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LAST ROAR FOR TANINTHAYI TIGERS?



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Aye Min Soe

THE Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation is planning to step up efforts to fight illegal wildlife trading in the country, following President U Htin Kyaw's commitment to the protection the country's resources and ecosystems in his speech yesterday at the commemoration of World Environment Day in Nay Pyi Taw.

"We have not been fighting the wildlife trade to the fullest extent due to a lack of staff. However, we will step up our efforts to combat the wildlife trade later," said U Kyaw San Naing, director of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation to The Global New Light of Myanmar.

Myanmar has seen more cases involving the trade of elephant parts than other wildlife, he said, referring to more than 30 cases of wildlife trading involving elephants this year.

The cases of elephant-related trading were around 13 on average in previous years, according to the ministry.

"The fight against wildlife trading should be effective. Otherwise, it would just cause an increase in prices of animal parts in the illegal markets," he added.

Meanwhile, tigers are on the brink of extinction in the wild, and the forests of southern Taninthayi are one of the last refuges for this species in Myanmar, according to Fauna & Flora International and the Myanmar Forestry Department, which launched a new initiative to protect this icon-

ic species from extinction in the country's south.

Myanmar tigers are now at a critical crossroads, facing numerous threats to their survival. The chief threats are conversion of forests into plantations, the wildlife trade and hunting.

A workshop in Myeik Township on 26 May brought together government and non-government groups, local communities and businesspeople to identify priorities for the conservation of tigers in the far south of the country.

Tigers were once widespread in Myanmar, to the point that they were considered a serious risk to rural travellers in the 1800s, even close to what was then Rangoon. Current estimates for the number of the animals are plagued with a lack of systematic data, but recent official estimates put it at no

more than 3,200 left in the wild across 14 'range states'.

While at one time tigers may have been at risk from reprisal killings from villagers defending their livestock or families, today the hunting is mostly driven by the illegal wildlife trade—a multi-million dollar industry fuelled by demand for meat, medicines, skins and other tiger products.

"There are strong links globally between wildlife crime and other organised criminal activities, and the theft of Myanmar's natural and cultural heritage by organised gangs should clearly be a national security concern as well as a global conservation one," said Mark Grindley, the Taninthayi Programme Manager from FFI.

Mr Grindley also said that over the past two years, FFI has

had multiple encounters with Thai off-road groups making illegal incursions into the forests of southern Taninthayi for hunting.

The workshop, which was jointly hosted by Fauna & Flora International (FFI) and the Myanmar Forestry Department, was also attended by an informal delegation from Thailand. Wildlife conservation experts shared some of their own experiences in combatting the illegal wildlife trade and took the opportunity to promote a model of public-private partnership from just over the border in Thailand's Prachuap Kiri Khan Province.

The POWER Network, as it is known, brings many government and private bodies together to work toward the sustainable protection of watersheds and

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Pyithu Hluttaw

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw ratifies Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of ASEAN

THE Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved Myanmar's ratification of the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the Association of Southeast Asia Nations (ASEAN) yesterday.

In his supplementary report to the parliament, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Tin said Myanmar will be recognised as a dutiful country in ASEAN by ratifying the agreement, which is expected to help Myanmar diplomats assigned to the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta

discharge their duties effectively.

Following the proposal by President U Htin Kyaw to ratify the agreement, three parliamentarians expressed their support for ratification.

During the 26th day session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, bills to amend the Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw and Region/State Hluttaw election laws, which are deemed to have been passed by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, were documented.—*Myanmar News Agency*



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

Myanmar hosts 45th ACU board of directors meeting

Myanmar hosted the 45th meeting of the Board of Directors of the Asian Clearing Union (ACU) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

In his address, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung stressed the need to enhance cooperation among member countries in trade and payments to boost regional trade and economic activity, saying the 45th ACU directors' meeting will help lay down effective policies through the sharing of experiences and knowledge.

During the meeting, which was chaired by the CBM governor, the participants approved the ACU technical committee's decisions on facilitating trade and payments among member countries through the ACU mechanism and selected the Central Bank of Sri Lanka and the Central Bank of Bhutan to act as chair and vice chair of the ACU for 2017.—*Myanmar News Agency*

Second Parliamentary Induction Programme begins

THE second Leadership and Capacity Building Programme for hluttaw committee chairpersons, secretaries and members was launched with an opening ceremony at the Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

In his address, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than said the programme will help improve the capacity of various hluttaw committees.

The speaker stressed the need to boost the capacity of parliamentary committees, saying they serve as public for a representing different views of individual citizens and civil society organisations.

Likewise, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint said the induction programme is aimed at enabling the sharing of experiences and knowledge of international parliaments, develop-

ing the capacity of committees and helping parliamentarians understand the challenges and opportunities of their respective committees.

The Lower House speaker highlighted the importance of the role of the committees in building support for strong hluttaws, pointing out that building a better parliament is essential for maintaining a strong democracy.

During the second induction programme, which will last for five days up to 10 June, parliamentarians and experts on parliamentary committees from 12 countries are set to provide insight, experience and guidance into how MPs can effectively undertake their duties. The first induction programme for the Myanmar parliament was held from 15 to 19 February this year.—*Myanmar News Agency*

BBC reporter sentenced to three months in prison for injuring policeman

Ko Nay Myo Lin, a Myanmar reporter for the BBC, was sentenced to three months in prison with hard labour at a court in Chanmyathasi Township, Mandalay, yesterday after he was found guilty of injuring a policeman while covering a student protest last year.

The reporter was charged under Section 322 for harming Police Lance Corporal Ba Maw during the student protest against the National Education Law on 27 March last year.

The reporter contends he has been convicted unfairly.

"The sentence is unfair. It was an accident. Medical documents said it was a minor injury," said the reporter, adding that there is no organisation to stand up for journalists in trouble.

According to the judge on the case, violations of Section 322 can carry a maximum three-year prison sentence.

U Thein Than Oo, the defendant's lawyer, said the sentence should not be handed down as the reporter did not intentionally harm that policeman.—*Aung Thant Khaing*



Nay Myo Lin talks to media outside the court. PHOTO: AUNG THANT KHAING

Govt to receive report on rights of Myanmar migrant workers

A REPORT that supports the rights of Myanmar migrant workers will be sent to concerned government departments, according to the Thailand-based Education and Development Foundation.

"Our primary aim is that [the report] will allow the government to assist and support migrant workers. Information on incidents in Thailand will be included, as will

scenarios on the difficulties faced by migrant workers with access to education, healthcare and equal rights," said U Htoo Chit, executive director of the foundation.

The drafting of the report began in the last week of May and will be sent to government departments upon completion, while talks relating to migrant worker affairs have been scheduled with

the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population for 15 June, U Htoo Chit added.

Many instances of Myanmar migrant workers being murdered in Thailand have yet to come to light, according to the Education and Development Foundation. Myanmar migrant workers have also been accused of committing the highly publicised Koh Tao and

Ranong murders and are subject to unfair wages.

"I support the drawing up of this report, though I'm not sure how things will transpire during the tenure of the new government. Frankly speaking, support from the previous government for [migrant workers in] Thailand was meagre at the best and completely absent during periods of conflict

in border regions," said Daw Moe Gyi, a former migrant worker in Thailand.

The Education and Development Foundation also issued a report specifically concerning the Ranong murder case on 1 May, which was forwarded to the Ministry of Labour and Immigration and civil society organisations.—*Myitmakha News Agency*

Foreign minister receives EU Military Committee chairman, Japanese defence minister

UNION Minister for Foreign Affairs Daw Aung San Suu Kyi received General Mikhail Kostarakos, chairman of the European Union Military Committee, at her office in Nay Pyi Taw at 10am yesterday.

The two exchanged views on strengthening of Myanmar-EU military relations and cooperation, sharing the EU's military experience with Myanmar and the continuation of the EU's support for the development of peace,

human rights and democratisation processes in Myanmar.

Likewise, the Union minister held talks with Japanese Defence Minister Mr Gen Nakatani and his delegation at 11:30am.—*Myanmar News Agency*



Union Minister for Foreign Affairs Daw Aung San Suu Kyi holds talks with Japanese Defence Minister Mr Gen Nakatani in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

Myanmar attends UNEA-2 in Nairobi

A MYANMAR delegation led by Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Ohn Win attended the second session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-2) in Nairobi, Kenya, on 23-27 May.

While addressing the UNEA-2, the Union minister vowed to follow up with the in-

ternational community on environmental conservation, saying the country has prioritised the sector as part of Myanmar's national development programme.

The Union minister also expressed Myanmar's full support and commitment to regional cooperation for the Hindu Kush Himalayan Partnership for sustainable mountain development

at a ministerial panel discussion held on the side-lines of the UNEA-2.

During a high-level meeting on illegal trade in wildlife and wildlife products, the Union minister vowed to cooperate with regional and international organisations in the fight against wildlife crimes.—*Myanmar News Agency*

Two KIA members found with gunpowder boxes in Muse

TWO Kachin Independence Army (KIA) members were arrested together with 50 metal boxes of gunpowder after police officers and members of the Myoma militia checked a suspicious vehicle near Mawtong Village in Muse, Shan State, on 4 June.

The 50 boxes of gunpowder were found under fruit containers in a car driven by Ko Ko Tun.

According to investigators, the two KIA members were tasked with transporting the gunpowder boxes from the territory of the United Wa State Army to Aung Tun from the KIA.

Arrangements are being made to charge the KIA members in accordance with the law after handing over the seized gunpowder boxes and the vehicle to the Muse Myoma Police Station.—*Myawady*



KIA members seen with 50 metal boxes of gunpowder. PHOTO: MYAWADY

Union Information Minister consults media expert on broadcasting policies

UNION Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint met with Mr Virat Patel, the managing director of Pioneer Consulting Asia, at the Information Ministry in Nay Pyi

Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, the two discussed the adoption of broadcasting policies and future plans.—*Myanmar News Agency*

Curriculum Vitae of Mr. Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore

Mr. Lee Hsien Loong has been Singapore's Prime Minister since 2004.

Mr. Lee was born on 10 February 1952. Mr Lee graduated with a B.A. in Mathematics and a Diploma in Computer Science from the University of Cambridge. He was later a Mason Fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School, receiving a Master in Public Administration.

Mr. Lee is the Secretary-General of the People's Action Party (PAP). He was first elected Member of Parliament (MP) in 1984, and has been re-elected seven times. He led PAP to three consecutive Singapore General Elections victories in 2006, 2011 and 2015.

Before becoming Prime Minister, Mr. Lee had held various Ministerial appointments, including being Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Finance, Minister in the Prime Minister's Office, Minister for Trade and Industry and Second Min-



ister for Defence. He was concurrently the Chairman of the Monetary Authority Singapore from 1998 until 2004.

Before joining politics, Mr. Lee had served in the Singapore Armed Forces, retiring as a Brigadier-General.

He is married to Ho Ching in 1985. They have one daughter and three sons.

Mr. Lee enjoys reading, photography, walking, listening to classical music and computer programming.

Curriculum Vitae of Mrs. Lee Hsien Loong, Spouse of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore

Mrs. Lee Hsien Loong is the CEO of Temasek, an Asia investor headquartered in Singapore. She started her career with the Defence Engineering Service of the Singapore Ministry of Defence. She next worked with the Singapore Technologies Group, initially as its Director of Engineering, and later as its group CEO from 1997 to 2001. She joined Temasek in 2002.

Mrs. Lee Hsien Loong graduated from the University of Singapore with a BSc Engg. She took a Master in Engineering at Stanford University in the



United States in 1982.

She supports special education and other community causes.

Yangon Region chief minister inspects drain cleaning

UNDER the joint supervision of the Yangon Region government and the Yangon City Development Committee, sanitation works are being implemented in Yangon with the use of K1 billion from the regional government budget.

Private work groups have been undertaking the sanitation work. Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein inspected the progress of the effort to unblock drains to allow the proper flow of water in Yangon on 6 June.—*Lin Aung Htet*



Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein visits the area where sanitation is carried out in Yangon.

Western Command presents exercise books to students in Ann Township



Tatmadawman being seen clearing weeds and bushes.

OFFICERS of the Western Command, along with a mobile medical team from the State Command, paid respect and donated gifts and cash to the Township Sangha Nayaka Sayadaw of Myo Oo Monastery at Airport Ward in Ann Township, Rakhine State,

on Saturday 4 June.

The mobile medical team of the State Command offered healthcare services to the monks of the monastery and donated exercise books to students who are attending at the volunteer school, which was founded in the com-

pound of the monastery.

Members of the Tatmadaw (Ann Command) under the Western Command cleared weeds and bushes inside and outside the monastery.—*Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services*

Crime NEWS

People escape fire in downtown Yangon

AROUND 18 people escaped from a fire that broke out Sunday afternoon in Pabedan Township in downtown Yangon, seven of whom inhaled smoke and were taken to the nearest hospital, police say.

The fire started in a shop located in Building No 400 on Shwewontha Street in Ward 8 of the township at around 1:45pm, destroying several handbags and hats. The damage from the blaze has been valued at about K200,000.

Firefighters put the flames under control within 1.5 hours

with the use of 21 fire engines and rescued several people from the building. Seven people, including a pregnant woman, a 10-year-girl and an elderly woman were trapped in the smoke-filled room before being rescued, and they are still receiving care at Yangon General Hospital.

A member of an auxiliary fire brigade sustained minor injuries to his leg when the bag shop erupted in flames.

Action is being taken against the shop owner, who will be charged by the township police.—*Zaw Gyi*



Firefighters rescue people from the burning shop.

Lecturer stabbed by university student

A 42-YEAR-OLD woman was stabbed in her abdomen and chest by a young man on Saturday evening in Sanchaung Township, Yangon. The man is a student at the Yangon Technological University.

According to investigators, the victim resides in North Dagon Township, Yangon, and serves as a lecturer at Pakokku University in Magway Region.

A quarrel reportedly broke out between the victim and the offender when the victim refused to allow the student to accompany her on her return trip to Pakokku University.

During the fight, the victim fled to the nearest building on Nyaungdon Street in Kyuntaw Ward, where she was followed by the young man, who stabbed her abdomen and chest with a knife and then fled the scene.

The victim is now receiving medical treatment at the West Yangon General Hospital. She is recovering from her injuries, according to health-care providers.

Police are still investigating the case.—*Ko Gyi Tin*



Two criminal suspects seen together with sized drugs. PHOTO: MNA

Anti-drug authorities catch three yaba smugglers

MEMBERS of Anti-narcotics Squad Unit 24, based in Lashio, searched a Toyota Mark II driven by Zarni Soe at mile post No 80/4 on the Mandalay-Muse road in Nawngkhio Township on 4 June and confiscated 700 yaba pills.

Also that day, police stopped and searched a motorbike driven by San Hla and seized 756 yaba pills.

Members of the Hopon Myoma Police Force searched a motorbike driven by Taswam at the fork of Kanbawza Cement Factory Street on the Hopon-Taunggyi road in Hopon Township and found 474 yaba pills and a sword.

Police have filed charges against the suspects under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.—*Myanmar News Agency*

Wild elephants enter Bago, attack human

THREE wild elephants entered Ward 5 of Oaktha, Bago Region, on Sunday morning and attacked people in a monastery, leaving one person injured.

The elephants left the mon-

astery for the nearest forest after the abbot of the monastery drove them out. The elephants then attacked a human who threw stones at them to protect children in the area at around 7am.

The 45-year-old U Soe Lwin sustained serious injuries to the lower parts of body. He was taken to the Bago General Hospital after the incident.

Bago Region Chief Minister

U Win Thein and other officials inspected the scene and set up an operation to eject the wild elephants with the help of tame elephants owned by the regional Forest Department.—*Ba Maung*

LOCAL Business

National export strategy to be continued up to 2020

THE national export strategy, which includes seven priorities, will be continued up to 2020 to boost Myanmar's export volume and facilitate the country's economic development.

The production of rice; pulses and crops that produce oil; fishery products; garments; timber and forestry products; rubber and tourism is being conducted with government subsidies and foreign assistance and in cooperation with private businessmen.

"For the development of the rice and paddy industry, pedigree seeds will be supplied for 2 million acres of land for five consecutive years under the national strategy using a fund of Ks 25 million. Rice and paddy research groups and paddy seeds manufacturers will provide [these seeds]," said U Aung Soe, deputy director general of the Ministry of Commerce.

Myanmar has regained its generalized system of preferenc-

es (GSP) status from the US and European Union (EU), which impose economic sanctions on Myanmar. Through the lifting of some economic sanctions, Myanmar can develop more opportunities to connect with the world market.

"Myanmar is expected to sign an agreement with an international organisation for various peas and crops that can be used to produce oil. About 60 per cent of Myanmar's export volume

comes from natural gas, timber and various peas," he added.

Government ministries and private entrepreneurs must cooperate on commodity transportation, quality control, monetary services and trade information.

The National Export Strategy was initially drawn up in May 2013 with the assistance of German Development Assistance (GIZ) and with the technical assistance of the International Trade Centre. —Union Daily

Direct flights to Bhutan on the way

DAILY newspapers in Bhutan reported that the country has gained approval to fly to Myanmar. Officials from the two countries negotiated and signed an agreement for Myanmar-Bhutan flights at Thimphu, the capital of Bhutan, over the last few weeks.

Bhutanese airlines plan to open direct routes from Thimphu to Yangon and Mandalay, where passengers can take connecting flights to Thailand and Singapore.

With the upgraded air service agreement between the two countries, the travel and tours sector between Myanmar and Bhutan is also expected to grow, said a representative from Bhutan Airlines.

Bhutan is a landlocked country located at the eastern end of the Himalayas. Flights play a vital role in transport in Bhutan. The revenue of the country is mainly earned from tourists who come to observe the Himalayan mountain range.—200

Delay in reorganising MIC precludes FDI in April, May

NO foreign direct investment (FDI) was made in April or May as a result of the delay in reforming the Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC), according to Nikkei Asia Review.

The MIC was composed of 13 Union ministers and other high-ranking officials under the previous government. The reorganisation of the body has

been delayed under the incumbent government, precluding any FDI into Myanmar over the last two months.

Over 100 foreign countries have proposed investments in Myanmar, but these proposals could not be evaluated due to the delay, said an official from the Ministry of Finance.

The Asian Development

Bank has projected Myanmar's economic growth to rise by 8.4 per cent this year, which is believed to be the highest growth rate in Asia. FDI is a crucial factor in calculating national growth rates. Experts have urged the MIC to complete its reformation as soon as possible.

Myanmar earned US\$9.5

billion from FDI in 2015, which was the second largest investment volume for the country over the last five years. The World Bank also expects Myanmar's economic development rate and FDI to rise. The delay in forming the new MIC might pose an obstacle to meeting these targets, said experts.—PPN/Union Daily

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Hong Kong suspends live poultry trade on bird flu concerns

HONG KONG — Hong Kong decided on Sunday to suspend trade in live poultry after a spot check at a local street market revealed the presence of H7N9 bird flu virus, China's official Xinhua News Service reported on Monday.

The report, citing a statement from Hong Kong's food and environmental hygiene department, said that so far the source of the virus, found in a faecal sample, has not been identified. The report said that the Hong Kong health department

had contacted three of the four people working at the market and none had bird flu symptoms.

Hong Kong will hold a special meeting on Monday to evaluate risks and determine how long the suspension will last.—Reuters

Passengers and crew injured in turbulence on Malaysia Airlines flight from London

KUALA LUMPUR — Malaysia Airlines said on Sunday that passengers and crew on a flight from London to Kuala Lumpur suffered minor injuries because of severe turbulence.

Malaysia Airlines flight MH1, carrying 378 passengers and crew, experienced "a brief moment of severe turbulence" over the Bay of Bengal, the company said in a statement.

A "small number" of injured passengers and crew on the flight, an Air-



A Malaysian Airlines flag flies in front of the traffic control tower at Kuala Lumpur International Airport in Sepang in 2014. PHOTO: REUTERS

bus A380, were treated by medical officers on arrival on Sunday, the company added.

Photos shared on so-

cial media showed toppled food carts, food strewn all over the aisle and cracks in overhead passenger units.—Reuters

US Navy in Japan applies total alcohol ban after drunk-driving case

TOKYO — The US Navy banned indefinitely Monday the consumption of alcohol by all Navy personnel in Japan following the arrest of a sailor stationed at the US Air Force's Kadena base in Okinawa on suspicion of drunk driving.

Sailors' consumption of alcohol on and off base will be forbidden until US naval forces in Japan "are comfortable that all personnel understand the impact of responsible behavior on the Japan-US Alliance and the United States' ability to provide security and stability in the Indo-Asia-Pacific," according to a statement released on Monday.

Navy sailors living outside of military bases will also be prohibited from travel except to and from work and for "essential activities" including trips to childcare centres, supermarkets, gas stations

or gyms.

The travel restriction will stand until all personnel have received certain "face-to-face training" from superiors, the statement said.

Aimee Mejia, a 21-year-old petty officer 2nd class, was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol in the town of Kadena in the southern island prefecture late Saturday after crossing into the opposite lane and colliding with two vehicles, according to local police.

As two people in the other cars were hurt in the accident, she could also be charged with dangerous driving resulting in bodily injuries. Mejia herself was unhurt. "For decades, we have enjoyed a strong relationship with the people of Japan. It is imperative that each Sailor understand how our actions affect that relationship, and the

US-Japan Alliance as a whole," Rear Adm. Matthew Carter, commander of US Naval Forces Japan, said in the statement on Monday.

The Navy's decision follows an emergency meeting Sunday between Lt. Gen. John Dolan, commander of the US military in Japan, and the commanders of the US Air Force, Navy and Marines in the country.

According to a statement from the US military Sunday, Mejia has been taken into custody by Japanese police and US forces are cooperating fully with the investigation.

The drunk-driving arrest came amid already heightened tensions over the US military presence in Okinawa following the arrest last month of a civilian worker at the Kadena base in connection with the death of a 20-year-old local woman.—Kyodo News

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Australia storm sweeps three to their death as it pounds east coast

SYDNEY — Giant waves, cyclone-strength winds and torrential rain swept three people to their deaths on Australia's east coast on Monday after the storm forced hundreds to flee their homes.

Waves up to five metres (17.5 feet) were pounding much of the east coast, including Sydney, with the Bureau of Meteorology warning of further danger as the storm moves south.

Two bodies were found in cars washed away in flood waters while a man was swept off the rocks south of Sydney's surfing beach of Bondi, police said.

The New South Wales state emergency services said they had received more than 9,250 calls and had conducted 280 flood rescues.

Insurers received more than 11,150 claims with estimated insured losses of A\$38 million, the Insurance Council of Australia said. It expects the number of claims to rise further over the coming days.

Stocks in Australia biggest insurers, including QBE Insurance, Insurance Australia Group and Suncorp, skidded in a stronger wider market.

But CLSA analyst Jan



A swimmer is hit by a wave as he enters the water as severe weather, bringing strong winds and heavy rain, hits the eastern coast of Australia at Clovelly Beach in Sydney, on 5 June 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Van Der Schalk did not see a major earnings impact on insurers who said they were still assessing the impact of the catastrophe.

Australian websites including Channel Nine, Foxtel Play and Domino's Pizza went down on Sunday when Amazon Web Service's Sydney zone experienced a two-hour power outage, IT-news website said.

An Amazon spokesman declined to comment but Amazon Web Services' status page on Monday

showed several connectivity issues in Sydney had been resolved.

Automated teller machines and point-of-sale banking services were also hit.

A spokeswoman for the Port Authority of New South Wales state said Newcastle, the world's largest export point for sea-borne thermal coal and used by global miners Glencore, Rio Tinto and Anglo American,

was placed on restricted ship movements over the weekend but did not sustain any damage.

"While some sites had minor production interruptions, none of these has impacted our contractual obligations or production forecasts," Glencore said.

Port Kembla, the largest vehicle import hub in Australia, remained closed as the storm moved south.—Reuters

Spooked by Bangladesh heist, Asian security summit works on cybersecurity

SINGAPORE — The South China Sea dispute and worries about North Korea dominated an Asian security summit at the weekend, but cybersecurity was also in focus as regional officials sought to improve coordination amid a rise in high-profile hacks.

Alarmed by the theft of \$81 million from Bangladesh's central bank in February, one of the world's biggest ever cyber heists, cybersecurity was among the top concerns discussed at Singapore's annual Shangri-La Dialogue.

For the first time, the conference allotted one of its six special sessions to cybersecurity.

"It was indicative that cyber has converted from being a logical threat to a physical threat," said William Saito, special adviser to the Japanese cabinet on IT strategy. For Japan, safeguarding critical infrastructure was imperative, especially since it is the host for the 2020 Olympics, and cybersecurity was a large part of that effort, he said.

"Cyber, because it is so cross-cutting, will just make existing threats worse," Saito said.

Cybercriminals, whether from criminal gangs or rogue nations, usually operated beyond borders, the meeting was told.

"Where restrictions differ, they exploit these differences in order to take advantage of our national systems," said David Koh, chief executive of the Cyber Security Agency of Singapore.

"We cannot defend or view cyber threats or issues within any national borders or within a regional border."

In the February heist, hackers stole money from Bangladesh Bank's account at the New York Federal Reserve. One transfer to a Sri Lankan entity was reversed, but four transfers for \$81 million went to the Philippines and wound up with casinos and casino agents there.

Most of the money remains missing and the identity of the hackers is unknown.

India, with nearly 500 million Internet users, is preparing to set up an army of 500,000 cyber-sleuths within five years, a delegate from New Delhi said at the conference.

"That can provide a bulwark



An advertising billboard of a cyber security company is seen during the annual Banking Vietnam 2016 forum in Hanoi, Viet Nam on 19 May 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

for global cybersecurity efforts," said Santosh Jha, joint secretary for cyber issues at the Indian external affairs ministry.

Building a transnational cybersecurity defence system is hampered by differences between countries and a lack of trust, delegates said. For instance, Western nations were focused on safeguarding the infrastructure of cyberspace while China and Russia were concerned about content. Also, rival nations use cyber techniques for espionage and po-

tentially for sabotage.

After years of acrimony and allegations of cyber-spying, senior US and China cyber officials held their first meeting last month since the two countries struck an anti-hacking agreement in September.

"You have permanent members of the UN Security Council coming to the table with fundamentally different objectives, it probably isn't a surprise that the accomplishments to date have been modest," said Sean Kanuck,

a former US National Intelligence Officer for Cyber Issues.

What was needed, he said, was to "find low hanging fruit, common interests that we all absolutely share, and build on those premises".

No country can achieve cybersecurity on its own, Singapore's Koh said.

"We need to recognise the urgency of the issue and start working together to take action, based on our common security interests."—Reuters

Viet Nam, South Korea may buy Lockheed planes amid Chinese buildup

BERLIN — Viet Nam and South Korea are looking seriously at buying refurbished Lockheed Martin Corp P-3 and S-3 maritime surveillance planes to counter China's military buildup and repeated North Korean missile launches, the company said.

Viet Nam is expected to request formal pricing and availability data on four to six older US Navy P-3 Orion aircraft in the next few months, Clay Fearnow, a senior executive with Lockheed's aeronautics division, told Reuters at the Berlin air show last week.

The Obama administration's move to completely lift its arms embargo on Viet Nam last month paved the way for such a sale, but any deal would still have to be carefully reviewed by the US government, according to US and Lockheed officials.

A senior Vietnamese military official told Reuters over the week-



A US Navy P-3 Orion maritime patrol aircraft takes off from Incirlik airbase in the southern city of Adana, Turkey, in 2015. PHOTO: REUTERS

end that significant weapons purchases are some way off.

"We are not sure what we can buy from the US or what we want to buy," Deputy Defence Minister Nguyen Chi Vinh said in some of the first public comments from a Vietnamese defence official since

the embargo was lifted.

Washington's decision to permit lethal arms sales to Viet Nam, its former enemy, underscored both countries' shared concerns about China's growing military clout. Viet Nam, which borders China, is also a key part of Presi-

dent Barack Obama's efforts to rebalance US strategy toward Asia amid worries about Beijing's assertiveness and sovereignty claims to 80 per cent of the South China Sea.

If the sale goes through, retired US Navy P-3 turboprop planes now parked in a desert would be rebuilt with new wings, a new mission system and anti-submarine warfare equipment for Viet Nam, Fearnow said.

The cost could exceed the \$80 million to \$90 million price tag for each of the 12 P-3s rebuilt for Taiwan several years ago, given the added equipment, Fearnow said.

Lockheed has built new wings or rebuilt aircraft for over 90 P-3 aircraft around the world, including the United States, Norway, Taiwan, Chile and Germany, since 2008, with some orders still in the works, Fearnow said.

The company is scrambling to drum up more orders and extend its

wing production line in Marietta, Georgia.

Brazil and South Korea are each looking at ordering new wings for existing aircraft, but must decide by 1 September to avoid a potentially costly gap in the supply chain for the wings, he said.

Boeing Co is also marketing its P-8 Poseidon maritime surveillance plane, but it is significantly newer and more expensive than the P-3. Another possible competitor is Airbus Group SE's C295 plane, which is built in Spain. The US State Department said it could not comment on potential P-3 or S-3 sales until it formally notifies the US Congress.

In addition to South Korea's interest in new wings for eight of its P-3s, Seoul is also looking at acquiring 12 of the US Navy's S-3 aircraft, which were retired in 2009 and are now parked in a desert, Fearnow said.—Reuters

Earthquake measuring 6.0 magnitude strikes off New Zealand's Kermadec Islands

WELLINGTON — A powerful earthquake measuring 6.0 magnitude struck on Monday morning about 128 kms (79.54 miles) southeast of New Zealand's remote Kermadec Islands in the South Pacific, the United States Geological survey said.

The shallow temblor, which occurred at a depth of 10 kms (six miles), did not trigger a tsunami warning, the Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre said. The USGS revised the quake's magnitude down to 6.0 after initially saying it was 6.4.—Reuters

Five hurt in shooting attack in South Thailand

BANGKOK — Five people, including a police officer, were wounded in a shooting which took place outside a grocery in Pattani Province of Thailand on Sunday.

The officer was shot in the abdomen while the others, all civilians, were shot in the leg, Bangkok Post reported. Local police were informed of the attack at about 2 pm local time. They

found a lot of blood at the scene and 10 used AK-47 cartridges on the road near the grocery.

According to the police, four men riding two motorcycles arrived at the grocery and sprayed 10 people watching TV there with bullets, wounding five of them.

The assailants fled the scene and attacked a group of teenagers sitting at a roadside pavilion

about 1 km away from the grocery, but no one got hurt.

The police are searching for the assailants and have tightened security measures.

The police believed the attacks were in retaliation for a government force raid on a temporary camp of an insurgent group on Wednesday, during which four insurgents and a police officer were killed.—Xinhua

Opinion

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Beware of intergenerational injustice

Khin Maung Aye

IT is always wise of a government to carry out national and regional development projects. Nevertheless, it is of utmost importance to strike a proper balance between economic growth or development and environmental conservation because natural resources are not infinite and because development poses a great risk of environmental degradation, which is a major cause of natural disasters such as floods, storms and droughts.

In this regard, it is worth recalling what the phrase 'sustainable development' means. If this phrase is divided into two words, the latter part suggests economic development or growth despite the existence of a difference between growth and development, whereas the former means environmental sustainability. This being so, the phrase 'sustainable development' means the effectuation of the economic development of a country or community in a manner

that does not adversely affect the natural environment by using up all the natural resources.

It would be appropriate here to mention the concept of intergenerational justice. As natural resources are not inexhaustible, current generations in their quest for economic growth and development run the risk of harming generations to come, who will be left with few or no resources to exploit for national or regional development.

There is a very common saying that Myanmar is endowed with natural resources. This notion has led many to believe that Myanmar can waste its natural resources according to the whims and fancies of the people. The Global New Light of Myanmar would, therefore, like to make an earnest request to both the central and region/state governments to effectuate sustainable development in a way that is fair to future generations.

Monitor Lizard and Cobra

Aung Myint Oo

Animal instincts would be less of thinking and more of reactions which make them different from human beings. However, sometimes one may come across some situations which will make them wonder as to whether the above statement is always true. Yes, that happened to me when I had come across an unexpected encounter during one of my usual Sunday morning jogs from which I learnt some invaluable lessons.

Like any other Sundays, after my usual run and cool-down stretches, I was strolling along the track while enjoying morning sun and scenic views of green trees and the creek running parallel to the track. Then, suddenly I was stunned and stopped by an unexpected but spectacular scene which was about 50 meters away from me. Guess what! There was a monitor lizard of fairly

large size and a black spitting cobra confronting each other on the road.

While cobra with hood-up was in a defensive posture, monitor lizard raised its head in a combat-ready position. Cobra with shiny black colour scales glistens on the dark-grey asphalt road under the bright sunlight. The view was rather astonishing especially when swaying its hood.

When I remembered to capture a photo of such an unusual but spectacular scene, I whipped out my hand phone and ran up to get closer. I was a bit late. They both must have realised that none had an intention to harm the other. Cobra cooled down and slithered into the bushes at the other side of the road while monitor lizard proceeded to the opposite direction.

What I gathered from that event beside excitements and spectacular views was that although they are short-tempered

animals and equipped with lethal weapons, they don't harm each other naturally. In that particular encounter, they both must have thought first before they decide to take further steps to attack when they bumped into each other while human beings have been killing one another sometimes apparently due to no obvious or some petty issues. These monitor lizard and cobra know how to live together in the same habitat and contribute to keep the ecosystem alive. As much more intelligent human being, why can't we?

The whole strings of thoughts preceded by that episode brought my attention to the on-going peace process in Myanmar attempting to keep the whole nation out of gun fires as first step and eventually to lay down building blocks for a harmonious nation where different tribes and ethnics can peacefully live together. The recent initiatives towards the "21st Century

Panlong Conferene" under the stewardship of the State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi have given a clear signal that the new government take the issue of peace very seriously and put it as a paramount priority ahead of several other burning issues. Since the other important sectors

such as economy will not move forward without peace and political stability, there is a strong calling for everyone regardless of what flag you fly and by what name you call god, to put aside differences and to join hands and hearts in an effort to build a unified nation.



The Brilliant Person

Shin Ku Ku

It is very important to have brilliant persons in a society. A brilliant person is not only a talented person but also a decent person. In Myanmar meaning, a talented person is a person who has an aptitude to do something well and a decent person is a person who has a good character.

Nowadays, decent persons are scarce and hard to find.

Our Buddha said that a person who brings benefit to the other people can be said a brilliant person. If that person was born in a country, that country will improve certainly. Although many people thought that a brilliant

person is not good for all people, it is related to the responsible for a deed. For example, all of the rivers in the world contribute to the good of most people but some people were drowned in the river. It is not the fault of the river; it is the fault of the people. Our Buddha said that there are eight requirements, for a man to be a brilliant person. Nevertheless, it is put into practice by us. They

are:

- bring fault benefit to the parents who are the most important in a family.
- performing for the sake of his housewife and the family.
- doing good to his subordinates
- supporting his colleagues and friends
- making the merits for his relatives who have passed away

- showing good behaviour to the government
- being a fine person for deity

- showing respect to the Buddhist monks who meditate.

Hence, we must try to become a brilliant person not only for ourselves but also for our humankind while we live in this world.

C-in-C receives Japanese Defence Minister, EU Military Committee chairman

ALTHOUGH the main duty of the military is to defend the state, it is also responsible for ensuring stability, peace and unity in light of the history of our country, said Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, during his meeting with Japanese Defence Minister Gen Nakatani at Zayyathiri Beikman in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The senior general added that the military is also obliged to contribute its physical and mental ability toward national development and that the Myanmar military will continue to exert efforts to guarantee stability and peace.

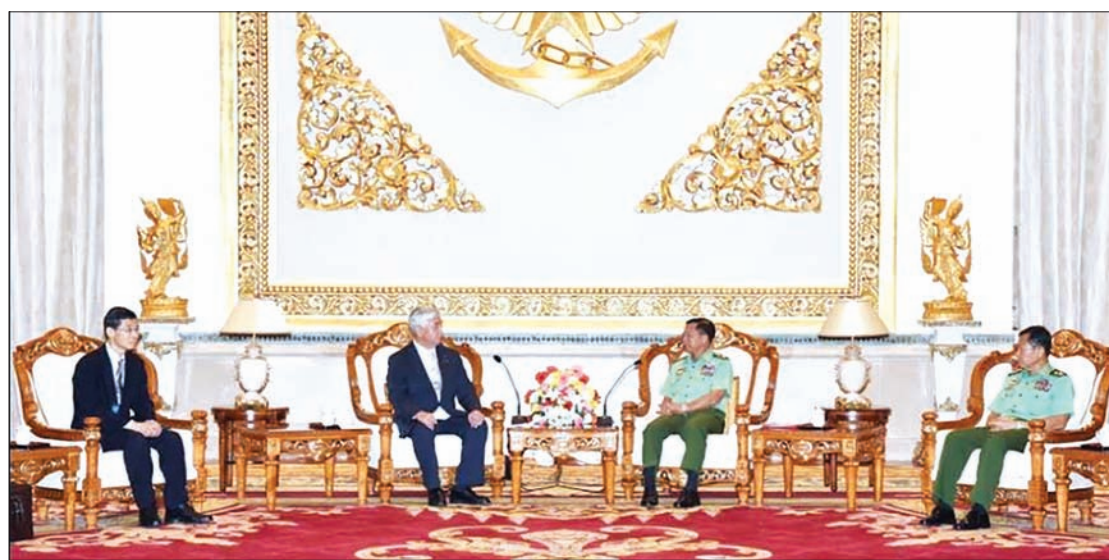
During the meeting, both sides discussed relations and current cooperation between the two armies, technical and monetary assistance provided by Japan and friendship and study tours.

Concerning political reform, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing said the success of a democratic government depends upon its policies and its ability to implement those policies, as well as upon the decisions made by the people.

“Since 2010, Myanmar has treaded on a multiparty democratic path with a civilian government. Although Myanmar democracy is not up to the mark of international democratic norms, Myanmar is

firmly walking on the democratic path in its own context,” he said. In the afternoon, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received General Mikhail Kostarakos, chairman of the European Union Military Committee.

During the meeting, the two sought ways to establish military relations between the armed forces of Myanmar and the EU for cooperation. They also discussed plans to provide the Tatmadaw with training, including UN peacekeeping training, as well as exchanges of visits and promoting military cooperation between the two sides.—GNLM/Myanmar News Agency



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives Japanese Defence Minister Gen Nakatani. PHOTO: MNA

Landslides victims in Mawchi get new village

A NEW village for people displaced by landslides in Mawchi, Kayah State, in 2015, was opened yesterday to house more than 360 people.

The village, which was named “Brighter Future Myanmar” by the local people after the KBZ Brighter Future Myanmar Foundation, which funded the construction of

the village, includes 60 houses, one school and one library.

The village is also equipped with two water tanks with a total storage capacity of 8,000 gallons and a pipe system to supply water to each home and one 100 KVA transformer for electrification.

The village was opened by Daw Nang Kham Naung and

Daw Nang Mo Hom, the two vice chairpersons of BFM.

Around 60 houses were destroyed and more than 360 people were displaced by the landslide, which occurred in a mountainous area between Mawchi Taung Paw Village and Lokharlo Village on 10 and 11 October last year.

The official death toll following the landslide was 17.

The foundation, since its establishment in 2007, provides relief aids to victims of disasters and has been carrying out a nationwide water supply project, spending more than K100 billion so far.

As part of its water supply project, BFM has successfully drilled 76 tube wells, dug and maintained 98 lakes and established 262 water distribution taps in water-scarce areas in southern and eastern Shan State, Kayah State, Mandalay Region and Nay Pyi Taw, while supplying water with 43 tankers to more than 60 monasteries, 49 schools, 11 hospitals and 12 fire services centres.—GNLM



Daw Nang Kham Naung and Daw Nang Mo Hom plant a tree at “Brighter Future Myanmar” village to mark the opening of the village in Mawchi, Kayah State. PHOTO: THIHA TUN



Small Buddha images being seen.

Buddha images found in Sagaing

ANCIENT Buddha statues have been found in Hlawga Village in Pale Township of Sagaing Region at the beginning of the month, locals say.

The ten small seated Buddha images and related objects were discovered outside a house owned by U Aung Kyaw Min and his wife Daw Win Than while the house owner dug in the earth lo-

cated western part of his house.

The couple immediately transferred those ancient items to the village administration office.

Village administrator U Maung Soe said those statues and ancient objects have been placed at the village Pagoda named Yadanamino, inviting people to visit the place and observe them.—Min Khant Soe (Zeyamye)



Land clearing in southern Taninthayi presumed to be for oil palm plantation in April 2016. PHOTO: FAUNA & FLORA INTERNATIONAL

Last roar for Taninthayi Tigers?

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the promotion of community-based wildlife tourism in Kui Buri National Park, which directly borders Taninthayi Region.

Other presentations included wildlife values of the southern Taninthayi forests by FFI, the national tiger strategy by the Forestry Department, a wildlife consumption survey conducted recently by three groups of students from Myeik University, the results of village-based camera trapping by a Karen community near the Ngawun Reserve Forest, and an introduction to community-based conservation in the Kamonthwe area, east of Dawei, from a local community leader.

In his concluding remarks, Mr Grindley noted: “The govern-

ment of Myanmar, international and local NGOs and many local groups and community members have shown through their actions and their attendance here today that they will no longer stand by as this noble and iconic species becomes extinct.”

“They have also shown a desire to work together to find solutions to this impending disaster,” he said, referring to a straw poll that indicated that the majority of attendees supported forming a multi-stakeholder group in the POWER Network mould to encourage cooperation.

“Only through joint efforts can we realistically hope to put an end to tiger destruction, and FFI stands alongside all those who are willing to join to the fight,” Mr Grindley added.

Clinton picks up win in Puerto Rico's Democratic primary: NBC News

WASHINGTON — Hillary Clinton won the Puerto Rico Democratic primary on Sunday, moving her a step closer to prevailing over her rival, Bernie Sanders, in the fight for her party's presidential nomination.

Clinton was the projected winner over Sanders in the US island territory, according to NBC News.

The win gives the former secretary of state a boost ahead of a big night on Tuesday, when six states, including New Jersey and California, will hold nominating contests.

Clinton is hoping to cross the threshold of 2,382 delegates needed to secure the nomination for the 8 November presidential election as early as 8 pm EDT on Tuesday, when polls close in New Jersey.

She and Sanders, the US senator from Vermont, are in a dead heat in California. But delegates in the state are awarded on a proportional basis, so even a loss there for Clinton would not be likely to



US Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton speaks to the congregation at Greater Saint Paul Baptist Church in Oakland, California, United States, on 5 June 2016.

PHOTO: REUTERS

stop her from securing her party's nomination and a likely general election contest with presumptive Republican nominee Donald Trump.

Ahead of Puerto Rico's nominating contest, Clinton had been just 60 delegates shy of clinching the nomi-

nation, when including superdelegates, who consist of party leaders and elected senators, members of Congress and governors.

Sanders is bracing for a prolonged fight that will run into the Democratic convention at the end of July.

Networks reported

huge voter turnout and long lines in Puerto Rico, with just over 430 polling stations open compared with over 2,000 in 2008.

The island is suffering through a severe debt crisis, which has hampered basic government services.—

Reuters

Hollande says strikes must not disrupt Euro 2016

PARIS — President Francois Hollande said on Sunday it would be incomprehensible if transport strikes were to disrupt the Euro 2016 football tournament that opens in France on Friday, raising pressure on the militant CGT union to call off the action.

Hollande spoke in a radio interview as an opinion poll showed a majority of French people now opposed the wave of nationwide protests against planned labour law reforms that has disrupted fuel supplies and transport services in recent weeks.

Finance Minister Michel Sapin said the stoppages and street demonstrations, which have hit rail services, power stations, oil refineries, ports and waste treatment plans, were having no significant impact on the economy.

But they have tarnished France's image with scenes of barricades and picket-line violence just as the eyes of Europe are on the host country of the Euro 2016.

"No one would understand it if trains and planes — I'm thinking of the Air France pilots' dispute — were to prevent fans travelling around easily, even if the competition itself has nothing to fear," Hollande said on France Inter radio.

Rail services have been roughly halved since the CGT and its allies began an open-ended strike last Wednesday. A new round of talks on a reorganisation on working time are due to be held at the SNCF state railway on Monday.

Air France pilots have announced plans to strike from Saturday, the second day of the Euros, in a separate dispute over pay cuts.

The Socialist president acknowledged a heightened threat of terrorism during the football tournament but said France was taking all possible measures to keep fans safe. Some 130 people were killed in gun and bomb attacks by Islamic

State militants on Paris last November.

Hollande said he had decided to maintain the planned fan zones where tens of thousands of spectators without match tickets can gather to watch games on giant screens. The biggest planned zone is next to the Eiffel Tower in Paris.

Some security officials and commentators have warned the enclosures and queues of fans waiting to enter them could be targets for potential attackers, stretching the resources of police and security firms in charge of protection.

But Hollande said: "I decided not only that the competition must go ahead, (but also) to keep the fan zones and make this into a European festival, a festival of the people, a sporting festival. We have done everything to make it a success."

A BVA poll showed that many voters were still against the reforms that unions say will strip workers of their rights. A similar poll a month ago showed that a slim majority backed the protests.

"Days before the start of the Euro football tournament, while no solution to the social crisis is in sight, support for the protest movement against the labour reform is dwindling," Agnes Balle of BVA Opinion said.

The survey carried out on Thursday and Friday showed that 54 per cent of French people interviewed were against the protests. The same number backed the protests in May. Only 45 per cent currently support the protest movement, BVA said.

The poll showed 29 per cent wanted the government to maintain the bill, which aims to make hiring and firing easier, in an attempt to get stubbornly high unemployment falling, with presidential elections a year away.

The same percentage want the bill withdrawn, while 41 per cent want a negotiated solution. —Reuters

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Money from Afghanistan's 'conflict jewels' fuels war

KABUL — The illegal mining of some of Afghanistan's most important minerals is funnelling millions of dollars into the hands of insurgents and corrupt warlords, according to activists and officials who say the money is fuelling the conflict.

The mountains of Afghanistan hold as much as \$1 trillion (£693.58 billion) to \$3 trillion in mineral resources, according to estimates by the US and Afghan governments, including world-famous lapis lazuli, a deep blue, semi-precious stone that has been mined in northern Afghanistan's Badakhshan Province for thousands of years.

"In the current circumstances, where 50 per cent of the mining revenue is going to the Taliban, and before that it was going to armed groups, by any reasonable definition lapis is a conflict mineral," said Stephen Carter, a researcher for Global Witness, a



Men sort lapis lazuli inside a shop in Kabul, Afghanistan on 5 June 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

non-profit watchdog that investigates the links between natural resources, corruption and conflict.

"And that means people should think very hard about buying it," he said.

Since 2014, at least 12,500 tonnes of lapis worth about \$200 million have been extracted, much of it illegally or in a way that avoided nearly \$30 million in government taxes, according to a report released on Monday by

Global Witness.

Global Witness says not only are the Taliban continuing to profit from the illegal mining of lapis and other jewels in Badakhshan, but that senior players in the Afghan government may have direct involvement.

Among the officials Global Witness accuses of profiting from the illegal trade is former defence minister Bismillah Mohammadi, as well as

several members of parliament with ties to northern Afghanistan.

A close aide to Mohammadi rejected the claims as "baseless" and an effort to defame the former minister.

Gul Mohammed Bedar, a deputy governor of Badakhshan, also denied allegations that government officials had their fingers in the illicit trade, but confirmed that the lapis mines are controlled by "illegal armed groups" as well as the Taliban, making it difficult for the government to manage.

Lapis mining was outlawed last year, but the mines now lie in a lawless region controlled by the Taliban and warlords of varying allegiances.

Much of the illegal lapis is being smuggled out through neighbouring Panjshir Province, according to officials, home to some of Afghanistan's most powerful players.—*Reuters*

Syrian and Russian aircraft step up bombing of Aleppo city

AMMAN — Nearly 50 air strikes hit rebel-held areas in and around the Syrian city of Aleppo on Sunday in some of the heaviest recent raids by Russian and Syrian government aircraft, residents and a monitoring group said.

The group, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, also said an unidentified war plane had crashed in countryside south of Aleppo, in an area where Islamist rebel fighters are battling the Syrian army and Iranian-backed forces. It had no information on what caused the crash.

A civil defence worker said at least 32 people were killed in the rebel-held parts of the city during the air strikes, with 18 bodies pulled from flattened buildings in the Qatiji neighbourhood, the worst hit.

The monitor said dozens of barrel bombs — oil drums or cylinders packed with explosives and shrapnel — were dropped by helicopter on densely populated districts.

"This week-long campaign of bombing is very intense and day by day it's getting worse ... it is the worst we have seen in a while," said Bebars Mishal, a civil defence official in rebel-held Aleppo.

For their part, rebels hit government-held areas of Aleppo in what Syrian media said was an escalation of mortar attacks on the western districts.

State media said attacks on Sunday on Hamadaniyah, Midan and other neighbourhoods by insurgents killed at least 20 people, in the second day of intense shelling of government-held areas. The death toll over the whole weekend was at least 44.

Aleppo, the country's largest city before the war, has been divided for years between rebel and government-held zones.

Full control of Aleppo would be a huge prize for President Bashar al-Assad. Russia's military intervention since September has helped to bolster Assad's government.

Syria issued a toughly worded statement denouncing Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Qatar, holding them responsible for the latest surge in rebel attacks and accusing them of wrecking any effort to reach a UN-backed political settlement.

Damascus says that along with several major Western countries, those regional countries finance and train Islamist rebels seeking to topple Assad's government.—*Reuters*

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- 6) The quotation in the required format should be addressed and submitted to the above address together with hard copy and soft copy (CD disc with PDF format). Bid submission by email will not be accepted. Bid submitters are requested to attend the bid opening meeting without fail.



A helicopter is silhouetted by glowing embers as it makes a water drop at the "Old Fire", which burned in Calabasas, California, US, on 4 June 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Firefighters close to controlling brush fire near LA

LOS ANGELES — Firefighters managed to tame a fast-moving brush fire in the hills outside Los Angeles on Sunday after it burned more than 500 acres and threatened homes in the affluent city of Calabasas, authorities said.

After some 5,000 people were forced to evacuate the area on Saturday, fire officials lifted mandatory evacuations on Sunday in

Calabasas, a small city of rugged hills 25 miles (40 km) northwest of Los Angeles that several celebrities call home.

The fire has burned 516 acres and was 80 per cent contained by Sunday afternoon, said John Tripp, deputy chief of the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

A commercial building was destroyed in the

fire, which started when a vehicle hit a utility pole and brought down a power line, but no homes were damaged. Aerial TV images showed the burned area abutting backyards.

Evacuation orders were set to be lifted Sunday evening in the hills in Topanga Canyon, a rustic stretch famous for its resident artists and musicians that rolls down to the Pacific

Ocean.

Tripp said air crews dropped fire retardant "so the fire did not escape and get down into Topanga Canyon."

The fire was one of several burning in Southern California, where days of high temperatures dried out brush and produced what Tripp called "extremely stressed vegetation."—*Reuters*

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION)

Country: MYANMAR, **Project:** Ayeyarwady Integrated River Basin Management (AIRBM) Project
Credit No: IDA 5559, **Project ID:** P146482

Assignment Title: Individual Consultants for Water Sector Institutional Review and Options Assessment Study
Reference No: C1.2.1.a; C1.2.1.b; C1.2.1.c

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Ayeyarwady Integrated River Basin Management (AIRBM) Project. Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems (DWIR), Ministry of Transport and Communications (MoTC) is the implementing agency of the AIRBM through the Project Management Unit (PMU) established under the supervision of the DG of DWIR, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The Project Management Unit now invites expressions of interest from qualified candidates for the following positions:

- C1.2.1.a - Team Leader and Institutional Specialist;
- C1.2.1.b - Management Specialist; and
- C1.2.1.c - Governance Specialist

Interested consultants must provide their updated curriculum vitae, indicating personal and technical skills, qualifications and experience in similar assignments. In submitting their expressions of interest, consultants are kindly requested to indicate the positions they apply for and the reference number given above. The candidates may express interest in more than one positions.

This assignment is designed to: (i) support the AIRBM PMU to review the institutional setting of the water sector, (ii) assess options for institutional improvements based on international experience and the specific conditions, needs and opportunities in Myanmar, (iii) make recommendations for effective stakeholder consultation as an input into the further development of the multi-stakeholder platform, and (iv) support discussions and consensus building towards an agreed institutional and capacity development program.

The inputs of the consultancy will be provided in two phases: (1) Institutional review and options assessment phase (planned for July to December 2016) and (2) Consensus building and consolidation phase (planned for March – August 2017).

The scope of the institutional review is ambitious and pertains to a comprehensive review and assessment of options for improvement of water resources management in Myanmar. To achieve this scope, the assignment will be implemented by a team of three complementary consultants who will work closely together but bring specialized expertise to the institutional review:

- 1) **Team leader and Institutional Specialist:** The consultant will review the overall system of water and related agencies, the roles and responsibilities of the various agencies, and how they interact with each other. The objective is to design options for a comprehensive institutional framework that avoids overlaps, fills existing gaps, and ensures complementarity and clear mandates to address Myanmar's water resources development opportunities and water resources management issues. The consultant has demonstrated experience working in, or advising, an organization or institution that oversees multiple agencies involved in the planning, management, or regulation of water resources, as well as experience advising water sector agencies.
- 2) **Management Specialist:** The consultant will examine the efficiency of key water sector agencies, including management structure, staffing, capacity, and budget. The consultant will also be required to assess the organizational requirements of agencies proposed under different institutional options. H/she will work with the Governance Specialist to ensure that gender and diversity issues are properly taken into account at the agency level. The consultant shall have demonstrated experience in managing one or more water sector agencies, either as a high-level public official or a consultant.
- 3) **Governance Specialist:** The consultant will examine the efficiency and efficacy of relationships between different water sector agencies, including but not limited to apex organization, ministries, departments, and states/regions. The objective is to ensure a smooth flow of information and data, overall policy and planning coherence between the different entities, and transparency and accountability towards all stakeholders. The consultant will take the lead in ensuring that IWRM and gender and diversity issues are appropriately considered at all levels of the study. The consultant will have demonstrated experience in working in or with a wide variety of water sector agencies and/or RBOs, either as a high-level public official or a consultant.

The main output of the services will be (1) consolidated draft report on the institutional review of Myanmar's water sector and preliminary assessment of options for improvement and (2) consolidated final draft institutional review and options assessment with the institutional reform, development and capacity development program.

Interested consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The criteria that will be used to evaluate the Expression of Interests applicable for all three positions are: At least a Master's Degree in an appropriate discipline such as engineering, environmental sciences, planning, public/business management, or law; More than 20 years of professional experience in one or more of the above described areas of water sector institutions, management of institutions, and governance and gender; Experience with institutional assessments and institutional development of government agencies and semi-government agencies; Knowledge of the water sector in Myanmar or other countries in the region would be an advantage.

The attention of interested consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers dated July 2014 ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Further information and a copy of the detailed Terms of Reference (TORs) can be obtained at the address below during working days from 10:00 to 16:00 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below in person, or by mail, or by e-mail by 23 June 2016.

Contact:

Mr. U Win Hlaing, AIRBM Project Director, Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems (DWIR), Ministry of Transportation and Communication
Address: No-400, Lower Pazundaung Road, Pazundaung Post Office, Postal Code 11171, Pazundaung Township, Yangon, Myanmar. Phone: +95-(0)1- 292961, Fax: +95-(0)1- 290230, Email: dwir.airbm@gmail.com, With a copy to: Prof. Dr Khin Ni Ni Thein, AIRBMP Component 1 Director, Email: component1hic@gmail.com

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

Country: MYANMAR

Project: Ayeyarwady Integrated River Basin Management (AIRBM) Project, **Credit No.:** IDA 55590
Project ID: P146482, **Assignment Title:** National Technical Specialists for the Ayeyarwady State of the Basin (SOB) Report, **Reference No.:** C1.11.a, C1.11.b, C1.11.c, C1.11.d

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The Project Management Unit (PMU) now invites expressions of interest from qualified candidates for the below positions. Interested consultants must provide their updated curriculum vitae, indicating personal and technical skills, qualifications and experience in similar assignments. In submitting their expressions of interest, consultants are kindly requested to indicate the positions they apply and the reference numbers stated below.

1. National GIS Specialist (C1.11.a)
2. National Water Resources Engineer (C1.11.b)
3. National Resource Economist (C1.11.c)
4. National Environmental Scientist (C1.11.d)

Desired skills, qualifications and experience for each of above position are as follows, further details on the positions are provided in the annexes:

1. **National GIS Specialist (C1.11.a)**
 - a) At least a Masters degree in Geographical Information Systems, Spatial data analysis or similar field;
 - b) At least 8 years of professional experience in the collection, processing and visualization of geo-spatial information, including geo-referencing statistical data, and the preparation of map products;
 - c) Proven experience with GIS software such as ArcGIS, Mapinfo or open mapping software such as QGIS.
 - d) Working knowledge and experience with the Ayeyarwady Basin is highly desirable;
 - e) Experience working with Myanmar government and NGO organizations involved in Geospatial analysis would be an advantage;
 - f) Fluent in English and capacity to discuss in English technical subject matters, and
 - g) Good strategic thinking, listening, and communication skills.
2. **National Water Resources Engineer (C1.11.b)**
 - a) At least a Masters degree in Water resource, civil or river engineering or similar field;
 - b) At least 8 years of professional experience in water resource assessments, hydrological analysis, water resource planning and hydrological modelling;
 - c) Experience in the design of water infrastructure (reservoirs, pipelines, irrigation headworks and canals) or a working knowledge in their operations would be an advantage;
 - d) Working knowledge and experience with the Ayeyarwady Basin is highly desirable;
 - e) Experience working with Myanmar government and NGO organizations involved in water resource management would be an advantage;
 - f) Fluent in English and capacity to discuss in English technical subject matters, and
 - g) Good strategic thinking, listening, and communication skills.
3. **National Resource Economist (C1.11.c)**
 - a) At least a Masters degree in Resource, Environmental, Macro-economics or similar field;
 - b) At least 8 years of professional experience in social or economic assessments, including the development of socio-economic baselines, statistical analysis of environmental parameters, or involvement in ESAs, SEAs or CIAs ;
 - c) Experience in the development of a State of the Basin report or a basin plan would be an advantage;
 - d) Working knowledge and experience with the Ayeyarwady Basin is highly desirable;
 - e) Experience working with Myanmar government and NGO organizations involved in social development or economic management would be an advantage;
 - f) Fluent in English and capacity to discuss in English technical subject matters, and
 - g) Good strategic thinking, listening, and communication skills.
4. **National Environmental Scientist (C1.11.d)**
 - a) At least a Masters degree in Environmental Sciences, Natural Resource Management or similar field;
 - b) At least 8 years of professional experience in environmental assessments or natural resource management, including the development of environmental baselines, statistical analysis of environmental parameters, and involvement in ESAs, SEAs or CIAs
 - c) Experience in the development of a State of the Basin report or a basin plan would be an advantage;
 - d) Working knowledge and experience with the Ayeyarwady Basin is highly desirable;
 - e) Experience working with Myanmar government and NGO organizations involved in environmental and natural resource management would be an advantage;
 - f) Fluent in English and capacity to discuss in English technical subject matters, and
 - g) Good strategic thinking, listening, and communication skills.

The Services are expected to be carried out over a period of 12 months with the possibility of extension. The location of work will be the newly formed Hydroinformatics Centre (HIC) housed at the DWIR office in Yangon, Myanmar.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during 09:30 to 16:00 hours, office hours.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers dated July 2014 ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Individual Consultants will be selected in accordance with procedures set out in the Consultant Guidelines. Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below in person, or by mail, or by e-mail by 14 June 2016. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Contact: Mr. Win Hlaing, AIRBM Project Director, Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems (DWIR), Ministry of Transportation and Communication, Address: No-400, Lower Pazundaung Road, Pazundaung Post Office, Postal Code 11171, Pazundaung Township, Yangon, Myanmar
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Australian authorities send strong message regarding underpaying interns

SYDNEY — Australian authorities have sent a strong message to companies for underpaying interns.

The Fair Work Ombudsman issued a 281,010 Australian dollar fine to media company AIMG BQ Pty Ltd, for the exploitation of a Chinese international student through an unpaid internship.

The company operates Chinese-language websites and publications targeted at Australia's Chinese community.

It was alleged the 24-year-old international

student was studying a Master of Event Management at University of Technology Sydney and required to do 180 hours of unpaid casual work over a four-month period before the company would begin paying her wages.

Maurice Blackburn Lawyers Employment Principal Giri Sivaraman told Xinhua on Monday businesses needed to be aware that using "internships" to circumvent worker protections under the Fair Work Act 2009 (Cth) could possibly expose them to liability.

"Businesses are officially on notice that exploiting the labor of vulnerable workers will simply not be tolerated," Sivaraman said.

"Interns are susceptible to exploitation for a number of legal and social reasons."

He noted the legal meaning of "internship" was unclear. "Businesses target migrant workers with no knowledge of Australia's industrial law framework, making them unlikely to question their poor employment conditions."—Xinhua

Swiss reject free income plan after worker versus robot debate

ZURICH/BERN — Swiss voters rejected by a wide margin on Sunday a proposal to introduce a guaranteed basic income for everyone living in the wealthy country after an uneasy debate about the future of work at a time of increasing automation.

Supporters had said introducing a monthly income of 2,500 Swiss francs (1,766) per adult and 625 francs per child under 18 no matter how much they work would promote human dignity and public service.

Opponents, including the government, said it would cost too much and

weaken the economy.

Provisional final results showed 76.9 per cent of voters opposed the bold social experiment launched by Basel cafe owner Daniel Haeni and allies in a vote under the Swiss system of direct democracy.

Haeni acknowledged defeat but claimed a moral victory. "As a businessman I am a realist and had reckoned with 15 per cent support, now it looks like more than 20 per cent or maybe even 25 per cent. I find that fabulous and sensational," he told SRF. "When I see the media interest, from abroad as well, then I say

we are setting a trend."

Conservative Switzerland is the first country to hold a national referendum on an unconditional basic income, but others including Finland are examining similar plans as societies ponder a world where robots replace humans in the workforce. Olivier, a 26-year-old carpenter who works on construction sites and runs a small business designing and building furniture, said he voted "yes".

"For me it would be a great opportunity to put my focus on my passion and not go to work just for a living," he said.—Reuters



People cast their ballots during a vote on whether to give every adult citizen a basic guaranteed monthly income of 2,500 Swiss francs (\$2,560), in a school in Bern, Switzerland, on 5 June 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

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.	15(T)1/MR(E) 2016-2017	- Spare Parts for Automatic Levelling, Lining & Tamping Machine ED/ALL TM No.01&02 (238)Items - Spare Parts for Flash Butt Welding Machine (44)Items - Spare Parts for Profile Ballast Regulating Machine (107)Items

Closing Date & Time-6.7.2016(Wednesday)(14:30)Hrs

2. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 6.6.2016 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

Invitation to Submit Expression of Interest

(Construction work for a Fertilizer Storage and Processing Plant)

Ref No: EOI-1/2016-2017

Agri First Co Ltd (AFC), a joint venture entity among the Behn Meyer, Mitsui and MAPCO, which is currently developing a Fertilizer Storage and Processing Plant in Thilawa SEZ, Yangon Region, hereby invites the interested parties to submit Expression of Interest Letter (EOI letter) for the selection as shortlisted pre-qualified bidders (SPB) to be able to participate in the Limited Bidding Process for the construction of the Fertilizer Plant.

Interested Parties are requested to submit EOI Letter together with Company Profile, Company's Latest Audited Financial Statements, Executed Project Reference List as well as other supporting qualification documents **to the below address by 20th June 2016 Before 12:00 pm** to avoid disqualification.

AFC Co. Ltd reserves the rights to accept or reject any or all of the application without prior or further announcement.

All EOI letters and supporting documents to be addressed and sent to:

Attn : Mr Anthony Chang

**Agri First Co Ltd (AFC),
Fertilizer Storage and Processing Plant – Thilawa SEZ**

**C/OMapco Building, No.100, Wardan Street and Kan Nar Street,
Beside the Concrete Express Way, Wardan Port Area,
SeikKan (Port) Township, Yangon, Myanmar
Tel : + 95 1 2301 652**

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Any further questions related to EOI can be made by email to admin@mapco-ygn.com.

THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR MINISTRY OF ELECTRICITY AND ENERGY MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE (INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER) (8 / 2016)

Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in United States Dollars and Myanmar Kyats.

Sr.No	Tender No	Description	Remark
(1)	IFB-010(16-17)	Spare for Deepending Accessories (Drill Collar & Substitute) (11) Items	US\$
(2)	IFB-011(16-17)	Spares for A-1700 PT Triplex Pump Ex USS Oil Well Drilling Rig (27) Items	US\$
(3)	IFB-012(16-17)	Spares for FA-1600 Triplex Pump Ex EMSCO Drilling Rig (19) Items	US\$
(4)	IFB-013(16-17)	Spares for National Power Slash Pump K 700 A Ex National 55 Drilling Rig (27) Items	US\$
(5)	IFB-014(16-17)	Spares for National Drive Group (13) Items	US\$
(6)	IFB-015(16-17)	Spares for Mack Truck (11) Items	US\$
(7)	IFB-016(16-17)	4" ERW API 5L Grade X-46 MS 3 Layer PE Coated Steel Line Pipe (PSL-2) (8050) MTR	US\$
(8)	IFB-017(16-17)	Electrical Spares for USS Oil Well Rig (9) Items	US\$
(9)	IFB-018(16-17)	5 1/2" Bridge Plug and Adapter Kit (2) Items	US\$
(10)	IFB-019(16-17)	Liquid Sperse (200) Can	US\$
(11)	IFB-020(16-17)	Spares for CAT HEAD Ex EMSCO Drilling Rig (8) Items	US\$
(12)	DMP/L-008(16-17)	14.00 x 25, 24 PLY Tyre with Tube & Flap (30) Nos	Ks
(13)	DMP/L-009(16-17)	1 1/4" Manila Rope (100) Coils & 1 1/2" Manila Rope (20) Coils	Ks

Tender Closing Date & Time - 30-6-2016, 16:30 Hr

Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 6TH June, 2016 at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No(44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise
Ph . +95 67 - 411097 / 411206

District of Columbia contestant named Miss USA



Deshauna Barber of the District of Columbia reacts after being crowned Miss USA during the 2016 Miss USA pageant at the T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas, Nevada, US, on 5 June. PHOTO: REUTERS

LAS VEGAS — A 26-year-old Army officer from the District of Columbia was crowned winner of the Miss USA pageant on Sunday.

Deshauna Barber, an IT analyst for the Department of Commerce, triumphed over 51 other contestants, including first run-

ner-up Chelsea Hardin, representing Hawaii, to claim victory in the annual contest which was held at the T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas.

As one of the contestants, Barber was asked a question about women soldiers and replied "We are just as tough as men."

For her question as one of

five finalists, Hardin was asked whether she would support Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump, former owner of the pageant, if the US election were held tomorrow.

The question brought jeers from the audience and criticism on social media. In her reply, Har-

din declined to name either candidate, instead addressing qualities a president should possess.

The other finalists were from Georgia, Alabama and California.

Barber will go on to compete as the US representative at the annual Miss Universe pageant later this year.—*Reuters*

Acting my biggest dream right now: Meghan Trainor



PHOTO: PTI

LONDON — Singer Meghan Trainor wants to pack away her microphone temporarily and launch an acting career.

The 22-year-old All About That Bass hitmaker may have poured her blood, sweat and tears into becoming a pop star but she's now keen to and launch herself as an actress, reported *Female First*.

"My biggest dream right now is to start an acting career. I'm going to get an acting coach soon," Trainor said.—*PTI*

Surprise Kanye West concert canceled, fans jam Manhattan street

NEW YORK — A concert by rapper Kanye West was called off early on Monday, leaving thousands of fans massed outside the Manhattan venue where the surprise gig was meant to have taken place.

West had dropped hints about the gig when he made an unannounced appearance at another concert sponsored by a radio station on Sunday, *Billboard* magazine reported.

Fans turned up by the thousands, with some saying on social media sites including Twitter that more than 2,000 people had flooded the streets outside Webster Hall in the East Village neighborhood within 15 minutes.

West himself posted "Show at 2 a.m. SOLD OUT" about an hour beforehand, however the venue announced on its Twitter page "There is no late show", adding "Please get home safely".

Pictures and video posted online showed thousands of fans jamming the streets and sidewalks and sitting on top of vehicles. West made a brief appearance outside before departing, his vehicle chased by dozens of fans as it made its way out of the neighborhood.

West's Sunday afternoon concert on Randall's Island in New York's East River had earlier been canceled due to bad weather.—*Reuters*



Kanye West dances during his Yeezy Season 3 Collection presentation and listening party for the "The Life of Pablo" album during New York Fashion Week on 11 February 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

'Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 2' tops with \$35.3 million, 'Popstar' flops

LOS ANGELES — "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows" debuted to a disappointing \$35.3 million over the weekend, becoming the latest sequel this year to fall short of expectations.

The pizza-munching reptiles' opening weekend was roughly half of the \$65.6 million that its predecessor, "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," debuted to in 2014, illustrating that not all franchises are created equal.

Several film series have struggled at the box office in recent months, with "Alice Through the Looking Glass" and "The Huntsman: Winter's War" losing millions, and other sequels and spin-offs, such as "Kung Fu Panda 3" and "X-Men: Apocalypse," failing to match the grosses of previous installments.

"Captain America: Civil War," which plays more like an "Avengers" chapter given the presence of Robert Downey Jr.'s Iron Man than a star-spangled follow-up, did beat the slump, going on to earn over \$1.1 billion globally. Paramount spent \$135 million on the latest "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," and released the picture across 4,071 locations. It will look to foreign audiences to try to bolster the underwhelming domestic returns.

So far, the situation overseas is more promising. The film opened in 40 international markets, includ-



Canadian actor Stephen Amell on the field at Yankee Stadium before a game between the New York Yankees and the Toronto Blue Jays at Bronx, NY, USA on 25 May. PHOTO: REUTERS

ing Russia, Mexico, and the United Kingdom, earning \$34 million. There are still several major territories left to open, the biggest being China on 2 July.

The return of the turtles was enough to knock "X-Men: Apocalypse" from the top spot on the stateside charts. The superhero sequel slid more than 65% to earn \$22.3 for a second place finish. The latest "X-Men" has earned \$116.5 million since debuting over Memorial Day.

In third place, New Line and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer scored with the modestly budgeted "Me Before You."

The story of a caregiver (Emilia Clarke from "Game of

Thrones") who falls in love with a paralyzed millionaire (Sam Claflin) opened to a solid \$18.3 million. Shot for just over \$20 million, "Me Before You" appealed heavily to women, with females making up more than 80% of the opening weekend audience.

The weekend's other new release, the music parody "Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping," collapsed at the box office, scrapping together a disastrous \$4.6 million from 2,311 locations. Universal spent \$20 million on the mockumentary, that stars Andy Samberg as a Justin Bieber-like music prodigy and reunites the comedian with his Lonely Island band.—*Reuters*

Muhammad Ali, 'the greatest', remembered as boxer who transcended sports

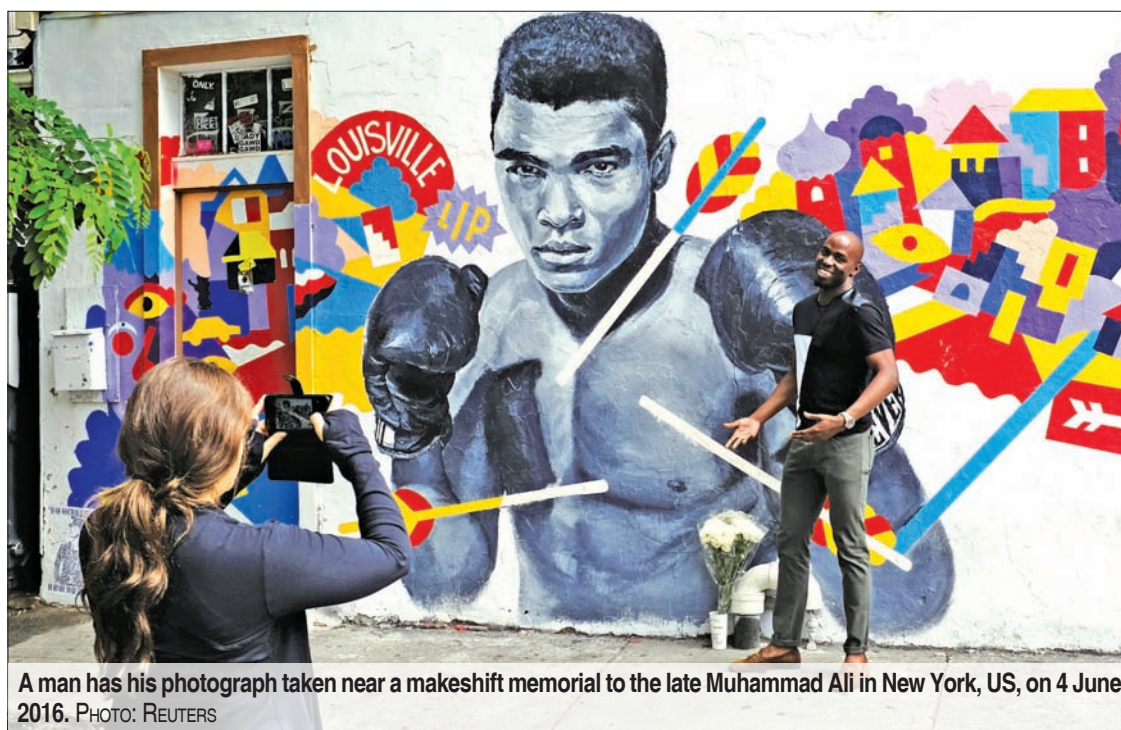
SCOTTSDALE, (Ariz) — The death of Muhammad Ali, the former heavyweight champion known as much for his political activism as his boxing brilliance, triggered a worldwide outpouring of affection and admiration for one of the best-known figures of the 20th century.

Ali, who had long suffered from Parkinson's syndrome which impaired his speech and made the once-graceful athlete almost a prisoner in his own body, died on Friday at age 74.

The cause of death was septic shock due to unspecified natural causes, a family spokesman said on Saturday. Ali was admitted to a Phoenix-area hospital, Honor-Health, with a respiratory ailment on Monday.

"He'll be remembered as a man of the world who spoke his mind and wasn't afraid to take a chance and went out of his way to be a kind, benevolent individual that really changed the world," the family spokesman, Bob Gunnell, said at a news conference in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Despite Ali's failing health, his youthful proclamation that he was "the greatest" rang true until the end for millions of people around the world who respected him for his courage both inside and outside the ring. Along with a fearsome reputation as a fighter, Ali spoke out against racism, war



A man has his photograph taken near a makeshift memorial to the late Muhammad Ali in New York, US, on 4 June 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

and religious intolerance, while projecting an unshakeable confidence that became a model for African-Americans at the height of the civil rights era and beyond.

Stripped of his world boxing crown for refusing to join the US Army and fight in Viet Nam, Ali returned in triumph by recapturing the title and starring in some of the sport's most unforgettable bouts.

"I think when you talk about Muhammad Ali, as great an athlete, as great a boxer as he was, he was the greatest boxer of all

time, he means so much more to the United States and the world," said Ali's long-time friend, boxing promoter Bob Arum.

"He was a transformative figure in our society." Bursting onto the boxing scene in the 1960s with a brashness that threatened many whites, Ali would come to be embraced by Americans of all races for his grace, integrity and disarming sense of humor.

"In the end, he went from being reviled to being revered," civil rights leader the Rev. Jesse Jack-

son told CNN on Saturday.

Pam Dorrough, a tourist in New York's Times Square, admired Ali's refusal to apologize for what he believed.

"The confidence — and I know everybody thought it was an arrogance about him — he always projected a confidence," she said. "And he stood by that."

President Barack Obama, the first African-American to reach the White House, said Ali was "a man who fought for us" and placed him in the pantheon of civil rights

leaders Martin Luther King Jr and Nelson Mandela.

"His fight outside the ring would cost him his title and his public standing. It would earn him enemies on the left and the right, make him reviled, and nearly send him to jail," Obama said in a statement. "But Ali stood his ground. And his victory helped us get used to the America we recognize today." Ali's daughter Maryum said on Saturday: "I am happy my father no longer struggles. He is in a better place. God is the greatest."

In New York's Harlem district, fans gathered outside the famous Apollo Theater, where a marquee paying tribute to Ali read: "The greatest of all time. 1942-2016."

Nearby, hundreds more gazed at projections of phrases and images most associated with Ali, such as "float like a butterfly and sting like a bee." Few could argue with his athletic prowess at his peak in the 1960s, with his dancing feet and quick fists. But Ali became much more than a sportsman. He spoke boldly against racism in the '60s as well as against the Viet Nam War.

Ali met scores of world leaders, during and after his championship reign, and for a time he was considered the most recognizable person on earth, known even in remote villages in countries far from the United States.—Reuters

Save the last dance for me: Being cute not enough for this spider when choosing a mate

SYDNEY — A Sydney scientist has discovered seven new species of the tiny Australian peacock spider — a spectacularly colored, three-millimetre arachnid that dances to attract a female mate.

Jurgen Otto, with the help of colleague David Knowles, made the two latest discoveries of the miniature creatures while looking for other spiders in Western Australia in November and had all seven named in the scientific journal *Peckhamia* last month.

"They are very, very colourful, they often have iridescent scales and they do something quite remarkable. They perform a courtship dance for females, to impress

them," Otto told Reuters TV on Monday.

While footage of the dances is proving popular online, some female peacock spiders end up eating the colorful males if they are not impressed by the courtship.

The discovery of the new spiders means there are now 48 known species, found mostly in southern Australia and which range in size from three to five millimeters. Juveniles measure just half-a-millimetre.

The Sydney scientist, who studies mites during the day, developed a passion for the tiny spiders in 2005 after discovering an arachnid on a photograph he took fol-

lowing a bushwalk in Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park, New South Wales.

Otto said the dancing spiders, who offer no threat to humans, were even proving popular with arachnophobes.

"They are harmless, they are cute, they are colorful, they remind people of their own cat. I often compare them with kittens with too many legs, so really people get excited when they see them," he said.

"People who hate spiders confess that they actually can't help loving these ones and in time this will just change the opinions people have of spiders, I hope."—Reuters



A specimen of the newly-discovered Australian Peacock spider, *Maratus Bubo*, shows off its colourful abdomen in this undated picture from Australia. PHOTO: REUTERS

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Djokovic eyes Golden Slam, turns rivals green with envy

PARIS — He is the tennis version of the Incredible Hulk and on Sunday Novak Djokovic made his closest rivals turn green with envy as he finally achieved something no man had accomplished for nearly half a century.

Playing what he described as “flawless tennis” over the last three sets of his 3-6, 6-1, 6-2, 6-4 win over Andy Murray, Djokovic cracked his Roland Garros jinx at the 12th attempt — and fourth final there — to win the French Open.

It allowed the Serbian world number one to hold all four grand slam titles at the same time — a milestone that is so difficult to reach that it had not been done by a man since Australian Rod Laver won the second of his calendar Grand Slams in 1969.

In an era when it is tough to keep track of the countless records achieved by Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal — who own 31 majors between them — Djokovic managed to complete a feat that was tantalisingly just out of reach for

his rivals-in-chief. “It’s one of the ultimate challenges that you have as a tennis player. I’m very proud, very thrilled,” he said on becoming the third man after Don Budge and Laver to hold the Wimbledon, US, Australian and French Open titles simultaneously.

Federer had two attempts at completing four in a row — in 2006 and 2007 — but each time he was thwarted in the French Open final by Nadal.

The Spaniard similarly arrived at the 2011 Australian Open as the holder of three grand slam titles but fell in the quarter-finals.

Despite all their success, Federer and Nadal, who are among eight men to have completed a career grand slam, never managed to win the Australian

French Opens back-to-back. With Djokovic having achieved that benchmark, he is well placed to complete something no man has ever achieved — the Golden Slam of four majors and Olympic gold in the same year. —

Reuters



Djokovic celebrates with trophy on 5 June 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Two late goals give Mexico 3-1 win over Uruguay

GLENDALE, (Arizona) — Mexico scored twice in the final five minutes to beat Uruguay 3-1 in a pulsating Copa America Group C match in which each side had a man sent off on Sunday.

The win in front of a passionate and partisan crowd at Glendale, Arizona left Mexico top of the group on goal difference from Venezuela after they beat 10-man Jamaica 1-0 in Chicago.

The early omens were not good for Uruguay who stood stunned before kickoff when the Chilean national anthem was played instead of their own.

Mexico then made a lightning start with the fastest goal of the tournament so far in their first incursion into the Uruguay penalty area in the fourth minute.

Hector Herrera and Uruguay’s Alvaro Pereira both leapt to meet Andres Guardado’s curling cross from the left with the defender heading into his own net. Uruguay, who had Matias Vecino dismissed on the stroke of halftime after a second booking for a foul on Jesus Corona, equalised in the 74th minute from the free kick awarded when Guardado was also shown a second yellow card.

Carlos Sanchez, the man Guardado brought down, hit the free kick into the box where captain Diego Godin headed past Alfredo Talavera to put the record 15-times champions back on level terms. Mexico, however, had the last word when their captain Rafael Marquez scored a fine goal from a corner, finding the top corner of Fernando Muslera’s net with an angled shot from the right.

With the Uruguayans pushing forward in numbers in search of another equaliser, Herrera made the result safe in the second minute of added time with a header from Diego Perez’s neat flick across the face of goal. Uruguay, without injured striker Luis Suarez and on the back foot for most of the first half, missed two good chances either side of halftime.

Edinson Cavani, put through by Nicolas Lodeiro, was one-on-one with Talavera but the goalkeeper closed him down and blocked his effort after 30 minutes.

In the 58th minute, Godin broke into attack from his own half and laid off to his right for Cavani who crossed to fellow striker Diego Rolan on the left but his finish was poor and ended up on the

wrong side of the near post.

Jamaica, who have now lost all four of their Copa America matches by the same 1-0 score, had the first chance at Soldier Field when a header from Je-Vaughn Watson hit the bar in the 11th minute. Venezuela, whose highest finish at a Copa America was the 2011 semi-finals in Argentina, went ahead after 15 minutes when Alejandro Guerra set up Josef Martinez and the striker shot under goalkeeper Andre Blake.

Eight minutes later, Jamaica’s Rodolph Austin was sent off after he caught Tomas Rincon’s ankle with his studs as he followed through after winning the ball in the tackle. Jamaica’s coach Winfried Schaefer was sent to the stands for the second half after a heated discussion with referee Victor Carrillo at the break.

The Caribbean islanders fought hard in the second half but Michael Hector hit the post with a shot and, at the other end, Blake needed to make a superb save from Wilker Angel’s diving header.

Mexico play Jamaica next in Pasadena on Thursday when Uruguay meet Venezuela in Philadelphia. —Reuters

Messi more determined than ever to win with Argentina

SANTA CLARA, (CA) — Argentina’s Lionel Messi has unfinished business going into the Centenary Copa America that is being staged in the United States with the Barcelona star keen to help his nation capture a first major title in 23 years.

After finishing runners-up at the 2014 World Cup in Brazil and at last year’s Copa America in Chile, Argentina are favorites to lift the Copa America for the second time in their history and first since 1993.

“This Copa America is a very special tournament for me and more so after losing last year’s final. That is why I want to win it for Argentina,” Messi, whose 37 goals in 45 appearances were key to Barca’s La Liga and King’s Cup double winning campaign in 2015-16, said to El

Mundo Deportivo.

The Argentina captain hurt his back in an international friendly against Honduras on May 27 and is unlikely to start on Monday in his country’s opener against Chile at the Levi’s Stadium in Santa Clara, California.

He has reassured his fans, however, that the injury is not serious.

“I feel better,” he said.

Coach Gerardo Martino was not at the helm of Argentina at the World Cup but did hold the reins last year when they lost 4-1 on penalties to Chile.

That result led La Nacion newspaper to write at the time: “It seems a nightmare without end, a curse that never ends. The national team continues without winning a title and it’s already 22 years.” —Reuters

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Final Match

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Match -3

MYANMAR 3-0 HONG KONG