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State Counsellor to start China visit soon

At the invitation of the Government of the People's Republic of China, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, State Counsellor of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar will visit the People's Republic of China in the near future to attend the "CPC in Dialogue

with World Political Parties" High-Level Meeting to be held in Beijing and to pay a working visit to strengthen bilateral relations between Myanmar and the People's Republic of China. —Myanmar News Agency ■



Vice President U Myint Swe delivers address at Coordination meeting of the Leading Committee for celebrating the Youth All Round Development Festival. **PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**

Festival to Develop Youths

A COORDINATION meeting of the Leading Committee for celebrating the Youth All Round Development Festival was held at the Yangon University Diamond Jubilee Hall in Kamayut Township, Yangon at 9am on 26 November. The Patron of the Leading Committee for celebrating the Youth All Round Development Festival, Vice-Presi-

dent U Myint Swe attended the meeting and delivered a speech.

The meeting was also attended by the Chairman of the Leading Committee for celebrating Youth All Round Development Festival, Union Minister Dr Pe Myint, committee members, Union Ministers, Dr Myo Thein Gyi and Dr Myint Htwe, Yangon Region Chief

Minister, U Phyo Min Thein, Deputy Ministers, Maj.Gen. Aung Soe and U Soe Aung, Region Ministers, Deputy Commander of Yangon Command and members of the working committee, sub-committees and responsible personnel of departments concerned.

"The President has formed the Leading Committee for cel-

ebrating YARDF comprising 16 members on 21st November 2017 with a view to develop the five strengths including value of knowledge, technology and moral in the youths of Myanmar and building the future Myanmar with the noble outlook of the youths" said the Vice-President.

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All-round youth development ensures national progress

Interviewers: Khin Maung Htwe, Win Win Maw
PHOTO: ZAW MIN LATT

THE 2014 census shows that 46.5 percent of the country's population is juveniles and youngsters or the invaluable human resources and the driving force of the future. Hence the government is planning to hold youth all-round development festival with the aim of creating a platform where Myanmar youths can share intellectual, technical and general knowledge and ethical values, and where they can formulate excellent views and ideas for the future human society.

The three-day festival will be held at Yangon University from 9 am to 5 pm daily between 1 and 3 December. The festival involves literary movements, cultural activities, sports events, IT and scientific innovations, apart from book festivals, youth knowledge enrichment programs, forums, cultural performances and entertainments.

The MNA team conducted an interview on the programs to hold the festival on a grand-scale.

Chairman of the Festival Leading Committee Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint

Youths of the country are the ones who will shape our future. They should have individual abilities. They should be enlivened with the spirit of developing their own country and community. The festival aims at promoting this spirit and the individual abilities. The festival will serve as a venue where in-



Preparations are under way to hold youth all-round development festival in Yangon University.



Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint.



Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi.



Director-General of IPRD U Ye Naing.

teresting subjects of the IT age are available for youths. As it is a festival it will also be a showcase youths can visit and participate in a joyful atmosphere. Thanks to our arrangements the festival will be a long memory for the

youths. The festival will bring happiness, progress and sweet memories for every visitor.

Individual development in conjunction with the development of the five strengths among our youths ensures national pro-

gress. More youths with progressive ideas and efficiency means greater national development.

Member of the Leading Committee Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi

Of the 160 youths of the 8th Model ASEM, 56 were from Myanmar. We found that Myanmar youths had the ability to stand shoulder to shoulder with their international counterparts. The proof was that of the five awards presented there Myanmar youth representatives won two. We know that they have potentials and the ability to compete with their international counterparts. We all should make cooperative efforts in providing them with the spirit of taking responsibility and accountability and having creative ideas. The State and the ministry are making huge investments in encouraging youths. So youths should try developing their abilities till reaching the international level.

Joint Secretary of the Leading Committee Director-General of Information and Public Relations Department U Ye Naing

It is the first youth all-round development festival of the government in office. Multi programs including cultural performances will be included in the festival apart from exhibitions and competitions. We have invited over 4000 university and basic education students of Yangon to the opening ceremony.

The main goal of the festival is the development of the five strengths of youths. We hope our arrangements will enhance the organizational skills and creativity of youths. There will also be entertainment programs that may arouse morale and vigor of the youths. We invite the participation of every youth in this festival which indeed is a rare event. ■

Festival to Develop Youths

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The Vice-President, in his address, called for the committee members to set the policy for successful holding of the festival, to lay the programs to boost the five strengths (Physical strength, Intellectual strength, Character strength, Social strength, Economic strength) including knowledge, technology and moral in the youths, to manage for harmony between the organizations participating

in the festival and to plan for the necessary security measures.

Now, Myanmar society is being structured for better a future basing primarily on the three principles, freedom, development and prosperity. The youths of Myanmar play an important role in the nation building tasks. The main intent of holding the YARDF is to prescribe the policy of youth affairs regarding the development the five strengths in young citizens of Myanmar, added the Vice-President.

The Vice-President said it was heartening to see that the respective ministries and sub-committees were making media campaigns with songs and posters for the YARDF.

The Vice-President urged the ministries and committee members to put in their relentless efforts for the successful holding of the festival as it was the very first YARDF. Then he elaborated the role of youths in nation building as they were an invaluable resource of the fu-

ture State and they were also the driving force in the development works of the country.

The Vice-President expressed his satisfaction to learn that literary activities, cultural activities, sports activities, IT and Scientific activities, books market, knowledge sharing program for youths, seminars and song, music, dance and entertainment are included in the festival.

He finally advised that 13 work committees and sub-committees had already been organized and to do coordination among the sub-committees and to openly mention in this meet-

ing if any difficulties have been encountered. Then the chairman of the leading committee for celebration of YARDF, Union Minister, Dr. Pe Myint explained about the objectives of holding the festival.

The other committee members and responsible personnel made their sector-wise presentations together with their opinions and advice.

The Patron of the committee for celebrating the YARDF, the Vice-President U Myint Swe led the coordination process and the meeting ended with his closing speech.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Speaker U Win Myint leaves for Japan



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint and party being seen off at Yangon International airport. **PHOTO: MNA**

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint and party left for Japan yesterday night for friendship tour at the invitation of H.E Mr. Tadamori Oshima, Speaker of the House Representative of Japan.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Tin Maung Tun, Deputy Speaker U Lin Naing Myint and Hluttaw rep-

resentatives, Japan Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Ichiro Maruyama and officials from Hluttaw Office saw off the party at Yangon International Airport.

The friendship visit party included Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker, together with U Win Myint Aung secretary of Pyithu Hluttaw Fundamental Rights of the Citizens, secretary of the Ethnic Affairs

and Internal Peace Implementation Committee In Htone Khar Naw Sam, member of Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertaking Vetting Committee U Htun Htun, member of Fundamental Rights of the Citizens U Htun Myint, Pyithu Hluttaw representative Thura Thet Swe and officials from Pyithu Hluttaw Office. — Myanmar News Agency

Senior General arrives back home from China

A delegation led by Commander in Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing who was in China departed for Shenzhen station from Guangzhou by a bullet train yesterday.

After a visit to Lotus Hill Park in Shenzhen, the Senior General and party posed for group documentary photo in front of the statue of the Deng Xiaoping.

Then, they arrived at Shenzhen Museum and looked around the booths showing the development stages of the city. The Senior General arrived back Yangon in the evening and was welcomed by Commander of the Yangon



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing being welcomed back at Yangon International Airport. **PHOTO: MNA**

Command Brig-Gen Thet Pon, other responsible military officials, Chinese Ambassador to

Myanmar H.E Mr. Hong Liang and other officials.— Myanmar News Agency ■

Myanmar climbers undergo trainings in Himalaya

MYANMAR mountaineers are currently undergoing vigorous trainings in Ama Dablam, one of most impressive mountains in Himalaya range of eastern Nepal since late October, according to a report of the Myawady Daily's Friday edition.

Those mountaineers reached Camp-1 of Mt Ama Dablam from base camp on

November 19 and Camp-2 on November 20. They reached the mountain's summit the next day.

The three climbers from Myanmar Hiking and Mountaineering Federation, Pyae Phyo Aung, Aung Khaing Myint and Zaw Zin Khaing left for Nepal on October 23 to make mountaineering practices at Mt Ama Dablam with over 6,800 m above

sea level, which is the third most popular Himalayan peak for permitted expeditions. This is part of their preparation to conquer the Mount Khakaborazi, the Southeast Asia's highest mountain, through tremendous efforts, with these climbers planning to start climbing to the target mountain in the first week of next August.— GNLM ■

Biography of His Holiness Pope Francis



His Holiness Pope Francis (Jorge Mario Bergoglio) was born on 17 December 1936 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Earlier in life, Bergoglio graduated as a chemical technician and then chose the path of the priesthood, entering the Diocesan Seminary of Villa Devoto.

On 11 March 1958, he entered the novitiate of the Society of Jesus. He completed his studies of the humanities in Chile and returned to Argentina in 1963.

Between 1964 to 1966, he taught literature and psychology at Immaculate Conception College in Santa Fé and at Colegio del Salvatore in Buenos Aires. From 1967 to 1970, he stud-

ied theology and obtained a degree from the Colegio de San José.

On 13 December 1969, he was ordained a priest by Archbishop Ramón José Castellano. Between 1970 and 1971, he continued his training at the University of Alcalá de Henares in Spain and on 22 April 1973, made his final profession with the Jesuits.

Between 1973 to 2013, Bergoglio served as rector, spiritual director, confessor, archbishop and cardinal.

On 13 March 2013, at the age of 76, Jorge Mario Bergoglio was named as the 266th Pope of the Roman Catholic Church. He is the first non-European and the first Jesuit priest to be named Pope. ■

Pope Francis' Myanmar visit to be broadcast live on MITV and SkyNet (Up-to-date) Channel

Pope Francis will arrive at Yangon International Airport at 1 pm on 27 November and his four-day visit to Myanmar will be broadcast live on MITV and SkyNet (Up-to-date) Channel.

Pope Francis is expected to receive a warm greeting by the welcoming groups at significant places such as 9th-mile, 7th-mile, Inya Lake, People's Square and Bogyoke Road. During the planned visit, Pope Francis is scheduled to meet with President U Htin Kyaw, State Counsel-

or Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, cabinet members, leaders of religious associations and Catholics.

On 29 November morning, Pope Francis will attend a mass at Kyaikkasan Grounds in Yangon.

“Dos and Don'ts” for Pope Francis' visit was clarified to local and foreign journalists at Sule Shangri-La Hotel at 9 am today.—Zarni Maung ■

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Kawthoung border trade revenue increases against last FY

By May Thet Hnin

BORDER trade income at Kawthoung gate between Thai and Myanmar as of 10th November in current FY is US\$38 million more than similar period of last FY, according to the statistics of Commerce Ministry.

Between 1st April and 10th November this FY, export income via Kawthoung was over \$61 million whereas import fetched \$39 million, totaling over \$100 million. The figure is up by \$38 million as Kawthoung border trade amounted to only \$62 million, in the similar period of last FY.

Capital goods such as machinery and raw industrial goods such as cement and fertilizer are primarily imported into the country. Myanmar's main export item to Thailand via Kawthoung checkpoint is fisheries products.

In the similar point, Myawady, which performs the largest border trade with Thailand, shows decrease of \$28 million compared to last FY.

"Currently, trade value meets expected trade revenue



Photo shows Kawthoung Jetty. **PHOTO: KAWTHOUNG (IPRD)**

at Kawthoung gate, despite reduction in expected value. Trade earnings is down by 30 per cent compared to last decade", said U Khin Maung Gyi, a responsible person from the Chambers of Commerce of Kawthoung.

Importers have to go to Nay Pyi Taw in order to seek import permit for raw industrial goods, consuming time and

money. Therefore, merchants wish to request the related ministry to open branch office in Kawthoung.

"Infrastructure like electricity plays a vital role in enhancing trade. Currently, we have to pay Ks280 per unit. Additionally, freights are carried to and from Ranoung with ships. This makes Kawthoung trade

lag behind Myawady gate. If there is Kawthoung-Ranoung cross-border bridge, it will facilitate trade flow", said U Khin Maung Gyi.

Currently, goods are transported from and to Ranoung with ships which can load 1,000 tons, taking about 20 days for shipping, said merchants from Kawthoung. ■

Bilateral trade with Viet Nam tops \$377 million in current FY

TRADE between Myanmar and Viet Nam exceeded US\$377 million as of September this year, according to a monthly report of the Ministry of Commerce.

Over the first half of the current financial year, the country imported over \$295 million from Viet Nam, while exports to the ASEAN member state was more than \$80 million.

Myanmar exports agri-

cultural products, timber and marine and mineral products to Vietnam while it imports car spare parts, computer parts, construction materials, steel, plastics, pharmaceuticals and other chemical products.

Viet Nam's trade and investment with Myanmar have substantially increased year by year.

The total bilateral trade in

the last fiscal year of 2016-2017 hit a record high of more than \$494 million during the six consecutive years.

The official statistics show that trade with the Socialist Republic was \$346 million in 2015-2016 FY, \$321 million in 2014-2015 FY, \$281 million in 2013-2014 FY, \$155 million in 2012-2013 FY and \$143 million in 2011-2012 FY.

Between April and September of this year, the trade between Myanmar and ASEAN members totalled \$5.716 billion, according to the ministry.

Myanmar is putting forth continuous efforts to boost exports in the long, medium and short term plans, finding new international markets for locally produced products. —Shwe Khine ■

Five sectors proposed to list on National Export Strategy

By May Thet Hnin

ASSOCIATIONS concerning fruits and vegetables, handicraft, agro products, jewellery and ICT digital economy have submitted proposals to put those five sectors on National Export Strategy (NES), Dr Htein Lynn, director of Strategic Trade Promotion Division, Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization under the Ministry of Commerce.

"Associations requested the government to add those

sectors on the list of NES. The existing NES is due in 2019 and so, those sectors cannot be currently incorporated on NES. However, the associations have not even determined which one should add on the list as there are around 11 associations regarding to arts and crafts. Similarly, fruits and vegetables are not selected to put on the list. At present, the associations themselves are under discussion for this", he added.

Those proposed sectors will be embodied into NES af-

ter 2020, said Dr. Htein Lynn. NES project launched in 2015, including textile and garment, forestry products, beans, pulses and oilseeds, rice, fishery, rubber and tourism.

The National Export Strategy (NES) provides Myanmar with a detailed framework and decision-making instrument to guide the country's trade development and boost its export competitiveness. It outlines concrete, market-based solutions to address competitiveness constraints affecting Myanmar's

competitiveness in global markets. It is the NES's vision to create "sustainable export-led growth and prosperity for an emerging Myanmar".

The NES provides a targeted plan for Myanmar to effectively allocate financial, technical and institutional resources to specific trade development priorities. In doing so, the NES aims to stimulate the country's trade and export sector, creating jobs and contributing to the overall socio-economic development of the country. ■



Workers process fish at a seafood factory in Yangon. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

Fisheries export revenue declines at Thai-Myanmar border gates these days

EXPORT earnings from fisheries sector at Thai-Myanmar land points of entries are recently decreasing, U Myint Zin Htoo, the deputy director-general of Fisheries Department.

Between 1st and 10th November, more than 7,349 tons of fisheries products were shipped out of three Thai-Myanmar border gates-Myawady, Myeik and Kawthoung, but, thereafter, export volume is on downward

trend and down to 5,130 tons.

The fisheries export volume of this fiscal year is up compared to that of last FY but it drops against last week.

As of 10th November this FY, export income from fisheries sector through 16 border gates and sea route reached more than US\$370 million.

Permit for fishing vessels is planned to reduce from 30 to 20 per cent next year. Therefore,

fish farming sector needs to be enhanced. The fishery export sector attained the highest income of over US\$650million in 2012-2013 FY and thereafter, the value of fishery export gradually declined due to erratic weather and scarcity of fish resource caused by illegal fishing methods. Myanmar's fishery sector is endeavouring to shift to modern farming system from traditional method. -GNLM ■

Bilateral trade between Singapore and Myanmar hits around US\$1.26 billion in first half of current FY

BILATERAL trade between Singapore and Myanmar during first half of current Fiscal Year has reached US\$1.86 billion, with estimated export value of \$649 million and import value of over \$1.2 billion.

Among regional countries, Singapore is placed at second in bilateral trade after neighbouring country Thailand.

Fruits, vegetables, rice, corns, green grams and other

pulses, ginger, flowers are exported to Singapore while capital goods, raw industrial materials such as petroleum products, chemicals, etc and consumer products are imported into Myanmar.

Bilateral trade values was about \$2.96 billion in FY 2016-2017, \$3.69 billion in FY 2015-16, \$4.89 billion in FY 2014-2015, \$3.6 billion in FY 2013-2014, \$2.82 billion in FY 2012-2013 and about \$3

billion in FY 2011-2012.

In addition, Singapore is the main investor with estimated capital of US\$1.71 billion brought into the country as of end of October in current fiscal year, according to the statistics of the Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC). Since FY 1988-89, 266 projects from Singapore were approved by MIC with investments of about \$18.6 billion. — Mon Mon ■

Private sector imports up by over \$1.3 billion

THE Import value of intermediate goods by the private sector went up by more than US\$1.3 billion in the current financial year, according to official statistics of the Ministry of Commerce.

Between April and second week of November, the country's import of intermediate goods exceeded \$4.3 billion, including

\$78 million from the government sector and \$4.2 billion from the private sector.

This time last year, the country bought similar products amounting to \$3.014 billion from overseas customers, including \$2.954 billion from the private sector. The total import of goods in the current FY hit over \$10.990 billion, including over \$3.916 bil-

lion worth of capital goods and \$2.717 billion worth of consumer goods. Myanmar conducts trade with Asian countries, ASEAN member states, island nations, Middle East countries, some European and African states, and other western countries. Roughly 80 per cent of the country's external trade is through sea routes.—Khine Khant ■

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တနင်္ဂနွေနေ့တိုင်း: "Sunday Special" အချုပ်ပိုင် (၈) မျက်နှာပါဝင်သော The Global New Light of Myanmar နေ့စဉ်ထုတ် သတင်းစာကို အောက်ပါမြို့များတွင် ဖတ်ရှုနိုင်ပါပြီ

Three dead, one hurt in IED explosion in Maungtaung Tsp

"Sunday Special" အချုပ်ပိုင် (၈) မျက်နှာပါဝင်သည်

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ကလေး: အောင်ဓမ္မရပ်ကွက်၊ မြို့နယ်အားကစားကွင်းအနီး၊ ကလေးမြို့၊ ဖုန်း - ၀၇၃၂၂၁၃၃

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Endangered tigers in Htamanthi Wildlife Sanctuary to be observed using camera traps

WITH the help of 50 camera traps, research to survey the habits of endangered tigers in the areas of Nanphilin and Nanyanyin of Htamanthi Wildlife Sanctuary will be conducted.

In an attempt to survey the number of Indian (or Bengal) tigers and their habits, two blocks are separated in each area, with 50 camera traps installed in one block.

“Camera traps aim to capture and detect the habitat of tigers and their prey. Wildlife staff who is accustomed to the habitat of wildlife animals managed to install the traps”, said U Kyaw Moe, in charge of Sagaing Region for Wildlife Conservation Society (Myanmar).

There are two tiger species in Myanmar; Indian (or Bengal) tigers and Indo-Chi-



PHOTO: NYITOO

na tigers. Htamanthi Wildlife Sanctuary is also a natural habitat of Indian (or Bengal) tigers.

During FY 2015-2016, a camera trapping survey was systematically conducted, setting 25 camera points for each block. Two camera traps

were placed in each monitoring point and those points are 2 kilometers away from each other. This survey is jointly carried out by the Forest Department, Htamanthi Wildlife Sanctuary Forest Department and Wildlife Conservation Society (Myanmar).—Nyitoo ■

Mekong Region faces increase in prevalence of non-communicable diseases

GREATER Mekong Sub-Regional countries including Myanmar are facing an increase in prevalence of non-communicable diseases (NCDs), according to a report of the Myawady Daily.

This come from the 9th International Conference on Public Health held on 22-23 November in Yangon.

The non-communicable diseases, include cardiovascular disease, stroke, diabetes, chronic respiratory diseases, cancers and mental illness.

Nowadays, NCDs are the leading cause of death in developed and developing countries alike.

The chronic diabetes, hypertension and heart dis-

eases as well as cancers are hard to cure than other diseases, said Dr Khine Khine Thin, a member of National Health Plan Implementation Monitoring Body.

The majority of patients with chronic illness wish to discontinue treatment because of financial hardship, she added.

According to the Global Status Report on Non-Communicable Diseases 2010, the NCDs killed tens of millions of people in 2008, and a large proportion of these deaths occurred before the age of 60.

The magnitude of these diseases continues to rise, especially in low-and-middle-income countries.—GNLM ■

Crime News

Opium worth Ks 43 million seized in Indaw Township

TOTAL 1456.4 grams of opium was seized in Indaw Township, Katha District in Sagaing Region yesterday morning.

According to the tipoff, an anti-drug squad led by Police Inspector Kyaw Min Tun together with eye witnesses stopped and searched for a motorcycle driven by Thein Myint near milepost 234 on Shwebo-Myitkyina Road. They found 1456.4 grams of opium worth more than Ks 43 million



Suspect, Thein Myint seen, together with opium and motor cycle. PHOTO: LU AUNG (KATHA)

hidden under motorcycle's seat. The drug possessor has been taken action in accord with the

law by Myoma police department in Indaw Township.—Lu Aung (Katha) ■

Three died, four injured in head-on collision

THREE people including a police inspector were killed in the head-on collision between a luxury car and a six-wheel crane car on the old Yangon-Mandalay Highway on Sunday early morning, according to a police report.

Authorities say that fatal highway crash happened near Mile Post No. 182/5 and 6 at around 1.45 am on November 26. The two occupants of the car, which was travelling towards south,

died on the spot while a 28-year-old male passenger who was in the crane car, was also killed at the accident scene.

Police say the driver of crane car and other three survived in the accident.

Those were treated for minor injuries. Action is being taken against the drivers for reckless driving under Section 337/338/304 (a).—Ko Lwin (Swa) ■



File photo taken the damaged luxury car after collision. PHOTO: KO LWIN (SWA)

15-year-old boy still missing almost a week

POLICE continues their search for a boy, 15, who is still missing since Wednesday, making impassioned plea to the public to help locate the teen, according to local police.

Authorities say Maung Min Sein, son of U Kyaw Win Hlaing, resides in Ganeinlay Village, Asugyi Village-tract, Kyaunggon Township, Pathein District, Ayeyawady Region.

His father officially reported missing of his son to the Kyaunggon Police Station after almost a week.

The boy was missing when his father went for a farm work in the field. He was last seen before November 22.

His father said he is still finding the missing son in all neighbouring houses in the village and nearby areas.

Police spread the complete information about the missing child to police stations of Hlaingthaya, Pathein, Eainme, Yekyi, Kangyidaung, Kyonepyaw, Inma, Daunggyi and nearby towns, urging people to dial 09794486248, 09422482427 and 095413967 to inform some useful give about the child.—Win Kyaing (IPRD) ■

Teachers see no boundaries as long as there is peace and security



U Aye Tun.



U Nay Myo Naing.



U Maung Byawh.



U Than Lwin.



U Soe Min Kyaw.

Basic education schools in Maungtwaw District, Rakhine State, that were closed due to attacks of ARSA extremist terrorists on 25 August this year were reopened in September end. The Ministry of Education is implementing a plan to extend up to 300 schools in the district at the end of this month. Teachers are staying at a temporary hostel and teaching lessons at the nearby schools. Teachers were interviewed to express their difficulties and challenges in their work.

U Aye Tun, teacher BEPS Tarein village

Our Tarein village has opened since October end. I am in Maungtwaw to present papers. We will not go back home during the December school holidays as we are going to open classes. We will sacrifice our holidays as we want to end the courses in time. Only half of the students come back to school in Tarein. Many of the schools are like that. We found transport and other social needs as the main difficulty of Maungtwaw region. Despite the hardships, teachers do their work with heart and soul. We were in Tarein during the terrorist attacks. We could not go anywhere till the Tatmadaw came and conveyed us to our relatives in the nearest places. It costs K 15,000 to



A brave teacher and his three students. PHOTO: MIN HTAT

travel by car as the final submission date is on 25 this month. It will be K 30000 for the round trip. We are facing a lot of difficulties in drawing our salary in Maungtwaw. It will be more convenient if our salaries are paid at the nearest school or if the school head will draw all the salaries on behalf of teachers who will equally bear the transport cost.

U Nay Myo Naing, teacher of affiliate BEPS, Khontaing village

A student of affiliate basic primary school in Khontaing village lost his life during the terrorist attack on 25 August. As the village was burnt down, we have to close the school till now. We have instructions that we must open collective classes for our

students at Jatchaung village. We face language barriers as most of the students are ethnic Mros. We can break the language barrier if we have a teacher who skill in Mro language. Transport is poor. During the rains, we have to spend a night just to draw our salary. So we could not make progress in teaching as expected. It would be appropriate if a certain person takes the responsibility of drawing all the salaries. We see no borders as long as there is peace and security.

U Maung Byawh, teacher, Thaohottaw Post BEPS

We were sent to the assigned schools on 20 this month. After drawing our salary for this month, we will go to our assigned places. It is not convenience for us as

we will have to draw our salary by ourselves. It takes five hours and cost K 15000 to get our salary. Most of the students are of the Islamic faith. We have to learn their language first in teaching them. Now we are attached at Ngakuya school.

U Than Lwin, teacher, Ngayantchaung BEPS

We have over 100 students. They are ethnic Rakhines, Mros and Thets and students of Islamic faith. We closed our school after the incidents on 25 August. We have not reopened it yet. Food is poor. Teachers in Maungtwaw region face difficulties in drawing their salary by themselves. It will be good for us if the school head takes this responsibility. Some places are not secure for teachers till now.

U Soe Min Kyaw, Yankhaceti BEPS

Yankhaceti BEPS has lesser number of students. And there are only three teachers. Many

people of the village were murdered during the terrorist attacks. We could not go anywhere. We faced hardships as it was rainy season. We draw our salary in Buthidaung. It is too difficult for us to get the monthly salary. Poor transport is our main difficulty. Improve in transport will erase all difficulties.

Due to the terrorist attacks in Maungtwaw region, Rakhine State, 16 high schools, 109 middle schools and 58 primary schools totaling 183 schools were temporarily closed in Maungtwaw Township, and 10 high schools, 107 middle schools and 104 primary schools totaling 220 schools, in Buthidaung Township in Maungtwaw District. Education Ministry made arrangements to reopen the schools on 13 and 14 September. Maungtwaw Township has 1281 teachers, Buthidaung Township has 1384. The whole Maungtwaw District has over 2600 teachers. Arrangements are under way to appoint teacher assistances.— News Team ■

Raising awareness for GAP guidelines

An awareness raising event for good agricultural practices was held at the Man Myanmar Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw on 11 November. The Ministry for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation has produced a GAP Protocol handbook (Good Agricultural Practice) with the purpose of cultivating good habits for agriculture, producing good quality crops and importing them into the market.

The GAP Protocol was compiled with consideration for 4 guidelines of producing safe food, producing good quality food, reducing negative environmental impacts and improving the safety and livelihoods of farmers and workers.

GAP protocols have already been issued for 15 of the highest produced and imported agricultural goods in Myanmar including mangoes, cantaloupe, pomelo, watermelon, avocado, chili, tomato, onion, cabbage, corn, different types of beans, sesame, peanut, rice and coffee beans. The GAP Guidelines can be viewed at www.doa.gov.mm or www.facebook.com/doamoali. You can also contact the local Agricultural Department, Township Administration Department or Sub department for Horticulture or contact via phone at 067-410147, 410525, 410383.—The Ministry for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation ■



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Collective force is our strength!

MUCH as we are facing international pressure, allegations and criticisms over the Rakhine State affair, Rakhine State Peace, Stability and Development Committee chaired by the State Counsellor was formed, constantly performing the tasks under the management of four working committees.

The Rakhine State affair is not only the affair of the whole nation but has also been under the close scrutiny of the international community. Thus it is being handled with great care. According to findings after a year-long study of the advisory commission on Rakhine State Affair, the tasks which will be beneficial for the country and the people among the recommendations of the advisory commission are now under implementation.

The tasks of implementation for peace, stability and development in Rakhine State cannot be accomplished overnight, so they are systematically being carried out step by step, being the ones to be implemented in the long run. At such a time, global pressure and pessimistic views will never be a fruitful approach. Instead, the international community should have cooperated to solve the problem so that constructive results can be brought about.

At present, the Union Government is urgently supplying humanitarian assistance but there are still difficulties to supply subsidies in sufficient quantities to refugees in a short period time. The UEHRD was therefore set up so that all the people in Myanmar can contribute their labor, effort and humanitarian assistance collectively.

Assembly in the same place for negotiation between those from different races and societies in Rakhine State is strengthening mutual trust by consolidating differences.

In doing so, social harmony and understanding between both communities plays an important role for national security so that tasks for development can be performed without fear and anxiety.

The statement described in paragraph 60 of the recommendations of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State which said, "The Government should encourage emergence of negotiations between social societies," is being implemented. Responsible officials from the Implementation Committee regarding Recommendations on Rakhine State, representatives from national ethnic races such as Thet, Daingnet, Mro, Khami, Maramagyi, Kaman, Rakhine, and etc., met on 24th November for negotiations. This is building harmony and mutual trust between different communities.

Assembly in the same place for negotiation between those from different races and societies in Rakhine State is strengthening mutual trust by consolidating differences. In other words, it is moving towards national peace, stability and development with collective forces, without segregation of race, religions and political beliefs. Provided that consolidation, unity and negotiation can be built up among different communities in Rakhine State, it is sure that a peaceful, stable and developed Rakhine State will emerge in the not too distant future. ■

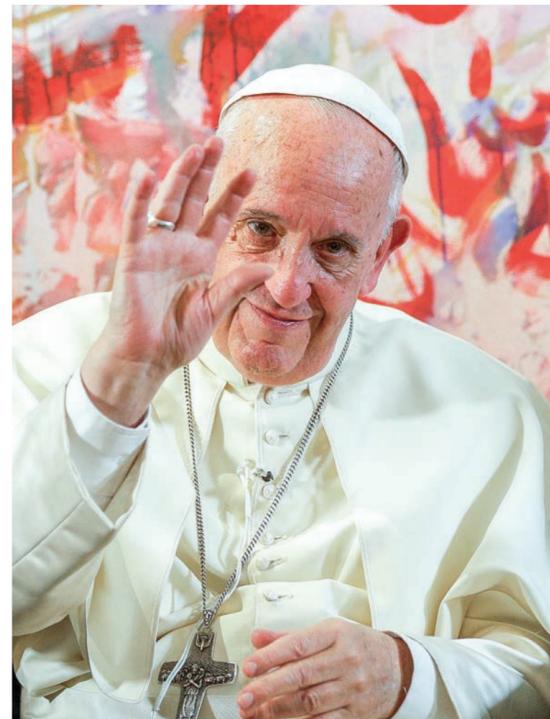
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AS soon as I heard the good tidings in our media about the visit of His Holiness Pope Francis to Myanmar 27-30 November 2017, my heart and soul were filled with elations. Though the Vatican City State and Myanmar have long history of diplomatic relations since the early days of Myanmar Kings, no Pope had ever visited Myanmar.

As a historian, I can trace the origin of this relation as far back as possible. In the time of King Bodawpaya (1782-1819 A.D), there was already established at his capital city Amarapura Roman Catholic mission of Barnabite Order headed by most reverend father Sangermano, who was the most trusted friend of Myanmar King. He built a church and a missionary school on the glebe lands donated by the King. He wrote a very valuable account of his happy years at Amarapura and his wide travels in the kingdom and published in a book form "A Description of the Burmese Empire". In it he described in detail the economy politics, religion and socio-culture of Myanmar people and ethnic nationalities. He admired Myanmar Kings policy and administration particularly religious freedom. King Bodawpaya's Empire was, he says very strong, organized and the vast and greatest empire in Southeast Asia.

In the time of King Mindon the second last Myanmar king (1853-73 A.D) diplomatic relations were established between Vatican City State and Yandanapon Naypyidaw. But there was no resident Papul Nuncio at the capital King Mindon sent some young Myanmar scholars to Italy to learn science and technology and navigation, under the guardianship of Catholic missionary monks.

In 1958, as a student in London I hitchhiked from Geneva to Italy. I had the chance to visit St. Peter's Cathedral in Rome. Later, in my capacity as Direct Gen-



eral of Fine Arts Department, as well as that of Archaeology Department, I made two official visits to the Vatican City, with the support of UNESCO. On these 2 occasions I not only received the blessings of the then Pope who was making public appearance and giving blessings to the audience but also got the chance to visit the museum. Where I saw to my surprise and delight rich royal gifts of King Mindon to the Pope. Among them were a gold cross studded with rubies, a gold swan okh [rice container] for the pope and jewel studded gold book stand for the holy Bible. I also saw gold gilt Myanmar pei [palm leaf] and parabike [folding paper] on which, I think, Bible and Testaments were written. There may be similar objects of historical value in the museums of Catholic Churches in other cities in Italy.

In the 19th century onwards Catholic mission of Delasa Order flourished in Myanmar. Here I am proud to say that I was the product of Catholic missionary school, St. Peter's English High School, Mandalay from where I passed the Matric Examination in 1948.

Your Holiness, you are welcome to our country

I am now a late octogenarian still going strong in brain and brawn—the credit goes to my parents and to my Buddhist monk teachers and Catholic missionary teachers of St. Paters'. Highly disciplined life of my high school years was rigid, but happy. Three times a day for Catholic prayers, the Bible teachings Catechism and instructions on morals and manners by Catholic priests and brothers had laid a good strong foundation for becoming a good citizen of the country. On the farewell day when the matriculation Examination results showed all StPeters' students passed with distinctions, we Myanmar Buddhist students knelt down and paid workshops to our teachers. The then principal of school Rev. Brother Director Clemetion uttered words of appreciation in Pali Sadu Sadu (well done) we all shed tears of delight as well as sorrows to leave our alma mater school. We also noticed that Rev Brother Clemetion was also tearful, for missing his smart obedient pupils.

Now Myanmar is lucky to be blessed by the visit of His Holiness Pope Francis. In the press release of the Catholic Bishops Conference of Myanmar in Yangon it is said that "Pope Francis to meet all people of Myanmar". He would stop in Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw. The crest published together with the news has the map of Myanmar with letters "Love and Peace" on the top and မေတ္တာနှင့်ငြိမ်းချမ်းခြင်း below.

Loving kindness [metta.] and Peace are the very same words Lord Buddha emphasized not only in his peaching and teaching but also in his missionary works. They proved always successful! "Catholic" meaning all embracing- both Christians and non-Christians inclusiveness in modern par lances.

Before coming to Myanmar His Holiness had made a very successful visit to Columbia, a Latin American Country where the situation of the past five decades was not dissimilar to that of Myanmar. The miraculous effect of that visit by means of

his "message of unity, planting a tree of peace and saying a Mass to preach a re-conciliation in a nation bitterly divided by five decades of war. Within the short duration of 3 days 8.9.2017 to 10.9.2017 His Holiness, the leader of the world's 1.2 billion Catholics has accomplished his peace mission with resounding triumph.

At this time when Myanmar leaders and people are working together for national reconciliation, peace, progress and prosperity on the democratization process, His Holiness's auspicious visit to our country Myanmar will undoubtedly promote to reach our much desired goal. May our Almighty Lord bring and restore everlasting peace and unity to our country Myanmar as well.

AMEN
Now His Holiness will be with us for a short duration 27.11.2017 - 30.11.2017.

My humble respects to Your Holiness Pope Francis.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

ONE of the most common challenges across South Asia during the seasonal monsoon is flooding; and with flooding there are two serious threats that endanger human life, namely- communicable diseases and snake bites.

Although the outbreak of diseases capture our major attention; however, the numerous reported and unreported deaths due to snake bites in the rural areas is grossly neglected and misrepresented.

The flood water that enters the local forest areas, plug the nesting holes of the snakes with water forcing them to come out in the open.

The snakes in the flood hit area of remote and rural areas then start looking for dry areas; and unfortunately come in close encounter with the local human habitants resulting in disasters.

The overflow of flood water, results in snake outbreak in the waterbodies as well as adjoining river banks, around forest fringes, agricultural fields, granaries and even in the inundated villages and rural homes.

The deaths due to snake bites result due to the following unfortunate factors: lack of proper transportation to the nearby health centers for quick injection of anti-venom, inadequate supply of anti-venoms in the remote, rural health centers or even in district hospitals, lack of enough skilled medical personnel properly trained in diagnosing and treating victims of snake bites, lack of education and awareness among rural communities and above all superstitions regarding snakes.

It is sad to note that many rural families turn to traditional healers for treating snake bite victims who only delay the process of proper medical treatment through their useless and fake show ups for treating the unfortunate victims.

Mass education and awareness regarding all kinds of snakes; both non-poisonous and highly poisonous (like the cobras, king cobras, kraits and viper) species are necessary for the rural communities.

As long as lack of awareness, infrastructure and communication exists in the rural in the remote, rural areas; superstitions as well as inadequate and improper treatments will facilitate monsoon deaths due to snake bites every year unabated.

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Invitation to young writers for Sunday section

The Global New Light of Myanmar is accepting submissions of poetry, opinion, articles, essays and short stories from young people for its weekly Sunday Next Generation Platform. Interested candidates can send their works to the Global New Light of Myanmar at No. 150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon or by email to dce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com with the following information: (1) Sector you wish to be included in (poetry, opinion, etc.), (2) Real name and (if different) your penname, (3) Your level of education, (4) Name of your School/College/University, (5) A written note of declaration that the submitted piece is your original work and has not been submitted to any other news or magazine publishing houses, (6) A color photo of the submitter, (7) Copy of your NRC card, (8) Contact information (email address, mobile number, etc.).- Editorial Department, The Global New Light of Myanmar news office

Myanmar Chief Boy Scout to attend ASARC and 6th Scout Jamboree

MYANMAR Boy Chief Scout Dr Tin Nyo departed for the Philippines yesterday morning to attend the 9th ASEAN Scout Association Region Conference (ASARC) and 6th ASEAN Scout Jamboree and receive the honorary reward conferred by Chief Scout of the Philippines cum the President of the Philippines, Mr Rodrigo Duterte. The old scouts were seen of at the Yangon International Airport.



Myanmar Chief Boy Scout Dr Tin Nyo seen at the airport before departure for the Philippines. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

Myanmar Chief Boy Scout Dr Tin Nyo will receive the reward on 27 November and 9th ASEAN Scout Association Region Conference-ARSARC and

6th ASEAN Scout Jamboree will be conducted on 28th November. Representatives and Chief Scouts from ASEAN including

Myanmar Boy Chief Scout Dr. Tin Nyo will attend the conferences.—Myanmar Scout Association ■

Basic and advance training courses for scouts to be launched in Myanmar

WITH the aim to improve Myanmar Scout procedures and upgrading the capacity of Scout instructors for youth, the Basic Unit Leaders (Scout Section) and Advance Unit Leader Training Section will be launched from 28 November to 4 December at Gold Camp in Nay Pyi Taw.

The course will be headed by Adult Resource and Admin

Director Mr. Thian Hiong Boon. Representatives from Thailand, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Singapore, Hong Kong will also conduct the lessons and training with both theory and practical on how scout organisation are being composed in Asian Pacific Region, the procedures of Scouts, discussions, meeting, arranging the Scout songs,

sports, bon fire festival for scout, camping skills, scouting skills and activities.

A total of 96 scouts, old scouts, scout teachers from basic education department, representative scouts from private schools and scout leaders from Universities and Colleges will attend the course.—Myanmar Scout Association ■

2017 Myanmar International Textile Expo and Zhejiang Export Fair to start on 8th December

A three-day expo for textiles and garments will be held at the Tatmadaw Hall, Yangon from 8th to 10th December from 9am to 6pm, it was announced at a press conference held at the Orchid Hotel on 23rd November.

This 2017 Myanmar International Textile Expo and Zhejiang Export Fair is being held for the very first time, featuring over 100,000 types of fabric, quality textiles and garment raw materials from more than 150 factories.

U Aung Win, of the Myan-

mar Garment Manufacturers Association, said the international expo can bring local entrepreneurs into contact with sellers of raw materials. Additionally, this expo will help link with the international market. If local businesses can directly purchase raw materials to produce finished products, Myanmar's garment sector will be no longer rely on the cutting-making and packaging (CMP) system.

Moreover, this expo might attract foreign entrepreneurs to

invest in Myanmar. If raw material factories are established in Myanmar, it decrease in import value and more revenue will be received from the garment export sector, said U Soe Hlaing, managing director of Creation Strength.

Officials from the Chinese Textile & Garment Association in Myanmar and the Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association explained the purpose of the expo at the press conference.—Thi Thi Min ■

Authorities urge people to make complaint about sale of wildlife meats in Yangon

PEOPLE can make a complaint about sales of wildlife meats in Yangon, according to a report of the Myawady Daily.

The department has already directed officials to take prompt actions against shops and restaurants which have kept wild animals and sell curries, said

U Thein Toe, director of Yangon Region Forest Department.

First, the department will educate shops and restaurants not to sell wildlife meats and will check them, he added.

The forest department is conducting campaigns against illegal trade in wildlife meats

in cooperation with the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS).

During the campaign programme, distribution of posters about the unlawful sale of wildlife meat has been performed at local markets, restaurants, toddy shops and bus lines.—GNLM ■

Policy for Drug Control

Reducing the production and developing the substitute programs

- Mitigating the drug plantation and production, trafficking and the crimes concerning with psychotropic drugs.
- To enact the effective law for investigating, arresting, protecting and combating the drug.
- Combating the corruption and money laundering in connection with the drug trafficking.
- To implement the development of substitute livelihood, creation of sustainable job opportunities, basic institutions and human resource so as to be able to mitigate the dependency on poppy planting and drug related business.

Research papers and reports on from 2014 nationwide census published

A nationwide census of Myanmar was carried out between 30 march and 10 April 2014 after a 30 year hiatus. The census was performed by the Ministry for Labor, Immigration and Population with collaboration from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), financial and technological support from associated countries and international organisations.

The data from the nationwide census was used to compile and publish the following reports, research papers and maps.

- (1) Report for forerunner population (English and Myanmar)
- (2) Report for National Census (English and Myanmar)
- (3) Myanmar shaped by the census (English and Myanmar)
- (4) Reports from State and Regions (English and Myanmar)
- (5) Report for jobs and industry demographics (English and Myanmar)
- (6) Report for religion demographics (English and Myanmar)
- (7) Report for 393 townships in Myanmar (Myanmar)
- (8) Census Atlas Report (English)
- (9) Fertility and Nuptialty Report (English and Myanmar)
- (10) Research Paper on Mortality (English)
- (11) Research Paper on Maternal Mortality (English)
- (12) Research Paper on Population Dynamics (English)
- (13) Research Paper on Migration and Urbanization (English)
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- (15) Research Paper on Labor Force (English)
- (16) Research Paper on Education (English)
- (17) Research Paper on Housing conditions and amenities (English)
- (18) Research Paper on Gender dimensions (English)
- (19) Research Paper on Disability (English)
- (20) Research Paper on Older Population (English)
- (21) Research Paper on Children and Youth (English)

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Russia's Putin signs law on foreign media

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin has signed into law a bill vesting the government with the power to label foreign-funded media outlets in Russia as “foreign agents,” said a presidential decree published Saturday.

The lower and upper houses of Russia's parliament approved the bill on 15 November and 22 November, respectively.

The law was enacted after Russia's state-owned English news channel RT America was forced to register as a foreign agent in the United States by the Department of Justice under its



Russian President Vladimir Putin. PHOTO: XINHUA

Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA) effective since 1938.

FARA requires “persons acting as agents of foreign principals in a political or quasi-political capacity to make periodic public disclosure of their relationship with the foreign principal, as well as activities, receipts and disbursements in support of those activities.”

US authorities accused Russian media outlets of influencing public opinion during the 2016 presidential election by spreading fake news. But Moscow saw the forced registration as an obstacle to Russian media ac-

tivities in the United States and a step violating the freedom of speech. According to the new Russian law, the Ministry of Justice will decide which media outlets should be listed as a foreign agent, who may face restrictions in Russia. The ministry said it has sent letters about possible recognition as foreign agents to VOA, Caucasus Reality, Crimea Reality, Siberia Reality, the Idel Reality regional project, the Current Time TV channel, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Radio Liberty's Tatar-Bashkir service and the Factograph project.—Xinhua ■

Succession battle at US financial agency seen headed to courts

WEST PALM BEACH, (Fla)/ WASHINGTON — A battle between the White House and Democrats over warring appointments to head up the top US regulator for consumer finance is likely headed for the courts, opening any interim actions by the agency to legal challenges, lawyers said on Saturday.

Richard Cordray, a Democrat, stepped down on Friday as director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), which was created after the financial crisis to protect consumers from abusive lending practices, and he named staffer Leandra English as acting director.

A few hours later, President Donald Trump named someone else to lead the agency: Mick Mulvaney, the White House budget director and one of the CFPB's fiercest critics.

The CFPB, the brainchild of Senator Elizabeth Warren, a Democrat and a liberal firebrand, has long been in the crosshairs of Republicans, who say it has had too much unchecked power.

On Saturday, Trump tweeted that the CFPB — which has imposed steep penalties on banks, auto dealers, student lenders and credit card companies for predatory lending practices — had “devastated” financial institutions. Democrats and Republicans agree that Trump may nominate a permanent CFPB chief, but they disagree over who may lead the



US President Donald Trump delivers a speech during Arab-Islamic-American Summit in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on 21 May 2017.

PHOTO: REUTERS

agency in the interim, a dispute which could drag on for months until the Senate confirms a permanent Trump appointment. The dispute is over which federal law prevails in naming an interim director. According to Democrats, the relevant law is the 2010 Dodd-Frank Wall Street reform law that created the CFPB, which stipulates that the agency's deputy director is to take over in the short term.

Cordray, in announcing his resignation on Friday, said he had named English as deputy director and that she would become the acting director.

But administration officials say the 1998 Federal Vacancies Reform Act gives the president the power to temporarily fill agency positions, except for those with multi-member boards — an exemption they said did not apply to the CFPB. On Saturday

evening, the Justice Department said in a memo that the White House was right to name a new CFPB director. The Dodd-Frank language about changing CFPB directors is “unusual” but the White House may name an interim chief, according to the memo.

Such advice from the Justice Department is open to legal challenge. Alan Kaplinsky, head of the Consumer Financial Services Group for law firm Ballard Spahr LLP, said the issue will likely have to be decided in the courts. In the meantime, he said, “This enormous cloud of uncertainty” will hang over the CFPB.

Kaplinsky said he believes that Dodd-Frank provides for the deputy director to take charge during the short-term, but Congress did not explicitly list the resignation of the director as a situation where the deputy would step up.—Reuters ■

Brazilian President Temer has 2nd surgery, recovers well — doctor

SAO PAULO — Brazilian President Michel Temer is well after a surgical procedure he underwent on Friday to clear three coronary arteries, a doctor told a news conference on Saturday.

Dr. Roberto Kalil Filho, who is leading Temer's treatment at Sírío Libanês Hospital in São Paulo, said the medical team had observed an increase in an obstruction in one of the president's arteries after exams on Friday. The doctors then decided to do the angioplasty procedure.

The doctor said Temer

should remain in the hospital for another 48 hours and could resume activities on Monday, when he plans to meet Bolivian President Evo Morales in a ceremony in Brasilia. The president's press office said earlier that Temer had a stent, a small device that helps to improve blood flow in the arteries, implanted.

Temer, 77, went through another surgery last month, to reduce the size of his prostate after suffering an obstruction of the urethral canal.—Reuters ■

Suspected Boko Haram militants take over northeast Nigeria town — residents

BAUCHI, (Nigeria) — Suspected members of Islamist militant group Boko Haram took over a town in the restive state of Borno in northeast Nigeria on Saturday, residents said.

The attack comes days after a suicide bomber killed at least 50 people at a mosque in neighbouring Adamawa state in one of the deadliest attacks since President Muhammadu Buhari came to power in 2015 pledging to end the eight-year insurgency.

Residents said attackers entered Magumeri, around 50 km (30 miles) from Borno state capital Maiduguri, around 7:00 pm (1800 GMT). They said the insurgents shot sporadically and

threw explosive devices, prompting locals to flee to a forest.

“We hurriedly took our families to the bushes before they could get us. Almost every resident is hiding here,” said Wakil Bulama, one of two residents who spoke to Reuters by telephone. A military source who did not want to be identified said Magumeri had been attacked but could not confirm whether it had been seized. Boko Haram has waged an insurgency in northeastern Nigeria since 2009 in its attempt to create an Islamic state in the region. The group has killed more than 20,000 and forced around 2 million people to flee their homes.—Reuters ■

Argentina faces 'hope and hopelessness' in submarine search

BUENOS AIRES — No sign of the Argentine submarine lost in the South Atlantic since 15 November has been found despite a massive international search effort, while families of the 44 crew members face the increasing likelihood that their loved ones will never return.

Saturday marked the 10th day since the ARA San Juan submarine reported its last position off Argentina's southern coast. Reports of a sound detected underwater near the last known position of the vessel suggest it might have imploded after reporting an electrical problem.

But citing respect for the families, navy spokesman Enrique Balbi declined to say anything to confirm the now-common belief that the crew had perished.

"We are at a stage of hope and hopelessness at the same time," Balbi told reporters. "We will not speculate beyond the facts as we know them."

He said seven ships were braving 3-meter (3.28-yard) waves to map the ocean floor where the San Juan was most likely to be found.

The US Navy said it had deployed unmanned underwater vehicles, or "mini-sub"



A woman sits next to a banner in support of the 44 crew members of the missing at sea ARA San Juan submarine, outside an Argentine naval base in Mar del Plata, Argentina on 25 November 2017.

PHOTO: REUTERS

equipped with sonar, to join the search. A Russian plane arrived in Argentina on Friday carrying search equipment capable of reaching 6,000 meters (20,000 feet) below the sea surface, Bal-

bi said. The search effort also includes ships and planes from Brazil, Chile, Great Britain and other countries.

Families of the crew were meanwhile stuck in an emotional

purgatory.

"The problem with being the loved one of someone who is missing is that the mourning process cannot start, because they are still out there some-

where," local psychologist Guillermo Bruchstein said in a Saturday television interview. "They are gone but are not 'dead.'"

The families have said they suspect the more than 30-year-old vessel was not properly maintained, a charge the government denies, and that the navy has been slow in sharing information with them.

Relatives expressed anger at the level of funding of the armed forces, whose budget has declined since the fall of a military dictatorship in the 1980s.

"The loss of the San Juan is a consequence of the fact that the abandonment and degradation of our defence forces has been an official policy," Argentine Senator Pino Solanas of the independent Project South party told local radio on Saturday.

Concerns about the crew's fate have set off a fierce political debate in a society sharply divided between supporters of President Mauricio Macri and opposition Peronists, who have been quick to find fault with the government's response.

"Until we find the submarine and have all the information," Macri said on Friday, "we are not going to speculate on who is at fault."—Reuters ■

Polls begin in Nepal for central, provincial parliaments

KATHMANDU — Voting began to elect Nepal's parliament and the provincial assemblies on Sunday in the country's northern 32 mountainous and hilly districts in the first phase.

Another round of elections will take place on 7 December in the remaining 45 districts of southern plain and hilly districts.

Despite a number of bomb blasts targeting the candidates and their campaigns in the run-up to the elections, Nepal's Election Commission (EC) said the voting is taking place peacefully in all districts where polls are being held with exciting participation of voters.

"There is no report of disturbances in polls in the early hours of voting," EC spokesperson Navaraj Dhakal told Xinhua.

In the recent bomb attacks,

former speaker of Nepal's parliament Ram Chandra Poudel, former Finance Minister Ram Sharan Mahat, another former Finance Minister Barsaman Pun, former Home Minister Janardan Sharma and former Information and Communication Minister Sher Dhan Rai were targeted but not harmed.

Nepal's Home Ministry on Saturday said "effective and reliable" security has been arranged for the polls, urging voters to participate in the elections without fear.

These elections are taking place to elect the federal legislatures at central and provincial levels as envisioned by the Nepal's new constitution promulgated in September 2015.

The Himalayan country had earlier held local elections as first step toward implement-

ing the new constitution.

"Elections for federal parliament and provincial assembly are important step towards implementing the constitution which was promulgated by the Constituent Assembly for the first time in Nepal's history," Lokraj Baral, a political scientist, said on Sunday.

Nepal is holding the two elections together because of constitutional provision under which all polls will have to be concluded by 21 January, 2018.

There are 3,191,945 eligible voters for the first phase of elections.

As many as 702 candidates are contesting both polls under a first-past-the-post election system. There are 5,838 candidates under proportional election system for both phases of elections, according to Nepal's election authority.—Xinhua ■

Safety checks underway in Beijing after fatal fire

BEIJING — Authorities are checking and handling potential safety hazards, especially fire risks, in every village, courtyard and company in Beijing, after a fire killed 19 people last week.

The main targets of the ongoing 40-day checks are buildings and factory sites simultaneously used for storage, production and housing, a Beijing Municipal Work Safety Committee spokesperson said.

He said the "blanket search and investigation campaign," launched last week, had identified over 25,000 potential safety hazards, some of which were "shocking." The hazards were numerous, including firms using combustible materials in worker dormitories, factories renting workshop-turned-apartments that were overcrowded and contained dangerous electric wires, as well as delivery distribution sites with blocked fire access and

couriers living inside.

"Once these buildings catch fire, there will be heavy casualties," the spokesperson said.

Every year, Beijing police receive around 5,000 fire reports, many of which are in winter.

The spokesperson said that removing the hazards in big cities like Beijing was a long-term task and involved the safety awareness of all residents.

Last Saturday, a fire started in Daxing district in a cold storage basement, where refrigeration equipment was being tested.

Carbon monoxide poisoning caused 19 deaths, including eight under 18. Beijing police have detained 18 people, including seven who managed the apartment block, seven electricity workers and four construction workers at the refrigeration facility. Eleven of the workers do not hold the qualifications required by the authorities.—Xinhua ■

Bali's erupting volcano raises air travel warnings

DENPASAR, (Indonesia) — Indonesian and regional authorities heightened flight warnings around Bali's Mount Agung on Sunday as the volcano's eruptions sent a plume of volcanic ash and steam more than 6,000 metres into the skies above the popular holiday island.

Ash from the eruption covered roads, cars and buildings near the volcano in the northeast of the island, while overnight a red glow of what appeared to be magma could be seen in photographs by Antara, the state news agency.

"Since last night the eruption has been a magmatic type eruption, not phreatic," Sutopo, a spokesman for Indonesia's Disaster Mitigation Agency (BNPB), said in a Twitter message, referring to the switch from a steam-driven eruption to one with magma.

"That's what has caused the eruption to continue to produce smoke and dark volcanic ash."

Vulcanologist Simon Carn said on his Twitter account: "Summit glow at #Agung indicates magma likely at or near surface. Satellites also detected thermal anomalies over-



Indonesia's Mount Agung volcano erupts as seen from Amed, Karangasem, Bali, Indonesia on 26 November 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

night." Bali, famous for its surf, beaches and temples, attracted nearly 5 million visitors last year, but business has slumped in areas around the volcano since September when Agung's volcanic tremors began to increase.

Agung rises majestically over eastern Bali at a height of just over 3,000 metres. When it last erupted in 1963 it killed more than 1,000 people and razed several villages.

Australia's Bureau of Meteorology said in an advisory from its Volcanic Ash Advisory Centre

(VACC) in Darwin that the eruption was "expected to be ongoing.

Maps provided by VACC show an area of ash cloud heading southeast over the neighbouring island of Lombok, away from Bali's capital, Denpasar, where the main international airport is located.

Indonesia also upgraded its Volcano Observatory Notice for Aviation (VONA) to red, its highest warning, and said the ash-cloud top could reach 19,654 feet (6,142 metres) or higher.

However, officials said the airport would remain

open for now as the ash could be avoided.

"The volcanic ash has only been detected in a certain area," the airport and other officials said in a joint statement. All domestic flights and the airport itself were operating as "normal" and tests for ash had been negative, it said.

Yunus Suprayogi, general manager of Bali airport operator Angkasa Pura I, said food and entertainment would be provided as well as extra bus services if conditions changed and passenger numbers increased. —Reuters ■

American customers urged to support small business

LOS ANGELES — US authorities and local officials have urged customers to shop on this year's Small Business Saturday, a new shopping holiday that falls on the fourth Saturday of November, and which is sandwiched between the traditional Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

First observed in the country on 27 November, 2010, Small Business Saturday is not like Black Friday or Cyber Monday, which feature big-box retail and e-commerce stores respectively such as Macy's and Amazon.com.

Small Business Saturday is less about big profits and more about encouraging holiday shoppers to patronize businesses owned by small merchants in their own communities, even backyards.

Avalon is a small community located in Santa Catalina Island in the western US state of California, 90 km west of Los Angeles downtown, with only 3,700 residents.

"We are a small business, we do 10 percent off on anything in the store on Small Business Day," Marcela Johnson, who works for a local grocery

in Avalon, told Xinhua.

"A lot of people here support local business, during last three days, we almost increased 30 percent. Cyber Monday comes too, we did way better last year, (online shopping) doesn't affect here very much, because there are many local supports here," said Johnson.

Independent neighborhood retailers, restaurants and producers like Johnson's grocery play a very important role in the country's economic system, according to the US Small Business Administration (SBA), an independent federal agency supporting the interests of small business.

"Small businesses are the engine of our national economy. We now have in the United States about 30 million small businesses. About half of all American workers are either employed by a small business or own a small business. And two out of three new jobs are created by small business.

Those are pretty powerful and compelling statistics," said Linda McMahon, Administrator of SBA, in a press release Saturday. — Xinhua ■

Int'l disaster prevention forum begins in tsunami-hit Japan city

SENDAI — Disaster prevention experts from Japan and abroad gathered in the city of Sendai on Saturday to discuss lessons from the earthquake and tsunami that devastated northeastern Japan in 2011. The first "World Bosai Forum," incorporating the Japanese word meaning disaster mitigation, was organized by the local government and Tohoku University following adoption of a global guideline for disaster risk reduction at a U.N. meeting in the city in Miyagi Prefecture in 2015.

The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction recognizes that the state has the primary role in reducing disaster risk, but that others including local government and the private sector must be involved. The World Bosai Forum is to be held every two years, with the organizers hoping the Japanese word "bosai" becomes a universal term for efforts in the field worldwide.

More than 900 people from research institutions and companies in more than 40 countries and re-

gions are expected to take part in the four-day conference through Tuesday. Japanese youth from areas affected by the March 2011 disasters joined the event to share lessons learned from the magnitude-9.0 quake and tsunami, which left more than 15,000 people dead and many still unaccounted for. Students from Otsuchi High School in Iwate Prefecture explained their efforts to chronicle — through photos taken from fixed observation points — the process of reconstructing the

town of Otsuchi. And Fukushima Prefecture high school students reported on their efforts to monitor radiation levels in the wake of the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant disaster, triggered by the massive tsunami waves that engulfed the plant on the Pacific coast. The mayor of a western Japanese town which may be affected by a government-predicted massive quake in the Nankai Trough, said, "Our town's challenge is realizing zero victims" in that event. —Kyodo News ■

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Peace Music Festival starts 4th round of level 3 in Yangon

The fourth round of Level (3) stage of peace music festival was held yesterday night at Hexagon Complex, Shwe Htut Tin, East Horse Race Course Road, Tarmwe in Yangon.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein and cabinet member ministers, Attorney-General of Yangon Region U Han Htoo, Permanent Secretary and Directors-General of Ministry of Information, officials and invited guests were in attendance.

The five selected singers are Phyu Hla (PMF03) from Sittway, Sa Paung (PMF07) from Hpa-An, Kyu Kyu Khaing (PMF09) from Kalay, May Thu Kyaw (PMF10) from Yangon and May Thazin (PMF05) from Yangon whom the judges saved although her voting result from the audiences is less.

The selected singers com-



Presenter and the participants at the Peace Music Festival. PHOTO: MNA

peted last night with a song which is particularly composed for the Peace Music Festival.

Selected three singers for final competition out of those five singers will be announced from

MRTV at 8:30pm on 3 December.

The festival is being held

across the nation with the aim of arousing public awareness and support of, and cooperation in the national reconciliation, the national unity, the internal peace and the democratic federal state.

Level 1 competitions were held at Taunggyi, Myitkyina, Mawlamyine, Lashio, Patheingyi, Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Sittway, Hpa-An and Kalay. Level-2 and Level-3 competition were also held.

The final competition will be held at field (1) of People's Park, Yangon on 10 December.

The audiences who want to choose their favorite singer can send the messages with their mobile phones, MPT for 7676, Ooredoo for 6031 and Telenor for 6600, within 48 hours after the competition is finished.

—Khin Zarli ■

Mariah Carey postpones more shows due to medical reasons

LOS ANGELES — Singer Mariah Carey has cancelled more shows of her 'All I Want For Christmas Is You' tour due to respiratory infection.

The "Hero" hitmaker had earlier cancelled the initial shows of her tour on doctors'

advice.

In a statement posted on her official website, Carey said, "Doctors have ordered a few extra days of rest before I can finally fly to New York and take the stage for my Christmas Tour."

"While this news disap-

points me to share, I am grateful to be on the mend and for the support from all of you -- it means the world to me! See you from the stage soon darlings!" she added.

Carey's tour will now start on December 2 in New York

City's Beacon Theatre and conclude on December 22 at the Colosseum at Ceasars Palace in Las Vegas.

Carey will also be performing in Los Angeles on November 30th for a free concert in support of World AIDS Day.—PTI ■

Noel Gallagher thinks fans will 'adore' in 'long run'

LONDON — Rocker Noel Gallagher has said that people will come to "adore" his music when they get old.

The former Oasis guitarist said the critics of his new album will not have "fun" for the "next few years".

"You know there's still people who want to live through 1995, and that's great. But we lived through 1995, and that's kind of what we did then, it's not what we do now," said Gallagher, according to Contactmusic.

"And I must say to them if you're in any way mildly disappointed by this record, then the next few years are not going to be fun for you, because there's no going back from here. Gallagher's band High Flying Birds recently released their third studio album titled 'Who Built The Moon?'.

"I reckon in the long run, people will adore this record because it's got more legs than the other two, for sure," he added.—PTI ■



Winner Tiffany Choi poses for photos with other finalists during the awarding ceremony of the 2017 Miss Chinese Toronto Pageant final in Toronto, Canada, on 14 November 2017. Tiffany Choi, 23 years old, was crowned the 2017 Miss Chinese Toronto on Friday. PHOTO: XINHUA

Basic technical training opens to produce pigeon peas value-added products

THE opening ceremony of basic technical training to produce value-added products from local pigeon peas was held on Thursday morning at Yadanar Alin Yaung philanthropic school in Ohn Chan Ward, Swar Town, Yatashay Township, Bago Region.

The vocational training is being conducted by Department of Small-Scale Industries, the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation. The patron of Yadanar Alin Yaung philanthropic

school Sayadaw U Kawwida gave a speech and Bago Region Hluttaw representative Dr Kyaw Kyaw gave an opening speech in the ceremony.

The training will be given free of charge in producing crepe roll, chiffon cake, sesame cookies, sugar cookies, madolene, pancake and fruitcake using rice-flour, jelly, fruit wines, juices and various jams, soymilk using pigeon peas, green grams and horse grams, noodle, nutrient powder, season-

ing powder, bean snacks, fried bean stick, Myanmar rice jelly, pudding, cookies, soya bean sauce and etc. using pigeon peas.

Present at the opening ceremony were township's departmental officials, officials from co-operative group, elders of the township, trainees and invited guests. The duration of the course is nine days, from 23 November to 1 December and 20 trainees are now under training. — Maung Shwe Win (Pyay) ■



Yetashay disseminates knowledge on value-added products. PHOTO: MAUNG SHWE WIN (PYAY)

Myanmar Weather Report

Sunday, November 26, 2017 - 19:00

BAY INFERENCE: According to the observations at (18:30) hrs M.S.T today, the low pressure area over the Southwest Bay of Bengal and adjoining Southeast Sri Lanka still persists. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy over the South Bay of Bengal and partly cloudy over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 27th NOVEMBER, 2017: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Eastern Shan State and isolated in Naypyitaw, Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyarwady and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin, (Northern & Southern) Shan, Rakhine and Kayah States. Degree of certainty is (80%). Weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States.

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (4 - 6) feet in along Myanmar coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of slight decrease of night temperatures in Upper Sagaing Region, Kachin and Chin States.

FORECAST FOR NAYPYITAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 27th NOVEMBER, 2017: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 27th NOVEMBER, 2017: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 27th NOVEMBER, 2017: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Low pressure

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5th Pride of Myanmar programme 2017-2018 launched in Yangon

THE opening ceremony for the 5th Pride of Myanmar programme 2017-2018, supervised by City mart Holding Co.Ltd was launched at the Ocean Supercenter (Shwe Gone Daing) on 25 November.

The ceremony was mainly sponsored by Co Co Health, Royal Myanmar Teamix, Top Cashew Nut, Genius coffee and Maw Shan Green Tea. At the ceremony, opening speeches were delivered by Director General of Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization, U Aung Soe, Director General of

Small and Medium Enterprises Development Centre Daw Aye Aye Win and Marketing Director Daw May Zin Soe Htet respectively.

Pride of Myanmar programme was launched with the aim of alleviating the competitive level and standards of local food and beverage producer with supporting local suppliers with their packaging and marketing needs as well. Through the project Myanmar traditional food and beverages have been upgrading their

taste and packing design which can be showcased to the world Customers who love local snacks would be very happy because of the 5th time Pride of Myanmar Promotion along with exclusively selected Myanmar Products showcasing at all our branches The Special Promotion of 5th Pride of Myanmar programme 2017-2018 will be launched starting from 26th November 2017 to 28 February 2018. All the interestees are being invited to come and test the favourite local snacks.—



5th Pride of Myanmar programme in progress. PHOTO: SUPPLIED

Over 180 cyclists partake at Mandalay's mass cycling event

UNDER the guidance of the Ministry of Health and Sports, the Myanmar Cycling Federation and the Mandalay Region Sports and Physical Education Department, a mass cycling event was organized yesterday in Mandalay.

With the aims of fostering the health and fitness of the people, the event was held in Mandalay

on 26 November. Mandalay Region Ethnic Affairs Minister U Sai Kyaw Zaw kicked off the event, firing the gun into the air. The event started from the Mandalay City Development Committee and ended at the town hall of Mandalay. Over 180 amateur cyclists and vice chairman of Myanmar Cycling Federation U Aung Win Tun, par-

ticipated in the event. This event is the 18th cycling event held in Mandalay. Such kinds of mass cycling events have been and will be held during the last week of every month as a community activity in Mandalay, therefore, whoever interested are invited to participate. —Tin Maung (Mdy-Sub Printing House) ■



Cycling lists in action at Mandalay's. PHOTO: TIN MAUNG (MDY-SUB PRINTING HOUSE)

Mongolia beats Myanmar U23 in friendly match

THE Myanmar Under 23 national football team and the Mongolia national football team played an international friendly match at Thuwunna Stadium yesterday evening and Mongolia beat Myanmar 2-1.

Myanmar football star Aung Thu did not participate in the match which caused insufficient attacks from Myanmar to the opponents. The match showed great teamwork by the Mongolian.

The lineup for Myanmar U23 included goal keeper Sann Sat Naing, Thiha Htet Aung, Captain Si Thu Aung, Soe Moe Kyaw, Htike Htike Aung, Hlaing Bo Bo, Yan Naing Oo, Maung Maung Lwin, Win Naing Tun, Yan Paing Soe and Pyae Sone Naing along with striker Than Paing, Aung Kaung Mann and Lwin Moe Aung in the substitutes list. Two early, consecutive goals scored in the very first half by Mongolia affected the spirit of Myanmar players and they were not able to show



Myanmar attempts to break through Mongolia's defenses. PHOTO:SOE NYUNT

their original skills even more.

At the 40 minute mark, Myanmar's Thiha Htet Aung achieved the red card for his action and the lack of one player really affected Myanmar to survive until the last

minute. Mongolia also dominated the second half with their careful play. Myanmar got their single goal at the 77 minute mark. The goal was scored beautifully by Captain Si Thu Aung on his free

kick. The Myanmar U-23 team is preparing for the M-150 Cup that will be hosted in Thailand from 9 to 15 December. Myanmar U23 is in Group B together with Vietnam and Uzbekistan.—KyawZin Lin ■



Borussia Monchengladbach's Yann Sommer in action with Bayern Munich's Robert Lewandowski at Borussia-Park, Moenchengladbach, Germany, on 25 November 2017.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Bayern suffer shock loss, Schalke stage four-goal comeback

BERLIN — Leaders Bayern Munich suffered a shock 2-1 loss at Borussia Moenchengladbach on Saturday on a day of high drama in the Bundesliga after Schalke 04 staged a remarkable four-goal comeback to draw 4-4 at Borussia Dortmund. It was Bayern's first loss after nine straight wins in all competitions under coach Jupp Heynckes, who took over in October, and only their second in the league this season. Bayern still lead on 29 points but the defeat cut their advantage to three points, with RB Leipzig now on 26 after their 2-0 win over Werder Bremen. Gladbach struck twice late in the first half, in the 39th minute with a Thorgan Hazard penalty and five minutes later through Matthias Ginter. Bayern, missing several key players through injury, fought back when Arturo Vidal scored with a low shot but they could not find an equaliser despite twice hitting the woodwork.—Reuters ■

Myanmar football star Aung Thu confirms the transfer to police tero

MYANMAR football star Aung Thu has already signed up to play for Police Tero in the Thai Premier League for the new 2018 season recently.

The 21-year old Yadanarbon striker Aung Thu who achieved flying ranks from the Myanmar

squad that qualified for the FIFA Under-20 World Cup two years ago.

He will get around 7000 USD in this team for monthly salary with provided food and accommodation. Although Aung Thu a young player, he has scored

eight goals from 25 appearances for Myanmar. Police Tero were previously known as BEC Tero.

The team was established in 1992. It was previously known as Sasana Witthaya School team and was formed by Mr. Worawi Makudi. The first football match

this team entered was in Division 3 of the football royal cup in 1993. In 2017 the club was taken over by Police Group so that in 2018 the club will change the name to Police Tero Football Club due to AFC Club Licencing.—KyawZin Lin ■

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