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Relief aids are arriving at both Local Ethnic communities and Muslim communities in Northern Rakhine State. **PHOTO: MNA**

Ethnics, Muslims get aids

FOODS were provided to the villages of ethnic people and the villages of people of Islamic faith in northern Rakhine State by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and Rakhine State government. Aung Zeya (United) and Aung Zeya (Peace)

villages, Aung Tharyar village, Aung Minglar village of northern Rakhine where Rakhine, Thet, Bamar, Mon and Shan races were living, and Ngan Chaung village and Kyetyopyin village where people of Islamic faith were residing were visited and

provided foods by responsible personnel from the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and General Administrative department of Maungtaw District.

Regarding the provisions, U Khite Marmood of Islamic faith

of Ngan Chaung village said, "We thank all the persons coming to the village and assisting with foods in such a difficult time.

The Tatmadaw also came to help us with foods including rice, cooking oil and salt last week.

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Present were Sayadaws led by Chairman of the central administrative body of the State Pariyatti Sasana University, Vice Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Obhasabhivamsa, Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko and officials.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Obhasabhivamsa gave the opening address.

The Union Minister supplicated on religious matters.

The meeting sought the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting. Secretary of the administrative body Director-General of the Department for the Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana U Moe Zaw Shwe presented the accomplishments in connection with the decisions of the previous meeting, followed by a general round of discussions.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Obhasabhivamsa delivered a sermon.—Myanmar News Agency ■



Pariyatti universities administrative body meeting in progress. PHOTO: MNA

Union minister inspects regional development in northern Rakhine

UNION Minister for Construction and Electricity and Energy U Win Khaing accompanied by Deputy Minister Dr Tun Naing, Rakhine State Road Transport Minister U Aung Kyaw Zan and Social Affairs Minister Dr Chan Tha, inspected regional development and progress of roads, bridges and power supply facilities in Yathedaung, Buthidaung and Maungtaung townships in northern Rakhine State yesterday.

First, the Union minister and party visited the 880-ft-long Yathedaung creek bridge on Ponnagyun Yathedaung road in Yathedaung township undertaken by the construction group 7 of the Bridge Department. They then facilitated the work of erecting a 66/11 kv (5MVA) sub-power station in the town.

In Buthidaung township, they inspected the 600-ft-long Saitin Bridge on Ponnagyun-Yathedaung-Buthidaung road undertaken by construc-



Union Minister U Win Khaing presents solar lamps for service personnel. PHOTO: MNA

tion group 7 and provided solar lamps for the workers of the project.

In the afternoon, they met with Lt-Gen Aung Kyaw Zaw of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) and discussed border roads and bridges, power supply and border fence. In the evening

they arrived at Taungpyoletwe in Maungtaung Township by helicopter and inspected the border bridge and the border fence. The Union minister looked into the requirements and presented solar lamps and candles to the service personnel in Taungpyoletwe.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Labour attaché inspects Certificate of Identity Centers

ACCORDING to the announcement from Myanmar Embassy in Bangkok, CI are being issued to the Myanmar workers without any valid document listed by Thai Ministry of Labour starting from 15 September, it was learnt.

According to the list of Thai Labour Ministry, there are 288954 displaced workers from Myanmar, Laos and Cambodia. Most of the listed workers are known to be working in construction, agriculture and husbandry and restaurant works. Most of the listed workers are from Chom Bueng District, Samut Prakan District, Paton Htarni District and Chiang Mai District. Three CI issuing centers are extended at Songkhla in southern Thailand, at Nkos Sawan in middle Thailand and Chiang Mai in northern

Thailand, according to Labour attaché, U Moe Aung Khaing.

The workers holding Temporary Residence Permit (TR-38) and those whose temporary passports for 6 years (violet and red booklet) are still valid can pay 300 Thai Baht at any 7-Eleven store and those who were listed in Thai Labour Ministry shall deposit 300 Baht and another 500 Thai Baht for permit fees at any 7-Eleven store. Then the workers can get the receipt and go to CI centers with that receipt for their document.

For the workers listed at the Thai Ministry of Labour while they are doing their CIs, they can have medical check-up, visas and work permits by one stop service, said U Moe Aung Khaing, Labour Attache of Myanmar Embassy.—Pwint Thitsar ■



Myanmar Embassy in Bangkok says it is issuing CIs for Myanmar workers. PHOTO: PWINT THITSAR

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Since many years ago we have lived in peace together with the local ethnic people. If there is any unusual thing in the village it must be reported immediately to departments concerned. Now we are living in peace and we will cooperate with the responsible personnel for the rule of law."

Six villages including local ethnic villages and villages of people of Islamic faith were pro-

vided 400 rice sacks, oil and peas 517 viss each and salt 254 viss and ks 30,000 each to the aged people of 90 years and above.

"We owed much thanks to the responsible personnel for providing food in such a difficult time. We are also very glad to get those assistance. Tatmadaw also supported us with food carrying by helicopter. All the villagers here dislike the terrorism. We now know the benefit of peace

when we get into trouble due to terrorism. We want to live under the rule of law" explained Daw Dirdar of Ngan Chaung village.

The Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement in conjunction with the State government will continue to provide aids to both villages of ethnic people and villages of people of Islamic faith who wants to live in peace, it is learnt.—Myanmar News Agency ■



Vice-President U Henry Van Thio on his way to fly to New York via the Republic of Korea. **PHOTO: MNA**

Vice President leaves for New York

The Myanmar delegation led by Vice President U Henry Van Thio which will participate in the general debate of the 72nd session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York left Yangon by air on 16 September evening and arrived at Incheon Airport in Seoul, the Republic of Korea, at 7:35 am local standard time

yesterday.

The Vice President and delegation were welcomed at the airport by Myanmar Ambassador to ROK Thura U Thet Oo Maung and embassy staff.

They then flew to New York by Korean Airways at 10 am local standard time.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Chief of Myanmar Girl Scout and Party leave for India

THE Chief of Myanmar Girl Scout Dr Daw Tin Hla Kyi and party who left for India by air yesterday morning to attend the 36th World Conference of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAG-GGS) were seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Chief of Myanmar Boy Scout, U Tin Nyo, Vice-Chief of Myanmar Girl Scout, Daw Khin Saw Ohmmar and other senior boy and girl scouts.

The Chief of Myanmar

Girl Scout Dr Daw Tin Hla Kyi, International Scout Inspector Daw Helen Lunpun and Course Chief Instructor Daw Aye Mar Thet, together with Chief Girl Scouts and representatives of other 146 countries, attended the 36th World Conference of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAG-GGS) which will be held at New Delhi, India from 18 to 22 September.

At the Conference Myanmar Girl Scout Chief and party

will submit the paper regarding the activities of Myanmar Girl Scout Association, holding the training and workshops for the progress of scout services and the programs to revive the girl scout services since 2013 in co-operation with Japan Girl Scout Association. Then the Myanmar group discussed about the training courses and seminars which will be conducted in co-operation with the world Girl Scout Association.—Myanmar Scout Association ■



Myanmar Girl Scout delegation pose for documentary photo: **PHOTO: MYANMAR SCOUT ASSOCIATION**



CPPCC Vice Chairman Mr Wang Qin Min seen off at Yangon International airport. **PHOTO: MNA**

CPPCC Vice-Chairman leaves for home

Vice Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference-CPPCC Mr. Wang Qin Min of the People's Republic of China and party left Yangon for home yesterday morning after attending the 14th World Chinese Entrepreneurs Convention.

The delegation was seen off at the Yangon International Air-

port by Minister for Security and Border Affairs of the Yangon Region Government Col Aung Soe Moe and other ministers, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar H.E. Mr. Hong Liang, Director-General Daw Kay Thi Soe of the Department of Strategic Studies and Training of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and officials. — Myanmar News Agency ■

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Continuous research on star tortoises conducts in Shweseettaw Wildlife Sanctuary

RESEARCH programme has been continued by the Forest Department, Wildlife Conservation Society's Myanmar Program and Turtle Survival Alliance in Shweseettaw Wildlife Sanctuary, observing natural characters of star tortoises and their health.

Situated in Minbu Township, Magway Region, a total of 150 star tortoises (*Geochelone Platynota*), a critically endangered species, are naturally living in the sanctuary, according to a report of the Myawady Daily issued on Sunday. All of the total numbers, small radio transmitters have been installed on the back of 42 turtle's upper shell to provide information for follow-up healthcare to those land-dwelling reptiles in the sanctuary. Altogether 50 tortoises have been placed in each 2.5-acre wide plot. Recording, mapping and calculation have been conducted by



Myanmar Star tortoises are found in arid regions of Myanmar. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

research team thrice a month.

The rare species is native to the dry and deciduous forests in the country. It can be found in Mandalay, Sagaing and Magway regions. This kind of tortoise normally eats grass, weeds, leaves, flowers and other fibrous plants as well as earthworms and snails. The tortois-

es normally lay eggs up to four times a year.

There are three protected areas for star tortoises in the country: Lawkananda Wildlife Sanctuary in Bagan; Shweseettaw Wildlife Sanctuary in Minbu Township and Minsontaung Wildlife Sanctuary in Natogyi Township.—GNLM ■

BRRDD's Head discusses works on projects

U Myo Thien, Head of Bago Region Rural Development Department met with heads and staff from township rural development departments under the department of Pyay District Rural Development Department at that office on 15 September of the morning.

During the meeting, U Myo Thien clarified works on water distribution, lighting,



Head of Bago Region Rural Development Department U Myo Thien meets with heads and staff from township rural development departments under the department of Pyay District Rural Development Department. **PHOTO: SHWE WIN(PYAY)**

emerald green projects, drawing project of VDP rural development and CDD community based projects.

This was followed by inspecting and fulfilling after coordination the necessary

works of the basic computer training course which is a vocational training opened at rural development departments in Shwetaung and Paungde townships.—Shwe Win(Pyay)

Over 400 U-18 athletes to take part in track and field events in Monywa

THE newly refurbished and upgraded people's sports ground in Monywa Township, Sagaing Region, will host U-18 track and field tournament on 21-23 September.

The competition, held by the region Chief Minister, invites under-18 athletes throughout the region to compete in a range of track and field events, including

various distance runs, hammer, javelin throws, sprints, long and high jumping as well as hurdles and relays, shot put and discus. The main objectives of the competition are to turn out next generation of athletes as well as to prepare them for regional and international meets, said U Aung Naing Swe, director of Sagaing Region Sports and Physical Ed-

ucation Department. The region has been the home to famous track and field athletes, including Ma Tin Htoo, Ko Win Thein and U Aung Than.

Altogether 448 athletes from 35 townships have already registered to take part in various categories of event at 400-metre sports ground.—Myo Min Tun (Monywa) ■

Local villager injured by landmine in Namtu

A local villager who was looking for bamboo shoots suffered injuries after stepping on a landmine in Namtu township, Moe Kaung Township, Kachin State on Friday.

According to the investigation, Daw Cho Thae, 32, and her husband from Myo Thit-Gyi village, Namtu township were in the forest to collect bamboo shoot when Daw Cho Thae stepped on a landmine, resulting in injuries to her left leg. A social assistance society member from the village took her to a local hospital in Namtu for treatment.—Win Naing ■

Mandalay-PyinOoLwin new road section to be finished next March

INITIATED in early this year, the construction of an extension of four-lane Mandalay-PyinOoLwin road section is estimated to be finalised in March 2018, said Mandalay Region Minister for Construction U Zar Ni Aung.

According to a report of the Myawady Daily's Sunday edition, the new road section will be 42 miles long and directly connect with Mandalay to Muse. Oriental Highway Co was permitted to build the road section under the Built, Operate and Transfer (BOT) system.

The existing two-lane Mandalay-PyinOoLwin road sees traffic worst congestions because many vehicles are running on it on average every day, with the results that car accidents frequently occur on this road.

Upon completion of the project, the new road section will help road users reduce travel time. It can thereby contribute towards regional development and the smooth and speedy flow of commodities.—GNLM ■



Tourists visit pagoda
in Mandalay. PHOTO:
MAUNG PYI THU

Tourism in Mandalay sees increase in arrivals in early peak season

WITH the introducing of new Mandalay-Bangkok-Yangon and Mandalay-Hong Kong flights at Mandalay International Airport, the number of international visitors to the country has significantly increased in early peak season.

According to the directorate of hotels and tourism, Mandalay hosted 203,145 foreign travelers between January and August.

This time last year, a total of 194,520 tourists entered the region. The majority of visitors are from China, Thailand, India, Singapore and Viet Nam. Citizens of Japan, Austria, New Zealand, Britain and the US also visited the region through border points of entry. They trips to Bagan-Nyaung U, Buddhist archaeological site, Mandalay Cultural Zone, the Ava ancient

city continue all year round.

A scenic hill town Pyin Oo Lwin is one of attractions in Mandalay and it is always crowded with visitors at home and abroad.

The directorate of hotels and tourism estimates that tourists arrivals in Mandalay is likely to increase than that of previous year.—Maung Pyi Thu (Mandalay) ■

Myanmar exports 1.3 million tons of rice in first five months of this FY

MYANMAR exported more than 1.3 million tons of rice to international trading partners over the first five months of this fiscal year, earning more than US\$375 million from this export, according to the official figures of the Ministry of Commerce.

According to a report of the Myawady Daily, the trade authorities are expected to export

two million tons of rice to foreign countries in the fiscal year of 2017-2018. When compared to the same period of last year, the country's rice export registered a threefold increase this year. In 2016-17 FY, Myanmar exported rice to 30 countries. The number of rice import partners rose to 50 in the current FY, attaining new orders from Guinea and

Mauritius. Myanmar annually produces 13 million tonnes of rice, in which about eight million tonnes go to domestic market for local consumption.

The 12.5 per cent of the total volume of rice from Myanmar flows into foreign market, mostly to China, followed by Bangladesh, Belgium and Madagascar.—GNLM ■

Demand for ginger decreases in domestic market

THERE has been a decreasing demand for ginger produced from Shan State in the domestic market this week, said one of the local growers.

Due to continuous rain, the market is cooler this year than that of previous years, receiving very low demands from the main buyers in Taunggut and Sittway townships in Rakhine State.

Those buyers from Taunggut bought a large volume of

ginger in the previous week. However, they stopped their purchase of the same product on account of transportation barriers caused by flooding in wide parts of the region.

"A lot of fresh ginger still remains in the market. It is a big headache for traders," one of the wholesalers said. A viss of fresh ginger is currently being sold for Ks350, whereas a viss of dried ginger is worth between Ks1,300 and Ks1,350

in Hopone Market. In Aungpan Market, one viss of fresh ginger is worth Ks300 at the most, while dried ginger has been sold for Ks900-Ks1,000 per viss. Ginger, a common ingredient in Asian and Indian cuisine, is the main export item at Myanmar-Bangladesh borders. According to the Ministry of Commerce, ginger exports through the Myanmar-Bangladesh border also declines during these weeks.—Shwe Khine ■

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Education amidst violence and terrorism



Sayadaw U Sarana.

"Mingalar par my students," "Mingalar par teacher," they all responded in unison followed by a chorus of reciting that filled the air of Myoma monastery in Maungtaw City.

The sound of students in the early morning was an unexpected one and I found out that these students were from a small school in Nanthataung village in Taungpyoletwe Township. Their school, which was self-funded, was called Nanthataung Charity School and it and the entire village was burnt to the ground during one of the terrorist attacks by ARSA in Maungtaw District. The village housed about 170 villagers of ethnic descent and was 68 miles away from Maungtaw Town.

Sayadaw U Sarana, the presiding monk of Myoma monastery, talked about the effort to continue the education of the children even after they had fled their homes.

"In the early morning on 25 August, I think it was about 2 am when those terrorist attacks

happened, there was a skirmish at Nanthataung police outpost not very far from here," said the Sayadaw. "About 500 terrorists advanced on the outpost and the eight security officers stationed fought back until the terrorists retreated around 6 am," recounts the Sayadaw.

After the terrorists retreated, officials had to search the surrounding area for potential landmines.

"After they had finished searching for landmines, one of the security officers came and told me what had happened," said Sayadaw U Sarana. "I informed the Taungpyo Tactical Operation Commander that attacks had occurred. Then we found out that similar attacks were carried out in 30 other police outposts in Maungtaw District."

The Sayadaw had requested security reinforcements after the attacks had happened and when the troops arrived they began conducting clearance operations.

"A police outpost nearby was surrounded by terrorists so the reinforcement troops had to advance there, leaving us without adequate security," said the Sayadaw. "We then decided to move the children to a secure place," said the Sayadaw.

Sayadaw U Sarana led the students and other villagers to Taungpyoletwe with the help of some security officers. They faced blockades by terrorists along the way.

"We arrived at Taungpyoletwe around nightfall and stayed at a school building for the night.

We had nothing to eat but before we could think of a solution, we were faced with another terrorist attack. When they started shooting with guns, the security officers moved us into the constabulary building," said the Sayadaw.

The Sayadaw said they were enclosed in Taungpyoletwe for two weeks before finally reaching Maungtaw City on 10 September.

"Some of the villagers stayed behind in Taungpyoletwe," said the Sayadaw. "They had homes there but the rest of us had nowhere to go," the Sayadaw said

with a sigh.

Eyewitnesses reports say they could see Nanthataung village burning from Taungpyoletwe on 26 August. After some inquiry, Sayadaw U Sarana was informed that the terrorists had burned down the entire village along with its market and monastery.

Around 375 students were among the people who followed the Sayadaw out of the village. On 14 September, teachers from Nanthataung village and other teachers and officials from education departments in Maungtaw City assisted in teaching the students thereby continuing their education.

"We started the lessons on 14 September," said the Sayadaw. "We had some teacher who followed us from Nanthataung and other teachers from Maungtaw are helping us educated the children.

We didn't want the children to be set back a year in their education so we came up with this plan to open this school for them in Myoma Monastery. The Education Department said they will open the schools when the situation has calmed down," said the Sayadaw.

After telling us about the incidents the Sayadaw left to teach the students. —Tin Maung Lwin & Min Htet Aung



A peaceful learning environment in a restive area. PHOTO: MAUNG MHWAE

MA-UK (Myanmar) provides foods and utensils for victims in Rakhine State

MA-UK (Myanmar) contributed foods and utensils to Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement on Friday for the victims of ARSA extremist attack in Rakhine State.

Dr Win Myat Aye, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement accepted cooking oil, peas, cans, noodles, tea packs and mosquitoes nets worth Ks79 million contributed by MA-UK (Myanmar), an international Non-Governmental Organization based in London.

Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement is systematically distributing cash, foods and utensils contributed by international organizations to all victims in Rakhine State. —Myanmar news Agency



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye receiving aids for victims in N Rakhine State. PHOTO: MNA

Five suspects arrested in Maungtaw and arson committed in Sittway

FIVE suspects were arrested near the head of Gaw Du Tha Ya creek in Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State on Saturday morning.

While a team including security police from Gaw Du Tha Ya police outpost was patrolling near Tone Chaung Wa village, five suspects including Sar Dit Raw Phee were arrested between Mohwin police outpost and the head of Gaw Du Tha Ya creek. Arrested suspects are being investigated according to the law.

Moreover, police arrested Soe Naing (a) Yar Zar

Ah Phat, 16 in Sittway as he committed arson to his grandmother's house on Friday.

Soe Naing burnt to the house of his grandmother, Daw Har Mi Dar, 73 at Aung Mingalar ward, Sittway Township as he was denied of giving Ks 10,000 from his grandmother on Friday 1pm.

The fire was put out in five minutes and the damage of house was worth Ks 7,500. Suspect Soe Naing was being investigated at Sittway Myoma Police Station to file a lawsuit by arson law. —Myanmar News Agency

Magway, ripe for tourism

A successful two day forum came to a close on 17 September in Nan Htike Thu Hotel in Magway City.

The forum was attended by officials and enthusiasts from the tourism industry. U Ohn Maung, the Union Minister for Hotel and Tourism, in his opening speech said the Magway Region is filled with potential for tourism.

“Magway will have increased tourism in the future,” said U Ohn Maung. “What tourism companies need to do is reduce the negative impacts on the region’s economy, society and natural environment while focusing on sustainable tourism. Only then will tourism destinations develop,” he said.

There are seventeen hotels and seventeen hostels in Magway and it is reported that the number of tourists reached 19,386 in 2016 and 10,861 in 2017. Dr. Aung Moe Nyo, the Chief Minister of Magway Region, said after community based tourism (CBT) was set up in Pakkoku District, about a thousand tourists come visit annually. The Chief Minister said CBT was also set up in Makyikan Village



Photo shows a Stupa of Bagan era in MyinKunn Ancient City. **PHOTO: ZAYYA TU**

in Chauk Township and there are plans to set up a CBT site in Pone Taung Pone Nyar Region in Theelin Township.

“As tourism in the Magway Region increases so will the income and livelihoods of the trans-

portation sector, restaurants, tour guides, souvenir shops and local residents improve too,” said the Chief Minister.

The forum highlighted some of the attractions in Magway Region including the ancient

pagodas along the part of the Ayeyarwaddy River in Yenangyaung Township in Sale District, which were thought to have been constructed between the Bagan and Pinya dynasties.

The Sale Yote Sone monas-

tery and Shinpinsarkyo Pagoda, Magway Myathalon, Minbu Seikkeinde Pagoda, Nga Pwat Mountain, the Sandakuu Nanttha monastery in Pwintphyu City and Shwe Settaw are just some of the pagodas worth visiting. Other attractions include the wildlife reserve which has star tortoises and Eld’s deer, the Yote Sone monastery in Lelkine, Salin City, the Minhla Fort and Kwaykyang Fort.

In Thayet City, tourists can visit Myanmar’s first golf course and the Thayet War Cemetery, one of the two memorial burial grounds of Ottoman Soldiers as well as the ancient cities of Vitano and Myinkun, both of which are listed on the World Heritage list. There is also the General Aung San Museum and the pagodas in Pakan District in Pakkoku including the ThihoShin Pagoda, which are among the many potential tourist destinations.

Actionaid Myanmar and the Association of Hotels in Magway helped set up the forum and one attendant hoped a tour guide map of Magway Region will be drawn in the near future.—Zayya Tu (Magway) ■

Alumni of NRDC contribute collective assistance to donation local people in Maungtaw

An amount of cash, Ks 3.8 million was contributed to officials by alumni of National Youth Resource Development Degree Colleges (NRDC) of Yangon, Mandalay and Sagaing yesterday for local people in temporary rescue camps in Buthidaung and Maungtaw townships.

Ks 700,000 for a temporary rescue camp in four miles ward, Maungtaw Township for, Ks 200,000 for a temporary rescue camp of Dat Paung Su Parahita (Philanthropic) monastery in three miles ward, Ks 500,000 for a temporary rescue camp of Aloetaw Pyae monastery, Ks 600,000 for a temporary rescue camp of Beikman emergency supporting committee, Ks350,000 for students in temporary rescue camp of Myoma Nant Tha Taung Parahita monastery, Ks500,000 for a temporary rescue camp of Lan Ma monastery in No.2 ward, Buthidaung Township, Ks 500,000 for a temporary rescue camp



Well-wishers making donations for people of Maungtaw. **PHOTO: WIN MIN SOE**

of Thudama Yone monastery in No.4 ward and Ks 500,000 for a temporary rescue camp of Shwe Kyin monastery in No.5 ward were provided.

“Our alumni in Sittway contacted to our NRDC’s friends working in government depart-

ments and requested for cash contribution as much as they can afford for the local victims. This is our collective cash contribution for the local victims suffered by terrorist attacks.” said U Than Zaw an alumnus of NRDC.—Win Min Soe (IPRD) ■

Stimulant tablets seized in Hpa-An and Kyun Su townships

A large amount of stimulant tablets were seized in Hpa-An and Kyun Su townships yesterday by narcotic police squad.

A combined team including members of No.31 narcotic police force seized two mobile phones and 491 stimulant tablets while searching Saw Aung Kyaw Kyaw who drove motor cycle near the toll gate of Than Lwin Bridge. According to the information from former suspect, 3,689 stimulant tablets from the rubber plantation near Kan Gyi village, Hpa-An Township and Ks 200,000 and two mobile phones

were seized while searching Saw Pan Aye’s house yesterday 1pm.

Similarly, a combine team including Kan Maw police in Kyun Su Township seized 58.38 kilograms of opium powder while searching the house of Myo Win Soe, 8.64 kilograms of opium powder while searching Min Myat Zaw’s house in Mae Taw village and Ks 2 million and 64.2 kilograms of opium powder while searching Moe Moe San’s house in Mae Taw village.

The suspects were filed a lawsuit according the narcotic law.—Myanmar News Agency ■



Min Myat Zaw. **PHOTO: MNA**

From the People to the People

Khin Maung Oo

Here, I would like to give our people some excerpts from the talks made by Joe Madiath from the Project, "MAN-TRA" how much it is of great importance for our rural population to know how to use latrines systematically and to how to get clean water. In developing countries including India, 80% of the diseases rural people are suffering are attributed to unclean water. Due to lack of the practice of using toilets, they generally dispose excrements in open spaces thus causing pollution of the water resources. That is why there is a great need for rural people to use toilets in their daily lives.

For fulfilling this need, the MAN-TRA Project (Movement and Action Network for Transformation of Rural Areas) was launched. The MANTRA is a mass movement in which the local populace themselves take an active part to change their daily lives. In the villages which take part in the campaign, a General Body consisting of the whole rural populace is to be formed. The General Body's responsibility is to draw up the work plans of the project. The General Body then forms the Executive Committee to implement the work plans.

In implementing the project in practical ways, two main groups are set up, one for gathering of materials used in

construction, for example sand. Another is the apprentice group to be trained for the job, all of whom are selected from casual workers, especially to train as masons and plumbers. On completion of the tasks of the said two groups, cement and iron rods supported by the government are utilized for construction of public bath-rooms and toilets. Cisterns/ water tanks are built on towers for supplying water to common bath-rooms, toilets and kitchens. Through the cisterns, water is distributed to villagers through pipes.

Thanks to the effort of MANTRA, the rate of disease outbreaks dropped by 82 percent among the rural people

in 1200 villages with a population of 0.4 million. Prior to the distribution of water through pipes, it took rural women 6-7 hours a day to fetch water. Due to the long hours needed to fetch water on a daily basis, the women have very little opportunities to learn at schools, less than 10 percent of learning opportunity. Yet, management to distribute water through pipes led women to getting learning opportunity at schools up to 90 percent.

Daily income of casual workers from construction sites rose up to 3-4 times. In our country too, we firmly believe that we should initiate such a MANTRA project as soon as possible. ■

Foreign journalists, INGO, Staff of UN Agencies working in Myanmar should learn the existing Burma Citizenship Law of 1982

By: Tommy Pauk

IN Myanmar we have lots of illegal immigrants from neighbouring countries, settling in the border areas of the west and east parts of Myanmar. For generations, they have been living in Myanmar territory together with our ethnic groups. The ethnic people are hospitable and friendly so the relationship between the ethnic people and the migrants is harmonious for several years. The successive governments of Myanmar have generously accepted those immigrants on humanitarian ground and even then they were given opportunity to get the citizenship of Myanmar in accordance with the law. In 1982, Burma Citizenship Law was enacted for the sake of those who had settled down on Myanmar soil and made a living honestly. Since then, many more immigrants from neighbouring countries have been awarded Myanmar citizenship in line with the provisions stipulated in 1982 Burma Citizenship Law.

These days, we Myanmar people are more aware of the duties and qualifications of citizens and the illegal immigrants flocking into Myanmar from west and east borders of Myanmar. As for those who are Foreign journalists, INGO, Staff of UN Agencies working in Myanmar, they might eagerly want to know what provisions are contained in the existing Burma Citizenship Law of 1982. In addition, we Myanmar people exhort Foreign journalists, INGO, Staff of UN Agencies working in Myanmar to learn the existing Burma Citizenship Law of 1982 thoroughly so as to attain the clear vision or knowledge about the process of application for the citizenship of Myanmar.

The following is an excerpt from Burma Citizenship Law of 1982.

Chapter IV
Naturalized Citizenship

Section 42. Persons who have entered and resided in the State prior to 4th January, 1948, and their children born within the State may, if they have not yet applied under the Union Citizenship Act, 1948, apply for naturalized citizenship to the Central Body, furnishing conclusive evidence.

Section 43. The following persons, born in or outside the state, from the date this law comes into force, may apply for naturalized citizenship:—

- (a) persons born of parents, one of whom is a citizen and the other a foreigner;
- (b) persons born of parents, one of whom is an associate citizen and the other a naturalized citizen;
- (c) persons born of parents, one of whom is an associate citizen and the other a foreigner;
- (d) persons born of parents, both of whom are naturalized citizens;
- (e) persons born of parents, one of whom is a naturalized citizen and the other a foreigner.

Section 44. An applicant for naturalized citizenship shall have the following qualifications:—

- (a) be a person who conforms to the provisions of section 42 or section 43;
- (b) have completed the age of eighteen years;
- (c) be able to speak well one of the national languages;
- (d) be of good character;
- (e) be of sound mind.

Section 45. A person married to a citizen or to an associate citizen or to a naturalized citizen, who is holding a Foreigner's Registration Certificate, prior to the date this Law comes into force, shall have the following qualifications to apply for naturalized citizenship:—

- (a) have completed the age of eighteen years;
- (b) be of good character;

- (c) be of sound mind;
- (d) be the only husband or wife;
- (e) have resided continuously in the State for at least three years as the lawful wife or husband.

Section 46

- (a) A person who has been determined as a naturalized citizen by the Central Body shall appear in person before an organization prescribed by the Ministry of Home Affairs, and shall make an affirmation in writing that he owes allegiance to the State, that he will respect and abide by the laws of the State and that he is aware of the prescribed duties and rights.
- (b) A person, holding a Foreigner's Registration Certificate, on being determined as a naturalized citizen by the Central Body, shall appear in person before an organization prescribed by the Ministry of Home Affairs and shall make an affirmation in writing that he renounces his foreign citizenship that he owes allegiance to the State, that he will respect and abide by the laws of the State and that he is aware of the prescribed duties and rights.

Section 47. The Central Body may include in the certificate of naturalized citizenship the names of children mentioned in the application. The child whose name is so included is a naturalized citizen.

Section 48. The child whose name is included under section 47, and who has completed the age of eighteen years shall make an affirmation in accordance with sub-section (a) of section 46, along with the parents.

The revocation of naturalized citizenship is prescribed in Chapter IV, section 58 in Burma Citizenship Law of 1982 as follows:—

Section 58. The Central Body may

revoke the naturalized citizenship of a person if he infringes any of the following provisions:—

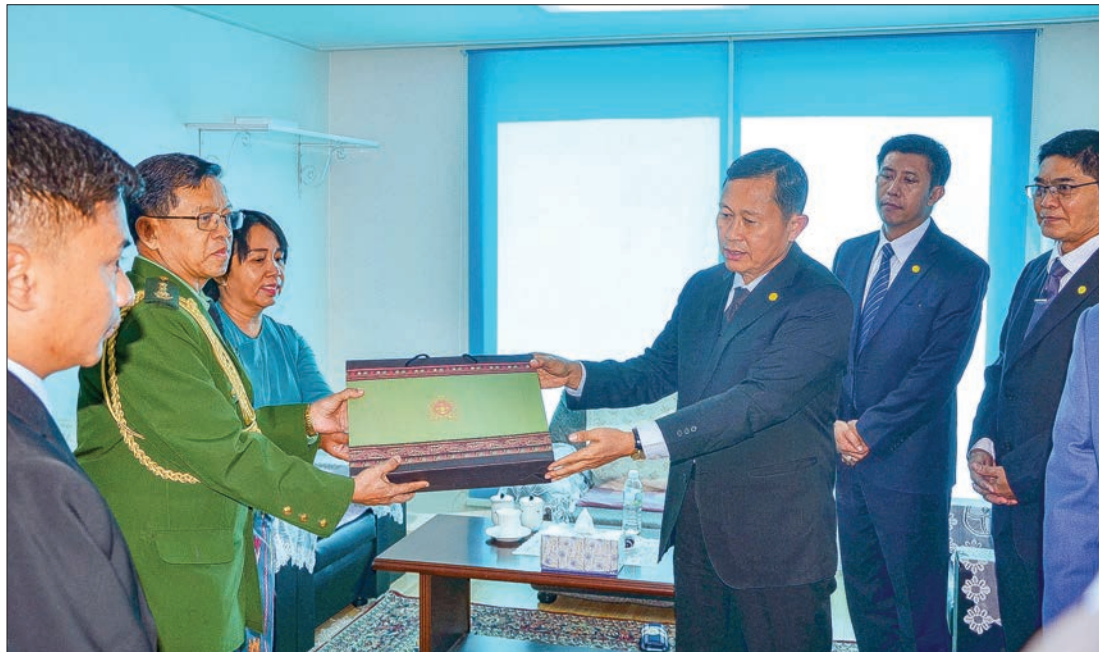
- (a) trading or communicating with enemy countries or with countries assisting the enemy country, or with citizens or organizations of such countries during a war in which the State is engaged, or abetting such an act;
- (b) trading or communicating with an organization, or with a member of such organization which is hostile to the State, or abetting such an act;
- (c) committing an act likely to endanger the sovereignty and security of the State or public peace and tranquility or giving rise to the reasonable belief that he is about to commit such an act;
- (d) showing disaffection or disloyalty to the State by any act or speech or otherwise;
- (e) giving information relating to a State secret to any person, or to any organization, or to any other country or countries, or abetting such an act;
- (f) committing an offence involving moral turpitude for which he has been sentenced to imprisonment for a minimum term of one year or to a minimum fine of kyats one thousand.

Hopefully, all the Myanmar citizens as well as foreign journalists, INGO, Staff of UN Agencies working in Myanmar will comprehend the provisions contained in Burma Citizenship Law of 1982. This existing law will be very helpful for us to tackle the issues or controversy related to the attainment of Myanmar citizenship.

Reference: The Guardian newspaper issued on 16 October 1982

"Burma Citizenship Law" (Pyithu Hluttaw Law No 4 /1982)

Vice Senior General Soe Win arrives in Republic of Korea



Vice Senior General Soe Win presenting gift to Military Attaché Colonel Myint Thein. **PHOTO: MNA**

DEPUTY Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice Senior General Soe Win arrived at Incheon International Airport, Republic of Korea yesterday morning and was welcomed at the airport by Myanmar Ambassador to Ko-

rea Thura U Thet Oo Maung, Military Attaché Colonel Myint Thein and a high ranking officer from Korea Armed Forces.

The Vice Senior General then went to Myanmar Military Attaché office and explained the current true situation in

Rakhine State to attaché families and trainees.

In the evening, the Vice Senior General attended a dinner party hosted by a former chief of staff (Army) of ROK Armed Forces at Grand Hyatt Hotel. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Chief of Defence Forces of Royal Thai Armed Forces arrive in Yangon

Chief of Defence Forces of Royal Thai Armed Forces General Surapong Suwana-adth, his wife and party yesterday arrived in Yangon for a friendly visit at an invitation of Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, on the morning by military plane.

The delegation were welcomed by Maj-Gen Ko Lay of the office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), Yangon Command Com-

mander Maj-Gen Thet Pone and senior military officers, the Thai Military Attaché to Myanmar, Myanmar Military Attaché (Army, Navy and Air) to Thailand Brig-Gen Khin Zaw and officials.

The delegation visited Shwemawdaw Pagoda and Shwethalyaung Pagoda, Kanbawzathadi Palace in Bago and Bogyoke Aung San Market in Yangon. —Myanmar News Agency ■



Chief of Defence Forces of Royal Thai Armed Forces General Surapong Suwana-adth, his wife and party arrive in Yangon. **PHOTO: MNA**

Free ferry service to Democracy Anyeint Contest



Meeting to provide free ferry service to Democracy Anyeint contest in progress. **PHOTO: MYINT MAUNG SOE**

YANGON Region government has arranged to provide ferry services across six different routes to Anyeint Contest, which is scheduled to be held at the National Theatre in Yangon, from 20 to 21 September.

The Myanmar traditional performing art contest is held

in honour of Democracy Day.

The ferries will shuttle between National Theatre and Sanpya Market Bus Stop, Chauk-Gway Bus Stop in North Okkalapa Township, Kyimyindine Night Market bus stop, South-Okkalapa Pagoda Bus Stop, Waziya Bus Stop in Hline-

thaya and Dagon East 156 Police Station Bus stop. The eight troupes which will participate in the final contest are Khitthit Kyeemon, Lu-Nge Star, Shwe-Nyar-Myae-Ye Kyae-Pwint-Myar, Phue-Thit Kyae-Sin, Swe, Mann Star, Sagawah Myay and Model Har.— Myint Maung Soe ■

Blood donation and collective cleaning in honour of 53th Myanmar Police Force Day

CLEANING the compound and blood donation at Pyay 500bedded General Hospital was made by Pyay District police force as honoring and welcoming of 53th Myanmar Police Force Day which will fall on 1 October, 2017.

Total 58 people including 45 members of police families from Pyay District Police Force and 13 police members from No.2 Wat Htee Kan Police training school made cleaning and

blood donation activities in Pyay 500bedded General Hospital.

Present at the ceremony are also provisional principal Police Colonel Kyaw Tayza, vice principal of No.2 Police Training School Lt-Colonel Hla Myint, Police Major Hlaing Win Aung, Police Major Than Htun Aung and principal of Pyay 500bedded General Hospital Dr Daw Khin May Thwin.— Shwe Win(Pyay) ■



Police members donating blood. **PHOTO: SHWE WIN(PYAY)**

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

Chinese capital bans winter construction to improve air quality

BEIJING — Beijing will suspend construction of major public projects in the city this winter in an effort to improve the capital's notorious air quality, official media said on Sunday, citing the municipal commission of housing and urban-rural development.

All construction of road and water projects, as well as demolition of housing, will be banned from 15 November to 15 March within the city's six major districts and surrounding suburbs, said the Xinhua report.

The period spans the four months when heating is supplied to the city's housing and other buildings.

China is in the fourth year of a "war on pollution" designed to reverse the damage done by decades of untrammelled economic growth and allay concerns that hazardous smog and widespread water and soil contamination are causing hundreds of thousands of early deaths every year.

Beijing has promised to impose tough industrial and traffic curbs across the north of the country this winter in a bid to meet key smog targets.

In the capital, it is aiming to reduce airborne particles known as PM2.5 by more than



A man wearing a respiratory protection mask walks toward an office building during the smog after a red alert was issued for heavy air pollution in Beijing's central business district, China, in 2016. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

a quarter from their 2012 levels and bring average concentrations down to 60 micrograms per cubic meter.

The city experienced near record-high smog in January and February, which the government blamed on "unfavora-

ble weather conditions"

Some 'major livelihood projects' such as railways, airports and affordable housing may be continued however, providing they are approved by the commission, said the report.

It added that the govern-

ment will step up supervision of dust control on city construction sites and implement restrictions on use of machinery with high emissions.

Violations of the new rules will be strictly punished, it added.— Reuters ■

US, South Korean presidents agree stronger North Korea sanctions needed

SEOUL — US President Donald Trump and South Korean President Moon Jae In agreed by phone Sunday that more pressure through sanctions must be put on North Korea for continuing to conduct nuclear weapon and missile tests, South Korea's presidential office said.

The two leaders agreed to cooperate to exert stronger pressure through sanctions to make North Korea realize its provocative actions will only lead to greater diplomatic isolation and economic pressure, presidential office spokesman Park Soo Hyun reportedly said.

During their 25-minute phone conversation, Trump and Moon also agreed to work to get the international community to fully implement the UN sanctions imposed on North Korea, including those imposed just last week after Pyongyang tested on 3 September what it said was a hydrogen bomb. Trump, Moon and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe are expected to meet together on Thursday in New York while all three leaders are there to address the UN General Assembly. How to compel North Korea to abandon its nuclear weapon and ballistic missile development programs is expected to dominate the trilateral meeting.—Kyodo News ■

Kindergartens to accept 2-year-olds to address day care shortage

TOKYO — The government plans to allow kindergartens to accept 2-year-olds from the new fiscal year starting April to address a severe shortage of day care centers for children, government officials have said.

Kindergartens are currently attended by children aged 3 to 5. To accommodate 2-year-olds, the education ministry and the Cabinet Office plan to add a "temporary care" service and create subsidies for caregivers and operational expenses.

Children aged 3 to 5 nor-

mally stay in kindergartens until around 2 pm and in some cases until around 5 pm. That is shorter than day care services and makes it difficult for working parents to enroll their children in kindergartens.

Under the plan, kindergartens would take care of 2-year-olds for around eight hours per day. Day care would also be provided during summer holidays and after children turn 3 so parents would not have to look for day care centers. User fees are expected to be kept on par with those for day care services.

Around 26,000 children were on waiting lists for day care places as of last April, nearly 90 per cent of them aged 2 and under. Among that age group, 2-year-olds were viewed as capable of adapting to kindergarten life relatively easily, prompting the planned change, the officials said.

Amid the shortage of day care places, 5,081 facilities in the country were functioning as both kindergartens and day care centers as of April, up 1,080 from the previous year.—Kyodo News ■

Weaker Typhoon Talim disrupts transport in southwestern Japan

TOKYO — Southwestern parts of Japan faced flight cancellations, train disruptions and felled power lines on Sunday as Typhoon Talim, now a tropical storm, made landfall on the southern island of Kyushu and brought heavy rains and high winds. Talim, the 18th typhoon of the Pacific season, grounded hundreds of flights and interrupted rail services including some bullet train operations in Kyushu, local media reported.

The Japan Meteorologi-

cal Agency issued its strongest warnings for heavy rain, flooding and high waves in the coastal areas of southwestern Japan. The storm was moving northeast, and could bring strong winds to the Tokyo area by Sunday evening. Monday is a public holiday in Japan, to observe Respect for the Aged Day.

Talim, a Tagalog word meaning "Cutting Edge," forced more than 200,000 people to evacuate in China earlier this week.—Reuters ■



Air New Zealand Bombardier Q300 planes sit near the terminal at Auckland Airport in New Zealand, on 25 June 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

Fuel shortage prompts flight cancellations at Auckland Airport

SYDNEY — A jet fuel shortage is causing flight cancellations at New Zealand's Auckland Airport with disruptions expected to continue.

A total of 23 international and domestic flights have been cancelled in the last 24 hours, Auckland Airport corporate affairs manager Simon Lambourne told Reuters by telephone on Sunday.

Fuel companies are rationing oil because a leaking Auckland supply pipeline has been closed for repairs at New Zealand's only refinery at Marsden Point, Whangarei.

Refining NZ, which owns the pipeline, said it could take 10 to 15 days to repair, according to a news report by Radio NZ.

The pipeline is the only source of jet fuel for Auckland

Airport.

"Airlines operating at Auckland Airport have had their usual fuel allocations reduced. We appreciate this will be inconvenient and will require airlines to take alternative fuelling measures," said Andrew McNaught, a spokesman of Mobil Oil New Zealand Limited, which represents fuel suppliers.

Airlines would have to carry more fuel to enable return flights without refuelling and stop to fuel at other airports on the way to and from Auckland, McNaught said in an emailed statement on Sunday.

Air New Zealand has cancelled some services to consolidate passenger loads, and is diverting Asian and North American long-haul flights to refuel at Pacific and Australian airports, it said in a media

statement.

Qantas and Jetstar said in an emailed statement that they were working to minimise impact on customers and urged people to check their flight status online.

Auckland Airport is New Zealand's largest international airport with passenger numbers of around 18 million a year.

The pipeline also supplies petrol and diesel to Auckland, but Energy Minister Judith Collins said it was unlikely that motorists would be inconvenienced as fuel was being trucked in from the refinery, and from a fuel terminal at Mt Maunganui.

"The fuel companies are confident that supply of these fuels will be maintained," Collins said in a media release. — Reuters ■

US special envoy welcomes Putin idea on UN peacekeepers in Ukraine

KIEV — Russia's apparent backing for the deployment of UN peacekeepers in eastern Ukraine gives negotiators more ideas with which to seek a resolution to the separatist conflict, the US envoy to Ukraine peace talks said on Sunday.

Russian President Vladimir Putin last week floated the idea of deploying UN troops to eastern Ukraine in a call with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, suggesting the UN mission could protect observers from the international OSCE monitoring mission.

Asked if he thought this suggestion improved the outlook for

ending the fighting, US special envoy Kurt Volker said: "There's more on the table now that we can work with."

"I hope that we're creative and determined and able to take advantage of it," he told journalists on the sidelines of the annual Yalta European Strategy conference in Kiev.

Volker, a former US ambassador to NATO, was appointed to his current role on 7 July to help end the conflict between Ukrainian troops and Russia-backed separatists, which has killed more than 10,000 people since 2014.

— Reuters ■

More Florida Keys residents return home to survey Irma's destruction

KEY LARGO, (Fla) — More residents who had fled the Florida Keys ahead of Hurricane Irma were allowed to return to their homes on Saturday, as authorities prepared to reopen Key West at the end of the devastated archipelago on Sunday.

As Florida struggled to return to normal after the powerful storm struck this week, Governor Rick Scott ordered all nursing homes in the state to obtain emergency generators.

The order followed the deaths of eight elderly people this week at a sweltering nursing home north of Miami that lost power. "I am outraged over the deaths of eight Floridians at the Rehabilitation Center at Hollywood Hills in Broward County and I am demanding answers

as we furiously investigate this terrible loss of life," Scott said in a statement on Saturday.

Irma was one of the most powerful Atlantic storms on record before striking the US mainland as a Category 4 hurricane on Sept. 10. It killed at least 84 people, many of them in the Caribbean. The storm killed at least 33 in Florida. In the Keys, Irma tore apart houses, flattened mobile homes and pushed boats onto the highway linking the archipelago, prompting authorities to largely shut down access to the islands. Thousands of anxious residents who evacuated have been pressing to be allowed to return home. Cudjoe Key, where Irma made landfall in the lower Florida Keys, and nearby areas were especially hard hit. — Reuters ■

Venezuela's Maduro upbeat on talks, opposition fear 'show'



Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro (C) speaks during a meeting with ministers in Caracas, Venezuela, on 15 September 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

CARACAS — President Nicolas Maduro has predicted a new foreign-led effort to mediate Venezuela's political crisis would produce a deal soon, but the opposition said on Saturday it would not accept another time-wasting "show".

Following months of anti-Maduro protests earlier this year that led to at least 125 deaths, both sides sent delegations to meet the Dominican Re-

public's president this week for a possible start to a negotiated solution.

"After weeks of conversations, we are close to an agreement, of political co-existence, of peace and sovereignty," Maduro said in a speech late on Friday. "We're very near."

But the opposition, which accuses Maduro of creating a dictatorship and ruining a once-prosperous oil economy, insisted the

talks in Santo Domingo were only "exploratory" and would not proceed without firm guarantees of democratic change.

They want a date for the next presidential election, due by the end of 2018, with guarantees it will be free and fair, plus freedom for hundreds of jailed activists, a foreign humanitarian aid corridor, and respect for the opposition-led congress. — Reuters ■

British police arrest second man over London train bomb

LONDON — A second man has been arrested over Friday's bomb attack on a London underground train that injured 30 people, police said on Sunday, as Britain remained on its highest level of alert with soldiers helping provide security.

The 21-year-old man was detained under Britain's Terrorism Act in the west London suburb of Hounslow just before midnight on Saturday, the Metropolitan Police said in a statement.

Police arrested an 18-year-old man in the port of Dover earlier on Saturday and then raided a property in Sunbury, a town near London and about four miles (six km) from Hounslow.

The home-made bomb shot flames through a train carriage packed with commuters at west London's Parsons Green Tube station but apparently failed to detonate fully.

Islamic State claimed responsibility as it has for other attacks in Britain this year, including two in

London and one at a concert by American singer Ariana Grande in Manchester in May.

Intelligence officials say there is scant evidence the militant group was behind the attacks.

Prime Minister Theresa May put Britain on its highest security level of "critical" late on Friday, meaning another attack

might be imminent. Soldiers and armed police were deployed to strategic locations such as nuclear power plants.

The first man arrested on Saturday was detained in the departure lounge of the port of Dover in what police said was a "very significant" step.

The last time Britain was put on "critical" alert

was after a suicide bomber killed 22 people at the Ariana Grande concert.

On that occasion, the threat level remained at the highest setting for four days while police raced to establish if the bomber had worked alone or with the help of others.

Prior to that it had not been triggered since 2007.—Reuters ■



Britain's State Secretary for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Boris Johnson speaks during a news conference at Lancaster house in London, Britain, on 14 September 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

Boris Johnson's Brexit plan is not a leadership bid — Rudd

LONDON — Home Secretary Amber Rudd said on Sunday that Boris Johnson was not starting a leadership bid by setting out his plans for Brexit in a newspaper article, adding that his intervention was "absolutely fine".

A week before Prime Minister Theresa May sets out her vision for Brexit in a speech in the Italian city of Florence, Johnson, the foreign secretary, published a newspaper article that roamed well beyond his ministerial brief.

"I know what an ir-repressible enthusiast (Johnson) is about Brexit, and what he's done is set it out there, I think it's absolutely fine, I would expect nothing less from Boris," Rudd said on the BBC's Andrew Marr show. When asked if the article was a leadership challenge, Rudd said "no, I don't think it is".

"I think that he like I supports the prime minister at this difficult time as we try to conclude the negotiations with the EU," she said.—Reuters ■



Police officers stand in front of barriers forming a cordon around a property being searched after a man was arrested in connection with an explosion on a London Underground train, in Sunbury-on-Thames, Britain, on 17 September 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

Varadkar bounce gives Ireland's Fine Gael eight-point poll lead

DUBLIN—Ireland's ruling Fine Gael party has opened up an eight-point lead over its nearest rival, an opinion poll showed on Sunday, suggesting the minority government was seeing a

bounce under new prime minister Leo Varadkar. Varadkar, the 38-year-old son of an Indian immigrant and the first gay premier of the once-staunchly Catholic country, succeeded Enda

Kenny in May as members of his centre-right Fine Gael hoped a young, straight-talking leader would propel the party ahead of main rival Fianna Fail.—Reuters ■

Japanese adventurer to embark on unassisted solo trek to South Pole

ASAHIKAWA, (Japan) — A 40-year-old Japanese adventurer will embark in mid-November on an unassisted solo trek of approximately 1,130 kilometers across Antarctica to the South Pole.

If successful, Yasunaga Ogita will become the first Japanese to accomplish an unassisted trek to the South Pole. He is planning to pull a 100-kilogram sleigh loaded with a tent, food and fuel and reach the goal in about two months.

"I want to experience the excitement of seeing an unknown world," said Ogita, who has previously given up twice on unassisted treks to the North Pole since 2012 due to obstacles such as huge crevasses.

This time he will be trekking in summer from Hercules Inlet, a location in the Antarctic at latitude 80 degrees south, and when the temperature in the continent covered with a thick ice sheet will be around minus 35 C.

Ogita, who lives in the town of Takasu in Hokkaido, said unlike the Arctic, where trekkers face challenges such as crevasses and walls of sea ice, adventures in Antarctica would not involve technical difficulties. But he said the upcoming trek is expected to be physically demanding as he would constantly face strong highland winds in climbing to the South Pole, some 2,800 meters above sea level. Out of around

20 million yen (\$180,000) needed to fund the trek, including costs of chartered flights to Antarctica, Ogita collected 3.7 million yen through crowdfunding.

Ogita, a native of Kanagawa Prefecture near Tokyo, joined a trekking program for the first time in 2000 when he walked in the Arctic with Japanese adventurer Mitsuro Oba. At that time he said he had been "looking for a place to burn energy" after quitting his studies at the Kanagawa Institute of Technology.

After that experience, he saved money from various part-time jobs and visited the Arctic 15 times, successfully trekking over 9,000 km in total. —Kyodo News ■

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS MYANMA RAILWAYS INVITATION TO OPEN TENDER

1. Open Tender is invited for supply of the following items in Euro:

Sr No	Tender No	Description
1.	12(T)16/MR	Taper Bearing Unit (TBU) AAR Class "C"-1500 Sets
	(MIT)17-18	Seal for Taper Bearing Unit(TBU)AAR Class "B"-1000 Sets
		Seal for Taper Bearing Unit(TBU)AAR Class "C"-1000 Sets

Closing Date & Time- 18.10.2017(Wednesday)(14:30)Hrs

2. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 18.9.2017 during office hours and for further detail please contact: Deputy General Manager Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Corner of 51st Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon. Phone: 95-1-291985, 291994

UN provides Cuba with food aid after Irma rips up coast

HAVANA — The United Nations' World Food Programme said on Saturday it was launching a \$5.7 million operation in Cuba to help feed nearly 700,000 people in areas most affected by Hurricane Irma.

The monster storm ripped last weekend along the length of the northern coastline of the Caribbean's largest island, tearing off roofs, wrecking the power grid and damaging crops.

"This hurricane just went down the entire coastline, the volume of impact is just unprecedented," WFP Executive Director David Beasley said during a visit to Havana, after meeting with Cuban Vice President Miguel Diaz-Canel.

The WFP already had more than 1,600 tonnes of food pre-positioned around Cuba available to distribute and had funds to buy more. It would start by distributing for free rations of rice and beans in the most vulnerable areas. Irma's impact on food availability



People line up to buy bread after Hurricane Irma caused flooding and a blackout in Havana, Cuba, on 11 September 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

in the a nation of 11 million inhabitants may be both short and medium-term, Beasley said. "We are talking about 60,000 hectares of agricultural land that have been dramatically impacted, banana trees, citrus, rice maize, everything," Beasley said. Cuba would need to assess the soil's salinity to ascertain how that would affect the next planting season,

he said.

In the light of climate change, Irma could be a "sign off more things to come", Beasley warned.

"Fifty to forty years ago, the hurricanes were less frequent, and less severe," he said, adding that WFP was working with the Cuban leadership to prepare for such change.

At the height of its strength, Irma ranked as

one of the most powerful Atlantic storms in a century and was the first Category 5 hurricane to make landfall in Cuba since 1932.

"It's times like this when we all lay aside our political differences and come together for the common good," said Beasley, former governor of South Carolina in the United States, Cuba's old Cold War foe.—Reuters ■

Petrol bombs and tear gas in Athens rally to mark rapper killing

ATHENS — Greek police fired tear gas at protesters who hurled petrol bombs in Athens on Saturday during a rally marking four years since the killing of an anti-fascism rapper by an ultranationalist Golden Dawn supporter.

The killing of Pavlos Fyssas, who performed under the stage name Killah P, had sparked protests across Greece and led to an investigation into Golden Dawn for evidence linking it to violent attacks. A trial of party members is continuing. Clashes broke out on Saturday after dozens of hooded demonstrators broke off from a march of about 2,000 people, including activists and migrants, towards the Golden Dawn



A masked demonstrator (C) is engulfed in flames as clashes with riot police take place during a rally marking four years since the fatal stabbing of Greek anti-fascism rapper Pavlos Fyssas by a supporter of the ultranationalist Golden Dawn party in Athens, Greece, on 16 September 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

offices in central Athens. Protesters shouted "Pavlos is alive! Crush the Nazis!" and held up banners demanding the party's offices are shut down and its

members are jailed. Police buses and officers in riot gear blocked the column from reaching the building. A second rally to mark Fyssas's death anniversary on

18 September has been called for Monday in the working-class neighbourhood of Keratsini where he was stabbed to death.—Reuters ■

Iraq, Russia resume air services after 13-year freeze

BAGHDAD — Iraq and Russia restored scheduled commercial airline services on Sunday for the first time since 2004, as stability returns to the war-torn country, Iraqi Airways source said.

An Iraqi Airways plane left Baghdad at 10:31 a.m. (0731 GMT) and was expected to arrive at Moscow's Vnukovo airport at 2:19 pm (1119 GMT), Iraqi

Airways said. It is a signal on the part of the Iraqi authorities that Russian nationals can safely visit Iraq, it said.

The two countries may also later agree on air travel to the Iraqi city of Basra, the source added. Russia suspended regular flights to Iraq in 2004 after the US-led invasion in 2003 plunged the Arab country into war.—Xinhua ■

INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER NO.2/2017

(1) Ministry of Natural Resources And Environmental Conservation, No.(1) Mining Enterprise Invites to submit the sale tender quotation open tender in the United State Dollars.

(a) Cathode Copper Lot.1	657,903 Ton	Monywa, Mine Site
Cathode Copper Lot.2	700 Ton	Monywa, Mine Site
Cathode Copper Lot.3	1000 Ton	Monywa, Mine Site
Cathode Copper Lot.4	1000 Ton	Monywa, Mine Site
(b) Aitimony One and other mixed	10 Ton	Taunggoo
(c) Lead Ore and other mixed	13 Ton	Sesai
(d) Silicon Ore and other mixed	120 Ton	Muse

(2) Tender Closing Date and Time is 18th October, 2017 (14:00) hrs.

(3) Tender document are available from the Procurement Department, No.(1) Mining Enterprise, Ministry of Natural Resources And Environmental Conservation, Office Building No.(19), Nay Pyi Taw and Details Can be asked to +95-(0)67-409012 and 409162 and within the office hours.

Tender Committee

CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

MV WEST SCENT VOY. NO (154)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV WEST SCENT VOY. NO (154) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 18.9.2017 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT

MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY

AGENT FOR: M/S INTERASIA LINES

Phone No: 2301185

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Veteran actor Harry Dean Stanton dies at 91

LOS ANGELES — Harry Dean Stanton, whose scruffy looks and off-beat demeanor made him a favorite of directors seeking a character actor to add eccentricity or melancholy to the screen, died on Friday from natural causes, his agent said. He was 91.

Stanton, who appeared in some 70 movies and many television shows including “Repo Man,” “Paris, Texas” and most recently David Lynch’s reboot of television’s “Twin Peaks,” died peacefully at Cedars Sinai hospital in Los Angeles, his agent John Kelly said in a statement.

Stanton’s final on-screen role can be seen in the upcoming film “Lucky.”

In a career spanning 60 years, Stanton’s roles were not always big but were meaningful and could add a special quirk or flavor to a film. Sometimes he said very little in his roles, but with a long, craggy face highlighted by unkempt hair and sad,

droopy eyes, Stanton had a strong physical presence and made a point of not over-acting.

“He’s one of those actors who knows that his face is the story,” his friend Sam Shepard, the playwright and actor, said in the 2012 documentary “Harry Dean Stanton: Partly Fiction.” Shepard himself passed away in July this year at the age of 73.

Stanton credited Jack Nicholson with giving him vital professional advice. Nicholson had written a part for Stanton in the Western “Ride the Whirlwind” and told him, “Let the wardrobe do the acting and just play yourself.” “After Jack said that, my whole approach to acting opened up,” Stanton told Entertainment Weekly. Stanton worked with many of Hollywood’s most notable directors, including Frances Ford Coppola (“The Godfather Part Two” and “One From the Heart”), Sam Peckinpah (“Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid”), Mar-



Actor Harry Dean Stanton poses at the world premiere of the film “Marvel’s The Avengers” in Hollywood, California, US in 2012. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

tin Scorsese (“The Last Temptation of Christ”), Ridley Scott (“Alien”), and Lynch (“Wild at Heart,” “The Straight Story,” and “Inland Empire”). Stanton could be taciturn to the point of mystery. In “Partly Fiction,” when Lynch asked him how he would like to be remembered, Stanton replied: “It doesn’t matter.”

Two 1984 films cemented his

reputation in Hollywood: “Repo Man” and “Paris, Texas.” “Repo Man” became an independent cult film favorite with Stanton as a comically grizzled and paranoid car repossession expert trying to pass on his dubious code of ethics to his apprentice.

In “Paris, Texas,” written by Shepard and directed by Wim Wenders, he played an emotion-

ally broken, nearly silent man trying to put his life and family back together - a portrayal that many in Hollywood thought should have at least earned Stanton an Oscar nomination. Other notable Stanton movies were “Pretty in Pink,” “The Missouri Breaks,” “Red Dawn,” “Escape From New York,” “The Green Mile” and “Cool Hand Luke.” —Reuters ■

‘The Simpsons’ actress finds her own voice ‘In Search for Fellini’

LOS ANGELES — For most fans of “The Simpsons,” the name Nancy Cartwright may ring a bell as the voice of 10-year-old troublemaker Bart Simpson over 28 seasons of the Fox animated show. Now, the actress is hoping to establish her own voice by documenting a surreal adventure, “In Search of Fellini.”

Cartwright, 59, co-wrote the new film, out in US theaters this weekend, a mostly autobiographical tale of how her obsession with filmmaker Federico Fellini led to her own impromptu solo Italian

adventure to find the elusive director.

“All the writers on ‘The Simpsons,’ they’ve created this legacy ... and to be a part of that has been such a privilege,” Cartwright told Reuters. “For me personally, I would like to be able to, as an artist, establish my own voice.”

“In Search of Fellini” follows Lucy, a young, naive girl living a sheltered life with her mother in a small Midwestern American town until she undergoes a spiritual awakening watching Fellini’s 1954’s “La Strada” and



Actor Nancy Cartwright poses for a portrait in Los Angeles, California, US, on 11 September 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

goes to Italy.

The film traces Lucy’s journey through idyllic highs, such as falling in love, and crippling lows, such as an encounter with an

older, male stranger that quickly goes wrong quickly - a scenario that Cartwright said she lifted directly from her own experiences.—Reuters ■

Madonna open to adopt more kids

LOS ANGELES — Pop diva Madonna says she will “never say never” to adopting more children because she finds motherhood a form of healing for her.

The 59-year-old singer has Lourdes, 20, Rocco, 17, Mercy and David, both 11, as well as five-year-old twins Stelle and Estere.

In an interview with CBS, Madonna says, “Who knows? Yeah, I - I never say never. You never know what surprise awaits you around the corner.”

The singer, whose mother Madonna Louise Ciccone passed away when the musician was just five years old, says motherhood has enabled her to be the parent she “never had”. “I get to become the mom I never had. So, yeah, it’s a very healing experience,” she adds.—PTI ■

Tina Turner taught Mick Jagger to dance

LONDON — Tina Turner says she taught dance to Rolling Stones frontman, Mick Jagger, but he never gave her the credit.

The 77-year-old music legend has always credited his mother for his moves, reported

Contactmusic.

“Mick wanted to dance - and I was a dancer - but he never gave me the credit! He said his mother taught him how to dance. But we worked with him in the dressing room, me and the girls,

and we taught him how to Pony,” Turner says.

Talking about her bond with David Bowie, Turner says, their relationship was more about singing, as he believed there was something he could learn from

her voice. “I had a different kind of collaboration with David and it was more to do with the singing. All those English guys felt I could sing. They felt there was something to learn from my singing. My vocals are natural.—PTI ■

Viet Nam, Myanmar show beauty in acrylic paintings



Visitors view paintings at the Myanmar-Viet Nam art exhibition at the National Theatre in Yangon. PHOTO: Mon Mon

Twenty-nine paintings of Viet Nam and 23 of Myanmar showing the charm and beauty of both countries are displayed at National Theatre in Yangon.

For the third time the Myanmar-Viet Nam art exhibition is being held from 17 to 22 September with the aim of promoting cultural and arts of

the two countries, and its opening ceremony was addressed by the Ambassador of Viet Nam to Myanmar Mr Luan Thuy Duong, who also is an art lover.

The paintings all drawn in acrylic by 20 Vietnamese artists and 10 Myanmar counterparts portray or represent the

traditional cultures and national beauties of the two ASEAN member states.

Also speaking on the occasion, Professor U Myat Tun Aung of Painting department of National University of Arts and Culture said, "We can enjoy and compare the artistic works of the

two countries which will continue holding more arts shows in the future also. It is a pleasure for us that Ambassador Mr Luan Thuy Duong also shows keen interest in the show."

Yangon hosted the first exhibition at Myanmar Plaza in May and the second at Melia Hotel in August. — Myat Sandi ■

5th Anniversary Publishing of Myanmar B2b MM celebration

A ceremony "The Wooden Talk by Myanmar business Heroes" to mark 5th Anniversary Publishing of Myanmar B2B Management Magazine was held at Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Yangon on 10 September.

Dr. Aung Tun Thet delivered opening speech and U Thaung Su Nyein, CEO of Information Matrix spoke the delightful words on behalf of B2B cover page models after cutting the cake.

Then, a group of businessperson with the conduct of Dr. Aung Tun Thet discussed the title "Nation Branding". In the afternoon, a programme to be honor for writers and cartoonists who have

written in Myanmar B2B Management Magazine was held and followed by giving a note from Sayar Thein Htay Maung.

Afterwards, Dr. Htet-Zan Lin, CEO and Chief Editor of Myanmar B2B Management Magazine addressed key note speech under the title "The Importance of the Storytelling". In the sector of Story telling, Sayar U Tin Zan Kyaw, Principal of Device Business Management Academy led and other business persons included in the discussion under the topic of "Long-term Success".

Present at the ceremony were economic experts, businesspersons, writers, cartoonists, special guests, news medias and other interested persons. — GNLM



Guests view copies Myanmar B2B Magazine at its 5th anniversary at UMFCCI on 10 September. PHOTO: SUPPLY



Myanmar International Programme Schedule

(18-9-2017 07:00am -19-9-2017 07:00am) MST

07:03	Am	News
07:26	Am	Mosaic Painting (Precious Stones & Gems)
07:41	Am	Swan Hein Cave
08:03	Am	News
08:26	Am	Shop Championship 2017 (Part-4)
08:58	Am	Dances of Myanmar (Bwe Traditional Dance)
09:03	Am	News
09:26	Am	Yatana Theinga City and Shwe Bon Yatanamingalar Palace
09:45	Am	Horse Cart Driver
09:55	Am	Dances of Myanmar "Lisu Traditional Dance"
10:03	Am	News

10:26	Am	Natural Lake: Fish Breeding Business
10:39	Am	Oboist and His Life

(11:00 Am ~ 03:00 Pm) - Sunday Repeat (07:00 Am ~ 11:00 Am)
(03:00 Pm ~ 07:00 Pm) - Today Repeat (07:00 Am ~ 11:00 Am)

Prime Time

07:03	Pm	News
07:27	Pm	Food Trip (Ep-3) (Part-1)
07:50	Pm	Kay Tu Mar Lar "The Decision"
08:03	Pm	News
08:25	Pm	Shop Championship 2017 (Part-4)
08:55	Pm	Now in Yangon

(09:00 Pm ~ 11:00 Pm) - Today Repeat (09:00 Am ~ 11:00 Am)
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6:00 Am ♦ Paritta by Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw	2:35 Pm ♦ Tasty Trip
7:00 Am ♦ Breakfast News	3:15 Pm ♦ Myanmar National League MNL MAX CEMENT 2017 (LIVE Broadcast) Zwegapin United FC Vs GFA FC)
7:35 Am ♦ MRTV Travelogue	
8:35 Am 1. Women in Myanmar Society	5:40 Pm ♦ Yes or No Talks Show (Entertainment or Edutainment) (Part-1)
9:10 Am ♦ Documentary	6:15 Pm ♦ Football Magazine
9:40 Am ♦ World Heritage "Sanchi" (India)	6:30 Pm ♦ Law Affairs
10:30 Am ♦ Documentary (Agriculture)	8:00 Pm ♦ News/ International News/ Weather Report
11:15 Am ♦ ASEAN Programme	8:35 Pm ♦ Documentary (Mandalay Palace)
11:35 Am ♦ MRTV Youth's Programme	♦ TV Drama Series
12:30 Pm ♦ Teleplay	
1:45 Pm ♦ Fine Arts Bosom of Dramatic Performance	

Myanmar misses the third place in AFF U-18 Championship

Kyaw Zin Lin

Host Myanmar was defeated by Indonesia with incredible 7-1 result in yesterday's third place football match of AFF Under-18 Championship at the Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon.

Myanmar players were a little loosing of their victory mind throughout the match as they lost Malaysia in the semifinal with penalty shootout 5-4 result and missed the final chance for AFF Cup.

In previous Group B's match, Myanmar and Indonesia are not much different in football skill and tactics but the Indonesians' spirit of victory showed their big win for yesterday's match.

Indonesia played an aggressive game with frequent counter-attacks throughout the match by scoring three goals in the first half before adding further goals after the break.

Just fourteen minutes in, striker Egy Maulana Vikri delivered a cross to Muhammad Rafli Mursalim to score before adding the advantage two minutes before the half with Witan Sulaeman breaking through the



Myanmar and Indonesia football players in action with passing the ball at yesterday match in Thuwunna Stadium. **PHOTO: MFF**

offside trap.

Indonesia ended the first half on top with the third goal coming off Egy in 35 minutes as they continued to mount the pressure after their some substitutions.

Indonesia players grabbed the initiatives with some quick movements and used counter attacking game tactics mostly.

Indonesia Rafli completed his hat trick with the third goal right on the hour while Hanis

Saghara Putra also scored in 73 and 90 minutes and Egy scored in 87 minutes.

Myanmar star Pyae Sone Naing score Myanmar's only goal just before the end of the match.

Paulinho saves Barcelona against plucky Getafe

MADRID — Barcelona snatched a late 2-1 win at Getafe with Paulinho's strike sending them seven points clear of arch-rivals Real Madrid at the top of La Liga on Saturday.

The Brazilian midfielder's signing was widely criticised by supporters but he ran on to Lionel Messi's pass, drove into the area and fired home with six minutes remaining to preserve Barcelona's 100 percent record in the league.

Later Atletico Madrid celebrated the inauguration of their new stadium with a 1-0 win over Malaga, Antoine Griezmann's 60th-minute goal delighting the sell-out Wanda Metropolitano.

At the Coliseum Alfonso Perez, Gaku Shibasaki scored a magnificent volley to put Getafe ahead in the 39th minute but another substitute, Denis Suarez, equalised for Barcelona in the 62nd. —Reuters ■

Thailand crowns 2017AFF U-18 Championship

Kyaw Zin Lin

Thailand accomplished the 2017 AFF Under-18 Championship after they beat Malaysia 2-0 in the final match at the Thuwunna Stadium yesterday.

The two quick goals at the start of the second half effectively helped Thailand to collect the victory. Malaysia footballers tried to get back into the game but they failed.

As early as the six minute, Malaysia's Muhammad Akhyar Abdul Rashid got a goal chance but Thai keeper Kantaphat Manpati beat back the ball.

Thailand's Ekanit and Yuthapichal Lertlum shots about ten minutes was well blocked by Malaysia Keeper Muhammad Azri Abdul Ghani.

Thailand played much bet-

ter in the second half with gaining more goal opportunities.

It took Thailand just three minutes into the second half to grab the leading goal where Malaysian clearance is not good enough; Ekanit scored for Thailand across from Naravit Kaosantia. Just three minutes later of their opening goal, Thailand doubled the advantage with captain Kritsada Kaman heading in the goal box beautifully.

Malaysia tried to get back into the game but Thailand's defenders are too massive enough for Malaysia to attack.

Just before the end of the match, Malaysia got a penalty but Muhammad Zafuan Azeman unable to score when Kantaphat judged the direction well and ended up the match with 2-0 win for Thailand.



Thailand footballers are celebrating victory as they won the 2017 AFF Under-18 Championship Cup. **PHOTO: AFF**