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Politics

■ Wirathu supporters protest arrest warrant

Hundreds of supporters of nationalist monk U Wirathu gathered in Yangon last week to protest against charges laid against him for sedition. An article in Frontier said that about 150 supporters marched through Yangon last Thursday, while Myanmar Times put the number at about 300. The supporters marched from Kyae Thon Pagoda to Shwedagon, the country's holiest site, where they prayed for Wirathu's safety. Last month, the Yangon Western District Court issued a warrant for Wirathu's arrest under section 124(a) of the Penal Code. The law penalizes bringing the government into contempt, and holds a maximum penalty of up to 20 years' imprisonment and a fine. The warrant came after comments made by Wirathu that criticized State Counselor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi about plans to amend the 2008 constitution. Speaking at the Shwedagon protest last week, prominent nationalist Ko Win Ko Ko Latt said that Wirathu's supporters would "do something" for him, without elaborating, the Frontier report said.

■ Civilians killed in Rakhine shelling says witnesses

Seven civilians have been killed during renewed fighting in Rakhine State between the Myanmar Army and the Arakan Army. According to an AFP article,

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June Highlights

The Myanmar Construction Entrepreneurs Federation (MCEF) is planning to set up a loan programme for members who need to finance projects.

The Ministry of Hotels and Tourism will reduce visa restriction for six European countries to boost the number of inbound tourists to Myanmar.

The Yangon Region Government invited investments in projects included in the Yangon Project Bank, a pool of 80 priority projects located in the region.

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Yangon to receive much needed new bus stops

Jul 12, 2018
U Maung Aung, secretary of the Yangon Region Transport Authority, stated this week that FMIDecaux ha

Hello Communications to build train station along Yangon Circular Railway

Jul 12, 2018
Through a joint venture with a local firm, Hello Communications will commence its work at Thamine st

Upcoming Events

Myanmar Blockchain Forum 2018
July 14, 2018

Myanmar Supply Chain Summit
August 29, 2018

Health & Humanitarian Supply Chain Forum
August 30, 2018

Myanmar Global Investment Forum
September 11, 2018 - September 12, 2018

Myanmar Connect 2018
September 18, 2018 - September 19, 2018

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Highlights

Trade with the Netherlands exceeds USD 61 million
July 12, 2018
Bilateral trade with the Netherlands reached USD 61.98 million in two months according to the ...

the fighting broke out close to a monastery in Sapa Htar village, in Minbya Township. The article quotes U Myo Kyaw Aung, a village leader, that villagers took refuge in the local monastery after artillery fire hit some of the homes. "Then ... shelling hit the monastery". Myo Kyaw Aung said he didn't know who had launched the shelling and both sides involved in the fighting have blamed their adversaries for the incident. Northern Rakhine State has seen intense fighting between the two groups this year, with fears of a long-protracted conflict.

Economy

■ Management Committee to inspect Yangon condos

The Yangon Region Government has established a management committee that will begin inspecting condominiums in the commercial capital. The committee is tasked with checking whether they meet the requirements set out in the Condominium Law. "We will inspect the buildings to see if they meet the requirements," U Myo Myint, a member of the Yangon Condominium Management Committee, was quoted as saying in an article in Myanmar Business Today. "We will give them the condominium status if they meet all of the requirements, otherwise they will be regarded as normal apartments". According to the new law, condominiums must be more than 20,000 square feet and buildings must be six floors and above, with an elevator. The regional government has so far granted 32 condominium developer licenses, according to the report.

■ India expected to re-start importing Myanmar beans

Traders in Myanmar's beans and pulses industry have said they expect to re-start exporting to the Indian market this month. According to an article in the Myanmar Times, U Min Ko Oo, secretary of the Myanmar Pulses, Beans and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association, was quoted as saying that a decision on what companies are allowed to export the products to India is expected between June 10 and June 12. India, a hugely important market for Myanmar's beans and pulses, stopped importing the product last year. It has since re-started accepting some on a three-month basis. The move comes after Myanmar President U Win Myint visited India recently. "It seems like India is observing the weather, and if they get less rain than last year, demand could increase," said Min Ko Oo.

■ Trade deficit drops by USD 1.3 billion in the second quarter

During the first six months of FY 2018-2019, the trade deficit has dropped by USD 1.315 billion compared to the same period during FY 2017-2018. The data was released by U Maung Maung Win, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Commerce, at a meeting of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on May 23. The breakdown of exports are USD 2.874 billion from finished industrial exports; USD 1.765 billion from oil and gas industry exports; USD 1.708 billion from the export of agricultural products; USD 548.9 million from mineral exports, USD 432.8 million from fishery exports; USD 275.4 million from animal products, and USD 90.5 million from exporting forestry products and USD 609.4 million in exports of other products. These exports went primarily to China, Thailand, Japan, India, and Singapore.

Myanmar in Figures

GDP (PPP): \$330.88bn (2017)

GDP (official ex.rate): \$59.5bn (Jan 2018)

GDP growth rate: 7.23% (2017)

Population: 54.22 mn people (Apr 2019)

Inflation: 6.5% (2017)

Foreign trade: \$29.2bn (2016-2017)

FDI: \$75bn (31/12/2017)

International reserves: \$5.2bn (Jan 2018)

CBM rate Kyat/\$ = 1,525K/1\$ (06/06/19)

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Companies and Investments

■ Nissin Electric relocates plants to Myanmar

Metal parts and equipment maker Nissin Electric Co of Japan will build a plant in Myanmar, relocating some manufacturing processes from Thailand and Vietnam. According to an article in the Bangkok Post, the move is to cut labor costs in its contract manufacturing business. The company will form a joint venture with Hosoda Holdings Co, Nissin's sales agent in the Myanmar market, in the Thilawa SEZ. The company will move mounting of device frames and welding to the new plant in Myanmar. Nissin will hold a 95 percent stake and Hosoda the remainder in the Myanmar venture. Registered capital of the entity will be USD 1.5 million. The JV projects 600 million yen (\$5.5 million) revenue in five years after the start of operations, Naoki Taira, spokesman for the Japanese company, said.

Events

Name	Details	Organizer/Ministries	Contact Information
Complast Myanmar	Venue: Tatmadaw Hall Date: 14-16 June 2019	Smart Expos & Fairs (India) Pvt. Ltd	office@smartexpos.in +91-44-2250 1986/ 87
MikroTik User Meeting	Venue: Pullman Yangon Centrepoint Hotel, Yangon Date: 15 June 2019	Arta Legzdina	al@mikrotik.com + 371 67317700
GMS Rail Expansion Summit	Venue: Summit Parkview Hotel, Yangon Date: 17-18 June 2019	UMS Institute	info@umsinstitute.org +86-21-6101 4318
Emerging Asia Banking & Fintech Summit	Venue: Park Royal Yangon Date: 25-26 June 2019	Magenta Global Pte Ltd	enquiry@magenta-global.com.sg +65-6846 2360
Myanmar Gar Tex Expo	Venue: Rose Garden Hotel, Yangon Date: 28-30 June 2019	Minh Vi Exhibition & Advertisement Services Co., Ltd (Veas Co., Ltd)	info@veas.com.vn +95 (0)9420 025684
Android Developers Conference	Venue: Taw Win Garden Hotel, Yangon Date: 9 July 2019	Droid Yangon	info@droidyangon.org
Builders Myanmar	Venue: Novotel Yangon Max Hotel, Yangon Date: 1-3 Aug 2019	Fireworks Myanmar	myanmar@asiafireworks.com +95 (0)1 377381
Powerex Myanmar and Electric Expo Myanmar	Venue: Novotel Yangon Max Hotel, Yangon Date: 1-3 Aug 2019	Fireworks Trade Media Pte Ltd	sg@asiafireworks.com +65-6100 9101
Myanmar FoodBev	Venue: Tatmadaw Exhibition Hall, Yangon Date: 15-17 Aug 2019	Icvex	info@icvex.com +66-2713 3033
Arena Convention & Exhibition	Venue: Novotel Yangon Max Hotel, Yangon Date: 23-24 Aug 2019	Malaysian Institute of Estate Agents	secretariat@miea.com.my +603-7960 2577

Tenders

■ Ministry of Transport and Communications: Request for Expressions of Interest

1. The Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems (DWIR) under the Ministry of Transport and Communications (MOTC) is now implementing a **feasibility study for Myanmar Wang Pong Port Improvement Project** which values USD 500,000 supported by the 1st Batch of Mekong-Lancang Special Funds (2017).
2. The project is located in the Wan Pong village with some 15 miles (24 kilometers) from Tachileik, Eastern Shan State of Myanmar. Wang Pong Port is hub for Myanmar's activities on Mekong-Lancang River Commercial Navigation.
3. The objective of the project is to investigate the existing situation and capacity of Wang Pong Port, to prepare design and cost estimates of jetty for 500 DWT Vessels and SAR center including primary study on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), to evaluate the cost and benefit ratio, to enhance commercial navigation in the Mekong region as an integral part of "Mekong River Navigation Master Plan" (2015-2025). The project consists of four main components including (A) Investigation work (bathymetric survey and Geotechnical investigation), (B) Design and Estimate for Jetty, (C) Design and Estimate for SAR Center and (D) Primary Study for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) plus an operational component to demonstrate the project in management and allow for rapid reallocation of funds in case of emergency. Bathymetry survey of the Mekong River near Wang Pong Port area had been carried out.
4. To implement above project, the Project Management Unit (PMU) of DWIR now invites eligible consultant firms/ institutions to express their interest (EOIs) in providing the services.
5. The feasibility study includes analysis of existing port conditions, cargo volume and ship type, design and estimation of port, general layout, navigation channel, anchorage and navigation aid facilities, cargo handling facilities, marine structure, land formation, communications, environmental protection, energy conservation and corresponding investment estimates, designing and estimating of SAR center building, rescue facilities and equipment rooms, training grounds, parking lots, civil construction and matching utilities water supply, electricity and drainage, safety, labor hygiene and fire protection, the identification of the project type to consider Environmental Management Plan (EMP), Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) or Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), exploring and suggesting the required model test and study for the Environmental Impact Assessment (ESIA) and preparing and using the format of study report in accordance with the identified project category.
6. The general criteria which will be taken into consideration in the selection process include (a) Proven track records of 5 years experiences in the field of Inland River Port, River training activities and SAR Center, (b) Having experiences in at least 3 projects of river works, waterway design, inland port design or Jetty works and SAR Center in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar or East Asia or South East Asia, (c) registered company, and (d) for primary study for ESIA, the EIA firm must register at Environmental Conservation Department (ECD), under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation (MONREC), Myanmar.
7. Consultant may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. Consultants are encouraged to associate with local EIA firms. More information can be obtained at <http://www.ecd.gov.mm/?q=consultant-licensing>. The consultants shall clearly state the role of each member in the association (Lead, JV Partner or Sub-consultant) in their expression of interest.
8. The best qualified consultant firm/ institution will be invited to submit Technical and Financial proposals. Further information and a copy of the Terms of Reference (TOR) can be obtained upon request. Expressions of interest (EOI) must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by email) by **28th June 2019 at 04:00 p.m.**
9. The address referred to above is:
Attention: Aung Myo Khaing (Director)

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■ **Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation: Open Tender**

1. No. (1) Mining Enterprise under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation invites to submit the tender quotation sale open tender in the USD.

	Cathode Copper	5,000 M/T (15) Lot	
(a)	Group 1 (1) Lot	100 Tonnes each, 5 Lot	Monywa, Mine Site
	Group 2 (1) Lot	200 Tonnes each, 5 Lot	Monywa, Mine Site
	Group 3 (1) Lot	500 Tonnes each, 3 Lot	Monywa, Mine Site
	Group 4 (1) Lot	1,000 Tonnes each, 2 Lot	Monywa Mine Site
(b)	Base price of Cathode Copper shall be based on the London Metal Exchange Copper price on the date of tender opening. The highest proposal amount (Premium amount added to the L.M.E price and deduction		
(c)	Low Grade Zinc	20,000 M/T	Tangyan, Mine Site
(d)	Lead Ore and other mixed	57.66 M/T	Namtu
(e)	Ferruginous Bauxite & other mixed	78.00 M/T	Ywa Ngan

2. Tender closing date and time is **2nd July, 2019** at **02:00 p.m.** and tender opening time is **03:00 p.m.**
3. Tender documents are available from the Procurement Department, No. (1) Mining Enterprise, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation at office building No. 19, Nay Pyi Taw. Detailed information can be asked within office hours to +95-67-409012 and +95-67-409162.

■ **Ministry of Transport and Communications: Request for Quotation**

1. Ministry of Transport and Communications (MOTC) now invites eligible firm to submit the proposal for "Spectrum Analyzer" as part of the Telecom Sector Reform Project supported by the World Bank's loan. The deadline for submission of RFQ is **28th June, 2019** by **01:30 p.m.**

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2. The detailed information and requirements can be seen in the Request for Quotation (RFQ) and it can be downloaded at PTD website - www.ptd.gov.mm.