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Politics

■ **NCA signatory meeting cancelled after military complaint**

A meeting planned between signatories of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) in Thailand has been cancelled after Myanmar filed complaint. According to a Frontier article, the KNU general secretary Padoh Saw Ta Doh Moo is saying that a meeting of the Peace Process Steering Team (PPST) was due to take place in Chiang Mai, in northern Thailand, on 8th - 9th June. It was cancelled after a complaint letter was sent to the Thai military by Myanmar military attache Brigadier-General Khin Zaw. "We heard that the reason for objecting is that the non-signatory groups, the KIA [Kachin Independence Army] and the KNPP [Karenni National Progressive Party], could be joining the PPST meeting, but they could not join it in reality," Padoh Saw Ta Doh Moo told Frontier. Furthermore, he mentioned that the Tatmadaw (Myanmar Armed Forces) and the government should give the signatories and non-signatories a chance to meet "to move the peace process forward".

■ **US Secretary of State to visit SE Asia**

United States Secretary of State Mike Pompeo will visit Bangkok next month, where he will recommit his country's development support to the SEA Region. According to an AFP article, Pompeo will attend the ASEAN Ministerial

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June Highlights

The Ministry of Commerce (MOC) will now allow foreign and joint venture companies to export specific food and commodity items.

Digital payments using QR codes will be introduced to Myanmar as soon as the framework for such payments are ready.

The value of rice Kunming will import from Myanmar is expected to reach USD 500 million this year through a barter arrangement.

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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 ...

Meeting in Bangkok on July 29 to August 3. He will also lead discussions on the Lower Mekong Initiative, established by then-secretary of state Hilary Clinton 10 years ago. The aim was to boost economic growth in a region that includes Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. "When ministers and our secretary meet in Bangkok in early August, we will highlight what we have achieved over the past decade and recommit to our joint efforts supporting the people of the Mekong," Mark Clark, a US official, was quoted as saying. The US government has been critical of China's growing presence in Southeast Asia. Beijing is accused of trying to "steadily salami-slice its way to control". He was referring to its ambitious Belt and Road Initiative.

Economy

■ Visa-on-Arrivals to be granted to six countries

The Ministry of Hotels and Tourism has announced that it will issue Visas-on-Arrivals to travelers from a further six countries to boost the tourism industry. An article in The Irrawaddy said that the ministry is currently awaiting approval from the Union government. Once confirmed, the new visas will likely be available to travelers from Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Russia, Germany and Australia. "We will be able to confirm the list of the countries only after the Union government approves it," U Aung Aye Han, deputy director general of the ministry was quoted as saying. "They will be the countries that have good ties with Myanmar, and are interested in visiting here". The on-arrival visas are expected to cost USD 50 and allow visitors to stay in Myanmar for up to 30 days. Currently, Myanmar issues visas-on-arrival to citizens of all Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries, except Malaysia, as well as Japan, South Korea, Macau, Hong Kong and China.

■ Yangon chief minister vows to block foreign fuel firms

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein has said that foreign companies will be prevented from operating fuel stations in Yangon. The reason is because their practices are "not compatible with our business culture," according to an article in Frontier. At a press conference last week, it was expressed that the regional government plans to expand the number of Yangon Petrol stations. Foreign companies are expecting payment upfront, compared to delayed payments often made by locally owned businesses. "When [foreign companies] sell something, they want the money immediately. They don't want to wait to collect it later," he was quoted as saying. At the press conference, Phyo Min Thein said that his government would urge foreign investment in fuel storage instead.

Companies and Investments

■ Cambodia's Meal Temples makes Myanmar foray

Cambodian food delivery and logistics company, Meal Temple Group, has made a minority stake investment into Myanmar-based Freshgora. According to a Dealstreet Asia article, Freshgora's goal is to provide delivery services to restaurants, liquor shops and pet stores. The company will work with Meal Temple Group to become an "on-demand super app for the frontier markets in Asia in

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/\$ = 1,528K/1\$ (13/06/19)

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the long run,” said Daniel Htut, a spokesperson for the company. “We want to provide customers an effective way of spending time ordering food, to deliver on time, and give the same experience and taste as personally ordering from a restaurant,” said Thiha Soe, Freshgora’s head of PR. Meal Temple was established in Cambodia in 2013. It provides services in the major cities of Phnom Penh and Siem Reap, according to its website.

■ **KBZ and PTT to partner on oil project**

Kanbawza Group (KBZ) and Thailand’s PTT are to form a joint-venture to develop of an oil terminal and a retail business. The operations will be formed by KBZ’s Brighter Energy Co and Brighter Energy Retail Co partnering with PTT Oil and Retail Business Public Co Ltd (PTTOR), according to an article in the Myanmar Times. The project will include the procurement of petroleum products, management of the jetty, an oil storage terminal, liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) filling plants and the wholesale business of petroleum products. It will take place in the Thilawa area on the outskirts of Yangon. Upon completion expected in 2021, the project will become the largest oil terminal in Myanmar with a capacity of one million barrels of oil and 4,500 metric tonnes of LPG. The retail business expansion seeks to bring successful brands to the Myanmar consumer. Brands under PTTOR include PTT Station, LPG or Cooking Gas, and Café Amazon.

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 Electricity and Energy: Open Tender

1. Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise under the Ministry of Electricity and Energy invites open tender for supply of the following items in MMK.

Sr No.	Tender No.	Description	Remarks
(a)	DMP/L-216 (18-19)	Assorted Sizes of Coverall Cotton (1) Lot	MMK
(b)	DMP/L-217 (18-19)	Assorted Sizes of Safety Shoes (1) Lot	MMK
(c)	DMP/L-218 (18-19)	Industrial Raw Materials (2) Groups	MMK

2. The open tender forms including description of materials/ Qty with detailed specifications and tender terms and conditions can be available free download at the Ministry of Electricity and Energy website - www.moee.gov.mm as from **7th June, 2019**.
3. The interested bidders should submit the technical specifications with original bid bond and commercial quotation in each separate sealed envelopes on which to be addressed to the Managing Director, Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise and should reach in tender box of the Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise not later than **2:00 p.m.** on **8th July, 2019**.
4. Tender closing date and time are **8th July, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.**
5. Further information can be obtained at the Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise within office hours under the telephone number: +95-67-411206.

■ Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation: Invitation for Price Quotations

1. The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received financing from the International Development Association (IDA) towards the cost of the National Community Driven Development Project (NCDDP). The IDA number of the financing agreement is No. H814MM.
2. The Department of Rural Development (DRD) of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, in its role as implementing agency of the NCDDP, intends to apply a part of the proceeds of this financing towards eligible payments under the Purchase Order/ Contract for the following packages. DRD now invites eligible suppliers to express their interest in supplying the following items:

Reference No.	Lot No.	Description	Unit	Quantity
G 134	1	T-shirts with project logo	T-shirt	111,000
G 135	1	Caps with project logo	Cap	57,000

3. Expressions of Interest for one or both Quotation must be submitted in a written form to the email address below and clearly indicate the reference number (s) above. Eligible suppliers having expressed interest will receive an Invitation to Quote (ITQ) by return email. Sealed quotations will be submitted to the address below by the deadline **date and time stated in respective ITQ**, after which no quotation will be accepted.
4. The goods will be contracted on a lot-by-lot basis. Suppliers will be selected following the shopping method as per the "Guidelines for Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers" dated January, 2011.
5. Interested eligible suppliers must submit Expression of Interest for receiving the Invitation to Quote (ITQ) to the Union National Community Driven Development Project, Procurement Unit with attention to U Kyaw Swa Aung, Director, Procurement and Logistic Section, Department of Rural Development at Office Building No. 36, Nay Pyi Taw.

6. Further detailed information can be obtained within office hours under the telephone numbers: +95-9-43434333, +95-67-418637 or through email address: unioncddprocurement@gmail.com as well as by visiting its website - www.cdd.drdmyanmar.org.

■ **Ministry of Hotels and Tourism: Request for Quotation**

1. The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received financing from the Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction (JRPR) administered by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) toward the cost of **Economic Empowerment of the Poor and Women in the East-West Economic Corridor project** under the contract CW-02 Civil Works for Bamboo Processing Facilities in Chaungzone and Kyaikhto townships.

2. The Project Management Unit (PMU) invites eligible suppliers and firms to submit quotations for the construction and completion of two Bamboo procession facilities and associated works for the items below:

3. The deadline for the submission of quotations is **1st July, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.**

4. Bidders should contact the PMU to obtain further information and inspect the documents. Each bidder must submit ONE original quotation - signed, stamped, sealed, addressed and delivered to.

Attention: U Than Win, Project Director, Project Management Unit

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5. Required documents related to item no. 1 (Request for Quotation, Concept Notes, Form of Quotation) are available through the link www.empowermentmonstate.org.

6. The validity period of offered quotation is at least 30 days from deadline for receipt of quotation (s).

7. Each quotation submitted in the company's letterhead must either be in English or Myanmar language (s). It must use the form of quotation shared by the project and must clearly indicate that all Myanmar taxes have been included.

8. Each quotation must clearly specify name and address of bank, owner of bank account (account owner), and bank account number.

9. A site visit will not be organized by the employer, but prospective bidders are encouraged to visit the sites.