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Formation of Myanmar Press Council

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President U Win Myint accepts the credentials of incoming Ambassador of the State of Israel to Myanmar at the Presidential Palace. **PHOTO: MNA**

U Win Myint, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, accepts credentials of the Ambassador of the State of Israel

MR. Ronen Gilor, the newly-accredited Ambassador of the State of Israel to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, presented his Letters of Credence to U Win Myint, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at the Presidential Palace

in Nay Pyi Taw at 10:00 am yesterday. Present on the occasion were Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin, Deputy Minister for the Office of the President U Min Thu and Director-General of the Protocol Department U Thant Sin. — MNA ■



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi delivers an address at the reception to mark the 73rd United Nations Day held in Thingaha Hotel, Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

State Counsellor attends reception to mark 73rd UN Day in Nay Pyi Taw

Myanmar has placed its cooperation with United Nations as a corner stone of its foreign policy

A RECEPTION to commemorate the Seventy-Third Anniversary of the United Nations Day was held in the evening of 30th October 2018 at Thingaha Hotel Grand Ballroom in Nay Pyi Taw. Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, State Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs delivered her remarks.

She expressed that since joining the UN, Myanmar has placed its cooperation with the United Nations as a corner stone of its foreign policy and will continue to work together with the United Nations in Myanmar's national endeavors,

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Of 2,590 acres released by Defence Ministry, 1,107 acres returned to farmers in Thabeikkyin Tsp

VICE President U Henry Van Thio, Chairman of the Central Committee for Scrutinizing Confiscated Farmlands and Other Lands, attended a ceremony to return 1,107 acres of farmland released by Ministry of Defence to farmers in Thabeikkyin, Mandalay Region, yesterday. At the ceremony, land use permit form (3) were granted to farmers.

During the ceremony, 486.61 acres of farmlands were returned to 43 farmers, 207.45 acres of farmlands to 30 farmers and 413.53 acres of farmlands to 51 farmers. A total of 1,107.59 acres of farmlands were being returned to 124 farmers together with land use permit form-3. 486.61 acres is the cultivable land in the 1,850 acres released by No. 116 Light Infantry Regiment, 207.45 acres is the cultivable land in the 250 acres released by No. 119 Light Infantry Regiment and 413.53 acres is the cultivable land in the 490 acres released by No. 4 Infantry Regiment.

Speaking at the ceremony, the Vice President said farmlands are as valuable as life for farmers and it is a development force for an agriculture country like ours. That is why the government is making it a special duty to return farmlands that are the lifelong expectation of the farmers.

In order to develop infrastructure for the country and to increase security, urban areas were expanded, road, bridges and factories were constructed, permission granted to depart-



Vice President U Henry Van Thio addresses the ceremony to present land use permit form (3) to farmers in Thabeikkyin Township. **PHOTO: MNA**



ments, companies and private business to conduct agriculture and animal breeding projects, military outfits were expanded and established resulting in farmlands being confiscated causing much losses to farmers.

To relieve these losses in the best possible way and return the land to the farmers, relevant departments were instructed to release lands where project were unsuccessful, lands that were confiscated but were not beneficial to the country and the people and lands confiscated beyond the requirement. Assessment committees at all levels were formed and 52 work policies were set up to resolve the matter.

Farmers are also advised to use modern agriculture methods instead of conventional methods to gain more profits and to minimize losses. It is to be noted that excessive felling of trees and forests resulting in climate change also affect

agriculture and human lives, he said.

Vice President U Henry Van Thio expressed thanks to Ministry of Defence, Mandalay

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Region government and responsible officials from departments on behalf of the State and Central Committee for Scrutinizing Confiscated Farmlands and Other Lands for holding returning of released land event for the seventh time.

He also urged the farmers who received the land to use modern and systematic agriculture methods so that not only

their requirements are fulfilled but to play their part in raising the socio-economic life of rural people and develop the country.

Next, Mandalay Region-Committee for Scrutinizing Confiscated Farmlands and Other Lands Chairman Mandalay Region Chief Minister Dr. Zaw Myint Maung explained about releasing unused confiscated land according to the law.

Afterwards, papers and documents relating to lands in Thabeikkyin Township released by military outfits were transferred to PyinOoLwin District Administrator U Pa Si by Lt-Col Aung Min Min.

This was followed by Mandalay Region Chief Minister Dr. Zaw Myint Maung, Ministry of Defence Deputy Minister Rear Admiral Myint Nwe, Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U HlaKyaw, Mandalay Region minister for security and border affairs Col. KyawKyaw Min, Mandalay Re-

gion minister for agriculture, livestock and irrigation Dr. Soe Thanand Ministry of Home Affairs Permanent Secretary U Tin Myint presenting land use permit form-3 to farmers' representatives from PhonKon Village, SanpeNago Village and Mine Dine Village.

The ceremony was concluded after a brief word of thanks from U Chit Ko on behalf of the farmers. After the ceremony the Vice President cordially greeted the farmers.

During the day's ceremony a total of 1,107.59 acres of farmlands out of 2,590 acres of land released by military outfits in Thabeikkyin Township were returned to farmers who formerly worked on those land together with land use permit form-3. During the incumbent government's term 6,688 acres out of 16,418 acres of released land were returned to farmers in Mandalay Region it is learnt.— MNA ■

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat receives Israeli Ambassador Mr. Ronen Gilor

PYITHU HLUTTAW Speaker U T Khun Myat received Israeli Ambassador to Myanmar H.E. Mr. Ronen Gilor at the Pyithu Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, mat-

ters relating to enhancing bilateral relations between the two governments, Hluttaws, international relations, culture, agriculture and technology were openly discussed and views exchanged. —MNA ■



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat receives Israeli Ambassador Mr. Ronen Gilor. **PHOTO: MNA**

Agricultural loans

A JICA two-step loan amounting to Kyats 200 billion was acquired to support farmers and help them have better access to finance during a transformation process towards mechanized farming, and Kyats 30 billion worth of loans have been extended to farmers so far. The Myanmar Economic Bank also plans to extend loans amounting to Kyats 200 billion for agriculture and livestock farming businesses.

Agriculture loans extended by the Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank have increased from Kyats 100,000 to Kyats 150,000 per acre for paddy farming. Loans extended for other crops have increased from Kyats 20,000 to Kyats 50,000 per acre and it is planned to further increase up to Kyats 100,000 per acre.

(Excerpt from the report on the current work of the Union Government, delivered at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 19 September 2018)

U Win Myint, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, accepts credentials of the Ambassador of the French Republic

Mr. Christian Lechervy, the newly-accredited Ambassador of the French Republic to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, presented his Letters of Credence to U Win Myint, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw at 10:45 am yesterday.

Present on the occasion were Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin, Deputy Minister for the Office of the President U Min Thu and Director-General of the Protocol Department U Thant Sin.— MNA ■



President U Win Myint receives the newly-accredited French Ambassador Mr. Christian Lechervy. PHOTO: MNA

Joint Monitoring Committee holds 2nd Secretariat meeting in YGN

By Ye Kaung Nyunt

THE 2nd Secretariat meeting of all levels of JMC (Joint Monitoring Committee) was held at the National Reconciliation and Peace Centre (NRPC) in Shweli Road, Yangon yesterday morning.

Present at the meeting were 14 secretaries from Union,

State and Local level JMC consisting of Tatmadaw and NCA (Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement) signatory EAOs (Ethnic Armed Organisations) representatives and support staffs.

Secretary-1 position of all levels of JMC was taken up by a NCA signatory EAOs' representatives while Secretary-2 position of all levels of JMC was

taken up by Tatmadaw representatives.

At the meeting JMC-U (Union Joint Monitoring Committee) Secretary-1 Dr. Shwe Khar said, "We are the one who are mainly responsible to implement in coordination between committee and office on decisions made at JMC meetings. If there are complaints, all works are implemented by our JMC secretaries."

"This meeting is to overcome challenges and obstacles and to conduct effective works in implementing our ToR (terms of reference). If this meeting could not resolve it, it will be submitted to and decided in the JMC-U meeting. When relevant JMC conducts their works, there were challenges as well as successes. We will think about how to overcome the challenges. We will carry matters that JMC-U will decide," said Dr. Shwe Khar.

In the organization of the JMC, JMC-U is first and under-

neath it is JMC-S (State-level Joint Monitoring Committee) and beneath it is JMC-L (local-level Joint Monitoring Committee).

JMC-Ss are formed in Shan State, Bago Region, Kayin State, Mon State and Taninthayi Region and JMC-Ls are formed in Shan State (South) Langkho and Kayin State Papun.

JMC-U Secretary-2 Col. Wunna Aung said, "With regards to JMC-U, levels of JMCs were formed in area where there are conflicts and JMC work processes are systematically conducted according to set rules. Works are conducted according to designated and approved ToR (Terms of Reference) and SoP (Standard Operation Procedures). As JMC conduct monitoring, assessment and conflict resolution, it had to review protests, complaints and conflicts."

He continued, saying, "That is why review/assessment meetings are to be conducted without

fail. To conduct the JMC work regularly, technical support office groups were formed and secretaries control and manage the works to achieve success. Some JMC-S machineries were seen to moving rather slow. This is because approved ToRs and SoPs were not followed causing misunderstanding. We will have to discuss openly about this."

According to the meeting, secretariat meeting of all levels of JMC is held once every four months and secretaries implement the decision of relevant committees, closely monitor and manage the office and resolve protests and complaints.

Secretaries of all levels of JMC conduct their duties and responsibilities and any matters beyond their duties and responsibilities are submitted to the JMC-U meeting for comments it is learnt.

The 2nd Secretariat meeting of all levels of JMC began yesterday and continues today. ■



JMC-U Secretary-2 Col. Wunna Aung addresses the Second Secretariat Meeting of all levels of JMC in Yangon. PHOTO: PHO HTAUNG

State Counsellor attends reception to mark 73rd UN Day in Nay Pyi Taw



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi greets Mr. Knut Ostby, the United Nations Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator, at the reception to mark 73rd UN Day. **PHOTO: MNA**

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especially for the uplifting of the socio-economic development of the people to be in line with its national priorities and requirements. She also mentioned that Myanmar has already put in place the Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan (MSDP) which includes five targets under three pillars, serving as a roadmap for Myanmar's democratic transition. She emphasized that Myanmar, as a young democracy, is still confronted with many challenges, and it

is determined to overcome the challenges with active participation of its people and the continued support of friends.

Afterwards, Mr. Knut Ostby, the United Nations Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator, conveyed the message of the United Nations Secretary-General and delivered his remarks on cooperation between the United Nations and Myanmar.

Then, it was followed by the video clip presentation of the background and activities of the United Nations and the

cooperation between Myanmar and the United Nations.

The occasion was attended by Union Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Chairmen and members of the Hluttaw Committees on International Relations, Permanent Secretaries, Directors-General, Ambassadors/Heads of the Diplomatic Missions in Yangon, Heads of the United Nations agencies and International Organizations in Yangon, Honourary Consuls, and responsible officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

—MNA ■

UMFCCI urges EU EBA Monitoring Mission to submit appropriate report

A PRESS conference on the meeting between the EU EBA Monitoring Mission and representatives of the leading export sectors for the EU market was held at the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) on Min Ye Kyaw Swar Road in Yangon yesterday.

The EU EBA Monitoring Mission arrived in Myanmar in the last week of October.

The EU mission met with the export sector representatives led by UMFCCI; including Joint Secretary General of UMFCCI Daw Khine Khine Nwe,

Secretary of the Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF) U Ye Min Aung, Chairman of Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association U Myint Soe, shoe factory owner Daw Thin Thin Myat (Myawady Industrial Zone) and garment factory owner (Hlonthaya Industrial Zone) U Aung Myo Hein.

The EU Mission met with 22 garment industry workers who are from Thone Pan Hla Sunday Café and openly made inquiries.

The EU Mission will submit their findings to the EU Parliament and will make a decision to initiate the GSP procedure.

Daw Khine Khine Nwe said,

“Our Federation welcomes the mission and hopes they will submit their findings appropriately. The EU Mission has made an arrangement to hold talks with government ministries, garment factory workers, labour unions, representatives from the UMFCCI and CSOs during their inspection tours. The UMFCCI made a statement and said that the EU Commission will understand the impacts on millions of workers and socio-economic environment, especially the impacts of the special privileges on garment, shoes and CMP sectors.” — Nandar Win, Mi Mi Phyto, Nyein Nyein Ei ■

Formation of Myanmar Press Council

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10. U Khaing Myat Kyaw	Member
11. U Chit Win Maung	Member
12. U Saw Tha Htoo (Maung Maung Fountain)	Member
13. U Zin Lin (U Htay Aung)	Member
14. U Zeya (Thagyi Maung Zeya)	Member
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17. Dr. Tin Hlaing (Bo Hlaing)	Member
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19. U Maw Lin	Member
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21. U Myint Lwin	Member
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23. Daw Thuzar	Member
24. Daw Thin Thin Tha	Member
25. U Thwin Lin Aung	Member
26. Daw Ei Ei Tin	Member
27. U Kyaw Swar Min	Secretary
28. U Myint Kyaw	Joint Secretary-1
29. U Hlaing Thit Zin Wei (Tha Lun Zaung Htet)	Joint Secretary-2

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Commission Chair receives New Zealand Ambassador



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Commission Chair Thura U Shwe Mann holds talks with New Zealand Ambassador in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

PYIDAUNGsu Hluttaw's Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission Chairman Thura U Shwe Mann received New Zealand Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Steve Marshall at Hluttaw Building (I-11) in Nay Pyi Taw at 3:20

pm yesterday.

During the meeting, they exchanged views and discussed on bilateral relations between the two countries, development, democratic reform and legal matters. — MNA ■

YSX to see more listed members next year

By May Thet Hnin

TWO or three companies are prepping for Yangon Stock Exchange (YSX) listing, said U Htay Chun, a member of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Myanmar (SECM).

“Some companies are in final preparation stage of listing. The SECM is tightly screening matters for investor protection deemed necessary by YSX. For sample, Great Horgan has received permit by Myanmar Investment Commission. They have also signed power purchase agreement. Meanwhile, some are redrafting the constitution under the new Myanmar Companies Law. Some are making re-registration. Two companies are possibly to be listed soon”, he said.

Those companies preparing for YSX listing are likely to enter the YSX market next year. More listed companies are expected in late 2020.

In a bid to grow capital markets, a market promotion team will be formed with the financial assistance of Japan International Cooperation Agency to consult with the



The Yangon Stock Exchange. PHOTO: SUPPLIED

potential listed private and public companies for better understanding about listing procedure and benefits by providing necessary insights.

They will provide consultations to convert the successful private companies to the public companies to enter the exchange market, said U Htay Chun.

“Of 330 potential listed companies, 40 have good corporate governance and they own over 100 shares. Therefore, the special task force is

providing consultancy for them while preparing for pre-initial public offering stages”, he said.

The SECM is providing awareness raising on capacity building of the public companies.

The SECM and International Finance Corporation signed a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the raising public awareness of corporate governance through a series of public conferences. Publicity awareness events will be conducted by the SECM,

YSX and securities companies. And they will also assist in providing corporate governance training by sharing the best practices concerned with the capital markets and regulators as the areas of sustainable disclosure and investor rights.

They will also attract institutional investors. Myanmar Institute of Director will be established to provide training for the directors to adopt the best practices of corporate governance and enhance corporate governance standards, U Htay Chun maintained.

Yangon Stock Exchange is still lackluster despite daily trading except market holiday. Capital market infrastructure still lacks. Only 15 per cent of 36,000 securities accounts are active. Stock trading this year is on the low side. September's stock trading is estimated at Ks954 million, with trading volume of 218,595 shares.

In order for the stock market to grow in momentum, the government support is vital of importance. The regional countries Viet Nam and Thai governments are heavily involved in stock market, attract-

ing public interest. With the support of government, more public companies will be enticed to participate in stock market and more institutional investors such as financing companies, investment banks, insurance companies will emerge, said U Thet Htun Oo, executive senior manager of YSX.

The lackluster stock trading on YSX is attributed to general economic climate, low income and lack of public awareness to encourage the public's motivation.

At present, shares of five listed companies — First Myanmar Investment (FMI), Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holdings (MTSH), Myanmar Citizens Bank (MCB), First Private Bank (FPB) and TMH Telecom Public Co. Ltd. — are being traded on the YSX.

Since its establishment in March 2016, approximately 934 million shares have been traded, with estimated value of Ks113 billion.

At present, YSX is drafting to release notifications concerning foreign participation in the stock market. ■

Kayah State attracts 10 businesses so far

THE least developed region, Kayah State, has attracted 10 businesses so far with the total pledge amount of US\$ 3.181943 million and kyat 11.25 billion since the establishment of the Kayah State Investment Committee, according to the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

Those approved 10 businesses are expected to create 386 local jobs. The Kayah State Investment Committee meeting (8/2018) was convened in Kayah State government office on 26th September, 2018 and reviewed investment endorsements consistent with the Myanmar Investment Law. At the

meeting, the submission of (3) endorsement applications from investors were approved by the KIC.

With an attempt to increase investments in the regions and states, the Myanmar Investment Commission grants tax incentives to the investors depending on the development status of the states and regions. The less developed regions designated as Zone 1 attract income tax exemptions of seven years, while moderately developed regions Zone 2 have five-year tax holiday, and adequately developed regions (Zone 3 are exempt for three years. Kayah State is included in the zone 1

and investors in the state can enjoy seven-year tax break.

At present, Yangon Region absorbed 60 per cent of foreign investments. Mandalay attracts 30 per cent of investments. Other regions and states attain only small portion of investments, according to the statistics released by the DICA.

According to the Myanmar Investment Law, region and state investment committees are authorised to grant endorsements of an investment proposal with a capital of not more than \$5 million (Ks6,000 million), with an aim to facilitate the verification process of investment projects. — GNLM ■

Mung bean price jumps in the post-Thadingyut period

MUNG BEAN price was up by about Ks100,000 per ton on 26 October after three market holidays during Thadingyut festival from 23 to 25 October, according to pulses market.

The price keeps rising on 27 October with an increase of Ks140,000 per ton compared to 22 October's price.

The prevailing prices on 27 October were Ks730,000 for mung bean RC and Ks940,000 for mung bean special quality SQ. The beans fetched Ks689,000 for RC and Ks900,000 for SQ. The prices increased from 22 October price of Ks593,000 for RC and Ks800,000 for SQ per ton.

On 26 October, mung bean free on board (FOB) prices ranges US\$440 to 460 for fair and average quality/RC and \$580 to 600 for SQ.

Year on Year prices for mung bean showed a significant increase of Ks240,000 per ton on 27 October 2018 against the similar period of last year.

Pulses from Myanmar and African countries are flowing into India's market with lower than actual domestic market price.

The news is all around that India might experience possible low yield of mung bean and pigeon peas from low rainfall. Meanwhile, Myanmar's mung bean stock is getting lesser in the domestic market. This being so, mung bean prices soared in Yangon market.

Since mid-August, India's policy changes on pulses importation have adversely affected mung bean and pigeon peas market, resulting in price plunge. The authorities urged the growers to change the potential crops in each area. Prior to mid-2018, pigeon peas acreages were managed to reduce. The current increasing prices of mung bean is stipulating the growers to cultivate the mung beans as crop rotation after harvesting of 2018 rain paddy, said a mung bean grower. — Maung Sae Aung ■

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Additional statistical bulletin on drug seizures, acting on information

1.

In order to prevent and eradicate the dangers of narcotic drugs and psychotropic drugs, the Office of the President has formed the **Drug Activity Special Complaint Department** on 26 June 2018 to systematically accept and respond to reports on drug abuses and other related cases from the general public.
2.

With orders from the Office of the President, the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department relayed information on reports on drug-related offenses up to 27 October 2018 to the Ministry of Home Affairs to take action, as displayed below:

No	Nature of report	Details on seizure and legal action taken
1	Information received of daily sales of illegal drugs on the hill of Group 10, Ward 4, Kutkai Tsp, Northern Shan State.	Police have opened 22 cases and arrested 20 men and 2 women together with heroin and psychotropic tablets in the past weeks. On 23-10-2018, further investigations into related cases led to the arrest of Daw Aye, 57, resident of Ka Lai Village, together with ‘88/1’ psychotropic tablets while police were investigating at the junction of Maharsi Yeikthar Street and the street leading into Kho Tin Village. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Kutkai) MaYa(Pa) 117/2018 under Section 19-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
2	Information received of sales of illegal drugs by Ko Myo living in 6 th street, Ward 5, Kawkareik Tsp, Kayin State.	On 25-10-2018, police acting on given information at Thazin Street, Ward 5, Kawkareik Tsp, flagged down an Air Wave car driven by Ko Myo (a) Nay Myo Hlaing, 34. Police arrested him together with WY psychotropic tablets. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Kawkareik) MaYa(Pa) 33/2018 under Section 19-A/20-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
3	Information received of U Ba Kel from Aung Thuka Street, Out Kyin Ward, Mawlamyine Tsp, Mon State, selling illegal drugs.	On 27-10-2018, police searched Ba Kel’s house in Aung Thuka Street, Out Kyin Ward, Mawlamyine Tsp, and arrested Ahdula (a) Than Htike, 30, and U Ba Kel, 43, together with marijuana. A case has been opened with NaMaSa (Dinewonkwin) MaYa(Pa) 19/2018 under Section 16-C/20-A/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
4	Information received of Maung Thaw Zin, son of U Win Sein from 1 st street, Zayyar Mon Ward, Kyaikto Tsp, Mon State, selling illegal drugs.	On 26-10-2018, police arrested Thaw Zin, 31, from 1 st street, Zayyar Mon Ward, Kyaikto Tsp, together with WY psychotropic tablets. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Kyaikto) MaYa (Pa) 18/2018 under Section 16-C of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
5	Information received of Cenigaw from Kyein Ni Taung Village, Bokpyin Tsp, Taninthayi Region, selling illegal drugs.	On 20-10-2018, police arrested Cenigaw (a) Tun Oo (a) Mahd Hushein, 46, together with WY psychotropic tablets and powder opium in his house in Kyein Ni Taung Village, Bokpyin Tsp. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Bokpyin) MaYa(Pa) 35/2018 under Section 19-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
6	Information received of Myint Lwin from Kaung Maung Village, Phaungpyin Tsp, Sagaing Region, selling illegal drugs.	On 26-10-2018, while police were investigating on the road between Kaung Maung Village and Shwe Htee Kone Village, a motorcycle driven by Myint Lwin, 32, was stopped for investigation. He left his motorcycle and ran away. Police discovered heroin from his bag. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Phaungpyin) MaYa (Pa) 94/2018 under Section 19-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
7	Information received of Soe Thu living in No. 40, Bogyoke Street, Aung Thuka Ward, Kawthoung Tsp, Taninthayi Region, selling illegal drugs.	On 21-10-2018, police searched in Soe Thu’s house in No. 40, Bogyoke Street, Aung Thuka Ward, Kawthoung Tsp. Police arrested Soe Thu, 31, together with WY psychotropic tablets. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Kawthoung) MaYa(Pa) 126/2018 under Section 16-C of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

3.

Out of the information sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, so far 357 cases have been opened as of 27-10-2018, and 474 men and 91 women have been arrested with seizures of 5,115.95 g of heroin, 22.01 g of ICE, 38,387.01 g of opium, 329 g of low-quality opium, 11,850.99 g of powder opium, 3,973.99 g of speciosa, 167,067 stimulant tablets, 3,696.03 g of marijuana, 0.1 liters of opium tincture, 217.4 g of opium blocks, 60 g of poppy seeds, 1.65 g of crushed stimulant tablet powder, 12 firearms, 194 different bullets, and 1 grenade. Efforts for fighting the drug trafficking has been stepped up and the ministry will report on further exposed cases.
4.

In addition to the investigations and arrests conducted on drug related complaints mentioned above, the Tatmadaw and Myanmar Police Force have also carried out separate investigations on drug complaints, search and arrests at border gates, and searches of vehicles acting upon given information.
During the previous week, multiple arrests were made in the border regions and joint-surveillance gates. In Kyuntaw Ward, Mogaung Tsp, Kachin State, 2 men were arrested with 1,360 stimulant tablets, 1.5g of opium. In Ward 2, Laukkai Tsp, Shan State, 3 men were arrested with 97,500 stimulant tablets. In Aye Yeik Myaing Street, Eden Village, Tachilek Tsp, a man was arrested with 40,000 stimulant tablets and one motorcycle. In Myo Ma Ward, Buthidaung Tsp, Rakhine State, on the road to Ywama Village, a man driving a Hilux Pick Up car was arrested with 1,911,000 stimulant tablets and one car. Further investigation led to the arrest of another one man, living in West Ward, Buthidaung Tsp who ordered the drug delivery, together with 975,000 stimulant tablets and further investigation led to the arrest of 4 men; a total of 6 men were arrested together with 2,886,000 stimulant tablets. In Ayarshi Ward, Kyaukpyu Tsp, 2 men were arrested with 41 stimulant tablets, 0.09g crushed stimulant tablet powder. In Nantaw Village, Homalin Tsp, Sagaing Region, one man and one woman were arrested with 3,990 stimulant tablets and 50g heroin. In Thiri Myaing Ward, Kawthoung Tsp, Taninthayi Region, 2 men were arrested with 3,155 stimulant tablets, In East of Yadanar Bonemi Ward, Mahaaungmye Tsp, Mandalay District, Mandalay Region, a Honda Civic car, one man and one woman were arrested with 480g of Ketamine, 120 ecstasy tablets, 4 stimulant tablets and 4g of marijuana. In Patheingyi Tsp, 16-miles gate, one man was arrested onboard an express car from Muse to Mandalay with 12,000 stimulant tablets and 660g of heroin. There has been one arrest involving foreigners. In Phaw Thok Village, Khamaukkyi Tsp, Kawthoung District, Taninthayi Region, 3 Thai men who illegally entered Myanmar and 2 Myanmar men were arrested with 5,929 stimulant tablets, 1,379.7 g of ICE, 247g of marijuana, 1 gun (.22), 39 bullets and 1 bullet case, 1 pistol, 70 bullets and 1 bullet case, 1 gun (.38) and 15 bullets, 1 gun (.32), 119 g of gold and 2 motorcycles.
There have been 180 cases being opened between 21-10-2018 and 27-10-2018, and 238 men and 28 women have been arrested. Seizures were made of 865.24g of heroin, 1,438.25 g of ICE, 6,035.50 g of opium, 4 g of low-quality opium, 10g of powder opium, 3,070,318 stimulant tablets, 6,818.45 g of marijuana, 120 tablets of Ecstasy, 480g of Ketamine, 4 different guns, 124 different bullets, 2 bullet cases, and 119g of gold.
5.

To seize further drugs and to arrest drugs dealers, people are urged to inform the Ministry of Home Affairs, region and state governments and to inform huge cases of drug trafficking and other suspicious cases directly to the **Drug Activity Special Complaint Department** of the Office of the President via following contact numbers:

Contacts:
Auto telephone No. — 067-590200
Fax Phone No. — 067-590233
Email Address — antinarcotics@presidentoffice.gov.mm

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At the same time, we would like to call for a joint effort from the government, the private sector and CSOs as it is the most effective approach to tackle this scourge.

The report is a collaboration between the United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment), the Asia Pacific Clean Air Partnership (APCAP), and the Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC), and was launched at WHO's first Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health.

SUMMARY OF OBSERVATIONS RECORDED AT 09:30 hrs M.S.T: During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Chin State, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing Region and Southern Shan State, scattered in Kachin, Northern Shan and Rakhine states, isolated in Nay Pyi Taw, Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway regions. Eastern Shan State and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining regions and states. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Taunggyi (1.53) inches, Pyinmana (Wagyi) (0.98) inch, Pyin Oo Lwin (0.79) inch, Maungdaw (0.63) inch, Nyaungshwe and Haka (0.55) inch each and Loilin (0.51) inch.

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is a few cloud over the Andaman Sea and Southeast Bay and partly cloudy to cloudy elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF 31 October 2018: Weather will be widespread in Upper Sagaing Region, Kachin and Chin states, fairly widespread in (Northern and Southern) Shan and Rakhine states, scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Yangon, Ayeyawady regions and Eastern Shan State and isolated in the remaining regions and states. Degree of certainty is (80%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Easterly winds with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface winds speed in easterly winds may reach (30) mph. Wave height will be about (5 - 9) feet in off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of scattered to fairly widespread rain or thundershowers in Upper Sagaing Region, Kachin and Chin states.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 31 October 2018: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 31 October 2018: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

FORECAST FOR Mandalay AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 31 October 2018: isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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Yangon to celebrate wild animal parts ban with Voices of Wildlife Festival

THE Voices of Wildlife Festival will be celebrated at Mahabandoola Park, Yangon on 2 November by the Voices for Wildlife Coalition, in partnership with the British Embassy in Yangon.

The festival will include a stunning new installation by Myanmar artist Arker Kyaw; performances by over a dozen stars and a wide range of wildlife themed activities for the family.

Voices for wildlife festival comes a year after the launch of the Voices for Momos campaign that government, NGOs, corporate and celebrities to call for an end to wildlife sales following

the dramatic rise in elephant poaching and skinning. Globally, the wildlife trafficking market is estimated to be worth USD 20 billion per year.

"Wildlife trafficking is the fourth biggest transnational crime after drugs, weapons and human trafficking. We cheer the Regional Government of Yangon on taking this step to end this crime across the region and will continue working closely with the national, region and state governments to support the roll out of this ban nationwide," said Christy Williams, Country Director, WWF Myanmar.

The Regional Government of Yangon announced the ban in September 2018, making it the first major city in Southeast Asia to move towards becoming "illegal wildlife trade free."

Effective immediately, every district and township were to cease all wildlife sales. Anyone caught selling or carrying illegal wildlife products including bushmeat will face enforcement under the new Protection of Biodiversity and Protected Areas Law, which includes a mandatory prison sentence for poaching or trade of completely protected species or species protected under

CITES.

"This announcement shows the Yangon Government's commitment to end the illegal sale of wildlife. I hope that other regions can follow Yangon's lead. The UK's highly successful London Conference on Illegal Wildlife Trade in October brought countries together to tackle this serious organized crime head on. Myanmar, with its abundant and diverse wildlife, is particularly vulnerable to this horrific trade. We must all work together to tackle it," said David Hall, Charge D'Affaires at the British Embassy.—GNLM ■

Bank increases winter crops loans for farmers in Mandalay

MYANMAR Agricultural Development Bank (MADB) under the Ministry of Planning and Finance will increase winter crops loans this year in Mandalay.

The bank will provide loans for winter crops beginning from 26 October. Last year, the bank provided agricultural loans of Ks 50,000 per acre and this year the loan amount is increased to Ks 100,000 per acre.

During the incumbent government term the bank increased agriculture loans from Ks 20,000 to Ks 50,000 per acre for the first time. This year, the bank is increasing the loan amount from Ks 50,000 to



Farmers labour in the field. PHOTO: MIN HTET AUNG (MANDALAY SUB-PRINTING HOUSE)

Ks 100,000 per acre making the second loan increase during the incumbent government term. Ag-

riculture loans were increased to cover the increase in prices of agriculture inputs said MADB

(Mandalay Branch) Manager U Su.

Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank (Mandalay branch) is providing winter crops loans totaling Ks 19.6105 billion for local farmers from 14 townships in Mandalay Region from 26 October to the end of December.

Borrowers have to put-up their farmland ownership certificate, known as Form 7, as collateral to get loans from the bank. The farmers have to pay back the agricultural loan not later than June 2019. The interest rate for agricultural loan is 8 per cent.—Min Htet Aung (Mandalay sub-printing house) ■

Illegal timber, lumber confiscated in Madaya forest reserve

A combined team comprising of officers and staff from the Forestry Department and township police confiscated illegal timber, pyinkado wood and lumber inside Hsae Daw Gyi dam ravine, Madaya forest reserve, Singu Township, Mandalay Region on 30 October.

The combined team found illegal timber and lumber weighing 12.2162 tonnes and four boats inside Hsae Daw Gyi dam ravine while there were searching for illegal timber around the forest.

The forest department is measuring the seized timber



A Forestry Department official walks past illegal tree logs confiscated from Madaya forest reserve. PHOTO: MIN ZAW OO (IPRD)

and it will be transferred to related department. The owner of illegal timber has yet to

be arrested. The police are searching for the owner of illegal timber.— Min Zaw Oo

Heroin seized in Tamu District

AN anti-narcotic police squad unit (7) from Tamu seized heroin from two passengers on Tamu-Kalay road, Tamu district, Sagaing Region on 30 October.

Acting on a tip off, the anti-narcotic police squad stopped and searched a passenger bus heading for Kalay from Tamu and found 50 grams of heroin worth Ks 3 million inside five soap holders from two passengers identified as Khin Zaw and Zaw Win Naing, who lived in Kan Gi Village, Kalay Township.

Both of the suspects have been charged under Section 19(A) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.— Tun Min Aung ■



U Myo Nyunt, Chairperson of the Union Constitutional Tribunal, receives Ms. Leena Rikkila Tamang, Director of the Asia and Pacific region from International IDEA, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Union Constitutional Tribunal Chairperson U Myo Nyunt receives APAC Director from Int'l IDEA

CHAIRPERSON of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union U Myo Nyunt met with Ms. Leena Rikkila Tamang, Director of the Asia and Pacific region from International IDEA, at the hall of the Constitutional

Tribunal of the Union office in Nay Pyi Taw at 1:30pm yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed matters relating to cooperation of the Union Constitutional Tribunal and

International IDEA, broadening constitutional knowledge, promotion of the quality of tribunal staffs, aids of International IDEA to the Union Constitutional Tribunal and future collaborations. — MNA ■

Government officials, EU delegation discuss consequences of possible GSP withdrawal

THE meeting between Myanmar Government departmental officials and the Enhanced EBA monitoring mission of the European Union was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw on 30 October 2018.

The meeting was co-chaired by U Kyaw Tin, Union Minister for International Cooperation and Mrs. Helena König, Deputy Director General of European Commission Directorate General for Trade.

At the meeting, the potential negative consequences of the withdrawal of Generalised Scheme of Preferences (GSP)/

Everything But Arms arrangement (EBA) was discussed.

They also exchanged views on measures taken by Government of Myanmar to address issues relating to addressing accountability, cooperation with the United Nations processes and bodies, humanitarian access, improving conditions for IDPs, creating conducive condition for voluntary, safe and dignified return of refugees, integration of communities, media freedom and labour rights reform.

The meeting was attended by representatives from the

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Office of the State Counsellor, Ministry of Information, Ministry of Office of the Union Government, Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, Ministry of Industry, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Office of the Union Attorney-General from Myanmar side.

The EU Monitoring Mission was also accompanied by Mr. Kristian Schmidt, Ambassador of the European Union to Myanmar. — MNA ■



Union Minister U Kyaw Tin co-chairs the meeting with the EU EBA Monitoring Mission at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Notification on announcement for election results

1. The announcement for results will be declared in accord with Hluttaw Election Law Section 49(b) at the Region/State Election Sub-Commission for the by-election, which will be held on 3 November 2018.
2. It was announced that concerning the election result, political parties, Hluttaw candidates, international and domestic election observer groups, members of the media and other organizations can reach out to the following contacts of the respective Region/State Election Sub-Commission for more information.

No.	Region/State	Office Phone	HandPhone
1.	Kachin State	074-21678	09-699637995
2.	Chin State	070-21599	09-894465220
3.	Sagaing Region	071-22774	09-420687868
4.	Bago Region	052-2221024	09-255066061
5.	Magway Region	065-21562	09-695429468
6.	Mandalay Region	02-4069042	09-894666740
7.	Rakhine State	043-22887	09-899119229
8.	Yangon Region	01-2306293	09-899038800
9.	Shan State	081-2125567	09-899333055

3. Regarding the Union Election Commission, the announcement for the results will be declared again in the evening programs of state-owned Myanmar Radio and Television (MRTV) daily. The results will also be expressed in the state-owned newspapers on the following day.

Union Election Commission



Union Minister U Thaung Tun receives Mrs. Helena König, Deputy Director General, Directorate General of Trade in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

Union Minister U Thaung Tun receives European Commission delegation

U THAUNG TUN, Union Minister for the Office of the Union Government received a European Commission delegation led by Mrs. Helena König, Deputy Director General, Directorate General of Trade at 10:00 a.m. on 30 October 2018 at the Ministry

of the Office of the Union Government in Nay Pyi Taw. They exchanged views on Everything But Arms (EBA) scheme under the Generalised Systems of Preferences (GSP) accorded by the European Union to Myanmar.—MNA ■

Correction

A story on Page 2 of the 30 October edition of the Global New Light of Myanmar contained an error. In the seventh line, last paragraph of the third column of the story with the headline “Global Media & Information Literacy Week held at NMDC in Yangon”, the name of the Eleven Media Group Editor should read “Eleven Media Group former Editor Ko Myo Min Htet” instead of “Eleven Media Group Editor Ko Myo Min Htike.” — MNA ■

Japan, India agree new defence and economic projects



In this handout photograph released by India's Press Information Bureau (PIB) on 29 October, 2018, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi (L) shakes hands with his Japanese counterpart Shinzo Abe during a joint press statement in Tokyo. **PHOTO: AFP**

TOKYO (Japan) — Japan and India agreed on Monday to upgrade diplomatic and military ties, with Tokyo also offering low-interest loans as the two countries seek closer ties to balance China's weight in the region.

The plans were announced as India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi rounded out a three-day trip to Tokyo for talks with his Japanese counterpart Shinzo Abe, senior ministers, and local business leaders.

Experts said Abe, who last week became the first Japanese prime minister to visit Beijing since 2011, was performing a delicate balancing act — working to improve ties with China while keeping relations with India on a strong footing. "Strong relations between Japan and India are the foundation that will sustain the region," Abe said in a joint press statement with Modi after talks in Tokyo. He said the two sides would launch a new ministerial-level security

dialogue and strengthen exchanges between army and naval forces, and he offered low-interest loans worth 316.4 billion yen (\$2.8 billion).

"Japan and India will take the lead for stability and prosperity in the region," he said. Modi said the investment would create around 30,000 new jobs

in India, and that the two leaders had pledged "to push our cooperation at an uninterrupted speed."

Though neither leader mentioned China by name, experts said the talks come against the backdrop of expanding Chinese influence in the region. "The 21st century is a century of Asia," Modi said in remarks

translated into Japanese.

"There are questions — who will predominate and what should be done? It is clear that there won't be a century of Asia without cooperation between India and Japan." "Prime Minister Abe is performing a balancing act between China and India," said Takashi Kawakami, professor of

international politics at Takushoku University in Tokyo. "He met President Xi Jinping at a time when China and the US are in confrontation, and he is now meeting Modi to seal cooperation among Japan, India and the US on a free and open Indo-Pacific, against China," Kawakami told AFP. —AFP ■

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Air pollution kills 600,000 children each year: WHO

GENEVA (Switzerland) — Exposure to toxic air both indoors and out kills some 600,000 children under the age of 15 each year, the World Health Organization warned on Monday.

Data from the UN health body shows that every day, 93 per cent of children under the age of 15 — a full 1.8 billion youngsters, including 630 million under the age of five — breath dangerously polluted air.

This has tragic consequences: In 2016 alone, some 600,000 children died from acute lower respiratory infections caused by polluted air, the WHO report found.

“Polluted air is poisoning millions of children and ruining their lives,” WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said in a statement.

“This is inexcusable. Every child should be able to breathe clean air so they can grow and fulfil their full potential.”

According to WHO data, more than nine out of 10 people on the planet breath dangerously toxic air, causing some seven million premature deaths each year.

Air pollution is especially dangerous for children, and accounts for nearly one in 10 deaths among children under five around the globe, the report found.

WHO’s study, which examined the health toll on children breathing health-hazardous levels of both outdoor and household air pollution, focused on dangerous particulate matter with a diameter of less than 2.5 micrometres (PM2.5).

These include toxins like sulfate and black carbon, which pose the greatest health risks since they can penetrate deep into the lungs or cardiovascular system.

The report found that children in poorer countries are far more at risk, with a full 98 per cent of all children under five in low- and middle-income countries exposed to PM2.5 levels above WHO air quality

guidelines. That compares to 52 per cent in high-income countries, WHO said.

Triggers asthma, cancer

Together, household air pollution from cooking and outdoor air pollution cause more than half of all cases of acute lower respiratory infections in young children in low- and middle-income countries, WHO said.

The report, launched ahead of the WHO’s first ever Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health, revealed that when pregnant women are exposed to polluted air, they are more likely to give birth prematurely and have small, low birthweight children.

It found that children are often more vulnerable to the impact of air pollution since they breath more rapidly than adults, and thus absorb more pollutants at a time when their

brains and bodies are still developing.

They also live closer to the ground, where a number of pollutants reach peak concentrations, WHO said, pointing out that newborns and young children are also more susceptible to household air pollution in homes that use polluting fuels for cooking, heating and lighting.

Air pollution can impact a child’s development and cognitive ability, and can trigger asthma and childhood cancer, WHO said. Children who have been exposed to high levels of air pollution may also be at greater risk for chronic diseases like cardiovascular disease later in life, it said.

“Air pollution is stunting our children’s brains, affecting their health in more ways than we suspected,” warned Maria Neira, the head of the WHO’s depart-



Heavy smog in New Delhi. Levels spike during winter when air quality often eclipses the World Health Organization’s safe levels. PHOTO: AFP

ment of public health and environment.

The UN health body is calling for an acceleration of the switch to clean cooking and heating fuels,

and for the promotion of cleaner transportation, lower emissions, and better waste management, among other measures.

“The world needs to

reduce the overdependence we have on fossil (fuel), and accelerate to clean, renewable energy,” Neira told reporters in a conference call.—AFP ■

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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim’s Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Department of Rural Development National Electrification Project (IDA Project No. P152936) Assignment Title: Solar PV Inspection and Verification Agent (IVA 3) (Reference No: C2-TA32)

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the National Electrification Project (NEP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The Myanmar NEP Off-Grid Programme co-financed by the World Bank with the Government over 5 years shall electrify close to one million households and several thousand facilities and building using solar PV off-grid technologies, targeting the rural and remote regions of the country. The initial procurement in 2016, was one of the first large scale international procurements in Myanmar, and is intended to establish modalities for future NEP roll-out. WB Procurement Guidelines shall be followed for supply and installation of the solar equipment, and the disbursement of payments for the solar installations equipment shall be subject to corresponding supporting verification of the installations and quality of equipment and works, by an Inspection and Verification Consulting Firm. The Consulting Firm shall be required to manage the entire inspection, verification and reporting process on a sampling basis.

The Department of Rural Development invites expression of interest (EOI) from qualified and experienced Local and/or International Consulting Firm (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services as per the short-list criteria and the EOI should not be more than 30 pages. The short-listing criteria are:

- At least 2 years of experience working in rural areas in Myanmar or similar conditions;
- At least 2 years of experience in installation and/or inspection of solar systems in countries with similar conditions with Myanmar;
- At least 2 permanent professional staff with relevant expertise in energy, renewable energy, electrification, and/or project management;
- At least three contracts in relevant areas, each with a value of at least USD10,000 over the past five years;
- Demonstrated ability to use app-based MIS software or related programs developed for monitoring and evaluation of project activities

The Consultant may express interest to provide inspection and verification services in one or more lots of IVA 3 (under International Competitive Bidding packages for Solar PV - ICB S&I-3 and S&I-DRD-1) as listed below but have to indicate clearly in their Expression of Interest (EOI):

IVA-3 Lot No.	ICB Lots	Tentative no. of samples
Lot 1	ICB S&I-3 Lot 2 - Chin(4), Lot 3 - Sagaing(4), Lot 4 - Shan North(4) and Shan East (3)	9,268
Lot 2	ICB S&I-3 Lot1 - Kachin, Kayin(3) and Tanintharyi (4), Lot 5 - Bago(2), Magway(2), Yangon, Ayeyarwaddy(6)&(7) and Naypyitaw(2)	9,491
Lot 3	ICB S&I - DRD - 1 Lot 1 - Yangon, Bago (2), Naypyitaw (2), Mandalay (2), Lot 2 - Magway (2), Lot 3 - Rakhine (4), Lot 4 - Ayeyarwaddy (6), Lot 5 - Ayeyarwaddy (7)	8,006

However, award of contract to one consultant will not be more than two lots. The tentative starting period for the assignment is around May 2019.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank’s *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers* dated January 2011 (revised July 2014) (“Consultant Guidelines”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest. Consultant (s) will be selected in accordance with the Least-Cost Selection (LCS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

International consulting firms are encouraged to associate with local firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

Further information and initial Terms of Reference can be obtained at the address below during office hours: 09.30 to 16.00 hours or direct request through e-mail address - drdnp.procurement@gmail.com. DRD will provide prompt and consistent responses to all interested parties, should there be any questions. Expressions of interest in one original, two copies and a soft copy must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail) **by November 28, 2018.**

Department of Rural Development, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation
Attention : U Maung Win, Deputy Director General, National Electrification Project (NEP), Office No. 36, Pandita Road, Oattara Thiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar. Tel/FAX : +95 0673 418636, E-mail: drdnp.procurement@gmail.com, ksaung@gmail.com, dr.soeseoehn@gmail.com



The Beatles, Paul McCartney (left to right), Ringo Starr, George Harrison and John Lennon, perform a concert at the Budokan in Tokyo in 1966. **PHOTO: AFP**

Don't let me down: Japan superfans lose fight for Beatles footage

TOKYO (Japan) — It's been a hard day's fight, but a group of Japanese Beatles fans have lost their bid to get police to hand over historic footage of the band's 1966 Japan visit.

The superfans took their battle for the film — recorded by police as a security measure — all the way to Japan's supreme court, arguing the images were a “historical document.”

Police had offered to release the footage, reportedly about 35 minutes long, but only after blurring the faces of everyone in the film except the Beatles, citing privacy reasons.

Two lower courts backed the

police against a group of citizens from Nagoya who wanted the entire film released uncensored, saying it would be almost impossible to identify people in the footage more than 50 years later.

But the long and winding legal battle ended last week when the supreme court rejected their argument, the group announced.

The Beatles toured Japan only once, playing five concerts, and were trailed across the country by legions of screaming fans.

A lawyer for the group seeking the footage said it would have huge historical significance for Beatles enthusiasts.

“It is a document that

should be made available from a historical standpoint,” lawyer Satoshi Shinkai told the Asahi Shimbun newspaper.

“The final concert given on 2 July was apparently electrifying,” added fan Toru Omura, who has written books about the impact of the group's tour.

“If confirmation can be made of the existence of footage from that day, there would be huge excitement,” he told the newspaper.

The Beatles remain popular in Japan, and former group member Paul McCartney arrived in Tokyo this week to kick off his new world tour. —AFP ■

‘Halloween’ frightens off box office competition

LOS ANGELES (United States) — “Halloween” ruled the North American box office for a second week running, frightening off the competition as it raked in another \$32 million, according to estimates reported on Sunday by industry tracker Exhibitor Relations.

Starring Jamie Lee Curtis, the low-budget Universal Pictures production recounts her character Laurie Strode's final confrontation with a masked homicidal maniac four decades after surviving his killing spree.

The movie's return to the top spot over the three-day weekend followed its \$76.2 million debut last week, the second best October opening ever after “Venom.”

“A Star is Born,” the third remake of the 1937 film, placed second for a third straight week, earning \$14.1 million.

Bradley Cooper, in his directorial debut, plays a hard-drinking musician in this classic tale of a star-crossed love affair with a young singer (Lady Gaga).

Sony's Superhero flick “Venom,” which stars Tom Hardy as a journalist-turned-host for an alien creature, held its ground at third place with an estimated \$10.8 million take.

It has pulled in \$187.3 million dollars since its smash opening four weeks ago.

“Goosebumps2: Haunted Halloween,” another seasonal offering, kept its fourth place ranking with \$7.5 million in box office returns.

Based on R.L. Stine children's books, it follows two young friends who bring to life a dummy, played by Jack Black, unleashing monsters on their town on Halloween night. —AFP ■



US actress Jamie Lee Curtis attends the “Halloween” premiere at the TCL Chinese Theatre in Los Angeles, California on 17 October, 2018. **PHOTO: AFP**

Actor Geoffrey Rush accused of belittling actress



Australian actor Geoffrey Rush. **PHOTO: AFP**

SYDNEY (Australia) — Academy award-winner Geoffrey Rush was accused in court on Tuesday of inappropriately touching a female costar during an Australian rendition of ‘King Lear’.

Eryn Jean Norvill said that

the ‘Tailor of Panama’ and ‘Pirates of the Caribbean’ star had made her feel “belittled, embarrassed and shamed” when the pair acted together in the Shakespeare play in 2015-2016.

She told a court hearing that

he stood over her during rehearsal “licking his lips” and once on stage deliberately ran his hand in a manner that was “slow, light and pressured across my breast.”

“I believed that he had done it deliberately,” national broadcaster ABC reported Norvill as saying. Rush, who won a best actor Oscar award for his portrayal of pianist David Helfgott in the film ‘Shine’, is not being charged with any misconduct.

The testimony came because he is suing *Sydney's Daily Telegraph* for defamation after they printed allegations that he behaved inappropriately toward a female actress.

Norvill is the latest in a series of witnesses to take the stand in the case. —AFP ■

Humans and chocolate: a 5,000-year love story

PARIS (France) — Humans have hankered after chocolate for centuries longer than previously thought, scientists said Monday, tracing the earliest known consumption of its key ingredient to more than 5,000 years ago in South America.

Archaeologists have long believed that ancient civilisations in Central America started drinking concoctions of cacao — the bean-like seeds from which cocoa and chocolate are made — from around 3,900 years ago.

But in a study that shifts the origins of chocolate centuries backwards, a team of scientists travelled to Santa Ana-La Florida, in modern day Ecuador, the earliest known archaeological site of the Mayo-Chinchipe civilisation.

They analysed artefacts from tombs and ceremonial pyres including ceramic bowls, jars and bottles as well as stone bowls and mortars for theobromine, a bitter chemical found in cacao.

The team found starch grains characteristic of cacao in around a third of items examined, including the charred residue of a ceramic receptacle dated to be 5,450 years old.

That suggests that humans have been consuming cacao for roughly 1,500 years longer than previously thought, and locates its discovery in the upper Amazon region.

“This is the oldest trace of cacao identified so far and it’s also the only archeological trace of the use of cacao discovered in South America,” Claire Linaud, geneticist at the French Agricultural Research Centre for International Development and the study’s co-author, told AFP.

Unlike the sugar and fat-laden creations of chocolatiers today, cacao drinks were prized for their

medicinal value and often served during religious ceremonies.

Cacao was also a key trading commodity and its seeds were even used as payment and as currency in some parts of Central America.

“Since these ceramic vessels are found in ceremonial locations, including as offerings in tombs, it is likely that cacao was an important component of ritually significant drinks,” said Michael Blake, from the University of British Columbia’s Department of Anthropology.

‘Part of human history’

“There is a great deal of evidence that cacao was very important to peoples in north-east Peru, northwest Brazil and south Colombia and more,” he told reporters.

“The medicinal uses are well documented and there are some accounts of people making fermented beverages from the sweet pulp.”

Last week research by a US-based team found evidence that cacao trees have been cultivated by humans for at least 3,600 years.

Blake said the findings of his team’s study — published in the journal *Nature Ecology & Evolution* — could be of use to botanists today trying to understand how cacao can adapt to our changing climate and receding rain forests.

“As a major crop today, used by most of the world’s population for an enormous variety of purposes, cacao is of great interest to humanity,” he said.

“It is a major part of our human story, one intimately linked to the history and ongoing cultures of indigenous south and central Americans where cacao is still grown and used today.” —AFP ■



Cacao pods used today to produce chocolate have been gathered by humans for more than 5000 years, scientists say. **PHOTO: AFP**



Crew members on manned missions beyond the Earth’s boundaries that last more than twelve months need protection from galactic and solar cosmic rays. **PHOTO: TASS**

Magnets to help protect cosmonauts from solar wind in inter-planetary flights

MOSCOW — Russian scientists want to protect cosmonauts from the solar wind in inter-planetary flights with the help of magnets, according to a programme of joint work of the Reshetnev Information Satellite Systems and the Siberian branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences obtained by TASS on Friday.

The solar wind is ionizing radiation and a major component of the inter-planetary environment.

“The research into possible methods of the magnetic protection of manned missions,” the document says, indicating the area of the research.

Crew members on manned missions beyond the Earth’s boundaries that last more than twelve months need protection from galactic and solar cosmic rays, the document notes.

“A magnetic dipole [the system of two magnetic charges] is the sole method of protection that can be implemented in the foreseeable future,” the document says.

The interaction of such a magnet with a solar wind flow will create a mini-magnetosphere, it notes.

“The knowledge of the shape of the magnetosphere, the areas of plasma penetration, induced currents depending on the intensity of the solar wind, especially during flares, is required to accurately calculate magnetic protection and choose the optimal seat for the crew and such equipment as antenna and solar panels,” according to the document.

“In order to get the required information, it is necessary to carry out model experiments

to create a map of the plasma density and speed around the dipole and work out recommendations on safety and technical conditions,” the document says, noting that the research should be carried out in 2019-2022.

As was reported earlier, the Reshetnev Information Satellite Systems Company and the Siberian branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences signed a program of joint work for 2019-2024 to carry out scientific, technical and innovative cooperation.

The program aims to implement a whole set of joint research and developments aimed at increasing the efficiency of the work to create promising spacecraft based on advanced technologies and competitive on the world market. —Tass ■

Dogs can be trained to sniff out malaria: researchers

TAMPA (United States) — Dogs can be trained to sniff out certain cancers, people at risk of a diabetic coma and now, children with malaria just by smelling their socks, researchers said on Monday.

According to the findings presented at the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene annual meeting in New Orleans, dogs were trained to sniff out malaria parasites in African children who tested positive for the mosquito-borne disease but did not have a fever or other outward symptoms.

Malaria kills some 445,000 people worldwide each year, and is caused by parasites that are

transmitted by infected mosquitoes. Cases of malaria are on the rise, globally.

The World Health Organization said there were 216 million cases of malaria in 2016, up five million over a year earlier.

“Worryingly, our progress on the control of malaria has stalled in recent years, so we desperately need innovative new tools to help in the fight against malaria,” said co-author James Logan, head of the department of disease control at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

“Our results show that sniffer dogs could be a serious way of making diagnosis of people

who don’t show any symptoms, but are still infectious, quicker and easier.”

A total of 175 sock samples were tested, including 30 malaria-positive children in The Gambia and 145 from uninfected children.

Dogs were able to correctly identify 70 per cent of the malaria-infected samples.

The canines were also able to identify 90 percent of the samples without malaria parasites. Principal investigator Steve Lindsay, a professor in the department of biosciences at Durham University, said this showed a “credible degree of accuracy.” —AFP ■



Myanmar billiard player Aung Htay is in process of taking part in the billiard event. **PHOTO: MBNF**

More than 100 players to take part in World Billiards and Snooker Championship 2018

MORE than 100 players are going to take part in the World Billiards and Snooker Championship 2018 to be held in Myanmar from 12 to 27 November. Myanmar will be hosting the 2018 IBSF World Billiards and Snooker Championship and the event will be held at Mercure Hotel, Yangon.

Until now, more than 100 players from 20 countries have already registered for the event. In the billiards event, renowned players from India, Thailand and Singapore are also on the list.

Myanmar sport contingent comprising 22 billiards and snooker players will participate

in World Billiards and Snooker Championship 2018. Eight players will take part in the billiard event and another eight ones in snooker event. Four players will participate in snooker event staged for players over 40 years of age and three ones in the women's snooker. Five events are inserted into the billiards and snooker championship. The billiard will feature 150 Break and 500 Break. The snooker will include men's, women's and above 40-year men's events. Myanmar will take part in all events and is now in the camp training in Yangon. —Htut Htut (Twantay) ■

Thet Htar Thuzar wins first prize in Egypt International Series 2018

MA Thet Htar Thuzar from Myanmar won the first prize in Egypt International Series 2018, organized by Egypt, in Cairo from 25 to 28 October.

The Egypt International Badminton Championship for 2018 was officially sponsored by Emirates NBD.

Egypt hosted Egypt International Series 2018. Thet Htar Thuzar waited for the opponent finalist from Belarus to play a decisive event for championship medal. Her compatriot Belarusian compatriot sustained knee injury in the women's doubles event before playing the final match.

The Belarusian compatriot failed to play the final match of women's singles because of her knee injury and so she had to give a walkover to her opponent Thet Htar Thuzar. For that reason Thet Htar Thuzar from Myanmar secured the first prize. But, it was sure for 90 per cent to become champion since Thet Htar Thuzar won over the world champion Malaysian player with

2-0 in the semifinal event.

Myanmar secured the first prize, Belarus the second prize

and Malaysian and Switzerland joint third-place prize. —Htut Htut (Twantay) ■



Myanmar badminton player Thet Htar Thuzar shows her gold medal in Cairo, Egypt. **PHOTO: WIN PA PA TUN**

Myanmar to participate in 4th Asian Vovinam Championship

MYANMAR is going to participate in the 4th Asian Vovinam Championship to be held in Bali Island, Indonesia from 2 to 7 November, said a source of Myanmar Vovinam Federation.

More than 60 athletes from 17 countries will take part in the 4th Asian Vovinam Cham-

pionship. The attack event features 14 categories and the demonstration even, 24 categories.

Myanmar Vovinam squad together with four athletes will participate in the Vovinam championship. Myanmar has chosen four players—Bo Bo, Ye

Wint Htoo, Salai Manar Kwee and Khaing Wah Phu.

Myanmar sport contingent is going to take part in the Vovinam championship with the purpose of making preparations for ASEAN University Games. —Htut Htut (Twantay) ■

Ex-England manager Eriksson takes Philippines job

MANILA (Philippines) — Former England manager Sven-Goran Eriksson has been hired to lead the Philippines' football team following the surprise departure of Three Lions football great Terry Butcher earlier this year.

Philippine team manager Dan Palami said the Swede would coach the Azkals in next month's AFF Suzuki Cup and the Asian Cup in January.

"One of the legendary coaches of all time, coach Sven-Goran Eriksson will be coaching the Azkals for the Suzuki Cup and the Asian Cup," Palami said in a video posted on the team's Twitter page.

"He will be a great addition to the team and I'm sure the players will learn a lot from him."

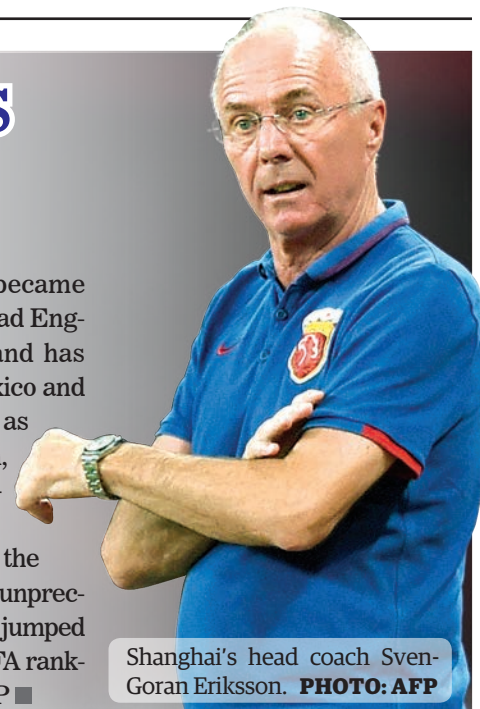
The contract terms of Eriksson, 70, have not been disclosed.

He fills a void left by the abrupt departure of Butcher, who resigned as head coach in August without ever taking charge of a single Azkals match.

Butcher, a veteran of three World Cups who had managed in England, Scotland, Wales and Australia, lasted less than 50 days in the job after deciding he could not carry out his plans for the team.

Eriksson in 2001 became the first foreigner to head England's football team, and has since also coached Mexico and the Ivory Coast as well as league clubs in Sweden, Portugal, Italy and China.

He takes charge as the Philippine team enjoys unprecedented success, having jumped as high as 111 in the FIFA rankings in May 2018. — AFP ■



Shanghai's head coach Sven-Goran Eriksson. **PHOTO: AFP**