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Mezali Bridge on Pathein-Monywa Road in Pwintbyu Tsp to be reopened



The upgraded Mezali Bridge on Pathein-Monywa road will be inaugurated on 28 October. PHOTO: PWINT THITSAR

THE upgraded Mezali Bridge on Pathein-Monywa road will be inaugurated on Monday, 28 October, according to the Ministry of Construction.

The bridge is located at mile post no.295 on Pathein-Monywa road in Pwintbyu Township, Minbu District in Magway Region, and was rebuilt by Construction Group No. 3 under

the Department of Bridges of the Ministry of Construction in October 2018.

The original suspension bridge, which is 400-foot long, was upgraded to a steel box girder bridge, with its width enlarged from 20 to 24-foot.

The main bridge cost K 2,500 million, with its bridge approaches costing K 200 million,

at a total cost of K 2,700 million allocated by the Union Budget.

U Tun Lin, the project director, said the bridge was built by the construction team comprised of an assistant director, a township head engineer and three junior engineers from Construction Group No. 3, along with over 100 workers.

The completion of the

bridge will benefit the lives of local people and improve the flow of goods.

It will also help pilgrims traveling to famous pagodas in the region, including Shwesetaw Pagoda, Magway Mya Tha Lun Pagoda and Naga Bwet Taung. — Pwint Thitsar
(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

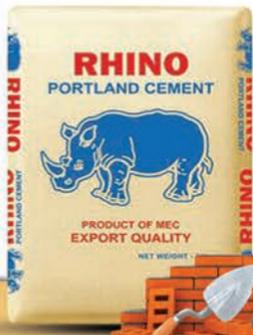
NREC Union Minister attends TELC Development Forum

UNION Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation (NREC) U Ohn Win who was in People's Republic of China, Taiyuan to attend Taiyuan Energy Low-Carbon (TELC) Development Forum attended a dinner hosted by Chinese Vice Premier Han Zheng, also a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee at Parkview Hotel, Taiyuan on 21 October.

On 22 October the Union Minister visited the World Energy Revolution Exhibition at Taiyuan Coal Transaction Center, attended the TELC Development Forum and delivered a speech on reducing carbon emission and climate change matters.

Later in the day, Union Minister met with Shanxi Province Communist Party Deputy Party Secretary and officials and discussed coal mining and utilization in Shanxi Province, electricity produced by coal, works conducted on reducing carbon emission from power generation in the province,

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Union Minister inspects construction of Korea-Myanmar Friendship Bridge (Dala)

UNION Minister for Construction U Han Zaw and Korea Ambassador to Myanmar inspected the construction site of Korea-Myanmar Friendship Bridge (Dala) yesterday morning.

At the work site briefing hall the Union Minister and party were explained about project works conducted on Korea-Myanmar Friendship Bridge (Dala) Yangon side and Dala side, work site safety matters and project works conducted in stages by Bridge Department Deputy Director General U Kyaw Kaung Cho while officials from Yangon side of the project works explained about the bridge construction works with photographic records.

The Union Minister remarked on constructing the bridge to set quality, standards

and norms and construct it as a model bridge. Myanmar engineers were to study the modern design, construction and management in constructing the bridge and as the construction site is at a location where there are a high waterway and road traffic, special emphasis must be placed on work site safety.

Korean Ambassador to Myanmar, on the other hand, remarked on the importance of the bridge on bilateral relation and friendship as well as an opportunity to exchange technologies. The Ambassador added on cooperating toward the successful completion of the construction work.

Next, officials from the two countries explained about bridge construction works and future work processes and the Union



Union Minister U Han Zaw inspects the construction site of Korea-Myanmar Friendship Bridge (Dala) yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

Minister and the Ambassador coordinated on work requirements. They then inspected the worksite

on Yangon side. Afterwards, the Union Minister, the Ambassador and party went over to Dala

side work site and inspected the construction works conducted.—MNA (Translated by Zaw Min)



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye shakes hand with Ambassador of Australia to Myanmar Ms Andrea Faulkner in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

SWRR Union Minister receives Ambassador of Australia to Myanmar

UNION Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement (SWRR) Dr Win Myat Aye received Ambassador of Australia to Myanmar Ms Andrea Faulkner at minister office May Kha Lar hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

During the meeting cooperation program for human resources development through Australia government's scholar-

ship and training courses, status of cooperating through LIFT (Livelihoods and Food Security) Fund in expanding the ministry's cash support program to expecting mothers and children below the age of two years, enacting of Child's Rights Law and works conducted on protecting child's rights, status of drawing up law on prevention and protection of

violence against women, status of implementing joint declaration on preventing sexual violence in conflict, process of receiving and developing the socio-economic lives of displaced persons from Rakhine State and cooperating with Australia in natural disaster management matters were discussed.—MNA (Translated by Zaw Min)

SWRR Union Minister provides all-round social protection support in Kayin State

A ceremony to present cash support to handicapped persons, mother's circles and social organizations was held at Zwegabin Hall in Hpa-An Town yesterday morning. At the ceremony Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement (SWRR) Dr Win Myat Aye said social protection works that benefit the social sector were being implemented by setting up development indices wise programs that start from expecting mothers to old ages. In addition to this, the government uncovered the capability of handicapped persons, provides supports and assistances and established a fund for the handicaps. The ministry was also providing supports and assistance in the works of managing man-made and natural disasters in addition to conducting required redevelopment works in social and natural disasters said the Union Minister.

Next, Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye, State Chief Minister

Nan Khin Htwe Myint and Deputy Minister U Soe Aung presented to officials Kyat 173.76 million for 5,792 handicapped persons, cash award to heads of 22 mother's circles in three townships of Kayin State and cash support for three months lunch nutrient for children totaling Kyat 11.22 million, Kyat 11 million support for eleven social organizations and

Kyat 160,460,000 cash support for 16,046 acres of crops destroyed from flooding and inundation.

After State Chief Minister Nan Khin Htwe Myint spoke words of thanks for the supports provided, the Union Minister, State Chief Minister and party presented nutrient powders and toys to the children.

Afterwards the Union Minis-

ter and the State Chief Minister presented Kyat 500,000 to a mother who had given birth to a triplet in Hpa-An People's Hospital.

Later they inspected distribution of drinking water by Disaster Management Department and Myanmar Police Force to villagers of Nget Pyaw Taw Village, Hpa-An Township with the cooperation of the State government;

Rural Development Department distributing drinking water with vehicle-mounted mobile water purifier; drilling tube wells and installing water purifiers; and National Health Laboratory, Agriculture Department, Fishery Department and Food & Drug Administration checking of water quality.—MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye and party pose for a group photo with attendees at the ceremony to present cash support to handicapped persons, mother's circles and social organizations in Hpa-An yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

NCA anniversary to be broadcast live

THE anniversary of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) is to be held at the Myanmar International Convention Center II in Nay Pyi Taw on 28 October 2019.

The NCA anniversary will be broadcast live by Myanmar Radio and Television (MRTV), National Races Channel (NRC), Myanmar International TV (MITV), MNTV, Skynet Up to Date,

Channel 9, Myanmar Radio, MIR (Radio), President's Office Facebook Page, Myanmar State Counsellor's Office Facebook Page, MOI Web Portal Myanmar Facebook Page, MRTV Facebook Page and Myanmar Digital News Facebook, starting from 1:45pm. — MNA ■

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

2nd coord meeting held for organizing of 11th AMRDPE Meeting



The second coordination meeting for organizing the 11th ASEAN Ministers Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication being held in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

THE second coordination meeting for successfully organizing of the 11th ASEAN Ministers Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (AMRDPE) meeting and related meetings was held at the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Speaking at the meeting, Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw, called the related committees for participation in successfully holding of the 5-day 11th AMRDPE meeting and related meetings.

Afterwards, U Khant Zaw, the Director-General of

the Department of Rural Development, explained about the preparation for the 11th AMRDPE meeting, and the procedures to be done during the meetings.

Permanent Secretaries and related committee members then explained about their preparations and ongoing tasks which were then coordinated by the Deputy Minister.

The Deputy Minister also inspected the gifts, lapel pins and guide books that are to be presented to the guests at the meeting. — MNA ■

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

NREC Union Minister attends TELC Development Forum



Union Minister U Ohn Win visits the steel factory in Taiyuan, China on 23 October. PHOTO: MNA

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mining in Myanmar, Myanmar's efforts toward reducing carbon emission in the energy sector and cooperation be-

tween Myanmar and Shanxi Province.

On 23 October Union Minister visited a steel factory and coal fired power station in Taiyuan and then visited historical

sites in Taiyuan on 24 October.

Yesterday morning the Union Minister arrived back to Yangon from Taiyuan by air. — MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Tatmadaw True News Team holds press conference in Nay Pyi Taw

THE Tatmadaw True News Team held a press conference at the Defence Services Museum in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

The press conference was attended by Chairman of Tatmadaw True News Team Maj-Gen Soe Naing Oo, Vice Chairman Maj-Gen Tun Tun Nyi, Secretary Brig-Gen Zaw Min Tun and senior military officers from the Office of the Command-

er-in-Chief (Army), along with reporters from 21 local news agencies, daily newspapers, journals, local TV news agencies and locally-based foreign news agencies.

At the press conference Tatmadaw True News Team Vice Chairman and Secretary explained about the basic definition and principles of law of war and anti-terrorism law, seizure of drugs, drugs eradication and

the role of the Tatmadaw, press release of veteran organization on acts of AA group and abduction of Fire Department personnel in Rakhine State.

Later the Tatmadaw True News Team replied to queries raised by reporters from news agencies, according to news released by the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services. — MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)



The Tatmadaw True News Team holds the press conference at the Defence Services Museum in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

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Literary event to mark 75th birthday of late author Moe Moe (Inya) continues

Myanmar literature and art festival for the 75th birthday of Moe Moe (Inya) continued for the second day at the Central Printing Factory of Printing and Publishing Department, Ministry of Information yesterday.

In the second day, Film Director Kyi Soe Tun shared experiences about filming the novel by the late author while poets recited poems dedicated to her.

Besides, friends of late author Moe Moe (Inya) recounted their university days with the author and shared experiences with her.

"Moe Moe and I are best friends. Her Birthday is October 24, United Nations Day. She passed away on 13 March, Phone Maw Day. Yangon was under the military rule at that time. But all the writers, poets, artists and cartoonists gathered when they heard the news about her death. She such a precious author in art-field. I canceled my Europe trip to celebrate her 75th birthday. We have a lot of memories." said author Daw San San Tin.

"She wrote what she has seen, felt and about her view of the inner mind of people. She said she put herself in the circle because writers and critics told she is a novelist. She is emotional as a writer and a poet. She may like to write about her personal feelings but she was hesitated to publish them to audience through the maga-



Author San San Tin, author May Aung Soe and author Thi Thi Soe participate in the round-table talks on the second day of Myanmar literature and art festival for the 75th birthday of Moe Moe (inya) yesterday. **PHOTO : PHOTO YE HTUT**

zines. This is her philosophy. This deserves respect and we should learn. She always said that we must take responsibility for what we write. This is what I have learned from her," she added.

"Moe Moe and I are friends since we were in university. We have met for literature occasionally even after we have married respectively. She is tidy. She is picky to make friend, and feminine. She's good at many things like cooking and house keeping. We had opened doors for each others. For me, I couldn't that she has gone. I have speak with San San Tin that we have to go and celebrate her 75th birthday today. We won't be here even if her family or children held her 100th birthday. San San Tin from USA and

I from England, we took our leaves from our jobs to attend this event. I feel both happy and sad to come here. I am so glad for happening this festival, and congratulations. I wish she could be here. She would be very happy if she was here." said the author Daw Nita Yin Yin May (May Aung Soe).

Ma Thaw Thaw Moe Oo, an audience from South Okkalapa said, "When we read the books of Moe Moe (Inya), for romance, she writes not only about love also about the peoples and concepts in reality. I found she writes about the phenomena that occur in our lives." "Some don't want to read the books like these. They only want to read the books that motivate them. I have seen many young people who think they can be

gain only by reading this kind of books. But I think we can also be motivated by reading the books of novel. And I think youths who don't read books might be interested in buying and reading books because this event is held even though the author Moe Moe (Inya) passed away," she continued.

In the festival, there are memorial images of authors from each generation, exhibition of lead font era, table discussion of author and reader, art gallery, practical drawing, cartoons, drawing caricatures, entertainment of writers, shops from small and medium manufacturing and book stores. The festival will also be held at October 27.— Mi Mi Phyoo

(Translated by Ba Htoo Kyaw)

Mandalay to host Travel Fair 2019

MANDALAY Travel Fair 2019, featuring some 100 exhibitors, will be held on 14 and 15 December 2019, according to the Myanmar Tourism Entrepreneurs Association (MTEA).

Under the supervision of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, the Mandalay Travel Fair will seek to attract more foreign

tourism to Myanmar. Starting from October 1, 2019, tourists from Australia, Germany, Italy, Spain, Switzerland and Russia have received visas-on-arrival at Yangon, Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw international airports.

Foreign travellers will be welcomed at Mandalay Travel Fair 2019, where they will receive

souvenirs when they arrive in Mandalay on 14 and 15 December.

Moreover, outbound licensed companies, souvenirs, hotels, restaurants, airlines, ethnic cultures and traditions, local products, hospitals, international schools and other business related to tourism will be display their

products for local travellers, who will visit foreign countries at the Multi Purpose Stadium in Mandalay Thiri sports ground in Mandalay.

At Travel Fair 2019, those who are interested in displaying their products can register to rent a booth.—Aye Maung (Translated by Hay Mar)

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Large number of murders reported in Ayeyawady

A large number of murders were reported, while crimes of rape stood second, in Ayeyawady as of September, 2019, according to the Myanmar Police Force.

In 2017 in Ayeyawady, 243 of 512 criminal cases were rape cases. In 2018, 231 of 457 total

incidents were related to rape.

From January to September 2019, a total of 275 cases were reported in Ayeyawady; among them, murders topped the list with 121 cases, followed by rapes numbering 112.

"The murder cases result-

ed from disputes. Some of the murders happened because of past conflicts. But the majority of these cases occurred following a sudden outburst of rage," said an official from the Myanmar Police Force.

To prevent such serious

crimes, police are distributing educational pamphlets and providing awareness talks to local residents. Also, police are carrying out patrols day and night and set up road checkpoints.—Aye Cho (Translated by Hay Mar)

Border trade value reaches \$376 mln in three weeks of fiscal 2019-2020

BORDER trade value reached US\$376 million in three weeks of 2019-2020 fiscal year (FY), decreasing \$113 million compared to the same period of last fiscal year, according to figures from the Ministry of Commerce

The total border trade value, from 1 October to 18 October of this fiscal, included \$245 million in exports and \$131 million in imports. Compared with the last FY, the export earnings decreased by more than \$140 million, while the import value increased by \$26 million. This time last year, the total border trade was valued at \$490 million.

Of the border trade value in the two weeks, Muse border trade camp for trade between Myanmar and China alone generated over \$225 million in border trade, exceeding over \$47 million compared to same period of the last FY.

Myanmar conducts border trade with China through the Muse, Lwejel, Kanpikete, Chinshwehaw and Kengtung border points. The country carries out border trade with Thailand through the Tachilek, Myawady, Kawthoung, Myeik, Hteekhee, Mawtaung and Maese border gates. The cross-border trade camps between Myanmar and Bangladesh are Sittway and Maungtaung, whereas the country trades directly with India via the Tamu and Reed border gates.

Myanmar mainly exports agricultural products, animal products, as well as forest products, minerals, fishery products and manufactured goods, among other things, while capital goods, raw industrial materials and consumer products are imported into the country.—Zwe

(Translated by HayMar)

Drugs seized in Tachilek, Moehnyin, Hsisai



LOCAL anti-drug squad and police seized drugs from two nationals in Tachilek on 25 October.

The authorities searched a house rented by Thai national namely Mr Smokiat Panyabun in Maekhaung Ward and found 15 g of Ice, 20 g of Ketamine, 1,000 stimulant tablets, 30,000 stimulant tables in another room, and three mobile phones.

During the search, another Thai national Mr. Tanakrit Khonsongsaen was also found in the house. The two Thai nationals have been detained and would be charged under the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

Similarly, a combine team

comprising of local anti-drug squad and police searched a house in Moehnyin, Kachin State, acting on a tip-off and found 32,000 stimulant tablets on the same day.

Daw San San Mya, who owned the house, has been charged under the same law.

Local anti-drug squad and police in Hsisai stopped and searched a motorcycle on the Phatnan-Hnarsaysauk Village and discovered 3,000 stimulant tables. The authorities arrested Ta Win who was driving the motorcycle has been charged under the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law, according to the Myanmar Police Force. —GNLM

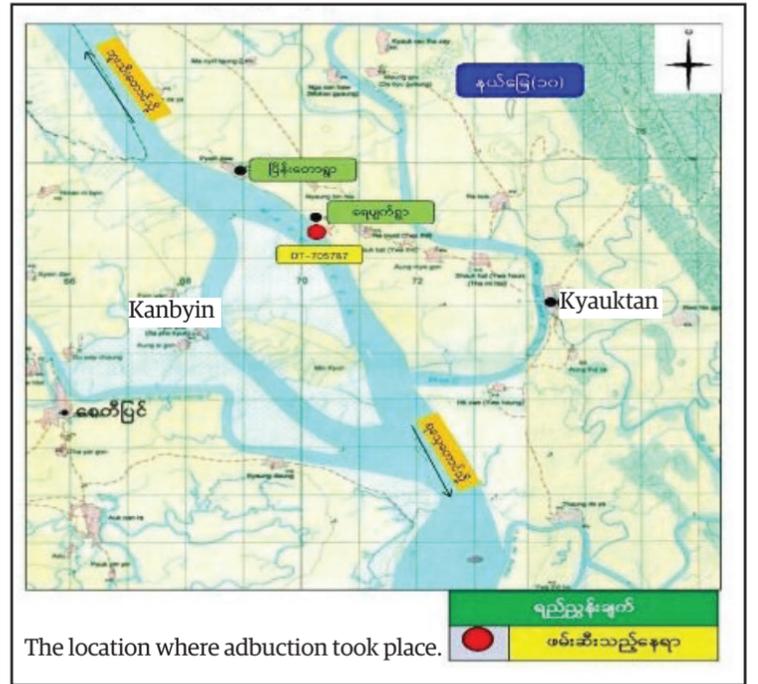
AA armed group abducts 58 in Yathedaung, Rakhine State

THE AA armed group abducted 58 service personnel onboard a boat in Yathedaung, Rakhine State, yesterday.

The abductees includes 14 members of the Tatmataw, 29 police officers, two service personnel of the Prison Department, two civil servants and 13 civilians.

The Shwenadi Watercraft carrying 165 civilian passengers and about 50 service personnel left Sittway at 7 am and arrived in Yathesaung at 9.15 am. After leaving the Yathesaung jetty, the boat was forced to the shore by some 30 members of AA group between Kyauktan Chaungwa and Pyeintaung Village at 10.20 am.

The boat continued to Buthidaung after the incident.



The location where abduction took place.

The Myanmar Police Force are in charge of the investigation.—MNA

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(Translated by Zaw Min)

Korean cement plant to be built in Thilawa SEZ

WITH an increase in Korean investments, slab cement will be manufactured for the first time in Myanmar at the Yojin cement plant.

The cement manufacturing plant's opening ceremony was held at LOTTE Hotel on Pyay Toad on Friday evening. The ceremony was attended by officials from the Ministry of Construction, ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Myanmar Mr. Lee Sang Hwa

and Kim Jong Sik, Managing Director of Yojin cement plant.

"The plant was built in Thilawa SEZ in 2016 with a US\$ 60 million investment by Korea, and the plant started operating in 2018.

The plant will manufacture slab cement for the first time for the Myanmar construction sector," said Ko Aung Pyat Phone, manager of Yojin cement plant.

Slab cement is used in

construction. It is made from mixing ordinary cement and powder derived from steel.

Although Yojin cement plant can produce 3,000 tons of cement per day, it will produce only 1,500 to 2,000 tons of cement per day, based upon market demand.

The plant can produce about one million tons of cement per year.—Myint Maung

(Translated by Hay Mar)



Slab cement will be manufactured for the first time in Myanmar at the Yojin cement plant. PHOTO: MYINT MAUNG

Union Minister for Information meets Commissioner for Cultural Affairs, attends screening of “Japanese Offspring” film



Union Minister Dr Pe Myint and party meets with Japan Agency for Cultural Affairs Commissioner Mr Miyata Ryohei and party at the Japan Agency for Cultural Affairs yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**



Union Minister Dr Pe Myint delivers the speech at the press show for the “Japanese Offspring” film in Tokyo yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

UNION Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint and party met with Japan Agency for Cultural Affairs Commissioner Mr Miyata Ryohei and party at the Japan Agency for Cultural Affairs yesterday morning.

At the meeting Myanmar-Japan cooperation in making films, importance of restoration and maintenance of films in motion picture development, arrangements made for development of Myanmar motion picture sector, assistance and support desired were discussed.

At noon the Union Minister

and party attended the screening of the digitally restored version of The Daughter of Japan at the Agency for Cultural Affairs.

First, Japan Agency for Cultural Affairs Commissioner Mr Miyata Ryohei and National Film Archive of Japan director Mr Okajima Hisashi delivered speeches of greetings.

In his speech of greeting in return the Union Minister said the maintenance, restoration and conversion from film to digital system of a Myanmar movie produced for the first time in Japan was the outcome of Myanmar-Ja-

pan cooperation. The maintained and restored movie will be transferred to Myanmar in 2020 during the centennial ceremony of Myanmar motion picture. For Myanmar, this will be obtaining back a valuable artistic creation and screening of it will show the Myanmar people the knowledge on the requirement of maintaining a valuable art object and will be beneficial for them said the Union Minister.

For Japan, it will have the opportunity of seeing the exact situation of Japan during the time the movie was made as well as re-

storing a valuable art object. The art of motion picture brings forth friendship, intimacy and understanding and was internationally recognized as a Soft Power and thus it was believed to support and promote the increase in bilateral cooperation in political, social and economic sector, said the Union Minister.

Afterwards, the Union Minister and party observed the screening of the movie and also attended the talk circle on the movie conducted by A1 Film Company Director U Than Tut and Save Myanmar Film project

director U Okkar.

The title of “the Japanese Offspring” film in Japan was “Nippon Musume” and was jointly produced by Myama A Swe-A1 Film Company from Myanmar and Japan’s PCL Company in 1935. In the afternoon the Union Minister was interviewed by the producer of Yomiuri Shimbun reporter and NHK Television Myanmar Language Program.

Later the Union Minister and party visited Japan Football Museum and went on to visit book stores in Ginza, Tokyo. — MNA ■
(Translated by Zaw Min)

Broadcasting Governing Body holds meeting 6/2019



Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun inspects the Studio No 1 of the Myanmar Radio and Television in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

MINISTRY of Information and Broadcasting Governing Body

(BGB) held meeting 6/2019 at Myanmar Radio and Television

(MRTV) on Pyay Road in Yangon yesterday morning.

In his opening speech to the meeting Chairman of BGB Deputy Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun said the meeting was to mainly discuss technical, financial and administrative matters and status of implementing meeting minutes of meeting 5/2019.

Before starting the discussion the Deputy Minister spoke of the requirement for the media to follow media ethic and to be responsible in publishing their respective programs. Care must be given toward not going against the enacted laws and to be against the policies laid down by the government. In a democratic society the media works could not be conducted by the state-own media only and the way will be smooth and successful if all coordinated and cooperate said the Deputy Minister.

Next Vice Chairman of BGB Permanent Secretary U

Myo Myint Maung explained about work processes conducted by the ministry including preventing hate speech, financial matter, amending of the agreement, and status of Cherry FM broadcast from Shan State Gote Twin.

This was followed by acting director U Zeya Min of MRTV explaining about the status of conducting and abiding by the decisions made at meeting 5/2019 and officials of machinery, management and financial divisions of MRTV explaining about status of works conducted. Officials from FM radio stations and television broadcasting companies then join in the discussion and the Deputy Minister delivered a closing speech.

After the meeting the Deputy Minister inspected MRTV Studio 1. — MNA ■
(Translated by Zaw Min)

350,000 protesters flood Barcelona for separatist 'freedom' rally

BARCELONA (Spain) — Around 350,000 people rallied in downtown Barcelona on Saturday, turning the streets into a sea of independence flags in the latest mass protest against Spain's jailing of nine separatist leaders.

The turnout figure was given by the local police as vast crowds packed into a wide avenue running between the waterfront and the city's towering Sagrada Família basilica, which was once again closed to visitors.

Catalonia has been gripped by unrest since the October 14 Supreme Court verdict which unleashed a wave of huge demonstrations that quickly turned violent, with angry protesters hurling rocks and Molotov cocktails at riot police, who hit back with tear gas, foam rounds and rubber bullets.

The crisis began two years ago when the region staged a banned referendum on October 1 that was marred by police violence, then issued a short-lived declaration of independence, triggering Spain's worst political crisis in decades.

Saturday's rally was called by the ANC and Omnium Cultural, the region's two biggest grassroots pro-independence groups that have organised some of the

largest separatist protests in recent years.

Marching down the spacious boulevard, demonstrators held up banners reading "We won't give in" and chanting "October 1, we won't forgive, we won't forget".

As a police helicopter flew overhead, they broke into loud boos and whistling, an AFP correspondent said.

"I feel really angry," said a 26-year-old computer technician from Tarragona called Marc, who did not give his surname and described the heavy prison sentences handed to nine separatist leaders as "totally over the top, inhuman, and shameful".

"The violence doesn't sit well with me but it's normal to have a bit of upheaval like we've seen in Chile and Ecuador," he said of a wave of mass protests in Latin America.

"There are different ways of protesting but we have one objective: independence."

A second demonstration called by the radical CDR will begin at 7:30 pm (1730 GMT), raising fears there could be fresh clashes with police.

Counter demonstration on Sunday

Catalans remain sharp-



People wave Catalan pro-independence "Estelada" flags during a pro-independence demonstration called by Catalan National Assembly (ANC) and Omnium Cultural organisations, against the conviction of Catalan separatist leaders for the 2017 attempted secession, in Barcelona, on 26 October 2019. PHOTO: AFP

ly divided over the question of separating from Spain, with a September poll showing 44 percent in favour but 48.3 percent against. The violent protests over the verdict have only deepened that division.

The violence eased off last week although the protests continued, with thousands of flag-waving students marching

peacefully through the city on Friday evening.

More than 600 people have been injured so far in the protests, among them 367 civilians, four of whom lost an eye, Catalan health officials say, with government figures showing 289 police were also hurt.

Earlier on Saturday, thousands rallied in Madrid in defence

of Spain's unity at a demonstration called by the far-right Vox party, which has taken a very tough line on Catalan separatism and wants all regional pro-independence parties banned. Although the faction only entered parliament in April, polls indicate it might become the third-largest party following the November 10 election. —AFP ■

Tokyo's Shibuya abuzz with costumes on weekend before Halloween

TOKYO — Shibuya was brimming with superheroes and otherworldly creatures on Saturday night as costumed revelers congregated in one of Tokyo's major entertainment districts on the weekend before Halloween.

While the area around Shibuya's iconic scramble crossing continued to fill with

many Halloween revelers -- with some in wacky costumes -- as the night went on, riot police were dispatched there to ensure public safety, especially after the overturning of a small truck led to the arrests of several men in their 20s last year.

The police and special police officers dubbed "DJ police,"

who aim to marshal crowds with a spirit of goodwill, will also be present on Halloween night on Thursday.

On Saturday, Shibuya Otona Halloween Party, which organizers termed the district's largest indoor Halloween event for adults, attracted hundreds of attendees with its high-quality costume contest and creative offering of themed foods.

"It's very fun," said Steven Clark, an Australian resident of Tokyo at the event on the ninth floor of the Shibuya Hikarie skyscraper.

Dressed as Ryu from the video game "Street Fighter," he was accompanied by his Japanese partner who was dressed as Chun-Li, another character from the game.

At the costume contest held on stage at the venue from 7:10 to 8 p.m., 10 finalists vied for three prizes worth 600,000 yen (\$5,500) in total. —Kyodo News ■



Australian Steven Clark (R) and his Japanese partner, Yatsuha Hoshino, attend the Shibuya Otona Halloween Party in Tokyo's Shibuya, on 26 October 2019, dressed as Ryu and Chun-Li, respectively, from the video game Street Fighter. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

Migrants found safe in two trucks in Belgium

BRUSSELS (Belgium) — Twenty migrants were found in good health in two separate trucks in Belgium on Saturday, according to local prosecutors.

Eleven African men, women and children -- mainly from Eritrea -- were found in a truck in the city of Saint-Trond, 65 kilometres (40 miles) east of Brussels, the Limbourg prosecutors said.

The truck, en route to the United Kingdom, stopped for a mechanical problem at a garage when the migrants were found.

Meanwhile, police also found nine men hidden in a truck in Bruges, in northeastern Belgium, en route to the port of Zeebrugge.

The men, who said they

were Iraqi nationals, were also found in good health, according to the prosecutor of West Flanders quoted by the Belga news agency.

Because of its proximity to the UK, Belgium is frequently used as a route for migrants and trafficking networks.

Thirty-nine people were found dead this week in a refrigerated truck near London whose container had arrived from Zeebrugge.

Five people have been arrested in connection with the case.

Police on Tuesday also arrested three men of Iraqi origin suspected of trafficking 16 people in a van in the north western port city of Ghent, according to the Antwerp public prosecutor's office. — AFP ■

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Building a federal union through farsightedness and in ways that are magnanimous

TODAY'S transition to democracy can be considered the fruits of the 1988 democracy movement. Though we can not say that our democracy has yet reached its full-fledged stage, we do have democratic institutions, such as the government and parliaments, with lawmakers elected by the people.

While building democratic foundations and making efforts to develop the country, challenges caused by the evil legacy of the non-democratic period have delayed the country's march towards the goal of democracy.

Among the challenges still to be overcome include solving the internal conflicts and gaining a total peace, amending the 2008 constitution, boosting the country's economy, providing

the people with substantial livelihoods and security, and promoting the education and public health care systems, all of which remain the top priorities of the government.

Joint Implementation of Coordination Meeting on the NCA is expected to be resumed soon.

While discussions were held to ensure coordination on the government side, there were numerous discussions within the ten NCA-S EAOs. Also, efforts were made for everyone to come along, and much had to be done to balance all sides so that there was no friction.

During the four years, there would be eight sessions of Union Peace Conference-21st Century Panglong, if they were held twice a year, as planned.

There would be many more agreements than the 51 points so far agreed to, and a federal foundation would have been laid.

However, it is sad to see that we could not hold the Union Peace Conference-21st Century Panglong as scheduled. Everyone was held responsible for this. There was a need to strive towards convening the 21st Century Panglong, in ways which were responsible and transparent.

The anniversary of the NCA will be held tomorrow, marking that we, the brethren of the union, have been working together for four years to bring about a total peace to the country, while overcoming challenges and difficulties.

What we have worked for is not for our personal gains, but for the people of the country. We all understand that we can not, in one day, solve the political problems we faced for over 70 years.

Besides, to build a peace, a ceasefire is not enough.

We need to amend the constitution based upon democratic principles, to ensure that the constitution can guarantee equality to all ethnic peoples. To achieve this, the lawmakers elected by the people are working diligently in the parliament to find solutions for the many problems.

Building a nation is not an easy job, and needs to move forward step by step with farsightedness and in ways that are magnanimous.

Deepavali: the Hindu Festival of Lights

By Arakan Sein

DEERPAVALI is celebrated across the countries in the world including Fiji, Guyana, Pakistan, Malaysia, Mauritius, Myanmar, Singapore and Sri Lanka, but is largely marked in India and Nepal because of largely Hindu populations. Hindu Deepavali: Festival is somewhat like Myanmar

Thadingyut Festival; they symbolize "the spiritual victory of light over darkness, good over evil and knowledge over ignorance." Light is a metaphor for knowledge and conscience.

During the celebrations, temples, homes, shops and office buildings are brightly illuminated. In the lead-up to Deepavali, the celebrants will prepare by cleaning, renovating and decorating their homes and workplaces. During the climax, the revelers themselves adorn in their finest clothes, worship



Union Ministers Dr. Win Myat Aye and Thura U Aung Ko, and officials formally open the Deepavali festival outside the Yangon City Hall on 11 November, 2018. PHOTO: MNA

to Lakshmi, the goddess of property and wealth, light fireworks and partake in family feasts. The

date of Deepavali: is variable so is the Thadingyut festival; Diwali festival lasts five days

whereas the Thadingyut festival, only three days.

In lead-up to the Thadingyut Festival, celebrants are

kept busy making a lot of hot air balloons and lighting in every

street and road which is brightly illuminated and revelers send one hot air balloon after another into the sky through rapturous applause. This year, Deepavali: will be celebrated on Sunday, 27 October, 2019. In some states, Diwali 2019 will be held on Monday, 28 October whereas the Thadingyut Festival was held on 13 October. During the Thadingyut occasion, you wish all a peaceful and happy Thadingyut! Myanmar Thadingyut Festival is also known as a lighting Festival in the country.

In conclusion, Myanmar and India have a lot of common things: we were under the British rule and India gained in 1947 and Myanmar in 1948.

Thadingyut and Deepavali: lighting festivals: the former was held on 13 October, the latter will be celebrated on Sunday, 27 October, 2019.

The Global TB Report: A spur in the battle against the world's most deadly infectious disease

By Poonam Khetrapal Singh (WHO Regional Director for South-East Asia)

The Global TB Report's message to countries in the Region is simple: Accelerate efforts to end TB by 2030

THE World Health Organization's Global Tuberculosis Report, released on 17 October, outlines several positive trends in the battle against the world's most deadly infectious disease.

First, efforts to expand TB treatment are yielding results. In 2018, 600 000 more people globally received TB treatment than the previous year. TB-related deaths dropped by more than 6%.

Second, TB prevention is picking up pace. Substantially more children below the age of five who are contacts of TB patients are accessing preventive treatment, with a 4% rise on 2017 levels. The coverage of People Living with HIV (PLHIV) rose by an impressive 19%.

And third, we have made inroads in the fight against drug resistance. In 2018 more than 156 000 patients globally with rifampicin-resistant or multi-drug resistant TB initiated treatment, an increase of almost 12% on the



Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh

previous year. Treatment success rates for both new and drug-resistant cases continue to improve. But as the Report outlines, challenges persist.

Drug-resistant TB remains a serious global threat. Just one in three people afflicted are on treatment. Gaps in case notifications remain. An estimated three million patients globally are unaccounted for. Access to preventive treatment is insufficient. Just below half of people newly enrolled in HIV care are receiving preventive therapy. And funding shortfalls continue.

In 2019 alone, committed global funding for TB diagnosis and care fell short by USD 3.3 billion.

The Global Report is clear: The world will struggle to reach the 2020 milestones of WHO's End TB Strategy. This is of concern given that by 2030 WHO and its Member States and partners aim to end TB, as reflected in the Sustainable Development Goals and the UN's

million to 3.36 million, with most cases coming from India and Indonesia – a credit to their resolve. Notably, the number of children under five who required preventive TB treatment and accessed it increased by 12%. Myanmar was identified as one of a clutch of countries on track to reach the global End TB 2020 milestones.

Though the Region's progress

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High-level Political Declaration on the Fight against TB.

As the world's most TB-affected Region, the South-East Asia Region's progress is significant.

As per the Report, between 2017 and 2018 the Region's estimated case incidence fell from 226 per 100 000 people to 220 per 100 000. The notification of TB cases increased substantially, from 2.96

has been strong, more is needed. The Global Report's key takeaway is simple, and reflects the Region's Flagship Priority on the issue: Accelerate efforts to end TB by 2030.

To do that, active case-finding should be intensified. Efforts to engage communities should be stepped up and the private sector encouraged to act. In particular, community groups should be

further empowered, including by engaging them in policy development. Information campaigns should be targeted at high-risk communities, and access to TB testing guaranteed.

Enhancing the coverage of preventive treatment is crucial. By fully implementing the Region's recently adopted action plan on latent TB, Member States can reduce the Region's annual burden of TB patients by an additional 12-15% annually. That equates to around 270 000 fewer patients each year. All household contacts of TB patients should be screened, in addition to PLHIV and those at high risk of developing the disease. Preventive treatment should be provided where needed.

Social protection and support mechanisms for TB patients should be augmented. Undergoing treatment for TB often involves time off work, which can impede treatment adherence. Food supplements and vouchers, transport subsidies and financial incentives are all important in ensuring the best patient outcomes are achieved and catastrophic costs are avoided. This is especially important as the Region strives to

achieve universal health coverage.

Finally, all national action plans should be aligned with the Political Declaration's targets. As the Region works to attain the investment target of at least USD 2 billion annually, all countries must stay on target. Of the 40 million people globally that require diagnosis and treatment by 2030, at least 18 million will come from the South-East Asia Region. Of the 30 million that require preventive treatment, the Region will cover at least 10.5 million.

Though the Region's work is cut out, the foundations for progress are strong. We have high-level commitment. We have technical capacity. We have community buy-in and partner support. In other words, we have all the assets needed to act on the Report's findings and ensure the End TB strategy's milestones are met and the Political Declaration's targets are reached. WHO is committed to supporting Member States achieve each of these outcomes, and to securing the Region's continued progress. Ending TB by 2030 is possible. We must dare to be bold.

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Myanmar Daily Weather Report
 (Issued at 7:00 pm Saturday 26th October, 2019)

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 27th October, 2019: Weather will be partly cloudy in Naypyitaw, Magway and Bago Regions, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States. Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Kachin State, scattered in Upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions, Chin State and isolated in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (4-6) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of continuation of rain or thundershowers in Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin State.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 27th October, 2019: Partly cloudy.

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Over a million protesters demand Chile president's resignation



People protest in Santiago on October 25, a week after violence protests started. PHOTO: AFP

SANTIAGO (Chile)—More than one million people took to the streets in Chile Friday for the largest protests in a week of deadly demonstrations demanding economic reforms and the resignation of President Sebastian Pinera.

The leader told the thronging masses that he had “heard the message” in a post on Twitter, characterizing the protests in a positive light and as a means towards change.

Demonstrators carrying indigenous and national flags sang popular resistance songs from the 1973-90 Augusto Pinochet dictatorship era as the country, usually seen as one of the most stable in Latin America, grapples with its worst violence in decades.

Santiago's governor Karla Rubilar described it as “a historic day” on Twitter, praising “a peaceful march... representing the dream of a new Chile.”

Rubilar said more than a million were demonstrating around the country, while Santiago's town hall put the number of people marching in the capital at 820,000, citing police figures.

For the past week, Chileans' pent-up anger has spilled over in the form of protests against a socio-economic structure that many feel has left them by the wayside, with low wages and pensions, costly health care and education, and a big gap between rich and poor. Pinera, a conservative billionaire, wrote on Twitter that “the massive, happy and peace-

ful march today, where Chileans demanded a more just and supportive Chile, opens great paths for the future and hope.”

“We have all heard the message. We have all changed. With unity and help from God, we will travel the road towards a Chile that is better for all,” he said.

Pinera apologized earlier in the week for failing to anticipate the outbreak of social unrest and announced a raft of measures designed to placate people, such as increases in minimum pensions and wages.

He also announced a plan to end a deeply unpopular state of emergency and to lift a nighttime curfew, although both of those are now into their seventh day. — AFP ■

Firefighters battle fierce wildfires across California

LOS ANGELES (United States)—Wildfires raged across California on Friday, destroying homes and forcing evacuations, as over 1,000 firefighters tackled flames in the southern part of the state alone.

Tens of thousands of residents near Santa Clarita, north of Los Angeles, fled their homes as the so-called Tick Fire scorched over 4,000 acres (1,618 hectares) and was only ten percent contained by Friday evening.

The blaze forced the shutdown of all schools in the area as well as a major freeway, creating a traffic nightmare for commuters.

New evacuations in the area were ordered early Friday as the fire that began the day before continued to spread, driven by so-called Santa Ana

winds gusting up to 65 miles (105 kilometers) per hour.

Some 1,325 firefighters backed by air tankers and helicopters were battling the flames that raced toward densely packed communities and threatened 10,000 structures, officials said.

Six homes were destroyed, Los Angeles County Fire Chief Daryl Osby told a news conference, adding that the number was expected to rise. At least four other fires have erupted in southern California this week, fueled by high temperatures in the 80s and 90s (above 30 Celsius) and bone dry conditions.

A red flag warning indicating ripe conditions for wildfire was in effect for more than 18 million people in the southern part of the state until Friday evening. — AFP ■

Japan grants 500 mil. yen to Maldives for counterterrorism

TOKYO—Japan and the Maldives have signed an agreement featuring 500 million yen (\$4.6 million) in Japanese aid to the Indian Ocean state to bolster its antiterrorism and public safety capabilities.

Japanese Ambassador Keiko Yanai and Maldives Foreign Minister Abdulla Shahid signed the agreement recently in Male for the provision of police vehicles, liquid inspection devices and X-ray equipment, among other items, according to the Japanese Foreign Ministry.

“This grant will be utilized towards countering terrorism,” the Maldives Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

The aid comes as concerns have grown about the rising influence of Islamic State and other terrorist organizations in South Asia in the wake of bombing incidents in Sri Lanka in April that killed more than 250 people.

Boosting counterterrorism is particularly important for the Maldives, whose main industry is tourism. —Kyodo News

‘Russians don’t surrender’: ‘agent’ Maria Butina arrives in Moscow

MOSCOW (Russia)—Maria Butina clutched bouquets of flowers and exclaimed that “Russians don’t surrender” as she arrived in Moscow on Saturday after serving nine months in a US jail for acting as a Russian government agent. Butina flew into Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport after being deported from Miami following her release on Friday, AFP journalists said. She had been held in Florida's Tallahassee prison.

“I didn’t give up because I know I simply didn’t have the right,” Butina told a waiting crowd of journalists. “Russians don’t surrender!” She was arrested in July 2018 on allegations of engaging in espionage.

In December, Butina entered

a plea deal on a charge that she acted as an illegal, unregistered foreign agent, and was sentenced to 18 months in prison, half of which was credited as already served. “I am very happy to be home. I am very grateful to everybody who supported me, to the Russian citizens who helped me and wrote letters,” an emotional Butina told reporters on her arrival. “Many thanks to the foreign ministry and to the diplomats who daily fought my corner,” added Butina, who was handed several bouquets of flowers by wellwishers as her father and foreign ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova escorted her through arrivals.

Butina, a 30-year-old from



Butina in December entered a plea deal on a charge she acted as an illegal, unregistered foreign agent but was released Friday. PHOTO: AFP

Siberia, used ties with the NRA firearms lobby to help build a network of high-level Republican contacts. She attended political rallies and NRA conventions, often with her powerful Moscow

sponsor Alexander Torshin, a politician close to President Vladimir Putin. Those efforts brought her into contact with President Donald Trump before his 2016 election, as well as with

one of his sons, Donald Trump Jr, whom she reportedly met at a dinner during the 2016 NRA annual convention. Butina was the only Russian arrested and convicted in a three-year investigation of Moscow's interference in US politics. After her arrival, Kremlin-funded RT television showed her travelling in a minibus with diplomats and talking of “the horror that I found myself in,” while jailed in America.

“Absolutely everyone hated me, everyone,” she said, describing watching news reports about herself while in prison in Washington that “showed the ugliest pictures of me and made some kind of TV show out of it.” — AFP ■

Up to 20 Vietnamese feared among 39 UK truck dead

NGHE AN (Viet Nam)—As many as 20 Vietnamese citizens are feared among 39 people found dead in a truck in Britain this week, families and community organisers said Saturday, as one of the alleged truck owners denied involvement in the tragedy.

British police initially said all of the 31 men and eight women found early Wednesday in a refrigerated lorry in an industrial park in Grays, east of London, were believed to be Chinese nationals.

Four people have been held over the incident, which has shocked Britain and shed light on dangerous trafficking routes into Europe taken by undocumented migrants.

Several Vietnamese families now fear their relatives, who may have been carrying falsified Chinese passports, are among the victims.

Britain-based community

group VietHome said it had received “photos of nearly 20 people reported missing, age 15-45” from Vietnam, a popular source for smuggled migrants looking to better their lives in the UK.

Nguyen Dinh Gia told AFP Saturday he got a call from his son two weeks ago saying he was planning to go to Britain where he hoped to work in a nail salon.

His 20-year-old son Nguyen Dinh Luong had been living in France and said the journey would cost 11,000 pounds (\$14,000).

But Gia received a call several days ago from a Vietnamese man saying “Please have some sympathy, something unexpected happened,” he recounted to AFP.

“I fell to the ground when I heard that,” Gia said. “It seemed that he was in the truck with the accident, all of them dead,” he added. A 26-year-old Vietnamese woman Pham Thi Tra My is also



Two Vietnamese families have said they fear their relatives are among those found dead in a truck in the UK. **PHOTO: AFP**

believed to be among the victims after her family received a text message from her hours before the migrants were discovered.

“I’m sorry Mom. My path to abroad doesn’t succeed. Mom,

I love you so much! I’m dying because I can’t breathe,” she said in the message confirmed by her brother Pham Manh Cuong.

He received another message from her a few hours later

saying: “Please try to work hard to pay the debt for mummy, my dear,” according to a text sent at 4:28 am Vietnam time on Wednesday (2128 Tuesday GMT) seen by AFP.—AFP ■

Pentagon awards \$10 bn cloud contract to Microsoft, snubbing Amazon

SAN FRANCISCO (United State)—The Pentagon said Friday it is awarding a \$10 billion cloud computing contract to Microsoft, following a highly scrutinized bidding process which Amazon had been favored to win.

The 10-year contract for the Joint Enterprise Defense Infrastructure program, better known as JEDI, ultimately will see all military branches sharing information in a system boosted by artificial intelligence. “The National Defense Strategy dictates that we must improve the speed and effectiveness with which we develop and deploy modernized technical capabilities to our women and men in uniform,” Defense Department Chief Information Officer Dana Deasy said in a release. “This award is an important step in execution of the Digital Modernization Strategy.” Amazon was considered the lead contender to provide technology for JEDI, with its Amazon Web Services dominating the cloud computing arena and the company already providing classified servers for other gov-



The Pentagon earlier this year put off awarding the hefty computing contract, before deciding on Microsoft. **PHOTO: AFP**

ernment outfits including the CIA. But the Pentagon earlier this year delayed awarding the hefty contract, saying the process would be reviewed by newly appointed Defense Secretary Mark Esper. Esper was selected by US President Donald Trump, who has lashed out at Amazon and company founder Jeff Bezos, who owns The Washington Post.

In July, Trump said he had heard “complaining from different companies like Microsoft and Oracle and IBM” over the JEDI

bidding process.

“We’re going to take a look at it. We’ll take a very strong look at it,” he said, raising concerns among observers that the process would be improperly influenced. Amazon said late Friday it was “surprised about this conclusion.” “AWS is the clear leader in cloud computing, and a detailed assessment purely on the comparative offerings clearly lead to a different conclusion,” the company said in a statement.—AFP ■

Iraq forces clamp down on protests after bloodshed

BAGHDAD (Iraq)—Iraqi security forces sought to clamp down on protests in Baghdad and across the south on Saturday, a day after dozens died in a bloody resumption of anti-government rallies.

A parliamentary session scheduled for Saturday afternoon to discuss the renewed protests was cancelled after it failed to reach a quorum.

Since anti-government rallies first erupted on October 1, nearly 200 people have died and thousands were wounded in Baghdad and across the country’s Shiite-majority south in violence condemned worldwide.

Almost a quarter of them, 42, succumbed on Friday alone from live rounds, tear gas canisters or while torching government buildings or offices belonging to powerful Hashed al-Shaabi paramilitary factions in several southern cities.

Tensions remained high across several cities there on Saturday, with security forces cutting off roads and imposing strict curfews. The storming of provincial headquarters, parliamentarians’ workspaces or Hashed offices marks a new phase in the southern rallies but there have been no such incidents so far in the capital.

In Baghdad, a few hundred protesters dug in around the emblematic Tahrir (Liberation) Square on Saturday morning despite efforts by riot police to clear them with tear gas.

“It’s enough – theft, looting, gangs, mafias, deep state, whatever. Get out! Let us see a (functioning) state,” said one protester, referring to perceived cronyism and corruption in the country. “We don’t want anything, just let us live,” he added as puffs of smoke from tear gas rose behind him.—AFP ■

Japan to tighten gasoline sale rules after Kyoto arson attack

TOKYO—The government will tighten rules on the sale of gasoline in Japan following a deadly arson attack on a Kyoto Animation Co. studio in July,

officials said Saturday.

The Fire and Disaster Management Agency will revise an ordinance and oblige gas stations and other sellers

to conduct ID checks and ask customers the reason for the purchase, possibly starting next February, the officials said.—Kyodo News ■

G-20 vows to address issues involving “overtourism”

KUTCHAN (Japan)—Tourism ministers from the Group of 20 major economies agreed Saturday to step up efforts to address friction between visitors and locals and the destruction of nature through a surge in tourists in what is called “overtourism.”

In a declaration issued after a two-day meeting in Kutchan, Hokkaido, the ministers agreed to “work toward managing tourism for the benefit of visitors and local communities.”—Kyodo News ■

US budget deficit soars to almost \$1 tn, highest since 2012

WASHINGTON (United States)—America's budget deficit soared to nearly \$1 trillion in the 2019 fiscal year as government borrowing swelled, the US Treasury announced Friday. The fourth straight year of broadening budget gaps underscored a new tolerance for yawning fiscal imbalances in the current political era.

Republican lawmakers' oft-stated fears of weak fiscal discipline under the prior administration have fallen by the wayside and trillion-dollar annual deficits look set to become a new normal. — AFP ■

300 lenders invest \$748 bil. in top nuclear weapon producers: report

TOKYO—More than 300 financial institutions in the world invested a total of \$748 billion in companies involved in the nuclear weapons industry in a two-year period through January, according to a report by an international nongovernmental organization. Of the 325 investors, eight are Japanese lenders with a total investment of \$25.5 billion, says the Netherlands-based PAX. The eight include Mitsubishi UFJ Financial

Group Inc., Mizuho Financial Group Inc. and Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group Inc. The 18 recipients, which PAX calls "the top 18 nuclear weapon producing companies," include Boeing Co. and Lockheed Martin Corp. a U.S. defense giant involved in the manufacturing of the long-range nuclear Minuteman intercontinental ballistic missile.

The total investment was up 42 percent from

the tally in the previous report, which covered 20 companies in a period between January 2014 and October 2017, according to Susi Snyder, a PAX member who is the main author of the new report. The total investment is increasing as nuclear weapon states such as the United States and Russia are advancing arms expansion and developing new nuclear weapons, Snyder said in an interview in Tokyo.—Kyodo News ■

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INVITATION TO OPEN TENDER

Sealed tenders are invited by Department of Medical Services, Ministry of Health and Sports for the supply of Medical Equipments in the (2019-2020) Budget year.

Tender documents are available during office hours at the Procurement and Supplying Division, Department of Medical Services, Office No (4), Ministry of Health and Sports Commencing from (29.10.2019).

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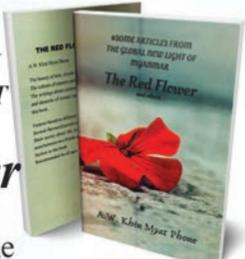
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First major airport in **Chin State** to be operational soon

By Kyaw Htike Soe

IN an attempt to reduce travel delays and carry out emergency rescue works, an airport is being implemented by the Department of Civil Aviation under the Ministry of Transport and Communications on a 1290-acre of land in Falam Township, Chin State and the much-needed infrastructure project is scheduled to be completed by 2020, according to a source from the local government.

The airport is being developed in Falam, a far-flung area which is located at an altitude of 6,000 ft above sea level in mountainous and hard-to-reach Chin State. The Surbung Airport, the first of its kind in Chin State is under construction with some \$ 2 million and more than Ks 32 billion allocated by the Union Government, according to the Chin State's Ministry of Road Transport. Construction of the airport that will become an entry and exit point of Chin State was



Falam Airport, the first of its kind in Chin State is slated for completion in 2020. **PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**

approved by the Union Government. The airport project had originally been slated for completion in 2021. A feasibility

study for the airport began in 2013 and construction works started in 2016. The runway of the airport is 6000 ft. long

and it is scheduled to be operational in May 2020. As part of the project, a retaining wall and a 30 ft. long runway have

already been built.

Arrangements are being made to build terminals, airport offices and other facilities in the project area during the open season and necessary construction materials are purchased from Kalay in Sagaing Region, said an official who is tasked with overseeing the airport project. The first phase of the airport project is expected to be completed ahead of the open season and to be fully functional in 2020, said an official from the local government. The aircrafts will conduct test flights in early 2020 as some parts of the airport's runway had already been built, he added. "As a runway that is 6000 ft in length and 100 ft in width is almost completed, the planes will conduct test flights depending on the weather conditions. We have already sought approval from the Union Government for conducting test flights at the airport. Construction of the airport's runway will finalize soon," he said.

He went on to say that similar airports will be built in Loilempi, Thangtalang and Tiddim in Chin State. As the project is almost completed, the airport will be com-



Falam Airport is expected to become an entry and exit point in mountainous and hard-to-reach Chin State. **PHOTO: DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION**

missioned into service soon. The permitted weight of the runway is 50,000 pounds and aircrafts such as ATR-72 are allowed to land at the airport. The local government official continued that the number of tourists travelling to Chin State, which is home to Myanmar's heart-shaped Reed Lake and Nat Ma Taung, which is one of the ultra prominent peaks of Southeast Asia and has been nominated as a UNESCO World Heritage List is expected to rise significantly when the airport project is finished as schedule. Asked if he thought the airport project would benefit Chin State, he said it would help uplift socio-economic status of local people and boost tourism industry in the region, thereby contributing ethnic people to connect with the rest of the country.

The local government is committed to stepping up developmental tasks and poverty alleviation schemes to make Chin State which still remains one of the least developed areas of Myanmar a secure, prosperous and stable region, he added. Once in full operational, local people in Chin State will be able to travel to popular destinations such as Reed Lake, Haka, Thangtalang, and Tidim in a short period of time. In addition the airport will become an aerial gateway of Chin State and enable the tourists to visit Chin State in a short time. Chin State which is famous for its unspoiled natural beauties, breathtaking mountainous terrain, tattooed ethnic women and hospitality of local people can be visited only by motorcar in the past and the road transport is the only means of access to reach there.

Chin State will be accessible from all areas of the country within hours in all seasons with greater ease and the local people will be able to travel to other places across the country conveniently when the airport project is completed.



A model of Emerald Bay Eco Smart City. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

Blanks to be filled in **Yangon**

By Shin Naw

RESPONSIBLE officials at the present were preparing to face problems that can arise in the future. Replacing of old commuter buses with new one, upgrading railways to ensure speedy transportation by train, buying new high speed railways, preparing for establishment of a circuit road around Yangon, expanding the city area as well as utilising not only roads and rails but also the rivers and creeks around the city are some of such preparations.

Invitations were made to experienced international investors in an attempt to make Yangon an international level modern city. Economically strategic places where huge numbers of people can live and work were being developed due to availability of high technology construction methods and huge amount of investment.

High end city in a bay

A high-end housing project complete with a yacht jetty is coming up near the confluence of Bago River, Yangon River and Pazundaung Creek. As its location on Shukhinthar

(View Point) Road in Thakayta Township, Yangon, was just like in a bay area, the high-end housing project was aptly named Emerald Bay Eco Smart City.

The project consisting of 6,000 apartments together with a yacht jetty is on 27 acres of land. Eleven 32-storey apartment buildings will be constructed on 17 acres of land. As a first stage, five were constructed and will be completed in 2022. In the second stage six more will be constructed and the project period will be about five and half years.

The buildings will be constructed in a bored-pile method and that could withstand magnitude 8 earthquakes. Construction started six months ago and the first stage was 25 percent completed.

Five Star services

Public places such as shopping centres, cinemas, swimming pools, Sky Garden, a park beside the river bank and play grounds will be included as well as a jetty where yachts and speedboats can dock. The entire area will be covered with a public address

(PA) system and will have a parking space with hydraulic lifts for more than 7,200 vehicles. A Five Star services will be provided.

The yacht and speedboat jetty will soon be constructed and the jetty will also accommodate Yangon Water Bus allowing an option of waterway transport for the public.

"We will soon start the construction of the jetty where many yachts and speedboats can berth. The main point is implementing a small port" said Ko Ti Ti, the head of the Emerald Bay Urban Planning Project.

The Emerald Bay Eco Smart City is a joint investment of Tat Lan Group of Myanmar and Singapore's Golden Paragon and the total investment was reported to be US\$ 800 million.

Construction business dependant on the housing and land market was once booming but it had been in decline lately. After the enactment of Condominium Law in December 2018 that allows foreign ownership of apartments, foreign investors were expecting a turn-around in the construction business.

Singapore Golden Paragon Investment Pte., Ltd investment director Dylan Wang said, "the construction business was in a decline recently but it will be for a certain extent only. It will turn-around and rise again. Yangon had a population of 7 million out of which there were a sizable number who want to live in a high-tech and high-end environment. Our condominiums will meet the requirement of such people and that was why there'll be a market for it."

Requirement for changes

According to international organizations and market researchers, Myanmar was heading toward growth on one hand with a rising number of Myanmar working abroad who'll require an environment that was compatible to the one they had worked and lived abroad on the other hand. Adding to this scenario the need to reconstruct the old Yangon city, new buildings are blanks that need to be filled in Yangon. That blank is being filled by Emerald Bay Eco Smart City.

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Myanmar prepares in Thailand for AFC U-19 Women's Championship 2019



Myanmar head coach Daw Thet Thet Win (red jersey) explaining tactics and strategies to her team in Chonburi yesterday, prior to the AFC U-19 Women's Championship 2019. **PHOTO: MFF**

THE Myanmar U-19 national women's football team is currently training in Chonburi, Thailand for the upcoming Asian Football Confederation (AFC) U-19 Women's Championship 2019.

The Asian level championship will be held at the Institute

of Physical Education (IPE) Stadium in Chonburi, Thailand starting 27 October.

Team Myanmar arrived in Chonburi on 25 October from Yangon and began training yesterday.

Team Myanmar will be led by head coach Daw Thet Thet

Win. U Ko Ko Aung will be the goal coach.

Myanmar U-19 team is assigned to the difficult Group B, and will compete against Asia's best three teams: Japan, South Korea and China.

At the opening match of the Group B, Myanmar will take on Japan, the top Asian team, on 28 October.

In its second match, Myanmar will play against China on 31 October and against South Korea on 3 November.

The best two teams from group B will advance to the semifinals, where they will meet with two teams from Group A, according to the AFC.

All Myanmar's matches will be played at 3:30 pm, Myanmar Standard Time, according to the Myanmar Football Federation.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)

Air KBZ Lethwei matches to be held in Yangon on 3 Nov

THE Myanmar Lethwei event, "Air KBZ Fight 6", will be held at Thein Phyu Lethwei Stadium in Yangon on 3 November, according to the Myanmar Lethwei World Championship (MLWC).

There will be seven scheduled bouts, and three will be waged between Myanmar and foreign fighters.

The main fights will see Myanmar lethwei star fighter Too Too versus Japan's Tokeshi.

The co-main event will be fought between women fighters, as Myanmar's Vo Ro Ni Ka will compete against Italian Miriam.

In another event, two Myanmar fighters, Soe Lin Oo and Yar Mhan, will compete.

In the first bout, Myanmar's Saw Dar Wait will fight Naing Win Tun.

In the second bout, Myan-

mar's Saw Shwe Lay will fight Thailand's Chaggaphan.

In the third bout, Myanmar fighters Ye Thway and Out Chin Lay will face each other.

In the Special Event, Saw Nico (Myanmar Lethwei) will take on Hmawbi Zar Mani (Thaing Byaung Byan).

The time for the women's bout is set at three minutes per round, lasting four rounds.

While the time for the men's bouts are set as three minutes per round, the matches will last five rounds.

Tickets for the lethwei event can be booked by calling phone number 01557787, 09798474606, 09253682427 and 09453901385.

Tickets are priced at 10,000 kyats, 20,000 kyats, 30,000 kyats and 50,000 kyats.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)

Sterling sparkles as Man City see off Villa

MANCHESTER (United Kingdom) — Pep Guardiola was relieved Manchester City found their rhythm in time to close the gap on Premier League leaders Liverpool to three points as Raheem Sterling inspired a 3-0 win over Aston Villa on Saturday.

Guardiola's side survived a tame opening period as second half goals from Sterling, David Silva and Ilkay Gundogan put Villa to the sword.

City's second successive league victory lifted them above Leicester into second place and put pressure on Liverpool to beat Tottenham in Sunday's clash at Anfield. Fernandinho was dismissed after earning a second booking when the City star tugged at Keinan Davis in the 87th minute. Guardiola conceded the champions had been below

their best at the start, but he was delighted with the way they took control after the interval.

"Aston Villa played very well in the first half and we played not so good. They are newly-promoted and played with real spirit, attacking the channels well," Guardiola said. "But the second half, I don't know if we played good because we scored early or it was because we played differently, but we won. It was a special second half, we were another level."

City were upset by Wolves in their last league fixture at the Etihad Stadium, but Guardiola had never lost back-to-back home league games as a manager and Sterling was key to ensuring that impressive record wasn't ruined.

Sterling's latest virtuoso

display came just days after his second hat-trick of the campaign in City's Champions League demolition of Atalanta.

The England winger has made a convincing case to be regarded as genuine superstar over the last 18 months and Villa had no answer to his intelligent movement, sublime skills and predatory finishing.

City have scored 32 league goals this season, 11 more than Liverpool, and their firepower was clear to see as they saw off Villa with their record scorer Sergio Aguero on the bench.

Gabriel Jesus made consecutive Premier League starts for the first time since December, but he squandered a chance to put City ahead when he dragged his close-range shot wide from Sterling's pass.—AFP



Guardiola wants more from Man City, Silva under fire as Everton crash

LONDON - Pep Guardiola warned Manchester City to cut out sluggish starts after the champions recovered from a tepid opening to beat Aston Villa 3-0, while Everton manager Marco Silva is under pressure after a dramatic 3-2 defeat at Brighton on Saturday.

Guardiola's side closed the

gap on Premier League leaders Liverpool to three points thanks to goals from Raheem Sterling, David Silva and Ilkay Gundogan at the Etihad Stadium.

But City boss Guardiola was frustrated with the way his players struggled to establish any momentum in the first half, just days after they fell behind

against Atalanta in the Champions League before eventually winning 5-1.

He fears City will be caught out in future if they continue to play so lethargically in the first half.

"Of course, respect and credit for Aston Villa. The first half we played football but we

don't play in the way we should play," Guardiola said.

"We were better in the second half. I don't know if it was because of the early goal.

"In the second we play in the way we normally are but we have to try and play 90 minutes. We played just 45."

City's second succes-

sive league win means Liverpool are under pressure to beat Tottenham at Anfield in Sunday's clash between last season's Champions League finalists.

At the Amex Stadium, Everton blew a 2-1 lead in the final 10 minutes to leave Silva fighting to save his job.—AFP

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All of us have well heard the term 'Standard' which is especially used in construction work and other important ones. If a work is in line with the specified 'Standard', it lasts long and those who are associated with it are happy in body and mind. There has been a unique example in Myanmar since the colonial era. It was nothing but a bridge construction work in Nawngkhio Township. Its name was well-known as Goke Hteik Bridge.

British decided to construct a railroad from Mandalay to Kunlong in Northern Shan State after they occupied Upper Myanmar dated on 29th November, 1885. In construction of railroad, there was a greatest difficulty for British in which they had to join the canyon between Nawngkhio and Nawnpein, Kyaukme District. The distance between the two banks of the canyon was over 8,000 feet and the depth of it was about 300 feet. Therefore, to construct a railroad across that canyon was a major barrier for the British.

However, the British did not resign their scheme and they assigned the work of drawing the design of the bridge to Sir A. M. Fendal Inc. Co. in London, England. They also entrusted the duty of construction of the bridge to Pennsylvania and Maryland Co. in the United States. The scheme of Goke Hteik bridge started at the mile post No. 463-09 which was 7 miles away from Nawngkhio and it was an extremely difficult task as it was constructed via the series of forest and mountain ranges. In addition, Goke Hteik Bridge was the highest among other bridges in Burma (Myanmar).

The necessary steel structure beams were carried from New York by marine vessels and conveyed up to the construction site with various difficulties. The construction work was commenced on 28th April, 1899 and successfully completed on 1st November, 1900. The whole measures including the tasks of finding the way around, carrying the steel structure beams, balancing ground level and making a tunnel across the rocky mountain that the train

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You are invited to me ...

By K Creative

My name is 'National Races Village Union of Myanmar.' I live near Thanlyin Bridge in Thaketa Township, Yangon. I was born to the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs on 28 December 2002.

I'm 17 years old now. As a teenager, I feel needy of many friends. Born to a park species, I have no mouth to speak, no leg to travel and no friend to play except that I have the senses to see, hear and feel.

When I was seven, an amazing thing happened to me. I have found a sacred text that includes how to communicate the feelings of a park to human beings. I remember I was extremely happy at the time as the how-to was exactly the stuff that I yearn to obtain for long times.

So, I tried to practice the theories included in the scared text very hard for several years till I finally gained the power. With power, I could present my feelings to people. But it is not a long time with me, just only a very short time. It lasted only an hour.

When I got the power, I was first unable to decide what communication channel I have to use to communicate with people. The first channel that came into my mind is Facebook which I didn't choose as I don't have my personal account of it ready.

Then, I thought about television and

radio that I then thought they are not suitable for me as I have no attractive face, a well-shaped body structure and a sweet voice like professional actors and presenters.

However, I knew that I am good at writing, especially in English, which I self-studied from the books that were left by the globe-travelers while they visited me.

As I previously saw the "Invitation to young writer to Sunday Special" of the Global New Light of Myanmar, I sent my letter there by email. After I emailed the

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My dear... please tell something to me when you visit. I want to listen to you. Many people visited me, but no one spoke to me. They were just talking to each other.

Let me hear and see you. These are all about what I yearning for communicating with you. I hope to see you soon. May you be well and happy.



PHOTOS: PHOE KHWAR

Fears arise that **traditional weaving** in rural areas to soon become extinct

By Aung Thant Khaing

Myanmar's traditional weaving, from which many rural people relied upon for their livelihoods in the past, is facing extinction as it can not compete with machine-operated weaving.

"When a traditional weaver completes one piece of longyi, a machine completes five. Besides, Wages for a traditional artisan are higher than a machine. Also, the price for the hand-made clothing is higher than the product produced by the machinery," said Ko Hein Htet Naing, owner of a weaving factory in Amarapura, Mandalay Region.

With traditional weaving businesses facing a decline in rural areas, and jobs for weavers drying up, rural residents are being forced to turn to other sources for their livelihoods.

Myanmar's weaving businesses were passed down through generations as family businesses. But now, weaving businesses are only surviving on a manageable scale in rural areas.

There are many steps involved in weaving, from the stage of cotton, to weaving, to producing a variety of designs. Normally, the steps followed are dye, sew, create designs, and weaving. Nowadays, weavers have become rare, and youths are unwilling to take up weaving.

Machine weaving faces the same fate

At present, entrepreneurs owning machinery looms have begun investing in other businesses due to the high cost of raw materials, the lack of creative designs, a fall in the price of finished clothing, and the lack of opportunities.

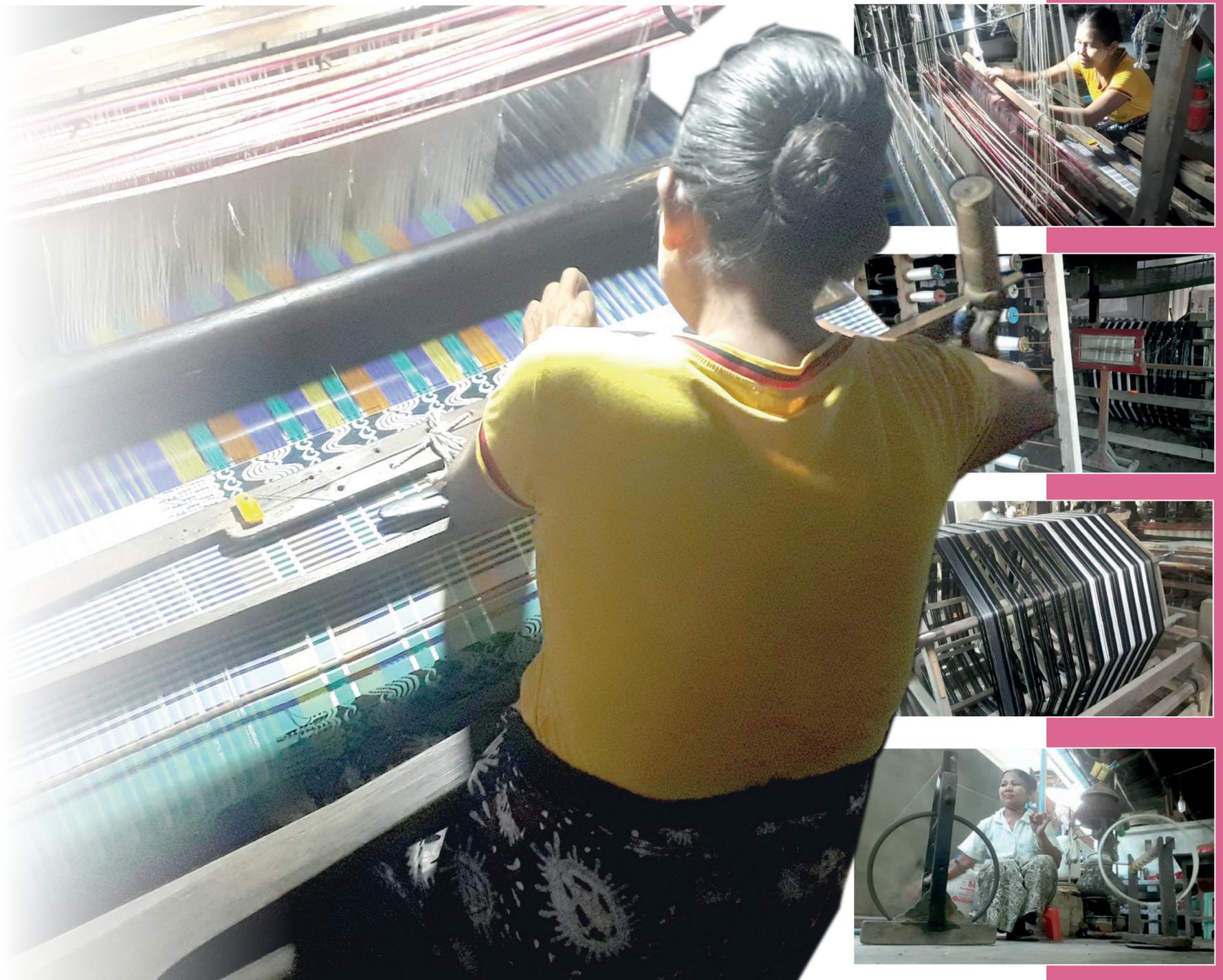
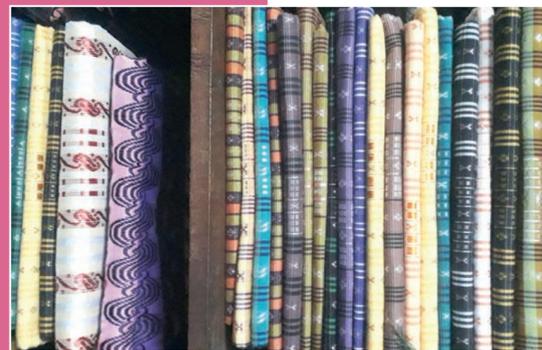
Machinery loom weaving in Amarapura Township, Mandalay Region, is now in danger of being lost, as production costs rise each year.

Loom weaving was traditionally practiced in the township in the past, but now the industry is on the brink of collapse as the price of raw materials is increasing and traders are controlling prices.

The increase in prices of raw materials, and market control exercised by traders, are driving the loom weaving industry to extinction, leading to labour shortages and lower profits. In addition, professionals are worried about passing on their skills to the next generation.

In 2017, creatively designed clothing from foreign markets began entering Myanmar, and prices of locally produced clothing declined. As a result, weaving industries suffered.

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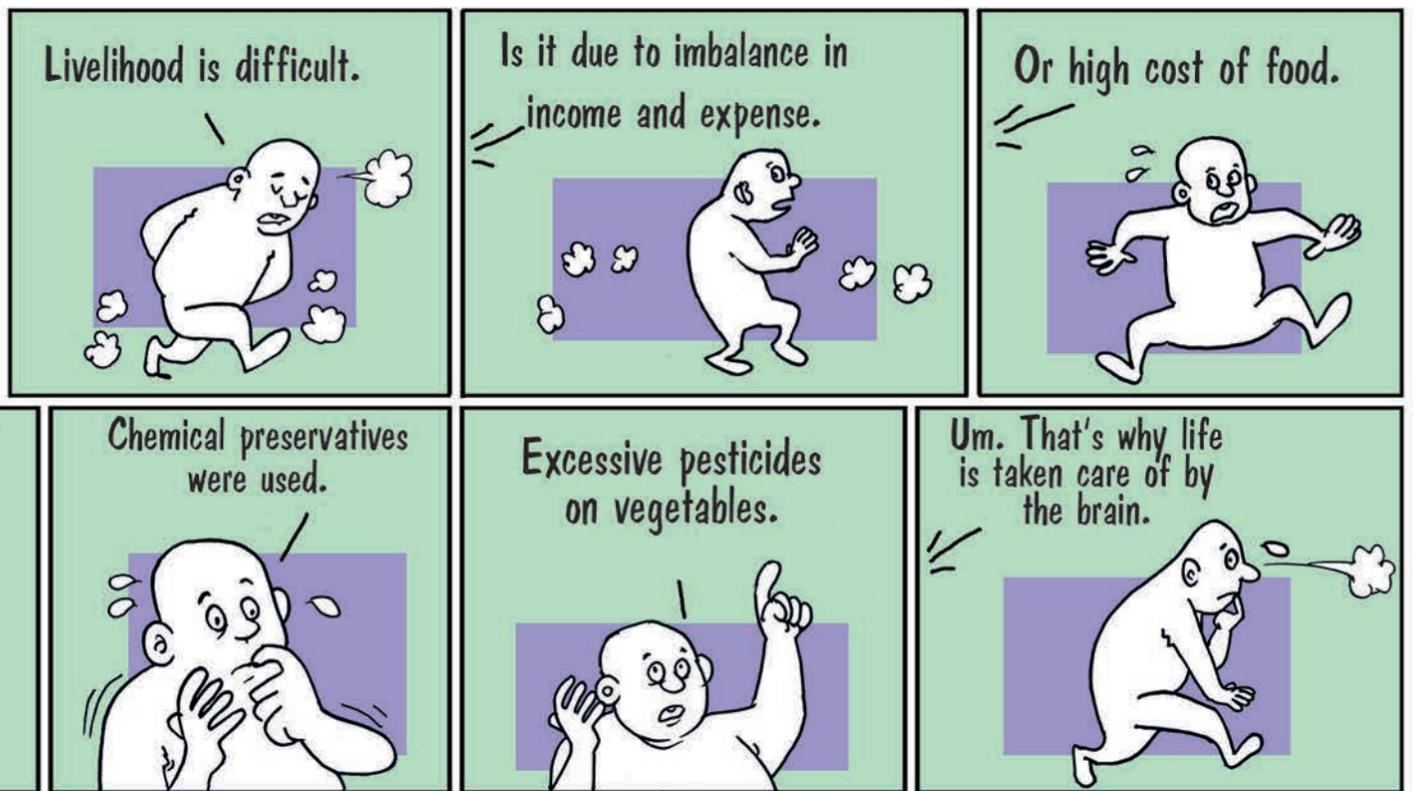


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Being intellectual, the human world is varied in many means pertaining to different conditions. In the animal world, can we say that they enjoy peace rather than humans? Life can be meant to people in many terms. Those who live from hand to mouth will probably blame life as a predicament. Those who enjoy a luxurious life will certainly compliment life as a paradise. In the human world, there are so many layers of gaps pertaining to the status, income. Those who are born into a well-off family, life will be introduced as a smooth path, on the contrary, life will be the hard way for the im-

poverished. Because of these gaps, humans cannot be at peace as the well-off people have greed for double luxuries and the struggling people suffer from a dissatisfaction for their life and they have the inferiority complex compared with the rich. Sometimes in life, the glimpses of hope are a rare opportunity. But then sometimes life will be a miracle. There are incidences of a garbage collector or someone from the country, someone who won the lottery becoming affluent, successful in their careers. These are people who make life as a miracle.

Life is generally mentioned as the cycle full of ups and downs which means life cannot be stable at all times. Status shifting, property losing and gaining, lifechanging luck can happen at any chance.

If so, in life, we should admit that every human cannot counter the temptation of life that is the luxury, the money, the wish to go through a carefree life. Every human has to find a niche in life. Then, at the end, the life will terminate just like a wilted flower landing in the ground. Thus, sometimes we should remind ourselves "there is a precipitous drop for all humans which is death" If so, as our destination is the

same, sometimes we should please our life. It is good to stick to the famous quote "You are not to blame if you are born as the poor, but it is your fault if you die like the poor." However, when life overpressures you, try to reach in a neutral way. In the end, will your life turn into a miracle, or will your life turn into a paradise or will your life turn into trouble, it is every individual's business and it is still the road that every human continues. In our country, the spirit to give a hand from someone who goes through the smooth life to someone who has to go through life as the hyacinth should be at every citizen's heart.



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had to pass through on the northern side of the canyon lasted about 9 months. Although that period seemed to be somewhat short, it has been a significant proof that indicate its strength and being systematic.

In fact, British were the guests who temporarily

occupied our motherland but they never did their works that were for their own benefit with slip-shop manner. They took their responsibilities definitely and carefully through excellent techniques of their times. Therefore, Goke Hteik bridge has been used for over a century and is still being used now. We have to emulate their

practices. Nowadays, there are many buildings, roads and bridges being constructed nationwide. However, there have been many notorious news we heard such as collapse of building or bridge, damage of building or bridge, not being up to the international standard of highways, etc. before their due time.

If one guesses why such necessities are caused, there must be a solution that highlights the irresponsibility of responsible personals. Moreover, their lack of goodwill upon the citizens and the State is a major cause. In every large scale or small-scale scheme, it needs man-powers and qualified materials.

Man-powers include skill, goodwill and discipline. Only when these triangle qualifications are incorporated properly, the outcome result will be good. In my opinion, it is the time on which the mindset of our people should have been changed already in order to keep abreast the international standard. ■■■

A piece of advice to be successful

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Once upon a time in a city, there was a rich man. Most of the shops in the downtown were of his property. He was famous for his skills in business and his great mansion. But he had only one son in his family. Though the rich man was running his business well, his son never got involved in his father's jobs. And the rich man himself had the intention not to put any burdens on his son whenever he could do on his own. But, unfortunately, one day, the rich man passed away and all of his duties had to be served by his son. His son had to manage his late father's business as much as he could not make it happen collapsed. However, at the end of the year, it was reported that he was facing with loss in business. In the second year, the boy tried more than he did in the previous year. He found that his business went into loss though he was managing it well. He was wondering the reason and found no idea to keep it well. But, finally, he thought it was because of bad luck. So, he went to an astrologer and asked for some assistance. The astro-

loger gave him a talisman. He also added that this talisman would bring glory and happiness to him but he allowed him to keep it for only one year. It means the boy had to return the talisman after one year. The boy promised to do so and came back to his home. Reaching his home, he found some of his staff was wasting things unnecessarily and some were preparing to bring his property to their home secretly. Seeing that, the young rich man told them not to do so and went to his shops to inspect what was happening there. He found there were full of shoplifters. He came to believe that he witnessed the reason for failure because of the power of the talisman and he solved it at once. This resulted in being successful in his business and having profits at the end of the second year. But he was worried to return this powerful talisman the astrologer. So, he went to meet the astrologer in hesitation. On his arrival, he asked the astrologer to let him keep it for another one more year. The astrologer said "No", though the young rich man begged him again and again. Finally, the astrologer laughed out heavily and said "you silly little one, look at it. This thing, in fact, has no magical power." The young man broke this talisman and found a little scroll in it. The scroll says "Do study everything in details with great care if any kinds of works are intended to be successful."

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT SCHEDULE



YANGON TO BANGKOK				BANGKOK TO YANGON				YANGON TO KUALA LUMPUR				KUALA LUMPUR TO YANGON				YANGON TO SHANGHAI				SHANGHAI TO YANGON			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
PG706	5:50	8:10	Daily	TG2303	7:55	8:50	Daily	OD5530	1:20	5:45	3	AK504	6:45	7:55	Daily	MU2099	22:15	1:35+1	2,4,6	MU2100	2:35	8:50	3,5,7
8M335	7:40	9:25	Daily	PG701	8:50	9:40	Daily	AK505	8:25	12:40	Daily	MH740	9:10	10:25	Daily	YANGON TO DHAKA				DHAKA TO YANGON			
UB-019	7:45	9:40	Daily	TG2301	9:35	10:30	3,4,5,7	MH741	11:30	15:50	Daily	OD550	10:15	11:30	1,4,7	FLIGHT <th>DEP</th> <th>ARV</th> <th>DATE</th> <td>FLIGHT<th>DEP</th><th>ARV</th><th>DATE</th> </td>	DEP	ARV	DATE	FLIGHT <th>DEP</th> <th>ARV</th> <th>DATE</th>	DEP	ARV	DATE
TG2304	9:50	11:45	Daily	8M336	10:40	11:25	Daily	OD551	12:25	16:45	1,4,7	MH742	13:55	15:05	1,4,6,7	BG061	14:15	16:00	1,3,6	BG060	10:45	13:30	1,3,6
PG702	10:30	12:30	Daily	UB020	11:00	11:55	1,3,5,6,7	MH743	16:15	20:30	1,4,6,7	OD552	21:45	22:55	2,3,5,6	YANGON TO DUBAI				DUBAI TO YANGON			
TG2302	11:30	13:25	3,4,5,7	PG707	13:45	14:45	Daily	OD553	23:55	4:20+1	2,3,5,6	FLIGHT <th>DEP</th> <th>ARV</th> <th>DATE</th> <td>FLIGHT<th>DEP</th><th>ARV</th><th>DATE</th> </td>	DEP	ARV	DATE	FLIGHT <th>DEP</th> <th>ARV</th> <th>DATE</th>	DEP	ARV	DATE				
PG708	15:20	17:20	Daily	PG703	16:45	17:35	Daily	YANGON TO SEOUL INCHEON				SEOUL INCHEON TO YANGON				MANDALAY TO BANGKOK				BANGKOK TO MANDALAY			
8M331	16:30	18:15	Daily	TG305	17:50	18:45	Daily	FLIGHT <th>DEP</th> <th>ARV</th> <th>DATE</th> <td>FLIGHT<th>DEP</th><th>ARV</th><th>DATE</th> <td>PG710</td><td>14:05</td><td>16:30</td><td>Daily</td> <td>PG709</td><td>11:55</td><td>13:20</td><td>Daily</td> </td>	DEP	ARV	DATE	FLIGHT <th>DEP</th> <th>ARV</th> <th>DATE</th> <td>PG710</td> <td>14:05</td> <td>16:30</td> <td>Daily</td> <td>PG709</td> <td>11:55</td> <td>13:20</td> <td>Daily</td>	DEP	ARV	DATE	PG710	14:05	16:30	Daily	PG709	11:55	13:20	Daily
UB-017	17:25	19:20	Daily	8M332	19:15	20:00	Daily	KE472	23:15	7:35	Daily	KE471	18:15	22:10	Daily	PG714	19:10	21:35	1,3,5,7	PG713	17:00	18:25	1,3,5,7
PG704	18:20	20:20	Daily	PG705	20:40	22:00	Daily	YANGON TO TAIPEI				TAIPEI TO YANGON				MANDALAY TO DON MUEONG				DON MUEONG TO MANDALAY			
TG306	19:45	21:40	Daily	UB018	20:20	21:15	Daily	FLIGHT <th>DEP</th> <th>ARV</th> <th>DATE</th> <td>FLIGHT<th>DEP</th><th>ARV</th><th>DATE</th> <td>FD245</td><td>12:45</td><td>15:00</td><td>Daily</td> <td>FD244</td><td>11:00</td><td>12:15</td><td>Daily</td> </td>	DEP	ARV	DATE	FLIGHT <th>DEP</th> <th>ARV</th> <th>DATE</th> <td>FD245</td> <td>12:45</td> <td>15:00</td> <td>Daily</td> <td>FD244</td> <td>11:00</td> <td>12:15</td> <td>Daily</td>	DEP	ARV	DATE	FD245	12:45	15:00	Daily	FD244	11:00	12:15	Daily
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DD4231	8:05	9:50	Daily	DD4230	6:20	7:05	Daily	CI7916	10:45	16:20	1,2,3,4,6,7	CI7915	7:00	9:50	1,2,3,4,6,7	MU2568	10:20	13:25	1,3,5,7	MU2567	8:55	9:20	1,3,5,7
FD252	8:30	10:15	Daily	FD251	7:15	8:00	Daily	YANGON TO BEIJING				BEIJING TO YANGON				MU2030	16:10	19:25	Daily	MU2029	14:55	15:10	Daily
SL201	9:25	11:15	Daily	SL200	7:35	8:25	Daily	FLIGHT <th>DEP</th> <th>ARV</th> <th>DATE</th> <td>FLIGHT<th>DEP</th><th>ARV</th><th>DATE</th> <td colspan="4">NAY PYI TAW TO BANGKOK</td> <td colspan="4">BANGKOK TO NAY PYI TAW</td> </td>	DEP	ARV	DATE	FLIGHT <th>DEP</th> <th>ARV</th> <th>DATE</th> <td colspan="4">NAY PYI TAW TO BANGKOK</td> <td colspan="4">BANGKOK TO NAY PYI TAW</td>	DEP	ARV	DATE	NAY PYI TAW TO BANGKOK				BANGKOK TO NAY PYI TAW			
FD254	17:30	19:15	Daily	FD253	16:10	17:00	Daily	CA906	23:50	5:50+1	1,3,5,7	CA905	19:30	22:50	1,3,5,7	FLIGHT <th>DEP</th> <th>ARV</th> <th>DATE</th> <td>FLIGHT<th>DEP</th><th>ARV</th><th>DATE</th> </td>	DEP	ARV	DATE	FLIGHT <th>DEP</th> <th>ARV</th> <th>DATE</th>	DEP	ARV	DATE
FD258	19:25	21:15	Daily	FD257	18:05	18:55	Daily	YANGON TO HANOI				HANOI TO YANGON				PG722	19:35	22:30	1,2,3,4,5,7	PG721	17:00	18:55	1,2,3,4,5,7
SL207	20:45	22:45	Daily	SL206	18:55	19:45	Daily	FLIGHT <th>DEP</th> <th>ARV</th> <th>DATE</th> <td>FLIGHT<th>DEP</th><th>ARV</th><th>DATE</th> <td colspan="8">AIR LINES CODES</td> </td>	DEP	ARV	DATE	FLIGHT <th>DEP</th> <th>ARV</th> <th>DATE</th> <td colspan="8">AIR LINES CODES</td>	DEP	ARV	DATE	AIR LINES CODES							
DD4239	21:00	22:45	Daily	DD4238	19:30	20:15	Daily	VN956	19:00	21:30	Daily	VJ917	16:30	17:55	Daily	3K = Jet Star	MH = Malaysia Airlines						
YANGON TO GUANGZHOU				GUANGZHOU TO YANGON				YANGON TO HO CHI MINH				HO CHI MINH TO YANGON				8M = Myanmar Airways International	MI = Silk Air						
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8M711	8:40	13:15	2,4,5,7	CZ3055	8:30	10:20	3,6	NH942	12:10	15:05	1,3,4,6,7	VN943	9:30	11:05	1,3,4,6,7	AK = Air Asia	NH = All Nippon Airways						
CZ3056	11:25	15:55	3,6	8M712	14:15	15:50	2,4,5,7	YANGON TO TOKYO				TOKYO TO YANGON				BG = Biman Bangladesh Airlines	PG = Bangkok Airways						
CZ3056	17:30	22:00	1,5	CZ3055	14:40	16:30	1,5	FLIGHT <th>DEP</th> <th>ARV</th> <th>DATE</th> <td>FLIGHT<th>DEP</th><th>ARV</th><th>DATE</th> <td>CA = Air China</td> <td>QR = Qatar Airways</td> </td>	DEP	ARV	DATE	FLIGHT <th>DEP</th> <th>ARV</th> <th>DATE</th> <td>CA = Air China</td> <td>QR = Qatar Airways</td>	DEP	ARV	DATE	CA = Air China	QR = Qatar Airways						
YANGON TO SINGAPORE				SINGAPORE TO YANGON				YANGON TO DOHA				DOHA TO YANGON				CI = China Airlines	SL = Thai Lion Air						
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UB001	7:30	12:00	Daily	SQ998	7:55	09:20	Daily	NH814	21:45	6:50+1	Daily	QR919	7:40	11:55	1,3,4,6,7	DD = Nok Airline	TG = Thai Airways						
8M231	8:20	12:50	Daily	3K581	8:55	10:25	1,2,5,6,7	YANGON TO CHIANG MAI				CHIANG MAI TO YANGON				FD = Air Asia	TR = Tiger Airlines						
SQ997	10:35	15:10	Daily	UB002	13:15	14:45	Daily	FLIGHT <th>DEP</th> <th>ARV</th> <th>DATE</th> <td>FLIGHT<th>DEP</th><th>ARV</th><th>DATE</th> <td>KA = Dragonair</td> <td>UB = Myanmar National Airlines</td> </td>	DEP	ARV	DATE	FLIGHT <th>DEP</th> <th>ARV</th> <th>DATE</th> <td>KA = Dragonair</td> <td>UB = Myanmar National Airlines</td>	DEP	ARV	DATE	KA = Dragonair	UB = Myanmar National Airlines						
3K582	11:15	15:50	1,3,4,5,7	8M232	13:50	15:20	Daily	PG724	13:10	15:05	Daily	PG723	10:40	12:35	Daily	KE = Korea Airlines	VN = Vietnam Airlines						
UB003	16:15	20:45	Daily	MI518	15:15	16:40	1,2,3,4	DATE								Subjected to change by respective airlines. Hotline - (951) 229245							
MI519	17:35	22:10	1,2,3,4	SQ996	15:15	16:40	5,6,7	1 = Monday	4 = Thursday														
SQ995	17:35	22:10	5,6,7	MI520	16:10	17:35	3,4	2 = Tuesday	5 = Friday														
MI521	18:30	22:55	3,4	3K583	16:55	18:35	1,3,4,5,7	3 = Wednesday	6 = Saturday														
3K584	19:15	23:50	1,2,5,6,7	UB004	21:45	23:15	Daily	DATE															
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KA251	1:25	6:00	1,2,3,4,6,7	UB8028	13:05	14:50	3,5,7																
UB8027	7:25	12:05	3,5,7	KA250	21:50	23:35	1,2,3,5,6,7																
KA275	17:05	21:50	1,3,5,7	KA254	14:20	16:10	1,3,5,7																