challenges in the Rakhine State.
  - Myanmar strongly rejects the use of self-designated nomenclature in the PRST which will not help resolving the issue.
  - The PRST will not help Myanmar's effort for resolving the issue, but rather lead to the further polarization and escalation of tensions among different religious communities. It exerts undue political pressure on Myanmar.
  - Some elements in the PRST infringe on the work of the other organs of the United Nations. The same issue is under consideration in the Third Committee of the United Nations General Assembly and the Human Rights Council. At this time when many delegations including those in the Security Council are pointing out the need to avoid duplication of work and stringent use of the budget of the United Nations, such duplication of work is unwarranted.
  - The Government of Myanmar on a good neighbourly spirit has reached out to Bangladesh. There have been exchange at Ministerial Level visits last month. On 24 October 2017, two MoUs were also signed on the establishment of border liaison offices and on the security cooperation and dialogue.
  - Myanmar has been working closely with Bangladesh for the voluntary, safe and dignified return of displaced persons as well as on the arrangement for repatriation.
  - We are disappointed that the PRST fails to mention the attacks on 25 August 2017 as terrorist act.
  - We cannot condone terrorism in any form and manifestation.
  - Though Myanmar rejects some elements contained in the PRST, Myanmar is determined to find sustainable solution for the issue of the Rakhine State.
  - Myanmar is also determined to work with international community including the United Nations and interested parties towards sustainable peace and development for all in the Rakhine State.
- Moreover, the Permanent Representative highlighted some of the measures taken by Myanmar towards solving the issues in the Rakhine State. —Myanmar News Agency ■



# Lapse in background check database allowed Texan church gunman to buy weapons — Pentagon

SUTHERLANDSPRINGS, Texas — The man who committed the deadliest mass shooting in Texas history was able to buy guns legally from a sporting goods store because a prior domestic violence conviction was never entered into an FBI database used in background checks, officials said.

Devin Kelley, the gunman in Sunday's massacre at a church in rural south-eastern Texas, was found guilty by court-martial of assaulting his first wife and a stepson while assigned to a US Air Force logistics readiness unit in 2012, the Pentagon disclosed on Monday.

The Air Force also acknowledged that it had failed to transmit information about Kelley's

conviction to the National Criminal Information Center (NCIC) system, a US government data bank used by licensed firearms dealers to check prospective gun buyers for criminal backgrounds. Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman Freeman Martin put the number of victims killed in the attack at 26, including the unborn child of a pregnant woman who died. The dead otherwise ranged in age from 18 months to 77 years.

Twenty others were wounded, 10 of whom remained in critical condition late on Monday, officials said. Two handguns were found in Kelley's getaway vehicle, where he died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head after a failed attempt to flee from



Members of the FBI Evidence Response Team use metal detectors at the playground at the site of the shooting at the First Baptist Church of Sutherland, Texas, US on 6 November, 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

the scene of Sunday's shootings, Martin told a news conference on Monday night.

The Air Force opened an inquiry into how it handled the former airman's

criminal record, and the US Defence Department has requested a review by its inspector general to ensure that other cases "have been reported correctly," Pentagon officials said.

Firearms experts said the case involving Kelley, 26, who spent a year in military detention before his bad-conduct discharge from the Air Force in 2014, had exposed a previous-

ly unnoticed weak link in the system of background checks.

It is illegal under federal law to sell a gun to someone who has been convicted of a crime involving domestic violence against a spouse or child.

A sporting goods retail outlet said Kelley passed background checks when he bought a gun in 2016 and a second firearm this year.

Neither the NCIC nor two related databases contained any information that would have barred Kelley from legally buying any of three weapons police recovered from their investigation of the slayings, said Christopher Combs, special agent in charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation office in San Antonio.—Reuters ■

## Catalonia's ex-leader urges unity as deadline for secessionist pact nears

MADRID — Catalonia's deposed leader Carles Puigdemont on Tuesday urged the region's political forces to unite against Spain, as hours remained for him to agree terms for an electoral pact with other pro-independence parties.

Puigdemont went into self-imposed exile in Belgium last month after Spain's central government fired his secessionist administration, dissolved the Catalan parliament and called an election in the region for 21 December.

Madrid also issued an arrest warrant against him on charges including rebellion, but a Brussels court ruled on Monday he could remain at liberty in Belgium until it had decided whether he should be extradited.

The independence push has deeply divided the country, dragging it into its worst political

crisis since its return to democracy four decades ago and fuelling anti-Spanish feelings in Catalonia and nationalist tendencies elsewhere.

Pro-independence parties want the December vote to become a de facto independence referendum, and Puigdemont's PDeCAT and the ERC party led by Oriol Junqueras said at the weekend they might contest it on a combined ticket.

But they must register any alliance by the end of Tuesday, and prospects of them bridging their differences in time looked slim.

ERC's spokesman Sergi Sabria said on Monday his party did not rule out a coalition with PDeCAT, but would agree only if other parties joined them, including the anti-capitalist CUP which has yet to decide whether it will contest the December ballot.—Reuters ■

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## Japan mulls stricter penalties on soaring gold smuggling cases

TOKYO — Japan will consider stricter penalties on gold smugglers as attempts to smuggle gold into Japan have been soaring with offenders trying to sell bullion in Japan and earn an 8 per cent sales tax from the transaction, government officials said on Tuesday. The number of gold smuggling cases uncovered by Japan's customs authorities hit a record 467 in the year through June, involving around 870 million yen (\$7.6 million) in tax avoidance, also the largest on record, according to the latest government data. Japan has seen a growing number of gold smuggling cases, especially since consumption tax was raised to 8 per cent from 5 per cent in 2014. By

secretly bringing gold into Japan, perpetrators evade paying the 8 per cent tax. They then attempt to sell it at shops with the buyer paying for the gold and the 8 percent levy, making the taxation a "profit" for the smugglers.

Under a set of envisaged steps unveiled Tuesday, the Finance Ministry is considering imposing higher fines on gold smugglers and plans to step up customs inspections with the use of gate-like metal detectors and X-ray detectors nationwide. Currently, Japan imposes a fine of up to 10 million yen on gold smugglers who fail to pay the sales tax and raising the maximum amount is one of the options.—Kyodo News



Barbara Hendricks, Germany's Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, poses for a picture with traditional dressed Fijian warriors during the COP23 UN Climate Change Conference 2017, hosted by Fiji but held in Bonn, in World Conference Center Bonn, Germany on 6 November, 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

## Nations better shielded from disasters, Pacific most at risk— study

BONN, Germany — Many nations have become less vulnerable to natural disasters ranging from cyclones to earthquakes because of improved preparedness, but Pacific island states remain most at risk, a study showed on Tuesday.

Climate change is raising risks by increasing the numbers of severe downpours, storm surges or heat waves, according to the report issued on the sidelines of UN talks on climate change in Germany.

But "on a global scale, vulnerability to extreme natural hazards has declined," said Peter Mucke, director of the World Risk Report and head of Bündnis Entwicklung Hilft, an alliance of German aid agencies.

"Many countries have learnt from previous disasters and are improving disaster preparedness," he said of the findings in the annual report, published with the UN University and other groups.

The report assesses

the risks that an extreme natural event will lead to a disaster in 171 nations in the period 2012-16. It listed Vanuatu, Tonga, the Philippines, Guatemala, Bangladesh, Solomon Islands and Costa Rica as the most vulnerable.

Fiji, which is presiding over a 6-17 November meeting in Bonn on ways to strengthen the 2015 Paris climate agreement, ranked 15th most vulnerable. As a region, Europe was least vulnerable.

The report said there

were many ways to make societies less vulnerable to disasters, from cyclone shelters to flood barriers on rivers. "Mangroves can reduce flood risks to people and property," said Michael Beck of the Nature Conservancy.

The report assesses both risks such as from storms, where rising sea levels linked to melting glaciers play a role, and earthquakes and tsunamis that are unaffected by man-made climate change.—Reuters ■

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# Kenny Chesney's live album scores No 1 on Billboard 200 chart

LOS ANGELES — Country star Kenny Chesney took the top spot on the Billboard 200 album chart on Monday with his new live album, while releases by pop singer Kelly Clarkson and rapper Chris Brown debuted in the top three.

Chesney's "Live in No Shoes Nation" sold more than 218,000 units, according to the latest weekly data from Nielsen SoundScan. The vast majority were in traditional album sales.

Billboard said it was the

eightth No 1 album for Chesney, 49, one of country music's most popular performers.

The Billboard 200 chart tallies units from album sales, song sales (10 songs equal one album) and streaming activity (1,500 streams equal one album).

Former "American Idol" winner Clarkson landed in second place with more than 79,000 sales of her album "Meaning of Life," while Brown took the No. 3 spot with "Heartbreak on a Full Moon." The Halloween collab-

oration "Without Warning" by rappers Savage and Offset and music producer Metro Boomin debuted at No 4.

The busy week of new releases pushed pop star Pink down to 21<sup>st</sup> place on the Billboard 200 after the No 1 debut last week of her album "Beautiful Trauma." On the digital songs chart, which measures online single sales, alt-rockers Imagine Dragons retained their No 1 spot with another 54,000 units sold for "Thunder." —Reuters ■



Kenny Chesney accepts the Pinnacle Award at the 50th Annual Country Music Association Awards in Nashville, Tennessee, US on 2 November, 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS



Actor Kevin Spacey. PHOTO: REUTERS

## Sony pulls Spacey film from festival, going ahead with December release

LOS ANGELES — Sony Pictures on Monday withdrew a movie starring Kevin Spacey from a Los Angeles film festival following sexual misconduct allegations against the actor, but said it was going ahead with a planned US movie theater release in December.

"All the Money in the World," about the 1973 kidnapping of teenager John Paul Getty III, features Spacey as his grandfather, the late US oil billionaire Jean Paul Getty.

The film was due to have a red carpet world premiere at the American Film Institute's (AFI) annual festival in Los Angeles on 16 November.

"Given the current allegations surrounding one of its actors and out of respect for those impacted, it would be inappropriate to celebrate at a gala at this difficult time. Accordingly, the film will be withdrawn," Sony's TriStar Pictures unit said in an emailed statement.

Spacey's representatives did not return a request for comment on Monday regarding Sony's decision. Reuters was unable to independently

confirm any of the allegations.

The Sony statement said there were 800 other actors, writers and crew members involved in the movie, and the film would open wide as planned on 22 December. Spacey apologized last month to actor Anthony Rapp, who accused him of trying to seduce him in 1986 when Rapp was 14. Spacey's representatives later said he was seeking unspecified treatment. CNN reported last week that eight current and former employees of the Netflix TV show "House of Cards," who were not identified, alleged sexual misconduct against Spacey, the TV show's star. AFI said in a statement that it supported Sony's decision. Netflix said on Friday that it had severed ties with Spacey because of the allegations. It said it would not be involved in further production of "House of Cards" with Spacey. Producer Media Rights Capital said Spacey had been suspended from the political show.

Netflix also said it would not release the film "Gore," in which Spacey plays the late US writer Gore Vidal.—Reuters ■

## 'Justice League' must battle film critics as well as villains

LONDON — Saving Metropolis and Gotham City from the clutches of super-villains might be enough pressure for the average caped crusader but the cast of the forthcoming "Justice League" film also face another equally-terrifying foe: film critics.

The film is the latest installment from the DC comics stable of super-heroes — a series which, with the notable exception of this summer's "Wonder Woman", has met with a less than positive critical response and has failed to match the box office of rival Marvel's biggest super-hero offerings.

The film features a host of major DC characters and box office stars including Ben Affleck as Batman, Gal Gadot as Wonder Woman, Jason Momoa as Aquaman and Ezra Miller as the Flash.

Gadot won both critical plau-

bits and box office success for "Wonder Woman", which was directed by Patty Jenkins, and she is confident that the experience from that film helped her reprise the character in "Justice League".

"I had almost no transition from Wonder Woman because I finished Wonder Woman and the next day I went to set to start working on Justice League," she told Reuters.

"I was already in the character and I only had to serve the story and the context of every scene and just you know be there and serve the director's vision."

Momoa was hopeful for the film's prospects, telling Reuters "I really hope that the fans enjoy what Zack (Snyder, the director) and I have done with Aquaman."

The film's predecessor, 2016's "Batman Vs Superman: Dawn of Justice," grossed just

over \$870 million at the global box office according to film revenue website Box Office Mojo, but received a 27 per cent rating on film review aggregation site Rotten Tomatoes.

Another recent entry in the DC franchise, 2016's "Suicide Squad," opened to an equally poor critical reception, and took around \$745 million at the global box office.

While both totals are not insubstantial, they are dwarfed by Marvel's big hits — 2012's "The Avengers" and 2015's "Avengers: Age of Ultron," which took \$1.5 billion and \$1.4 billion respectively. Audiences in 2017, however warmed to "Wonder Woman," which grossed over \$80 million more at the US box office than "Dawn of Justice," as well at proving a hit with critics, garnering a 92 per cent Rotten Tomatoes score. —Reuters ■



The cast and producers pose for photographers at the Justice League photocall, at The College, in London, Britain on 4 November, 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS





Members of the Japan Marvelous Drummers perform at the Fukuoka-Yangon Festival 2017 in Yangon on 3 November, 2017, to celebrate the first anniversary of the two cities' sister relationship. PHOTO: NNA KYODO NEWS

# Yangon counts on Japanese sister city Fukuoka to fight flooding

YANGON — As Yangon marks the first anniversary of its sister city relationship with the south-western Japanese city of Fukuoka, Myanmar's commercial capital is eager to get Japanese expertise to address such key issues as constant flooding.

In an effort to get better acquainted with each other, Yangon hosted "Fukuoka-Yangon Festival 2017" at the Junction City shopping mall recently. The festival featured a Japanese traditional drum performance and food and souvenir booths.

The two cities started exchange and cooperation pro-

grams in 2012 when Fukuoka sent a waterworks expert to Yangon, culminating in the establishment of their sister city relationship on 7 December last year.

Yangon Mayor Maung Maung Soe noted that his city and Fukuoka have boosted their collaborations in various sectors since then. He cited frequent flooding in Yangon as a major challenge.

He expressed hope that the two cities will strengthen their cooperation in the long run as Yangon strives to turn itself into an environmentally

friendly city which celebrates its heritage sites and boasts a bustling business scene. Fukuoka Mayor Soichiro Takashima said his city is lending a hand to improve Yangon's waterworks to deal with floods, adding, "We will continue our contributions by sharing our experiences and technologies."

He led a business delegation and met with representatives of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry. The two parties agreed to meet again in Yangon in February next year.

— (NNA/Kyodo) ■

# Australia can breathe easy after 17<sup>th</sup> century map restored

SYDNEY — A 17<sup>th</sup> century map of Australia, predating British settlement, has gone on display for the first time after suffering extensive damage while purportedly housed for hundreds of years in a Swedish warehouse.

The map, which was once so fragile restoration experts refrained from even breathing on it, is one of just two known wall maps of Australia to have survived the 350 years since being created during the period of Dutch exploration and mapping.

The map is known as the "Birth certificate of New Holland" and is on display at the

National Library of Australia in Canberra.

Created by Joan Blaeu, chief cartographer for the Dutch East India Company, in 1663, the map was displayed briefly in Australia in 2013 when staff did not dare breathe near it lest it crumbled to pieces.

National Library of Australia manager of preservation Denyl Cloughley said it took two and a half years to restore, including the removal of varnish which had corroded into a brown crust and was "literally eating away at the paper".

"It now gives us a good idea of what it would have looked like as it originally did

— as you might see in the background of a Vermeer painting," Cloughley said, referring to the 17th-century Dutch painter Johannes Vermeer.

The hanging map was bought by the Australian library in Canberra in 2013. The library said in a statement that the map was found in a Swedish warehouse in 2010 after it was thought to have spent most of its life stored away and forgotten.

It includes details of the first sighting of Australia's southern island of Tasmania by the crew of Dutch explorer Abel Tasman in 1642.

—Reuters ■

# London life laid bare in rubbish along the Thames

LONDON — Bones, a mouldy hot water bottle, a pair of rusty pliers and a pristine pair of women's pants are among the eclectic cast-offs Reuters photographer Stefan Wermuth has found along the River Thames.

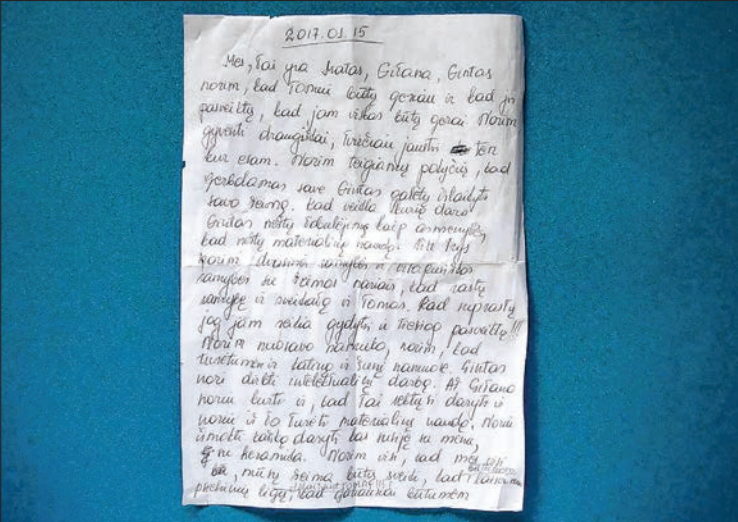
Wermuth spent two months collecting items along the riverside to give a snapshot of the litter that finds its way into the waterway that runs through the heart of London.

A gold-plated watch, a letter in Lithuanian in a bottle and a mobile phone were also retrieved from along the shores of the river, which has undergone extensive cleanups since the Natural History Museum declared the Thames biologically dead in 1957.

Today, marine life including seals, porpoises and dolphins

have been spotted swimming alongside fish and a hard drive that Wermuth found littering the murky waters.

Pollution remains a problem. In March, Thames Water was handed a record 20 million pound (\$26 million) fine for pumping sewage into the river. The water company apologised for its failings and said it was working to improve rivers. London municipal authorities say 4,000 plastic bottles were removed from the river over a one-month period alone last year, demonstrating the scale of the waste problem. The impact of pollution on marine life in the Thames has in recent years prompted campaigns to encourage Londoners to make sure their rubbish goes in the bin — rather than the water. —Reuters ■



A letter, found in a bottle lies on a piece of coloured card in London, Britain on 9 March, 2017. A selection of objects were found on the bank of the River Thames during low tide, collected and photographed on coloured card. PHOTO: REUTERS

MRTV		Programme Schedule (8-11-2017, wednesday)	
6:00 Am	◆ Paritta by Venerable Mingun Sayadaw	1:00 Pm	◆ Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competition
7:00 Am	◆ Breakfast News	2:00 Pm	◆ TV Drama Series
7:35 Am	◆ Money Talks in Myanmar	3:20 Pm	◆ Teleplay
8:35 Am	◆ Documentary	5:05 Pm	◆ Documentary
8:50 Am	◆ Solution for Agriculture	5:35 Pm	◆ MRTV Travelogue
9:30 Am	◆ Kyae Pwint Myae Yae Yin Khone Than	6:20 Pm	◆ Football Magazine
10:30 Am	◆ Pyi Thu Ni Ti	6:35 Pm	◆ Real Story Real Movie
10:45	◆ Documentary	7:15 Pm	◆ TV Drama Series
11:25	◆ ASEAN Programme	8:00 Pm	◆ News/ International News/ Weather Report
11:40	◆ Documentary	8:35 Pm	◆ Documentary
12:30 Pm	◆ TV Drama Series	◆ TV Drama Series	◆ Fine Arts- Bosom of Dramatic Performance
		◆ TV Drama Series	



## Rose aims to crack England World Cup squad

LONDON — Tottenham Hotspur fullback Danny Rose is determined to book a place in England's World Cup squad and has thanked manager Gareth Southgate for giving him another chance after missing nine months with injury.

Rose last played for England a year ago and has since undergone a knee surgery, lost a regular place at Spurs and had his future thrown in doubt after criticising the club's ambition and wage structure.

Rose said England boss Gareth Southgate has been a reassuring figure during his rehabilitation period as he returns to the squad for friendlies against Germany and Brazil.

"The manager's faith is a big positive for myself. He knows I have not played much football but he knows what I am capable of once I am back in and around the team," Rose told reporters.

"My end goal is to be part of that World Cup squad come the summer and I can only do that playing regularly for my club.

"I have spoken to Gareth

a lot. I did a bit of my rehab at the England training centre before I started training here. He has called me and texted me — he has been first class to be fair."

Rose returned to the Spurs starting lineup against Crystal Palace last weekend and claimed that his problems with the club are in the past.

"For my part, it is forgotten," Rose added. "I think it is forgotten on the club's point as well. There is no point dwelling in the past.

"If we want to take the club forward and go that one stage further and win the league and go as far as possible in the Champions League. I am just concentrating on the job in hand — helping Tottenham."

England host world champions Germany at Wembley on Friday and meet Brazil four days later. —Reuters ■



Tottenham's Danny Rose.  
**PHOTO: REUTERS**

Photo is taken during the match Myanmar team against India in previous leg. **PHOTO: SOE NYUNT**



## Myanmar footballers to play against India in 2019 AFC qualification announced

Kyaw Zin Tun

The list of Myanmar footballer selected to play against India in the third round of 2019 AFC Asian Cup qualification on 14 November was released yesterday. Myanmar and India are both competing in Group A. The Myanmar national team includes goalkeepers Thiha Sithu (Shan United FC), Kyaw Zin Htet and San Sat Naing (Yangon United FC), defenders Zaw Min Tun, David Htan, Thiha Htet Aung, Thein Than Win (Yadanarbon), Win Min Htut, Hein Thiha Zaw, Htike Htike Aung (Shan United FC), Kyaw Zin Lwin (Magwe), midfielders Sithu Aung, Hlaing Bo Bo (Yadanarbon), MgMg Lwin (Hantharwady United FC), Yan Naing Oo, Tin Win Aung, Zin Min Tun (Shan United FC), Yan Aung Kyaw, Kyi Linn (Yangon United

FC) and strikers Aung Thu, Thet Naing (YDNB), Than Paing, Kyaw Ko Ko (Yangon United FC). In the administration and coaching departments, team administrator U Than Toe Aung, head coach Gerd Zeise, assistant coaches Kyi Lwin, Popovski and U Myint Ko, goalkeeping coach U Aung Kyaw Kyaw, team physician Dr. Aung Kyaw Oo, team secretary U Tun Aung, media officer U Aung Hein Min, physiotherapist U Tun Zaw and kit manager U Aung Aung Tun. In Group A of the third round of 2019 AFC qualification, Myanmar, India, Kyrgyzstan and Macau are included. Myanmar will play against India on 14 November at Fatorda Stadium in Margao, Goa, India. On the same day, Macau and Kyrgyzstan will play at Estádio Campo Desportivo in Macau.

## Liverpool saga past, Van Dijk '100 per cent' behind Southampton

LONDON — Southampton's Virgil van Dijk is fully committed to the club despite pushing for a move away from St Mary's in the close-season transfer window, the defender has said.

The 26-year-old Dutch international, who handed in a transfer request at the start of the season amid interest from Liverpool, said he has moved on from the saga.

"I don't think it's appropriate to comment on anything that happened before," he told the Daily Echo.

"I'm giving 100 per cent for the club, I work hard every day, I help my team-mates and I'm positive and I want to win every game."

With just five points from

their last six Premier League matches, van Dijk reckoned the international break has arrived at the right time for 13th placed Southampton. He said it was an ideal pause to get their act together ahead of a demanding schedule until the end of the year, starting with a league trip to Liverpool on 18 November.

"Every game is important and it's going to be even more important now to get some points and we know we can play very well against everyone," van Dijk added.

"For now, we need to recharge with some of the players going back to their countries and work hard there as well and come back fit and be ready for Liverpool." —Reuters ■

## Chelsea can overhaul Manchester City again, says Courtois

LONDON — Manchester City look to be in an "unstoppable" run of form but Chelsea goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois says there is plenty of time for the London club to reel the leaders in and retain their Premier League title.

City took the early lead in the title race last season and were eight points ahead of Chelsea after the opening six games before Antonio Conte's team went on a 13-game winning run to climb to first place seal the league trophy.

This season, Pep Guardiola's team have a nine-point advantage over Chelsea but Courtois said City might lose steam as the season goes on.

"Last year we were eight points behind City at one stage and then we went on a winning run. I hope we can do the same," Courtois told the club's website.

"We have to hope now they drop points. At the moment they

are a bit unstoppable, they are playing very well and scoring goals.

"But the season is very long, they could have injuries, play a bit worse and lose some games. We have to be there and keep winning our games."

Chelsea manager Antonio Conte also dismissed media reports linking him to AC Milan after Sunday's win over Manchester United at Stamford Bridge.

Chelsea return to league action after the international break with a trip to West Bromwich Albion on 18 November. — Reuters ■



Chelsea's Thibaut Courtois.  
**PHOTO: REUTERS**