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Students go to school in Maungtau as stability returns to normal in Maungtau, northern Rakhine State. **PHOTO: MIN HTET**

## Entrepreneurs contribute to UEHRD in Rakhine State

BUSINESSMEN and entrepreneurs from home and abroad donated Ks620 million and US\$2,500 for the Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development (UEHRD) effort for Maungtau at a ceremony at the meeting hall of the Rakhine State Government Office yesterday.

At the ceremony, U Nyi Pu, Chief Minister of Rakhine State said, "For resettlement of Maungtau region, Chief Ministers of Regions and State came to carry out as much as they can. The remaining Regions and States as well are collecting contributions to support Rakhine State. Being the State which is directly affected, we need to take part in the UEHRD more actively in consultation with each other. Accordingly, the meeting was held for bringing about the meaning of contributing donations, labour and suggestions in the Union Enterprise as for local businessmen and entrepreneurs from home and abroad. Today's meeting on the acquisition of donations will be of great benefit for our nationals and populace, and simultaneously it will be successful. So, all the populace will be greatly pleased over the acquisition of such amounts of contribution."

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## 300 schools in Maungtau District to be opened by November

Authorities reopened 130 schools which were temporarily closed in Maungtau and Buthidaung townships after the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA) extremist terrorist at-

tacks of 25 August and plan on reopening 300 more schools by end of November.

"Teachers are on standby to start at the schools. But we found that some students, es-

pecially from Muslim villages, do not come to school," said U Ohn Myint, Maungtau District Education Officer.

"It is impossible to open all the schools in Maungtau Dis-

trict this year. We are taking steps to open schools in areas depending on the security situation," he added.

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## Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

2<sup>nd</sup> Pyidaungsu Hluttaw 6<sup>th</sup> regular session holds its 8<sup>th</sup> day meeting

CONCERNING the report of the national planning performances of the first 6 months of FY 2017-2018 U Hset Aung, Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance said, "FY 2017-2018 National Planning's value of GDP has been targeted to be increased 7 per cent more than that of the previous year according to the regular prices, with 6.3 per cent increased up to the first six months period and 33.8 per cent of the target implemented. From April to August of FY 2017-2018, 24 countries had been granted to invest US\$3696.442 million for 120 enterprises in nine economic sectors. From April to August of FY 2016-2017, it was granted to invest US\$1253.707 million. As US\$2.79 billion entered the country up to the end of August 2017, it reached 75.4 per cent of the granted amount."

Deputy Minister added, "Till the end of the first six months, FY 2017-2018 national products had been exported, achieving the implementation of 47.3 per cent of the target — US\$14 billion. In the first half of the FY 2017-2018 commodities worth of US\$9.11 billion had been imported, managing to have implemented 60.8 per cent of US\$15 billion—the target. The trade value of the first six months of FY 2017-2018 is US \$ 15739.3 million implementing 54.3 per cent of the target US \$ 29000 million. Trade deficit is US \$ 2489.8 million till the end of the first six months. In implementing the targets of the

national planning, FY 2017-2018, it has been being implemented in the national economic, social and development points of views."

After that, matters of borrowing loans from the Myanmar Central Bank for fulfilling the deficit of Union Government Budget Account for FY 2016-2017 sent by the President were discussed by parliamentarians.

Dr. Thet Thet Khaing of Dagon constituency discussed, "Economically beneficial construction of infrastructure for the acquisition of transport and electricity in the country should be implemented by local and international investors in the means of responsibility and accountability by regarding the private sector to be a development partner. Performing the tasks in the form of cooperation between the Government and Private Sector is building the national infrastructures with the investment of the private sector. So, it is like encouraging the national economic development as it can reduce the budget deficit without needing to include expenditures for construction of infrastructures in the government's budget. Budget deficits should be reduced by spending government budget only in building economically unbeneficial construction of infrastructures. Now is the time for the incumbent government to promptly implement Public Procurement Reform, in an effective and well-qualified way with a view to



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is being convened in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO:MNA

effective implementation of making the private sector perform the public service enterprises and making bribery and corruption lesser and lesser. It is time to carry out Public Procurement Reform so that budget deficit can be reduced in the long run, without disturbing the momentum of national economy and development of infrastructure, and to invest the national finance more in the social infrastructures such as education, health and social welfare."

As regards the matter, Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw announced that clarification from respective Union-level organization members and acquisition of Hluttaw's decision will continue to be made at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting to be held on November 21.

U Wai Sein Aung of constituency 1 in Rakhine State discussed, "According to 2017 March statistics, there were actually appointed 41,493 SATs, 101,955 JATs and 227,292 PATs across the nation. Budget allotment for education was increased five times as of 2012. After 2020 a large amount of teachers will be appointed, and for acquisition of teachers with high capacities, policy on teachers is required to be laid down. Educational universities must be opened more. In a democratic nation, private school law must be promulgated. It is necessary to systematically implement the emergence of internationally standardized private schools and universities. In the higher education sector, it needs to promote distance university education's

quality. If higher education learning is available without flinching an inch from one's home and region, human resources will increase for the nation. In previous years, 80 percents of candidates passed exams from distance education universities, but there were presently only 30 per cent of candidates who completed the higher education due to lack of qualification, that is, there will be 26,000 graduates annually. For emergence of well-qualified graduates, the commission must give suggestions."

Concerning the matter, the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw announced that replies from union-level committee members and getting the approval of Hluttaw will be made at Hluttaw meeting to be held on November 21.—Myanmar News Agency ■



## Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker receives Deputy Director of IMF

AMYOTHA Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Aye Tha Aung received a delegation led by Deputy Director of the IMF's Asia and Pacific Department, Mr. Markus H. Rodlauer, at the Amyotha

Hluttaw building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday evening.

During the meeting, they cordially discussed matters about the Hluttaw.—Myanmar News Agency ■

## 300 schools in Maungtaw District to be opened by November

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Of the 130 schools reopened were primary, middle and higher education schools.

Maungtaw District Education Department has ordered heads of schools to enforce rules of the Ministry of Education when students return to schools.

"We ordered the heads of the schools to sign agreements with parents of the students that those students who do not obey the rules would be expelled, he added.

More than 270 schools

in the district remain closed since the late-August attacks by ARSA terrorists.

But academic life has been fully restored in Maungtaw, officials said yesterday.

According to the office of the head of the Rakhine State Education Department, schools in Maungtaw and Buthidaung townships were reopened, but schools in villages were not yet opened due to security situations.

"Opening of schools in rural areas of Maungtaw and Buthidaung townships depend on security. Schools in ethnic

villages are safe and secure, but we need to think about schools in Muslim villages. If the administrative side considers it safe, these schools will reopen. Teachers are ready", said U Aung Kyaw Tun last month.

According to the Rakhine State Education Department, about 3,000 students who fled from Maungtaw and Buthidaung towns to Sittway after the ARSA terrorist attacks were attending schools in Sittway so that there would be no gap in their education.—News Team ■

## Union Minister Dr Aung Thu inspects paddy harvesting

THE Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr Aung Thu, accompanied by Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu, Rakhine State minister for agriculture, livestock, forestry and mines U Kyaw Lwin and state government officials inspected the status of harvesting ownerless monsoon paddy in Yathedaung Township and Maungtaw region yesterday.

First, the Union Minister, Chief Minister and officials arrived at Cheinkhalein Village, Yathedaung Township and inspected the status of Agricultural Mechanization Department (AMD) systematically harvesting ownerless monsoon paddy with harvesters and the piled harvested rice.

Next they went to Myinlut village tract south of Maungtaw town and Mawrawadi front line station to inspect the status of harvesting and then went on to Alethankyaw Village south of Maungtaw town to inspect 40 workers drying harvested rice accepted by Department of Agriculture.

In the afternoon, the Union Minister and party inspected the

harvesting of rice in Laungdon Village north of Maungtaw town and went on to view ripe monsoon paddy in the field near the road junction of Taungpro-Bandoola road and remarked on systematically harvesting it with the least wastage.

Union Minister Dr. Aung Thu further remarked to officials and staffs on providing more harvesters and workers to expand and increase the rate of harvesting.

The Union Minister also encouraged the staff and workers who are systematically harvesting with harvesters and drying rice in Yathedaung and Maungtaw region while presenting food gifts.

For the timely harvesting of remaining paddy in Maungtaw region, more harvesters, weighing machines, bags and construction of temporary stores to store harvested and dried rice are being required it is learnt.

AMD is harvesting ownerless monsoon paddy in Maungtaw region with 32 harvesters and storing it and to date 1,700 acres has been harvested to according to AMD it is learnt.—  
News Team ■



Union Minister Dr Aung Thu and Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu inspect harvesting ownerless monsoon paddy in Yathedaung Township and Maungtaw region, Rakhine State. **PHOTO: PHOE HTAUNG**



## Myanmar marine conservation policy workshop held

A workshop on drafting Myanmar marine conservation policy was held yesterday morning at the Mann Myanmar Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw.

Forest Department Director General Dr Nyi Nyi Kyaw delivered an opening speech at the opening ceremony for the workshop, which was attended by representatives from states/regions, professors/lecturers from universities, representatives from non-government organisations, marine conservation experts such as Professor Mr. Philip Dearden University of Victoria (Canada) and invited guests.

At the workshop, attendees discussed classifying Myanmar Marine Protected Area (MPA) zones, framework and future programmes.

The workshop was held to draw up a Myanmar marine conservation policy (draft) which is the duty and respon-

sibility of a central committee for the administration and management of natural resources in coastal areas (national level). Coastal and marine areas in Myanmar are 2,831 kilom-

eters long from the mouth of Naf River in Rakhine State to Kawthaung, where Myanmar joins with Thailand. Offshore shallows cover about 225,000 square kilometers and the Ex-

clusive Economic Zone (EEZ) covers about 486,000 square kilometers, it is learnt.

The main threat to Myanmar marine and coastal regions is unsustainable fishing, pol-

lution of the ocean and the destruction of mangrove forests, seagrass and coral reefs that are important for the survival of fish species. Climate change is damaging the ecosystem and the bio-species in marine and coastal regions that results in declining production of fish, marine experts said at yesterday's workshop.

State-level policy on marine and coastal regions that will result from yesterday's workshop will support the pledges made in international circles on extending the marine and coastal nature conservation areas. Most importantly, the marine conservation policy drawn up must be not for conservation and protection sector only but encompasses the three sectors of conservation, protection and sustainable usage, experts said.—Myanmar News Agency ■



Forest Department Director General Dr Nyi Nyi Kyaw delivers the opening speech at the ceremony of marine conservation policy workshop held in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**

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## MIC approved 31 investment projects within two months

May Thet Hnin

THE Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) has approved a total of 31 foreign and local investments in Myanmar in October and November, said U Aung Naing Oo, the Director-General of the Directorate of Investment & Company Administration (DICA).

The MIC gave the green light to 24 foreign direct investments (FDIs) worth over US\$157 million. The FDIs created 8,845 jobs for local people.

The FDIs were in the transportation, communication, electricity and industrial zone sectors. A total of over US\$4.5

billion from FDIs has flowed into 153 Myanmar enterprises, including the Thilawa Special Economic Zone, in the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

Seven local investments out of 31 permitted investments are in industrial sector; other service sectors and the hotel and tourism sector. The seven local investments have reached over Ks17,444 million, creating 590 job opportunities for local people.

The MIC has approved a total of 58 local investments worth Ks1.49 trillion. "The terrorist attacks in Rakhine State do not affect investment in the short term. The MIC does not permit

the investment in the northern part of Rakhine State. The MIC permits investment only in the southern part of Rakhine State. But international countries are interested in the Rakhine issue. Therefore, it will affect a bit in investments later on. Western countries in particular may suspend their investments, said U Aung Naing Oo. Among foreign direct investments, the industrial sector topped the list, comprising over 35 per cent of the total inflows, followed by the real estate sector with over 24 per cent and other service sectors with over 18 per cent. Among foreign investors, Singapore-based com-

panies are most prevalent, with Chinese companies taking second place and the Netherlands in third place, according to DICA.

Currently, 60 per cent of investments are made in the Yangon region and 30 per cent in the Mandalay region. The remaining 10 per cent is spread over other states and regions. Myanmar intends to attract \$6 billion in FDI in the current fiscal year. Myanmar has already received over \$4.5 billion of the FDI target as of November. It is possible that the FDI will even exceed the target in this fiscal year, said U San Myint, the Deputy Director-General of DICA. ■

## 17<sup>th</sup> ASEAN ORL-HNS Congress being held

THE first ceremony of the 17th ASEAN-ORL-HNS hosted by Myanmar is being held at the Melia Hotel this morning.

Chairperson of the organizing committee, Prof. U Soe Tint opened the ceremony. In the opening speech made by Chief Minister of Yangon Region, U Phyo Min Thein said, "The latest treatments and techniques for Otorhinolaryngology, head and neck diseases and other related ailments will be available to people for generations to come. He also believes that people who utilize the latest



procedures will receive better health care.

At the congress the Otorhinolaryngology specialists from South East Asia and other medi-

cal professionals from countries such as America, England and Germany are in attendance and will discuss subjects that are germane to this congress,

This congress had previously been held in Pataya, Thailand since 1981 and other South East Asian countries once every two years.

This year Myanmar is the host country. Before the congress assembled, medical professionals conducted discussions about the latest treatments and procedures concerning Otorhinolaryngology and head and neck diseases. During this conference, Otorhinolaryngology International medicines and related materials were exhibited.—MDN ■



PHOTO:MDN

## New Elephant Resort being opened

Chaug Tha elephant resort is being opened in November 1 at mileage points (26) (6 miles) furlongs that is 26 miles and 6 farlons far from Pathein and 8 miles from Yangon respectively, beside the Pathein-Chaug Thar Highway by cooperation of Myanma Timber Enterprise under Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation and Private Entrepreneur.

There are five elephants and now, anyone can visit there

to feed and enjoy the natural landscape around the resort by riding them in order to create memorable and knowledgeable things according to U Ye Myint Lwin, entrepreneur.

As the resort is on the left side of Pathein-Chaug Thar Highway and opened daily, everybody can easily relax without consuming time. To get there, it may take about an hour from Pathein and 25 minutes from Chaug Tha by car.—MDN ■

## WY stimulant tablets seized in Dawei

A combined drugs eradication team that includes Police Captain Than Zaw Oo seized over 60 stimulant tablets yesterday in Dawei, Taninthayi Region.

Acting on a tip-off, police waited for the suspect at a playground near the Kyaung Thit

monastery in Sin Seik ward, Dawei at 12:30am yesterday. After a search, 30 WY stimulant tablets were seized together with over Ks25,000 and a mobile phone from the trouser pockets of the suspect, Thar Gyi, also known as Wai Yan, who was allegedly

trying to sell the drugs.

Acting on information obtained from the suspect, police arrested three more suspects including Al More Thet of Kyauk Maw Ward, Dawei Township, from whom 32 WY stimulant tablets were seized together

with two mobile phones and drugs equipment from Al More Thet's house.

The arrested suspects were detained at Dawei Police Station in order to have lawsuit filed against them.—Dawei (IPRD) ■

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Worker refills to car the fuel at the shop. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

## Local fuel price on the rise

THE price of local fuel has increased by 1,000 per gallon in November this fiscal year when compared to the same period of last year, according to a report in the Myawady Daily on 15 November.

The local fuel price has increased again in June. On 12 November, the local fuel price has reached a record-high price within four years. Local fuels

price was Ks 770 for 92 Ron and Ks 815 for 95 Ron.

“I think the price of local fuel has increased because the price of crude oil have increased when US has reduced the supply of the oil. The local fuel price is positively related to the global fuel price. Therefore, the price of local fuel will increase when the price of global fuel increases, said a manager from the MAX

petrol filling station.

Although the global crude oil prices on November last year were US\$ 50 per barrel, the global crude oil price on November this year were US\$ 57 per barrel.

In 2013, the price of fuel has reached Ks 1,000 per liter. In 2016, the price of fuel has declined to over Ks 500 per liter. Currently, the price of fuel has increased again.—GNLM ■

## Coastal fisheries development project to be implemented

THE coastal fisheries development project which will provide fisheries awareness sessions for local people in Rakhine State will be jointly administered by Denmark and Myanmar, according to a report in the Myawady Daily on 15 November.

The project will be implemented in the villages of Sittway and Kyaukphy townships. The fisheries experts from the Denmark and Myan-

mar Fisheries Department will provide the training courses and conduct the awareness campaigns to the local workers.

Denmark-Myanmar sustainable coastal fisheries project workshop was held in Rakhine state on 7 November to implement the project. The project will go on till 2020. “Fishery technologies will also be provided for sustainable development through the work-

shop. For the development of the fisheries sector, we need to adopt policies for social development of fishermen and organizations, said an official from the Rakhine State fisheries department.

The project will be implemented with an aim to promote the socioeconomic sector and protect the reproduction habit of fish for sustainable development of the water and land resources. —GNLM ■

## Sino-Myanmar border trade as of 3rd Nov shows a steep drop against last FY

VALUES of border trade between China and Myanmar as of early November in current fiscal year reached US\$3.5 billion which was about \$182 million less than similar period of last FY. Sino-Myanmar border trade is mainly conducted through Muse, Lweje, Kanpikete, Chinshwehaw and Kengtung. The sharp plunge at Muse gate drove trade value

down as Muse performed the largest trade among 16 border gates.

Border trade values between 1st April and 3rd November this FY were \$3 billion at Muse, \$108 million at Lweje, nearly \$310 million at Chinshwehaw, about \$60 million at Kanpikete and \$1 million at Keng Tung checkpoints. In early this month, around 120,000 bags flow

into Muse market but Chinese merchants purchase about 60,000 bags a day. This being so, the price decreases a bit.

Myanmar’s rice, sugar, various pulses, sesame seeds, corns, dried tea leaf, fishery products, minerals and animal products are exported to China while capital goods, intermediate goods and consumer goods flowed into the country.—Htet Myat ■

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## ASEM and Myanmar; ASEM and World

- After Myanmar has become the ASEAN member since ASEAN summit meeting held at Hanoi, Vietnam in 2014, it has attended every ASEM meeting.
- The President level representing Myanmar has attended ASEM summit meeting starting from 9th ASEM summit meeting held at Vientiane, Laos in 2012.
- Though currently all the countries of Asia and Europe are not included in ASEM, it represents 70% of World population, 58% of World GDP and 60% of World trade volume.
- Out of 10 world economic giants 7 economic giants and 12 G-20 countries are included.
- ASEM is a significant meeting on the stability and development of world economy and politics.

## ASEM Discussions

- ASEM Discussions are classified into Summit Meeting, Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs, Other Ministers' Meeting and High Level Officials' Meeting.
- ASEM Summit Meeting shall be attended by Head of the Government and it will be held biennially in Asia and Europe in turn.
- As ASEM can give decision on important issues, Summit Meetings are the highest authoritative body.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Summit Meeting was held in Bangkok, Thailand in 1996
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Summit Meeting was held in London, Britain in 1998
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Summit Meeting was held in Seoul, South Korea in 2000
- 4<sup>th</sup> Summit Meeting was held in Copenhagen, Denmark in 2002
- 5<sup>th</sup> Summit Meeting was held in Hanoi, Vietnam in 2004
- 6<sup>th</sup> Summit Meeting was held in Helsinki, Finland in 2006
- 7<sup>th</sup> Summit Meeting was held in Beijing, China in 2008
- 8<sup>th</sup> Summit Meeting was held in Brussels, Belgian in 2010
- 9<sup>th</sup> Summit Meeting was held in Vientiane, Laos in 2012
- 10<sup>th</sup> Summit Meeting was held in Milan, Italy in 2014
- 11<sup>th</sup> Summit Meeting was held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia in 2016



## Union Attorney General receives head of International IDEA

Union Attorney-General U Htun Htun Oo received a delegation led by Mr. Mark McDowell, head of International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA) at the attorney general office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

During the meeting, they discussed results came out from the Workshop held by IDEA and Union Attorney-General Office, constitution on Federal System and constitutional affairs in-



Union Attorney-General U Htun Htun Oo meets Mr. Mark McDowell, head of International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in Nay Pyi Taw on 16 November. **PHOTO: MNA**

tended for sharing knowledge for judicial officers, workshops and courses related to Union Attorney-General office, and cooperation and research procedures of IDEA.

Union Deputy Attorney-General U Win Myint, permanent secretary Daw Nu Nu Yin and Director-General U Min Swe also attended the meeting. —Myanmar News Agency

## Three bodies discovered, murder suspect arrested within hours

By Zaw Gyi

A murder suspect was arrested within three hours of the discovery of three bodies in Hlinethiri Housing Estate, Ward 9, Hline Township.

On Wednesday evening, resident of Building 3 in Hlinethiri Housing Estate, Ward 9, Hline Township reported yellowish, rotten-smelling liquids coming out of a locked room. When authorities who came to investigate were unable to contact the owners, they forced their way into the room and found the decaying bodies of Ma Kaythi Hline, 40, and her daughter Ma Thayatun, 9, lying on the blood-splattered floor. At the entrance to the bedroom they found the dead body of 25-year-old worker Ma Aye Mar Oo.

Investigators found out that Zwe Lin Htet, who worked with Ma Kaythi Hline in a restaurant, had a knife wound on his hand. A search for Zwe Lin Htet found him at his home in 19 Ward, Shwepyitha Township. Zwe Lin Htet stated that on the morning of 9 November, he and Ma Kaythi Hline were travelling to a restaurant in South Okkalapa Township in Ma Kaythi Hline's Toyota Wish car when two Toyota Crown cars blocked their vehicle inside the Regional College 2 compound. He added that a man came out of one car and attacked Ma Kaythi Hline with a knife. Zwe Lin Htet said he received a wound to his hand when he tried to prevent the attack. CCTV camera footage



Photo shows murder suspect Zwe Lin Htet with relevant materials. **PHOTO: YANGON POLICE FORCE**

along the stated route taken by the Toyota Wish was viewed, but no record of the Toyota Wish was found, Zwe Lin Htet was confronted again with this evidence, at which point he admitted to committing the triple murder.

Zwe Lin Htet stated that he went to Ma Kaythi Hline's room on the morning of 9 November and asked for his salary to be increased. Ma Kaythi Hline, who was the manager of the restaurant, refused and an ensuing verbal argument became a physical altercation. Zwe Lin Htet said he chased Ma Kaythi Hline into the bedroom trying to punch her as Ma Aye Mar Oo tried to prevent the attack. In the bedroom, Ma Kaythi Hline grabbed a knife, which was wrested away by Zwe Lin Htet, who then stabbed both women. Hearing the commotion, Ma Thayatun came to prevent the attack but was also stabbed. Upon realising that Ma Thayatun was still alive, he went to the kitchen and brought back a steel meat chopping knife

with which he hacked off Ma Thayatun's head. Once all were dead, he took Ks400,000 in cash, gold ornaments, laptops and mobile phones, then locked the door of the apartment from the outside and drove away in Ma Kaythi Hline's Toyota.

One of the murder weapons, the meat chopping steel knife, was recovered at the crime scene. Investigators are still trying to recover the knife used to stab the other victims, which was said to have been thrown into the Thandin Creek in Shwepyitha Township. The Toyota Wish was found at the house of Kyaw Zin Htike in Sakhangyi Village, Hlegu Township, who was a friend of Zwe Lin Htet. Gold ornaments and two mobile phones were recovered from Zwe Lin Htet's mother Daw Yi Tin, 53 and wife Ma Khin Khin Phyto, 21, in their home at 19 Ward, Shwepyitha Township. The two laptops were recovered from a computer shop in Thamaing Butaryone Street, Ward 2, Mayangone Township where it had been sold. ■

## Nineteen suspected of involvement in 25 August terrorist attacks arrested

NINETEEN men suspected of involvement in the terrorists attacks of 25 August were arrested and charged under the anti-terrorism law.

Security forces and other personnel found 38 suspects in Harbi village (west) and Harbi village (middle) in the Harbi village-tract during surprise checks on the morning of 7 No-

vember. Following an investigation, it was found that 19, including a man named Mohamed Jarwis and another man named Ismai, were strongly suspected to have been involved in the 25 August terrorist attacks. Under the anti-terrorism law, cases were filed against them at the Pyin Phyu police station. —Myanmar News Agency ■

## National Verification Cards issued in Maungtaw, Rakhine

STAFF from the Rakhine State Immigration and Population Department under the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population issued National Verification Cards (NVCs) to residents in Shwezar Village in Maungtaw Township, northern Rakhine State yesterday.

Led by U Aung Min, the state head of the department, the issuing process of NV Cards took place at the post-primary school in Shwezar Village. U Aung Min explained the benefits of the NV Card to the local residents. The issuance of a national ID is a priority of the Union government, and one of the main recommendations of a commission led by former

UN chief Kofi Annan for the resettlement of Rakhine State following terrorist attacks in 2016.

Mosquito nets and food were provided to local residents who were issued NV cards.

This effort was started in Maungtaw Township, Shwezar village tract on 12 October and so far, after scrutiny with a Biometric system, 787 people, including 463 men and 324 women, were issued National Verification Cards. The information of 46 people, including 25 men and 21 women, were recorded in preparation for issuance of an NV Card.— Myanmar News Agency ■



Staff scans finger print for register with biometrics identification were issued National Verification Cards. PHOTO: MNA



The car damaged by mine explosions on Yangon-Sittway Road. PHOTO: INFORMATION COMMITTEE

## Multiple mine explosions on Yangon-Sittway Road

A series of landmine explosions on Yangon-Sittway Road in Rakhine State on Wednesday that were apparently targeting convoys of Tatmadaw vehicles resulted in an injury to a pedestrian and extensive damage to several army trucks.

Three landmines exploded on Wednesday morning on Yangon-Sittway Road near the 84/4 mile marker west of Phar Pyaw (Chin Ywa) in Minbya township, Rakhine State, as three Tatmadaw trucks carrying medicine from Kamni approached, it was learnt. There were no injuries.

Shrapnel from the explosions caused extensive damage to the three trucks, flattening tyres, shattering windscreens and destroying the bodies of the vehicles, according to a Tatmadaw news release. No injuries were reported, it was learnt.

Later the same day, another landmine exploded near a concrete bridge between the 116/3 and 116/4 mile markers near Vethali Village and Pauktawpyin Village as seven Tatmadaw convoy trucks approached from



A concrete bridge damaged by landmine explosions on Yangon-Sittway Road in Rakhine State. PHOTO: INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Minbya. The force of the blast created a 3-foot wide, 1.5-foot deep hole in the ground near the bridge and caused some of the concrete from the bridge's left guard rail to peel off.

The blast didn't damage the trucks or Tatmadaw personnel on board, but shrapnel from the explosion hit the left side of the forehead and left ear of nun Daw Thawna Htayri, 64, who was walking from Mrauk U side to Vethali Village. Her condition could not be determined.

Yesterday morning, secu-

rity personnel were conducting security measures along the Yangon-Sittway Road when they came upon three suspicious mound of earths 20 feet apart between mile markers 243 and 244 near the border of Kyauktaw and Ponnagyun townships. Upon investigation, three mines were found and deactivated. A further search of the vicinity turned up another mine, which was also deactivated. The four mines found yesterday were learnt to be remote-controlled IEDs.— Myanmar News Agency ■

## Four out of 20 suspects found to be involved in terrorist attacks

AN investigation of 20 men detained after the stakeout of an area alleged to be a hiding area for fugitives resulted in the arrest of four people on suspicion of terroristic activity.

On receipt of a tip-off that terrorists and fugitives were hiding in the prawn breeding ponds between Gordu

Thara west and Gordu Thara Chaungwa, a combined team that includes security forces launched a stakeout starting on the morning of 11 November until the evening, when 20 people arrived and were immediately detained on suspicion of terrorism. Under the investigation conducted in accord with

rules and regulations, four men, including Marmed Cobi of Myo Thagyi village in Maungtaw village and Marmed Haron of the village of Du Nyaungbingyi in Maungtaw Township, were filed under the anti-terrorism law, with the remaining men under investigation, it was learnt. — Myanmar News Agency ■

## We Will Prove Truth and Bring About Virtues

VERY recently, Myanmar-based foreign media groups went to meet over 70 Muslims arriving at the beach between Hmowin Chaungwa and Gordu Thara creek near Alei Thangyaw village in northern Rakhine State to enquire as to why they left for Bangladesh. At the same time security forces concerned were interviewed as well by the media group because they wanted to know how security measures were being performed in that area.

According to the interview, it was found out that those who were waiting there to leave for the neighboring country unanimously gave the same reply saying that they wanted nothing but to return their native land. In spite of the fact that the Government definitely and repeat-

edly promised to provide humanitarian assistance, take care of resettlement measures and security measures, they all expressed the same desire saying that they wished to go to the neighboring country. When asked as to whether there were threats, tortures or assaults to drive them away, the unanimous answer was, "No." In asking them whether they have got NVCs most replied that they did not take NVCs according to the majority decision. They also said that only a few village elders took NVCs.

Muslims in the region, who are neither terrorists nor those involved in terrorist attacks, were overwhelmed with fears and worries, and local nationals had the same fears and worries. So as to arouse such feelings among the local

populace, ARSA extremist terrorists arrested local nationals and Hindus and killed them brutally before 25th August. In early August they killed informers from the villages, village administrators and village administration committee members where the Muslims lived. This was their way of warning others not to cooperate with the government or abide by rules and laws of the government. Those who did not heed their warning would meet the same fate.

Earlier on, extremist terrorists infiltrated among the Bengali villagers, killing one by one and making sudden and simultaneous attacks on August 25. They killed local nationals and Hindus, thus showing to the world their evil intentions and atrocious methods. Accordingly, it

must be said that the events which took place in northern Rakhine State and its related challenges were attributed to ARSA extremist terrorists.

These days, repatriation of some extremists by the Bangladesh government, surprise attacks on some villagers, arrests of those involved with terrorists, seizures of weapons and hide-outs of terrorists and on-the-ground-interview with those in question provide solid evidence regarding the true causes of the affairs in Northern Rakhine State.

As the Myanmar saying goes—"You cannot cover a dead elephant with a goat skin". Truth can be seen vividly now. It whatever it is, the truth will come out one day and virtue will regain its rightful place. ■

## Myanmar can flourish through agriculture

By Maung Lu Aye

**A**GRICULTURE is one of the best opportunities in Myanmar for investors looking to make an immediate impact. This presents opportunities for foreign financial firms to provide funding for agricultural land or to cultivate land themselves.

The land in Myanmar is very fertile, and Myanmar people have generations of experience in agricultural enterprises. If farmers have access to capital, better seeds, and better technology, the agricultural sector in Myanmar has the potential to see rapid growth.

Though natural resource extraction can be fiscally tempting, 70% of the population, some of Myanmar's poorest people, work in agriculture. Investment in this sector would build on the country's natural climatic advantages and enable it to return to its historic role as south-east Asia's rice bowl, a distinction it held in the late 1950s.

Foreign investors can either invest in international agricultural companies who are currently looking to expand in Myanmar, or start their own agricultural enterprise by leasing land and contracting farmers.

### Good Agricultural Practices

Department of Agriculture of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation in co-



A farmer works at a cabbage farm near Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE

operation with the International Finance Corporation-IFC launched the Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) Protocol and Guidelines for 15 crops recently to support its economic growth.

The GAP system involves specific farming methods designed to ensure that food that reaches consumers is of a certified level of quality and safety.

There are competing definitions across different markets and international organisations, although there are also key sim-

ilarities across the main areas such as environmental sustainability and food safety.

Among the benefits of adopting the GAP system in developing countries is gaining access to new export markets, improving the use of natural resources and improving overall safety and quality standards, according to the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization.

The launch of Myanmar's GAP Protocol and Guidelines aims to boost the profits of farm-

ers by educating cultivators on how to produce safe and quality products for the local and international market.

Seventy per cent of Myanmar's population struggle to improve productivity engaging in small-scale agriculture. They are unable to choose which crops to grow and rarely receive information or training.

The launch of the GAP Protocol and Guidelines, which comes in line with the 12 point economic policy launched in July

2016, would bring opportunities to farmers to produce high-quality products.

While practicing the GAP system, it will need to facilitate access to finance for entrepreneurs and farmers and to provide training in modern production techniques that meet export standards. Finally, investment is needed to build infrastructure: food safety inspection laboratories, cold storage facilities at airports and ports, and better transport networks. ■

## Japanese encephalitis vaccination launched in Gantgaw District, Magway Region



Nurses giving vaccinations to children for Japanese encephalitis. PHOTO: KYAW THAN SWE

JAPANESE encephalitis vaccinations were injected to Children Under-15 by medical staff from Kyauk Htu Township General

Hospital in Gantgaw district in Magway Region yesterday morning. About 200 school students received the vaccination

successfully. Students from other villages in the district will also be vaccinated on 23 November.— Kyaw Than Swe ■

## Senior General receives EU Ambassador

SENIOR General Min Aung Hlaing received the EU Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar H.E. Mr. Kristian Schmidt at Bayint Naung guest hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

Issues discussed during

the meeting included bilateral relations between the EU and Myanmar; Myanmar's ongoing transition to democracy, current local peace building process of Myanmar's Tatmadaw and current issues in Rakhine State.

—Myanmar News Agency ■

## Fixing artificial limbs for disabled persons in Taninthayi

WITH the supervision of International Red Cross Association, Myanmar Red Cross Association's Prosthetic Fixing Department from Hpa-An attached the artificial limbs to the disabled persons at the temporary office of Myanmar Red Cross Association in Taninthayi Township yesterday morning. At the ceremony, field officer from Prosthetic Rehabilitation Department, Daw Ei Thuzar Cho and neurologist Daw

Kaw Kay and her party made medical checkup and fix 16 prosthetic without any charge.

Hluttaw representative of No.2 Taninthayi Region U Ye Myint Swe, Township police force Police Captain Saw Maung, township departmental officials, Township Red Cross supervisory committee chairman U Zaw Zaw Aung and other officials also included in the volunteering.— Nann Thai-Htein Win (IPRD) ■

## DICA branch office to be opened in Hakha, Chin State

A Directorate of Investment & Company Administration (DICA) branch office will be opened in the town of Hakha, Chin State on 20 November, said U Aung Naing Oo, the Director-General of Directorate of Investment & Company Administration (DICA).

“After we have opened the DICA branch office in Chin State, all the regions and states in Myanmar have had DICA branch offices. Last month, we have already appointed the staff and

started running the branch offices. We will hold our opening ceremony on 20 November. The entrepreneurs who made investments in Chin State should attend the opening ceremony,” said U Aung Naing Oo.

Moreover, DICA is planning to hold a workshop concerning potential business opportunities in Chin State and the new Myanmar Investment Law, which was enacted on 17 and 18 November.

According to the new Myan-

mar Investment Law, the investment commissions of states and regions have been formed with seven members each, including the respective chief ministers. states and regions government committees are given authority to allow local and foreign investments after thorough scrutiny. Also, DICA branch offices have been granted authority to give permission to local and foreign investments which do not exceed Ks6 billion and US\$5 million.

“The entrepreneurs do not need to apply an investment proposal in the head office. They can only apply at the DICA branch office. It can save the time and labour. Opening the branch office at the State and Region can make more investment in Myanmar,” said U Thant Sin Lwin, the Deputy Director-General of DICA. DICA will grant investments mainly in the following sectors: agriculture; livestock and adequate product production; export

promotion; import substitution industrialisation; electricity; transportation; education; health; low-cost housing and the industrial zones, said U Aung Naing Oo. Myanmar intends to attract \$6 billion in foreign direct investment in the fiscal year of 2017-2018. Currently, Myanmar has already received over \$4.5 billion of the FDI target as of November. So the FDI could even exceed the target in this fiscal year, said U Aung Naing Oo.—May Thet Hnin ■

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# Entrepreneurs contribute to UEHRD in Rakhine State

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U Kyaw Aye Thein, minister for finance, revenue, planning and commerce for Rakhine State said, "Today, we have received contributions from entrepreneurs, Ks620 million and US\$2,500. Donation money received today will be spent for nationals' villages as a priority for UEHRD. For the remaining Bengali people, it will be carried out after they have been resettled with the arrangement of the government. I am very pleased for our people to have contributed such amounts of money. Rakhine State Government is always inviting donors and entrepreneurs who will come to invest in Rakhine State. We will support and help their needs."

U Kyauk Taung, chairman of Nay La Thitsar Company said, "I take the responsibility of rebuilding destroyed infrastructure in northern Rakhine State, Maungtau region. Today's ceremony was held by the Rakhine State Government for entrepreneurs in Rakhine State to take an active part in the UEHRD in northern Rakhine and to donate monetary aid. I myself attended the ceremony as the vice-chairman of MKSH (Myanmar Kyauk Phyu Special Economic Zone Holding Public Company). My company, Nay La Thitsar, donated



U Kyaw Aye Thein, minister for finance, revenue, planning and commerce for Rakhine State.

ed Ks10 million with Ks21 million donated by MKSH. The amount will be just normal for support of Rakhine State. In fact, the State must spend as many billions for the whole project. We joined the project as a grain of sand and a piece of brick in building the nation together with the Union Government. Maungtau is a region which is greatly in need of infrastructures. Transportation and living standard conditions are very poor in this area. People from remote areas are very poor, especially villages where the Mro, Thet, Daingnet, Khami and others are living. Only if we collectively contribute can their living standards be upgraded. We assume that it is incumbent upon us to do so, that is 50 mil-



U Nyi Pu, Chief Minister of Rakhine State speaks at the interview. PHOTO: KAN TUN

lion of the whole populace. Our contribution is not for our sake. We deeply urge our citizens to join in the project enthusiastically."

U Nyi Nyi, executive director of Aye Nyein Construction Company said, "I am a Rakhine national. As a Rakhine national living in Rakhine State, we assume that we are responsible to take part, donating money. My company donated Ks10 million."

Chief Minister and Dr Aung Tun Thet, Chief Coordinator of UEHRD, made opening speeches. Then, U Aung Kyaw Zan, minister for electricity, industry and communication, clarified the tasks being performed for the development of Maungtau region.—Tin Htun (IPRD) ■

# Chinese FM to attend ASEM FM meeting, visit Bangladesh and Myanmar

CHINESE Foreign Minister Wang Yi will lead a delegation to the 13th foreign ministers' meeting of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar's capital, from November 20 to 21.

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Geng Shuang made the announcement at a daily press briefing here on Thursday.

Wang will attend the meeting at the invitation of Myanmar's State Counsellor and Foreign Minister Aung San Suu Kyi, said Geng, adding that Wang will discuss the international and regional situation, connectivity cooperation in Asia and Europe and China's

stance on hotspot issues.

Wang will have bilateral meetings with some heads of delegation to promote a new-type of Asia-Europe partnership and address challenges together, the spokesperson said.

Prior to the meeting, Wang will visit Bangladesh and Myanmar from Nov. 18 to 19, Geng said.

During his stay there, he will hold talks with his counterparts and meet leaders, Geng said.

The Asia-Europe Meeting was created in 1996 as a forum for dialogue and cooperation between Europe and Asia.—china.org ■



International students arrive at Mingalar Thiri Hotel, Nay Pyi Taw on 16 November to attend 8th Model ASEM 2017. PHOTO: MNA

# Climbing on pagodas in Bagan should be banned

TOURISTS climbing on ancient pagodas in Bagan should be prevented as it is not appropriate and can cause dangers, said U Aung Aung Kyaw Director of Archaeology and National Museum Department (Bagan Region).

"Climbing on the top parts of the pagodas is very dangerous. Five pagodas on which climbing was allowed are now not allowed as earthquake conservation works were carried out. We saw climbing on the pagodas and said not to climb, but no one paid at-

tention. As they can't be sued, all should cooperate in conservation", he added.

Conservation works are being carried out, but there is not enough staff at the Archaeology and Tourism Department, so local residents and other organisations are needed to cooperate. Notices for the tourists in Bagan were posted not only in public places but also at the hotels and guest houses.

"As regard to tourism, we don't want to ban the climbing of

pagodas. But, climbing the pagodas is dangerous and it can damage the archaeological features. Therefore, we provided locations for sightseeing" said U Than Win from the JICA tourism project.

Currently, buildings to view Bagan were constructed at Ko Maunk Kan, Su Nar Mani and Nyaung Latphet Kan. The sunset can also be viewed at Nan Myint Tower, Lokha Nandar Pagoda bank and Bu Pagoda port.—Min Htet Aung (Mandalay sub-printing house) ■

# Students arrive in Nay Pyi Taw to attend 8th Model ASEM 2017

ONE hundred and sixty students to attend 8th Model Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM), in conjunction with the 13th ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting (ASEM FMM13) arrived at Mingalar Thiri Hotel, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday evening.

The meetings will take place at Myanmar International Convention Center-2 (MICC-2), Nay Pyi Taw on 17 to 20 November.

The students from the nations of Asia-Europe member countries were welcomed by officials from the department of extramural and lifetime education and department of handicrafts promotion and cooperation, Ministry of Education.

Moreover, the students

were also welcomed with the Myanmar traditional entertainments including Koe Myay Shwe Ayear traditional elephant dance, other music and dances by middle school students of No (3) Basic Education Middle School as well as Basic Education High School (branch) and Kume Basic Education High School.

Total 160 members including students from 51 countries such as Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Russia and etc. from Europe and China, Japan, Korea, New Zealand and Austria from Asia-Pacific region and ASEAN member countries and 55 students from states and regions of Myanmar will attend to the 8th Model Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM).—Myanmar News Agency ■

## Weather Report

### Depression persists in Bay of Bengal

ACCORDING to the observations at (18:30)hrs M.S.T yesterday, the depression over West central Bay and adjoining Northwest Bay of Bengal, off North Andhra Pradesh Coast (India).

It is centered at about (80)miles East -Northeast of Visakhapatnam and (83) miles South-Southwest of Gopalpur (India). Weather is cloudy over the North Bay and Central Bay of Bengal and partly cloudy over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.—GNLM ■

## India's Modi remains overwhelmingly popular, says Pew poll



India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi participates in the opening session of the 15<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-India Summit at the Philippine International Convention Center in Manila, Philippines, on 14 November 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

NEW DELHI — Nearly nine out of 10 Indians hold a favourable opinion of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and more than two-thirds are satisfied with the direction he is taking the country, a Pew survey has found, two years before he heads into a general election.

Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party-led coalition won the biggest parliamentary majority in three decades in a 2014 election and the poll by the US-based research centre showed that his personal ratings remain high.

Critics have accused hard-line Hindu groups linked to the ruling coalition of promoting a partisan agenda, including targeting minority Muslims, since he came to power.

They have also blamed Modi for slowing economic growth and for failing to generate the hundreds of thousands of jobs needed for young people joining the workforce each month.

But the Pew poll found that

88 per cent of Indians held a favourable view of Modi, a shade higher than the 87 per cent who gave him a thumbs-up in 2015, a year after he swept to power promising to transform India into a high-growth economy.

Such high ratings are unusual for political leaders three years into office in south Asia, where governments are more often voted out than retained as people become frustrated with broken campaign promises.

Modi's favourable rating is 31 percentage points higher than that of Sonia Gandhi, the leader of the main opposition Congress party, and is 30 points more than that for her son, Rahul Gandhi, who is expected to take over the party leadership. "Three years into Modi's five-year tenure, the honeymoon period for his administration may be over but the public's love affair with current conditions in India is even more intense," Pew said in comments on its findings.—Reuters ■

## Japan, Indonesia sign \$1 billion loan for constructing new seaport

JAKARTA — Japan and Indonesia on Wednesday signed a loan agreement worth \$1.05 billion for a project to build a new international seaport east of Jakarta.

Patimban Port will be built in Subang, West Java province, approximately 70 kilometers from the Karawang Industrial Estate where many Japanese automotive companies have built factories.

With a 40-year tenure, the

118.9 billion yen loan carries a fixed interest rate of 0.1 per cent per annum, according to the Japan International Cooperation Agency. The loan agreement was signed on Japan's part by Shinya Ejima, JICA's senior vice president, who said the ceremony that construction is slated to begin early next year and the port is expected to at least partially begin operating in March 2019.—Kyodo News ■

## Belt and Road Initiative vital to boost ASEAN's connectivity: Cambodian official

PHNOM PENH — The Belt and Road Initiative is playing a key role in boosting the connectivity among member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and its connection with its neighbors, especially China, a Cambodian government official said Wednesday.

The Belt and Road Initiative, which comprises the Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road, was proposed by China in 2013 with the aim of building a trade, investment and infra-

structure network connecting Asia with Europe and Africa along the ancient trade routes.

To support the initiative, China has established the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) and the Silk Road Fund to provide finance to infrastructure projects. "The Belt and Road Initiative is providing a lot of advantages to ASEAN," Kao Kim Hourn, a minister attached to Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Techo Hun Sen, said in a press conference in Phnom Penh.

The minister said the ini-

tiative importantly contributed to the implementation of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity 2025, which is ASEAN's priority task. "The initiative not only helps connect intra-ASEAN, but also links ASEAN to its neighboring countries, especially China," Kim Hourn said.

Commenting on ASEAN-China relations, the official said China is ASEAN's key partner and has actively supported ASEAN in its integration process, community building, and connectivity infrastructure development.—Xinhua ■

## Thailand plans joint arms factory with China

BANGKOK — Thailand's defence technology agency plans to set up a joint centre with China to produce and maintain military equipment in the latest sign of the strengthening security relationship since a 2014 coup.

The plans to establish the facility - and discussions on a Chinese naval centre to serve submarines Thailand ordered this year — point to a growing Chinese security presence in the oldest US ally in the region as elsewhere in Southeast Asia.

The Thai government's Defence Technology Institute (DTI) will set up Thailand's first commercial joint defence facility with China in the north-

eastern province of Khon Kaen in July, a defence ministry spokesman said.

It will be responsible for assembly, production and maintenance of Chinese land weapon systems for the Thai army.

"All our production will be for domestic official usage," defence ministry spokesman Kongcheep Tantravanich told Reuters, adding that it could become an assembly and maintenance centre for all states in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

Specific details, he said, were subject to further discussions between the ministry and China North Industries Corpo-

ration (NORINCO) — which makes tanks and weapons among other heavy equipment.

NORINCO did not respond immediately to an emailed request for comment. Its website describes it as "a pioneer and leader of Chinese military trade, and an important team to implement China's Going Global strategy".

Kongcheep said the Chinese would provide training and technology transfer, but details of any Chinese personnel in Khon Kaen were among things being discussed.

The Chinese Defence Ministry did not respond when contacted by Reuters for comment.—Reuters ■



A Royal Thai Navy prototype combat drone, developed by the Defence Science and Technology Department is pictured during the Defence and Security 2017 exhibition in Bangkok, Thailand, on 7 November 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

# Going strong after 70 years - Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip celebrate platinum anniversary



Britain's Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip visit Pangbourne College near Reading, on 9 May 2017.  
**PHOTO: REUTERS**

LONDON — Britain's Queen Elizabeth will add another landmark to her record-breaking reign on Monday when she and Prince Philip celebrate their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Princess Elizabeth, as she was at the time, married dashing naval officer Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten at London's Westminster Abbey on Nov. 20, 1947, just two years after the end of World War Two, in a lavish ceremony

attended by statesmen and royalty from around the world.

Seventy years on, Elizabeth, 91, and her 96-year-old husband will mark their platinum anniversary with a small family party at Windsor Castle, the monarch's home to the west of London. A spokesman for Buckingham Palace said there would be no public event to mark the occasion.

Greek-born Philip, a descendant of Elizabeth's great-great-grandmother

Queen Victoria in his own right, has been at his wife's side throughout her 65-year reign, the longest in British history. He was the person who broke the news to her in 1952 that her father, George VI, had died and that she was now queen.

"One of the secrets of this very, very long marriage, and it's an incredibly impressive anniversary, is the fact Prince Philip has always seen it as his main duty to support the queen, to help her in whatever way

he can," royal historian Hugo Vickers told Reuters.

"He is the only person who can actually tell the queen absolutely straight what he thinks, and if he thinks some idea is ridiculous he will say so in whatever language he chooses to use."

The couple first met when they attended the wedding of Prince Philip's cousin, Princess Marina of Greece, to Elizabeth's uncle, the Duke of Kent, in 1934.—Reuters ■



## Invitation to Bid (ITB) for Supply Items for Emergency WASH response on Long Term Agreement

Reference No.: ITB-2017-9135721

UNICEF is inviting sealed Invitation to Bid (ITB) to enter into Long Term Agreement with one or more qualified suppliers for Supply Items for Emergency WASH response in Myanmar. Interested companies who have valid business registration and a minimum of two years' experience with reputable clients are invited to collect RFP document at UNICEF Office, 23-A, Inya Myaing Road, Yangon. Companies are requested to bring the copy of business registration certificate when they collect the ITB at the UNICEF office. Last date for collection of ITB is 30 November 2017.

Moreover, interested companies are invited for the Pre Bid Meeting at UNICEF Office on 23 November 2017 (2:00 PM). Please register to Ye Htut, [yhtut@unicef.org](mailto:yhtut@unicef.org) in advance before mentioned date for confirmation.

The deadline for submission of bid to UNICEF is 2:00 pm, 4 December 2017.

For any clarification, please contact Ms. Ei Cho Nyunt, Supply Officer, Supply & Logistics Section, UNICEF Myanmar. Tel: +95 1 2305960-69 (Ext. 1563). E-mail [enyunt@unicef.org](mailto:enyunt@unicef.org).

## Yangon Metropolitan Development Public Co., Ltd.

### Yangon Regional Government

#### Invitation for submission of "Project Master Plan and Architectural Design" Design Competition

Interested Parties are invited for the submission of design proposals which are to be selected in a design competition for the Overall Master Plan and Architectural Design for the development of the Housing development under the management of the Yangon Regional Government located in Dagon Seikkan Township, Ward No. (73,74,75,76), Corner of Shwe Li Road with a land area of (183) acres for Pensioners and Civil Servants, Rental Housing for Civil Servants, Shop houses, Commercial buildings, Social and Public facilities and Green areas. More information can be obtain as below:

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| (1) Application form and terms release date | ( 17 November 2017 )   |
| (2) Design Submission Date                  | ( 3 January 2018 )   |
| (3) Design Submission Location              | Yangon Metropolitan Development Public Co., Ltd , Head Office, Room No.(222), Yangon Regional Government Office. |

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## Fear and loathing in South Korea as university exam postponed by quake

SEOUL — South Korean test-takers expressed confusion and dejection on Thursday as the country's highly competitive annual university entrance exam, called a "life assignment exam" by some, was postponed a week for the first time ever due to safety concerns.

South Korea postponed the exam after a rare earthquake rattled the country on Wednesday, causing damage to buildings including some schools.

The exam is life-defining for many high school seniors, as a prestigious university on one's resume is seen a minimum for securing a place in limited corporate jobs in Asia's fourth-largest economy, which is dominated by conglomerates.

Because the wrong

answer to a single question in the roughly 200-question exam can mean dropping in the national ranking and failure to enter one's choice of university, tensions ran high. "It's a bit hellish thinking I have to do this for one more week," said 20-year-old Cho Hyun-lee, studying at one of Seoul's largest cram schools to take the test again after last year. "People are dispirited, lying with their faces down."

Some scrambled to recover books they'd thrown away yesterday or buy new ones, two test-takers told Reuters, while others "gave up", uploading pictures of classmates sleeping or reading online comics on social media. Still others agonised over missing concerts of their favourite

singers or South Korea's largest online game exhibition this week.

Meanwhile, South Korean society, geared for the exam's smooth progress, prepared to do it all again next Thursday.

Airplanes, barred from taking off or landing for 35 minutes on Thursday morning to prevent their noise from interfering with the exam's listening section, were allowed to land or take off, the transport ministry said.

But the stock market and banks still opened an hour late on Thursday—a device to help keep roads clear for students getting to test sites.

The defence ministry allowed extra leave for soldiers in mandatory military service who had taken personal leave to sit the exam.—Reuters ■

## Pope gets white-and-yellow Lamborghini to auction for charity

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis received some hot new wheels on Wednesday in the form of a white-and-yellow Lamborghini but he won't be using it on the tree-shaded roads of the Vatican gardens.

The donated Lamborghini Huracan, which normally sells for more than \$200,000, was signed by the pope outside his Vatican residence and will be auctioned by Sotheby's, with proceeds given to the pontiff to help the needy.

The Vatican said all the money would go to projects to help Christians return to rebuild their homes in Iraq's Nineveh Plains that were destroyed by Islamic State militants.

They will also go to help female victims of human trafficking and forced prostitution and to two Italian groups which provide medical services in central Africa.

Francis has shunned the papal limousines used by his predecessors in favour of a simple blue Ford Focus.

White and yellow are the colours of the Vatican flag. Lamborghini is part of the Volkswagen group.—Reuters ■

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## Sun, wind and water: Africa's renewable energy set to soar by 2022

CAPE TOWN—Strong demand is set to give a huge boost to renewable energy growth in Sub-Saharan Africa over the next five years, driving cumulative capacity up more than 70 per cent, a senior international energy official said on Wednesday.

From Ethiopia to South Africa, millions of people are getting access to electricity for the first time as the continent turns to solar, wind and hydro-power projects to boost generation capacity.

"A big chunk of this (growth) is hydro because of Ethiopia, but then you have solar ... in South Africa, Nigeria and Namibia and wind in South Africa and Ethiopia as well," said Paolo Frankl, head of the renewable division at the Paris-based International

Energy Agency (IEA).

He forecast installed capacity of renewable energy in the Sub-Saharan region almost doubling from around 35 gigawatts now to above 60 GW given the right conditions.

Ethiopia has an array of hydropower projects under construction, including the \$4.1 billion Grand Renaissance Dam along the Nile River that will churn out 6,000 MW upon completion.

That is enough for a good-sized city for a year.

"Africa has one of the best potential resources of renewables anywhere in the world, but it depends very much on the enabling framework, on the governance and the right rules," Frankl told Reuters on the sidelines of a wind energy conference.



A boy stands in front of wind turbines near a village in Tigray, Ethiopia, in a file photo. PHOTO: REUTERS

The transition to a low-carbon trajectory to reduce harmful greenhouse gases is creating opposition from the coal industry and fuelling uncertainty in countries where job creation was linked to coal mining. In Africa, this tension and its impact on new investment has been best illustrated by South Africa's state-owned

Eskom and its reluctance to sign new deals with independent power producers, according to analysts.

In May, the South African Wind Energy Association (SAWEA) said the energy regulator agreed to investigate Eskom's refusal to sign agreements that delayed 2,942 MW in new solar and wind projects. —Reuters ■

## Greeks in mourning and disbelief after flood that killed at least 15

MANDRA, (Greece) — Greeks voiced despair and disbelief on Thursday after a flash flood killed at least 15 people and left hundreds homeless, with many blaming a system that allowed houses to be built on dried up river beds.

In the towns of Nea Peramos and Mandra west of the capital Athens, crumpled cars and mangled furniture lay on roads coated in the thick mud left behind by a raging torrent that smashed through homes on Wednesday morning.

"We are ruined. My tavern and my house are gone," said Paraskevas Stamou, a restaurant owner in Mandra. "Everything is gone, the road is gone, the water is still flowing

and we were flooded again last night and this morning.

"We are expecting another downpour tonight. It's like God hates us," he told Reuters.

To escape the lethal floodwaters, residents took desperate measures.

"We had nowhere to sleep. We slept on the roof, we found carpets to cover ourselves," said a man in Mandra whose house was gutted by the flood but remained standing.

Between sobs, his mother added: "Everything went. We don't have anyone to help us. I don't have help from anyone."

Elderly people wandered the streets in mud-died clothing, looking bewildered.—Reuters ■

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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.

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## As 'Roman J. Israel, Esq.' Denzel Washington explores social injustice

LOS ANGELES — For his latest role, as an attorney who defends young people of colour imprisoned without trial, Oscar-winning actor Denzel Washington weighed how family dynamics played into the lives of young criminals.

"I grew up with guys who did decades (in prison) and it had as much to do with their fathers not being in their lives as it did to do with any system," Washington said in a recent interview with Reuters about his new film, "Roman J. Israel, Esq."

The movie, written and directed by Dan Gilroy, opens on Friday.

The actor plays the title role of a lawyer with encyclopedic knowledge.

Washington, recalling some

of the people he grew up with, added: "By the time we got to 13, 14, different things happened. Now I was doing just as much as they were, but they went further ... I just didn't get caught, but they kept going down that road and then they were in the hands of the system. But it's about the formative years. You're not born a criminal."

The cases explored in "Roman J. Israel, Esq." reflect a "massively important issue in our country," director Gilroy said.

"Our prison system needs reform at a fundamental level. We have the highest incarceration rate of any place in the Western world ... It's not racially equal, it's not socio-economically equal," he said. —Reuters ■



Oscar-winning actor Denzel Washington. PHOTO: REUTERS

## Not easy to handle success and failures publicly: Akshaye

MUMBAI — Akshaye Khanna, noted for his versatility, says it is never easy for actors to handle the audiences' dislike or indifference towards their work.

The benchmark of an actor or a filmmaker's capability is how successful their movies are at the box office.

Khanna made his debut in 1997 with "Himalaya Putra" which didn't do well at the box office, but months later he got a breakthrough with JP Dutta's "Border". Since then, the actor has been part of several hit films like "Taal", "Dil Chahta Hai", "Race", among others.

"My first film was a failure. I had many failures too. It's not easy dealing with it," says Khanna in an interview to PTI. "If I am running a business and making a loss, nobody really knows about it. Our success and failures are public. To have your films not liked or not watched or failed, is not an easy thing to handle," he says. At the same time, the "Ittefaq" actor feels it is far more difficult to deal with success than surviving a failure. "Having said

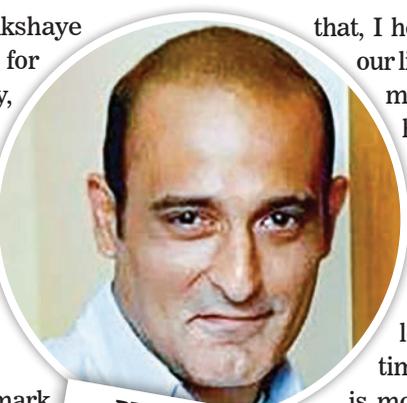


PHOTO: PTI

that, I honestly feel in our line of work, it's more difficult to handle success than failure. To handle success maturely, especially over a long period of time sometimes is more difficult to maintain," he says. On the deciding factors of success of an artiste, Khanna says a hit movie is the best measure.

"There's only one barometer for the commercial success of a film and that's the box office. The obsession with box office doesn't annoy me. It's the main part of the business, if you get irritated with the main part then you're in trouble," he says. The actor, who in a way began his second innings in Bollywood with the 2016 hit comedy "Dishoom", is now seen mostly doing strong supporting parts. Khanna says he doesn't "fear" losing out on work. "You can do the best, work hard but at the end of the day the audience decides whether you are relevant to them as an artiste or not. These things are completely out of your hands. The audience will of course give you a shelf life," he says.—PTI ■

## Kenya mulls incentives to boost film industry

NAIROBI — Kenya is seeking to develop a raft of incentives that will boost the film sector, officials said on Wednesday.

State-owned Kenya Film Commission (KFC) Chairman Chris Foot told an international film forum in Nairobi that one of the key challenges facing the film sector is lack of finance.

"We are considering offering financial incentives such as tax credits and rebates in order to spur the development of the film industry," Foot said during the opening of the International Film Convention-Kenya which runs until Friday.

The three-day event themed "Taking the Audio-Visual and Film industry in Kenya and Eastern Africa to the Next Level" aims to establish exchange programmes between local film producers and distributors both locally and internationally for economic gain. KFC has hired consultants to develop draft incentives which will be validated by stakeholders.

Foot said commercial banks are reluctant to finance film projects because the industry's revenue streams are unpredictable. "In order to unlock finance for the film sector we shall implement a guaran-



Rene Denis, audiovisual attache for East Africa from Embassy of France in Kenya, speaks during the convention of an international film forum in Nairobi, Kenya, on 15 November 2017. Kenya is seeking to develop a raft of incentives that will boost the film sector, officials said on Wednesday. PHOTO: XINHUA

tee system that will provide mechanisms to repay loan for the industry in case they default on loans," he added.

Foot said that in order to create more job opportunities for the film sector, the level of local content by broadcasters needs to be increased to 60 per cent.

In Kenya, it has been projected that the revenue output of the media and entertainment sector will hit 3.3 billion US dollars in the next five years, according to a 2017

PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) report.

The chairman noted that the film sector is a lucrative industry, which can become a significant service export.

The 15-17 November meeting is a collaborative effort between the Kenya Film Classification Board (KFCB), the European Union (EU), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) and the French Embassy in Kenya. —Xinhua ■



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People wait to view terracotta warriors during a press preview at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts (VMFA) in Richmond, Virginia, the United States, on 15 November 2017. Titled "Terracotta Army: Legacy of the First Emperor of China," the exhibition features more than 130 artifacts, including 10 life-size terracotta warriors. The exhibition will be at VMFA from 18 November to 11 March 2018. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

**Sponsor of monk and donor of pagoda,  
ordination hall, monastery and pond  
U Than Aung  
(78) years  
Advocate and Notary Public**

Son of late U Tun Khin and late Daw Thaw residing at Their Village, Myingyan District, Mandalay Region, son-in-law of late U Ba Hmu and late Daw Pyay residing at Simekhone Village, Myingyan District, Mandalay Region, younger brother of late Daw Mainkhalay, late Daw Tin, late Daw Khin and Daw Htin, beloved husband of Daw Myint Myint Kyi residing at No. 615-J, Pyay Road, Kamayut Township, Yangon Region, father of U Thiha Aung (TAS Co., Ltd) and Daw Khin Sabei Moe (Hiang Kie Coffee Myanmar Co., Ltd), U Thura Aung (eTrade Myanmar Co., Ltd) and Daw Thida Kyaw Myint Thein, Lt. Col Hla Myo residing in Nay Pyi Taw and Dr. Htin La Pyay Wun, grandfather of Mg Hein Linn Htet, Ma Shwe Eain Linn, Mg Htoo Myat Linn and Ma May Linn Let Myo, U Than Aung Passed away at resident of Simekhone Village, Myingyan District, Mandalay Region at 1:15PM on 14 November 2017 (Tuesday).

The funeral ceremony will be held at Yeway Cemetery at 3:00 PM on 18 November 2017 (Saturday).

Buses will leave No. 615-J, Pyay Road, Kamayut Township, Yangon at 12:00 Noon.

The week mourning service will be held at No. 615-J, Pyay Road, Kamayut Township, Yangon, at 7:00am, on 20 November 2017 (Monday).

Bereaved Family

## Da Vinci portrait of Christ sells for record \$450.3 million in New York

NEW YORK — Leonardo da Vinci's portrait of Christ, "Salvator Mundi", sold for a record-smashing \$450.3 million (341.86 million pounds) on Wednesday at Christie's, more than double the old price for any work of art at auction.

The painting, only recently rediscovered, was the last da Vinci left in private hands and fetched more than four times Christie's pre-sale estimate of about \$100 million.

It beat a record set in May 2015 by Pablo Picasso's "Les Femmes D'Alger," which sold for \$179.4 million, and constituted more than half the sale's total of \$785.9 million, which came in well above the roughly \$450 million pre-sale estimate.

"Salvator Mundi" (Saviour of the World) was purchased by an unidentified buyer bidding via telephone after a protracted contest of nearly 20 minutes at the New York auction house.

With at least six bidders and increments coming in at more than 15



Members of Christie's staff pose for pictures next to Leonardo da Vinci's "Salvator Mundi" painting which will be auctioned by Christie's in New York in November, in London, Britain, on 24 October 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

million, sustained whoops and cheers broke out in the packed salesroom as the hammer came down.

"It was a moment when all the stars were aligned, and I think Leonardo would be very pleased," Jussi Pylkkänen, global president of Christie's, told Reuters after the sale.

"It's a painting beyond anything I've ever handled," said Pylkkänen, the auctioneer, adding, "I should hang up my gavel."

The restored portrait, an ethereal depiction of

Jesus Christ which dates to about 1500, is one of fewer than 20 paintings by the Renaissance artist known to still exist.

First recorded in the private collection of King Charles I, the work was auctioned in 1763 before vanishing until 1900, by which time Christ's face and hair had been painted over - once a "quite common" practise, according to Alan Wintermute, Christie's senior specialist for Old Master paintings.

Sold at Sotheby's to an American collector in

1958 for only 45 pounds, it again sold in 2005 as an overpainted copy of the masterwork.

The new owner started the restoration process, and after some six years of research it was authenticated as da Vinci's more than 500-year-old masterpiece, which culminated in a high-profile exhibition at London's National Gallery in 2011.

Christie's did not identify the seller, other than to say it was a European private collector who acquired the work after its rediscovery in 2005 and lengthy restoration.

Media identified him as Russian billionaire Dmitry Rybolovlev, who paid \$127.5 million in 2013 in a private sale.

Auction highlights included Andy Warhol's "Sixty Last Suppers," a monumental work that fetched \$60.9 million, exceeding the estimate.

Two Cy Twombly paintings also fared well, selling for \$46.4 million and \$27.3 million, both surpassing estimates. —Reuters ■

## Memories in milk bottles: Polish exhibition 'shouts out' annihilation story of Warsaw Ghetto

WARSAW — A deeply moving exhibition of archives documenting the life and annihilation of Jews by Nazi Germany in the Warsaw Ghetto during World War Two goes on public display in Poland on Thursday.

The "What We Could Not Shout Out To The World" exhibition will for the first time display original documents prepared and hidden by historian Emanuel Ringelblum and a few dozen helpers who risked their lives in the Ghetto to save whatever was possible for posterity.

Nazi occupiers in 1940 corralled some 400,000 Jews into a small section of Warsaw most of whom were then sent to camps to be killed or died from the conditions in the Ghetto itself. The Ghetto was destroyed in 1943 when the Nazis, attempting more deportations, were met with fierce opposition and a month long uprising.

The exhibition marks the completion of many years of work to organize and translate the archives, and often decipher the doc-

uments that were partly damaged.

Ringelblum and all but three of his aides perished in the Holocaust. But deep under the rubble of the burnt-down Ghetto they left a one-of-a-kind, meticulous chronicle of extermination.

"We want to help shout out all that they said, find a language that will make this archive well-known and accessible," said Pawel Spiewak, head of the Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw where the exhibition is held. The Ringelblum archive, consisting of more than 35,000 pages, survived the war and destruction of the Warsaw Ghetto in 10 metal cases and two metal milk bottles that were recovered in 1946 and 1950, respectively. In 1999, the Ringelblum archives were assigned "Memory of the World" status by UNESCO, along with such Polish documents as the original manuscripts of composer Frederic Chopin and the treatises of astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus. —Reuters ■

## Second season of Myanmar Women's League to start soon

AFTER completing the first season of the Myanmar Women League last month, the Myanmar Football Federation (MFF) is arranging to hold the Women's League for the second time as soon as possible.

A coordination meeting was held at the meeting hall of the MFF yesterday afternoon, and officials are scheduled to hold the next season of the league, according to Myanmar National League official website.

At the meeting, offi-

cialists from the Myanmar Women's League, Myanmar Football Federation, and media representatives attended.

An overview of the previous season of the Myanmar National Women's League, ongoing procedures and planning were discussed.

In the inaugural season, Myawady FC was crowned the champion of the league.

The starting date of the upcoming league was not released.—Kyaw Zin Lin ■

## Co-leader Koepka makes solid start to title defence in Japan

MIYAZAKI, (Japan) — Defending Dunlop Phoenix Tournament champion Brooks Koepka quickly stamped his authority on the challengers to his title with a six-under-par 65 to tie South Korean Lee Sang-hee for the first-round lead in Miyazaki, Japan on Thursday.

The long-hitting US Open champion overpowered the Phoenix Country Club course in a round blemished only by a bogey at his final hole, where the American's 12-foot par putt failed to drop.

Lee, a winner at the Maekyung Open in South Korea in May, joined Koepka at the top of the Japan Golf Tour event leaderboard with a bogey-free

performance.

They headed Angelo Que of the Philippines by one stroke, with world number four Hideki Matsuyama, the 2014 champion, among a group two behind.

Koepka and Matsuyama were able to stake their claim for the title by taking advantage of ideal conditions, with calm weather and receptive greens allowing for attacking golf.

Playing the back nine first, Matsuyama jump-started his round with a 30-foot eagle putt at the par-five 18th, where he read the green perfectly and curled a sharply-breaking putt into the middle of the cup. —Reuters ■



Peru's players celebrate their victory after 2018 World Cup Qualifying Playoffs at National Stadium, Lima, Peru, on 15 November 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

## Peru down New Zealand to complete World Cup lineup

LIMA — Peru became the last side to clinch their place at next year's World Cup finals when goals in each half from Jefferson Farfan and Christian Ramos gave them a 2-0 win over New Zealand in the second leg of their inter-confederation playoff on Wednesday. The teams played out a 0-0 draw in the first leg in Wellington on Saturday and although both sides had chances in a tense match in Lima, Peru were more clinical in front of goal.

The Peruvians, who last went to the World Cup finals in 1982, celebrated with abandon when the final whistle went and were guaranteed a day to recov-

er after the government promised a national holiday.

"This is a dream come true and now it is time to celebrate," Christian Cueva, the gifted left winger who had a hand in creating both goals, told reporters as the players completed a boisterous lap of honour. "Now we have to keep working and prepare for the finals."

Peru got their noses in front on 27 minutes when Farfan hammered home a fierce rising shot from just inside the penalty area to complete a sweeping counter-attack.

The home side could have scored more but an early drive from Luis Advincula hit the

woodwork and All Whites keeper Stefan Marinovic did well to stop a bending drive from Miguel Trauco and then get a hand to Farfan's shot from the rebound. New Zealand brought on Chris Wood at halftime in search of a vital away goal and a series of long balls to the towering Burnley striker managed to put Peru on the back foot in the early stages of the second period.

However, the Kiwis could not make their temporary control of the contest count and Ramos doubled Peru's lead after 64 minutes when he seized on a loose ball from a corner kick and lashed it into the roof of the net from close range. —Reuters ■

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