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State Counsellor urges care in repair of historic pagodas

Thein Ko Lwin

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi has warned against haphazard repair of the toppled spires of the pagodas, following a 6.8 magnitude earthquake that struck the ancient city of Bagan in central Myanmar yesterday.

According to the US Geological Survey, the quake struck 25km (15.5 miles) west of Chauk, at a depth of 84km.

At least 200 pagodas in Bagan have been damaged, Deputy Director General U Zaw Htay of the President's Office said, adding that the state counsellor had instructed the Ministry of Religious and Cultural Affairs not to start the repair job in a hurry.

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi urged them to get technical assistance from the World Heritage Centre of UNESCO.

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi urged them to draw up a project plan with the technical assistance from the World Heritage Centre of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation. The UNESCO office in Yangon has deployed experts to assess the damage. U Zaw Htay described the move as part of a measure to preserve cultural heritage in the country's archaeological site.

President U Htin Kyaw, teaming with five union ministers, is now in the country's most venerated religious and cultural site.

Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko, also in Bagan, is meeting with officials of the cultural and geological departments to discuss the maintenance and renovation of the damaged pagodas in the top tourist destination.



PHOTO: REUTERS

PRESIDENT ASSESSES DAMAGE IN BAGAN

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President U Htin Kyaw inspects rubble from a historic pagoda in Bagan which was hit by the earthquake. PHOTO: AUNG THANT KHAING



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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

Myanmar to become party to Convention on Physical Protection of Nuclear Materials and Nuclear Facilities, Convention on Nuclear Safety

THE Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved Myanmar's effort to become a party to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Materials and Nuclear Facilities and the Convention on Nuclear Safety yesterday.

During a parliamentary discussion, Lt-Col Myo Htet Win,

Defence Services personnel Hluttaw representative, called on the government to encourage the peaceful use of nuclear energy, stressing the need of sooner enactment of Nuclear Safety Law in the country.

Likewise, U Soe Thein (a) U Maung Soe of Taninthayi Region

Constituency supported the country's effort to join the Convention, saying that it is required to prevent illicit trafficking of nuclear materials and nuclear facility accidents.

Next, three parliamentarians expressed their supports for the country's effort to ratify the Convention on Nuclear Safety.

Lt-Col Zaw Tun Oo discussed that nuclear energy along with safety measures should be considered in the country's drive to achieve social and economic goals of sustainable development, stressing the need of adequate electricity supply to attract more foreign investments.

U Tun Wai of Phaungpyin Constituency also said that nuclear energy can be used to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and negative effects of climate change, highlighting the importance of the wide use of nuclear technology and nuclear safety. — Myanmar News Agency

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives Indonesian parliamentary delegation



Speaker U Win Myint receives Mr. H. MAHYUDIN, Vice Chairman of People's Consultative Assembly of Indonesia. PHOTO: MNA

SPEAKER of Pyithu Hluttaw U Win Myint received an Indonesian parliamentary delegation led by Mr. H. MAHYUDIN, Vice Chairman of People's Consultative Assembly of Indonesia, at Pyithu Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they exchanged views on further relations and cooperation between the two countries and the two parliaments. — Myanmar New Agency

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker meets Vice Chairman of People's Consultative Assembly of Indonesia



Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than welcomes Mr. H. MAHYUDIN, Vice Chairman of the People's Consultative Assembly of Indonesia. PHOTO: MNA

SPEAKER of Amyotha Hluttaw Mahn Win Khaing Than met with Mr. H. MAHYUDIN, the Vice Chairman of the People's Consultative Assembly of Indonesia and his entourage at the Amyotha Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they held discussions on boosting bilateral relations between the two parliaments. — Myanmar New Agency

Pyithu Hluttaw

Pyithu Hluttaw hears community forestry plan of MoNREC

THE Pyithu Hluttaw heard the answers of the ministry concerned to parliamentary questions on environment and forestry issues yesterday.

Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Ohn Win told the Pyithu Hluttaw that local people who have lived in the area within a 5-mile radius of natural

forests are allowed to establish community forestry.

Next, the Union minister responded to a call for permission to allow original owners of farmlands in Pann Nyo reserve forest in Mindon Township of Magway Region to own and operate farms there.

He said that 471 acres of farmlands were returned to local

people, adding that 1,065 acres of land in the reserve forest will be set up as community forests.

Next, the Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee and parliamentarians held discussions on a proposal to amend the Bill amending the Peaceful Assembly and Peaceful Procession Law sent back by the Amyotha Hluttaw. — Myanmar News Agency

Amyotha Hluttaw

Ministry provides monthly allowances to ethnic language teachers



Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi. PHOTO: MNA

THE ministry provides monthly allowances to ethnic language teachers, Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi told Amyotha Hluttaw yesterday.

A budget has been allocated for the provision of monthly allowances to ethnic language teachers and arrangements have been made to distribute textbooks in 49 ethnic minority languages free of charge to 540,000 students in 187 townships during the 2016-2017 Academic Year, added the Union Minister.

According to the Union minister, ethnic minority language textbooks approved by ethnic literature and culture associations



Union Minister for Transport and Communications U Thant Sin Maung. PHOTO: MNA

were distributed to Grade I, 2 and 3 students. There is no plan to appoint more ethnic language teachers this academic year, as ethnic teachers and local volunteer teachers are teaching ethnic students in their native language, said the Union minister, adding that appointment of ethnic language teachers will be made next academic years under the arrangements of the regional governments.

Since the 2013-2014 academic year, ethnic languages have been taught in respective schools in regions and states, he said. During yesterday's Amyotha Hluttaw session, Union Min-



U Khun Thein Pe. PHOTO: MNA

ister for Transport and Communications U Thant Sin Maung responded to a question about whether a plan to allow companies to lease unused, state-owned buildings for operation of private maritime training schools.

The Union minister replied that it is hard to lease enough buildings to all companies as there are many training courses.

Kabar Services Co., Ltd, Pacific Glory International Co., Ltd and Mercury Training Center were allowed to lease some buildings in the compound of Dawbon dockyards under a long-term contract, added the Union Minister. — Myanmar News Agency



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi welcomes Mr. Hiroto Izumi, Special Advisor to the Prime Minister of Japan. PHOTO: MNA

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meets with Special Advisor to Japanese Prime Minister

STATE Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs Daw Aung San Suu Kyi received Mr. Hiroto Izumi, Special Advisor to the Prime Minister of Japan, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the call the two rep-

resentatives discussed matters relating to cooperation in development programmes such as the greater Yangon City Master Plan, agriculture sector development, Thilawa Special Economic Zone development and water research works.—*Myanmar News Agency*

MOI meets for broadcasting media development

THE Ministry of Information held a meeting in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday to discuss the development of broadcasting media.

Director General U Myint Htwe said the discussion focused on amending the broadcasting law to comply with current trends.

A team of legal experts has been formed to amend the law, he said, adding that the amendment requires parliamentary approval.

Chief Engineer of Myanmar Radio and Television U Hlaing Moe spoke of broadcasting channels using the DVB-T2 (Digital Video Broadcasting- Second Generation Terrestrial) broad-

casting standard. He hinted at the plans to increase the number of broadcasting channels from 14 to 16.

Under the new broadcasting plan, 11 of the 14 existing channels will remain while the new five channels will be undertaken by interested broadcasters.

An official of Tun Group Asia Ltd, which will act as consultant to MRTV's multichannel playout system, explained the "expression of interest" (EOI) processes and tender procedures for broadcasters.

The meeting was followed by a press briefing.—*Myanmar News Agency*



Officials of Ministry of Information and experts discuss the development of broadcasting media. PHOTO: MNA

President assesses damage in Bagan

PRESIDENT U Htin Kyaw went on an inspection tour of archaeological site in Bagan to assess the damage caused to the spires of ancient stupas and pagodas caused by a 6.8 magnitude earthquake on Wednesday.

The president was accompanied by Union Ministers Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, Lt-Gen Ye Aung, Dr Pe Myint and U Win Khaing.

At the Bagan Archaeological Museum the president and his entourage were given a briefing on the impact of the quake, an inventory of ancient objects and an explanation of security measures.

Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko and Mandalay Region Chief Minister Dr Zaw Myint Maung gave follow-up briefings on future tasks.

The president pointed out the need to compile an inventory

of crumbling religious structures and protect the heritage of ancient objects.

He also urged officials to ensure that pilgrims have right of access to pagodas and stupas that were left undamaged.

"Visitors should be allowed access to the maximum safe area of the damaged pagodas for travel records," the president said.

He pledged the government's assistance to the renovation and maintenance of the quake-affected ancient pagodas, adding that the renovation work should maintain the original features with the help of foreign experts.

The president accepted K100 million each donated by the Shwe Thanlwin Company and Zaykabar Company and K50m by the Amazing Hotel Groups for the

restoration work.

The Mandalay Region government accepted K200m donated by Kambawza's Brighter Future Foundation and K30m by MRTV-4.

Officials led the president on the inspection tour which covered Gubyaukgyi, Htilo Minlo, Sulamani, Pyathatgyi, Dhammayangyi and Setanakyi pagodas in Bagan.

According to latest reports, the earthquake rattled at least 187 pagodas in the region. Local authorities, the military, police, fire brigades and residents are engaged in rescue works, clearing piles of bricks from the toppled spires and crumbling temple walls.

According to officials, 33 pagodas and stupas have been closed to pilgrimage due to damage.—*Myanmar News Agency*



Vice President U Myint Swe delivers an opening address at Consultative Workshop on Civil Service Reform (Strategic Action Plan) in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

VP U Myint Swe addresses Consultative Workshop on Civil Service Reform

A SUCCESSFUL reform process requires departmental officials with a keen understanding of reform to evolve their mindsets to effectively participate in the change process, said Vice President U Myint Swe at a Consultative Workshop on Civil Service Reform (Strategic Action Plan) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

In his address the Vice-President highlighted the importance of civil service in implementing the reform process, saying that there is a need to establish a modern institution formed with competent service personnel.

As people's high expectations challenge the present government, transforming the country's civil service into a competent and accountable institution is needed to deliver the government's pledges and meet sustainable development goals, added the Vice President.

He pointed out that departmental staff's performance and work behaviour can determine the success of the reform process, adding that all service personnel need to know what the govern-



Ms Emma Morley. PHOTO: MNA

ment is doing and which policy the government is pursuing.

Next, Chairman of Union Civil Service Board Dr Win Thein stressed the need for ensuring transparency in civil service institutions and decentralisation and separation of powers to better serve the people.

The UCSB chairman said that the findings of the civil service personnel's perception survey on civil service ethics, equal opportunities and meritocracy in Myanmar will be released soon.

Works are underway to open a Civil Service Academy in Myanmar early next year, he added.

Speaking on the occa-

sion, Ms Emma Morley, Team Leader, Democratic Governance, United Nations Development Programme, said that the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals in Myanmar will be dependent on a strong, effective and innovative public sector. The performance and action of public and civil servants will be key to achieving Myanmar's SDG targets.

"The perception that bribery, discrimination, and nepotism affect recruitment, promotion, and possibly even benefits, is harmful to the overall productivity and effectiveness of the civil service, said Ms Morley.

"You could be looking at public health staff who have hopes for a bright career ahead of them, where they will be promoted on merit and treated equally," she said.

The consultative workshop followed with experts and departmental officials holding group discussions on a broad range of civil service matters.

The workshop continues today.—*Myanmar News Agency*

Tatmadaw flies passengers from Yangon to Coco Island



Passengers boarding a military aircraft for transport to Coco Island. PHOTO: CNC' OFFICE

FOR the convenience of government servants as well as local staff and families of Tatmadawmen who are assigned to Coco Island, Myanmar, the Tatmadaw has been arranging for the transport of passengers and goods with the

use of military aircraft and sea vessels.

On the morning of 23 August, 13 passengers, foodstuffs and consumer goods were sent from the Headquarters of Mingaladon Air Force Base in Yangon to Coco Island by a

Myanmar Air Force aircraft.

Later that day 13 passengers — local people, officers and other ranks—were flown from Coco Island to Yangon.— *Office of the Commander in Chief of Defence Services*

10,000 free coffee plants to be distributed to farmers in Ywagan

THE Myanmar Coffee Association will give about 10,000 free coffee plants to the coffee cultivators from Ywagan in Southern Shan State this fiscal year, according to U Ye Myint, the chairman of Myanmar Coffee Association (MCA).

“There is a limitation to giving coffee plants free of charge. This year, they will give freely about 10,000 good qualitative coffee plants to the villages. Currently, Chin State requested for it. Then, they are buying coffee from the cultivators with high payments.

In this function, the MCA accepts to buy the raw material with high payments from the coffee cultivators and besides, they will help technology to produce finished products according to their willingness,” said U Ye Myint.

The representatives of MCA will provide both coffee plants and technology not only to cultivators of Ywar Ngan but also to

the farmers from other regions, it is learnt.

The coffee seeds are exported with 50 Kg bags and the price is \$USD3400 per tonne. Ywagan is the main place where coffee is being cultivated because the weather is fair and the quality of natural neutralizers is good. Thus, the coffee from that region is qualitatively better than others. There are 125 villages and 6600 acres of coffee plantation area, it is noted.

In Myanmar, about 7,000 tonnes of coffee per year is produced and about 50 per cent is exported. Coffee experts from the United States are providing technologies and techniques of coffee plantation and marketing to Myanmar.

There is an opportunity to export Myanmar coffee to European countries because of sample testing done by coffee entrepreneurs in an International coffee exhibition held in April, it is learnt. — *Zarni*

Crime NEWS

Large yaba cache seized in Maungdaw



Police seizes large yaba cache in Maungdaw Township. PHOTO: THE MIRROR

LOCAL police from Maungdaw seized yaba pills from two passengers on U Auatrama road, Maungdaw township on Monday. Acting on a tip-off police searched the vehicle and found 48,750 yaba pills in the possession of one Demuharmauk and his partner Jinkee.

According to a connected investigation, an anti-narcotics

suppression squad comprising policemen from Maungdaw searched the home of one Mamathusein and discovered 107,250 yaba pills hidden in the walls of the house.

Similarly, a combined team comprising officers and staff from Lashio police station seized heroin weighing 792 grams from two bus passengers

near Oriental toll gate, Theinni town on Tuesday. Acting on a tip-off police searched a passenger bus and discovered heroin weighing 792 grams. One Ma Khin Htway and Ma Le Kwe Su were arrested in connection with the drugs. All suspects have been charged under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.— *The mirror*

Explosion reported in Hpa-an Industrial Zone

AN explosion reportedly occurred in front of a garment factory in Hpaan- Hteephokalone village, Hpa-an town, Kayin state on 14 August.

According to an investigation the police found the

remains of an explosive device at the scene. The explosion occurred at around 9:15am. No one was injured in the accident. Police are still investigating.— *Saw Myo Min Thein (IPRD)*



An explosion occurs Hpa-an. PHOTO: SAW MYO MIN THEIN (IPRD)



U San Aye, and his wife Daw Sandar Khine. PHOTO: MONG NGAI

Couple busted for running surrogacy-mother scam

A MARRIED couple were arrested yesterday on suspicion of defrauding a string of childless couples by promising them surrogacy services in exchange for money, according to police.

According to an investigation U San Aye, 32 and his wife Daw Sandar Khine, 38, prom-

ised five child-less couples that if cash payments were made up front Daw Sandar Khine would act as their surrogate mother and aid them in conception.

The police claim that U San Aye and his wife cheated the couples out of a total of 120,455,000.

When police and health staff raided the home of the suspects they found a number of illegal medicines including anagin, multividaida, diclofemocsodious and dicno-M. Police have filed charges against both suspects under section 18 of the National Drug Law.—*Mong Ngai*

LOCAL Business

Efforts made to control cross-border illegal goods

Ko Moe

SMUGGLING of illegal goods, including drugs, through border areas will be strictly controlled with combined inspection teams, said Salai Isac Khim, the Chin State minister for Electricity and Industry at a press conference held at the Summit Parkview hotel on 23rd August.

"We will make efforts to control the cross-border illegal goods with the state government. Currently, we will establish the combined teams to control at the major checkpoints," he said.

The Chin State government decided at the meeting to organize the teams with the authorities

concerned to prevent from the inflow of illegal goods across border, it is learnt.

Efforts are being made to combat the cross-border illegal goods by assigning anti-smuggling inspection teams in the towns of Falam, Paletwa and Teedim.

Chin State is witnessed to have only a little trade with India. Therefore, Chin state government is currently striving to open more border trade camps between Chin State and India to promote border trade.

Under the guidance of the Union government, the Chin State government is trying to develop trade, small-and-medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and tourism under a five-year project.

Trade of unlicensed Thai-imports shift up a gear in Myawady

UNLICENSED cars imported from Thailand into the Myanmar border town of Myawady are reportedly selling well, according to local car traders.

"[Trade at] the Kanku Car Sales Depot is doing better [than normal]. The state of the cars is as to be expected: some are replete, while some are lacking parts - it's a mixed bag. That said, a Honda Fit model ranges from K1.5 to K2 million, while Toyota Proboxs are a popular model as they can be used to leisure or business," said Ko Si Thu, a car trading expert.

The average price of a 2004 Toyota Probox model at the Myawady Kanku Car Sales Depot in mid-August ranged between K1.5 - 2 million, while a 2001 Toyota Caldina fetched between K1.7 - 1.9 million. The majority of buyers of the Probox from the town of Myawady reportedly utilize the car for both home

and commercial activities.

Despite car markets in other parts of Kayin State, such as the capital of Hpa-an, having reportedly slumped of late, there is a lot of business taking place in the Myawady market in regard to 2003-04 Honda Fit models which are going for between K1 - 1.3 million.

"People within the town buy and sell through their contacts. Honda Fit models are currently being bought and sold for between K1 - 1.3 million. They're the kind of car that change hands regularly," said Daw Aye Thadar, a car trader from Myawady.

The vehicles which end up in Myawady's Kanku Car Depot are ferried across the from Thai district of Mae Sot located on the opposite side of the river which acts as a natural dividing line between the two countries.—Myitmakha News Agency



Employees iron the clothes at a garment factory in Mingaladon Industrial Zone in Yangon. PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE

Myanmar-Korea textile zone to create 60,000 jobs

A five-hundred acre textile factory zone, which will reportedly create 60,000 employment opportunities for Myanmar workers, is reportedly to come to fruition through the concerted efforts of Myanmar and Korean business groups.

The Myanmar Olympus Asia Developer Group and the Korean PANKO Corporation will be responsible for implementing the project which will see the production of canvas, cotton and spindles.

"It's a joint project by both our countries. They [the Koreans] show keen interest [in the project]. Yangon has been the area earmarked [for project implementation], but we'll

release more detailed and concise information in due course. Talks are currently also being held with the Yangon regional government concerning electricity. Upon completion, the industrial zone will offer about 60,000 jobs," said U Okkar Zaw Naing, CEO of the Olympus Asia Developer Group.

The project will break ground in 2017 and take three years to complete, incurring a reported expense of between US\$30-50 million. The textile zone will also require 100MW of electricity to run and operate.

"We believe building such a garment zone in Myanmar shows promise

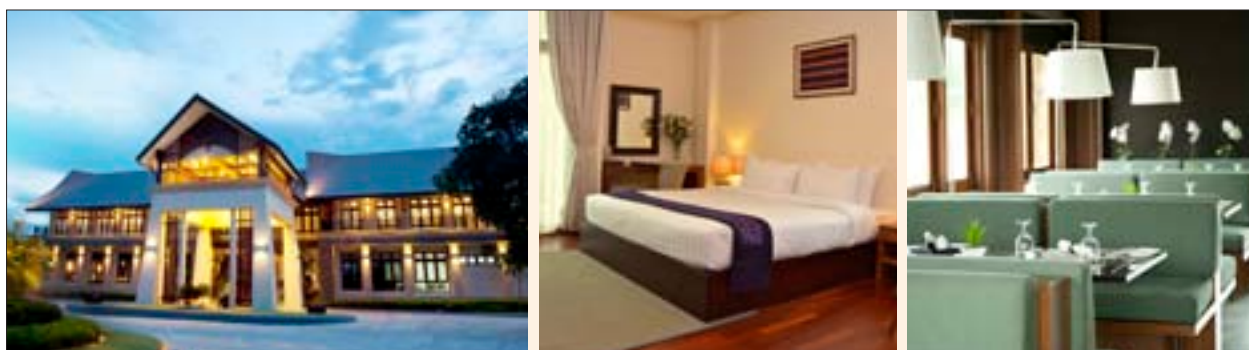
for success. We anticipate the [Myanmar] government will provide support. There is already a market for us to sell too, with textiles produced by the zone to be exported to China, America and Europe," said Choi Yong Joo, president of the PANKO Corporation.

A ceremony to mark the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between both companies was held at Yangon's Novotel Hotel on August 19, and was attended by Yangon Region Minister U Phyo Min Thein and a delegation from the South Korean embassy.

"Projects are good for the development of a country; it will create employ-

ment opportunities. A higher capacity of production is also beneficial for workers. I can accept the types of entrepreneurs who can offer nondiscriminatory employment opportunities in order to develop our country's labor force. They will need to implement their project in compliance with existing laws and regulations," said U Phyo Min Thein.

The textile factory will undoubtedly develop Myanmar's garment sector, but entrepreneurs already involved in the domestic sector forewarn that problems with land and a non-replete electricity supply could arise as the project is rolled out.—Myitmakha News Agency



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Japanese truck driver playing Pokemon Go kills pedestrian



Flowers are laid near the scene where a passer-by was killed after being hit by a driver playing 'Pokemon Go' while driving in Tokushima, Japan, on 24 August 2016.

PHOTO: REUTERS

TOKYO — A Japanese truck driver playing Pokemon Go while driving hit two women, killing one and injuring the other, in Japan's first death related to the Nintendo Co craze.

The driver said he had been distracted by the game after his arrest for negligent driving following the accident on Wednesday evening, a spokesman for the Tokushima prefectural police said.

"The driver is still in custody. No decision has

been made yet on whether to proceed with a prosecution," he added.

A spokesman for Niantic Inc, which developed Pokemon GO jointly with Nintendo affiliate Pokemon Company, said the company had added a pop-up to the Pokemon Go screen when it detected an increase in speed asking for confirmation the user was not driving.

He didn't say whether the developer would take further steps to guard against

accidents.

A spokesman for Nintendo offered condolences to the family of the dead woman.

"Pokemon Company and Niantic endeavor to create an environment where people can play the game safely and we will continue to do that," he added when asked whether the company would take any new measures to guard against accidents.

The popularity of aug-

mented-reality Pokemon Go around the world has generated crowds of people in parks and other public places as user search for monsters, but has also been blamed for injuries and robberies of distracted users.

Signs at parks and other places in Japan have asked users to avoid creating a nuisance.

Pokemon incidents elsewhere have spurned warnings from authorities for users to play responsibly.

In Taiwan on Sunday Pokemon Go monster hunters caused a stampede in Taipei blocking streets in the capital. Police there have increased fines on scooter riders found playing the game in traffic.

News reports in July claimed that a Guatemalan teenager was the first Pokemon fatality after he was shot breaking into a house while playing the game.

Also in July, Pokemon Go players were robbed of their smartphones at gunpoint in a north London park in Britain, while four teens in Missouri in the US used the game to target around a dozen people into armed robberies.—Reuters

Appointed Senate not allowed to nominate PM candidates: Thai gov't

BANGKOK — Thai government on Wednesday rejected the idea of allowing the appointed Senate to join MPs in nominating candidates for prime minister after discussions.

This decision came after a joint meeting expected to end the uncertainty surrounding the issue of the Senate's power to help MPs select a prime minister among Thai Constitution Drafting Committee (CDC) and National Legislative Assembly (NLA).

CDC spokesman Udom Rathamarit said only the Lower House is empowered to nominate PM candidates, while the Upper house will be eligible to vote with MPs to select the premier. Candidates would be picked from the lists proposed by political parties.

Surachai Liangboonlertchai, vice president of the NLA, said that all

parties concurred that the appointed senators will have the right to propose an outsider as a candidate for the prime minister's post if the elected House members fail to select a prime minister from their parties' lists of candidates.

The CDC now needs to amend the draft charter in order to accommodate the additional question that was accepted along with the draft charter in the public referendum held on 7 August. Besides, the Senate's role in selecting the premier has become controversial.

Under the draft charter, political parties are required to nominate PM candidates before a general election for the first five years after the charter comes into effect. The extra question allows the 250 appointed senators to join the 500 elected MPs in voting to select the prime minister.—Xinhua

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Japanese PM's aide meets China's top diplomat over summit next month

BEIJING — A key foreign-policy adviser to Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe held talks on Thursday with Chinese State Councilor Yang Jiechi, at a time when the two countries are trying to pave the way for a rare meeting between their top leaders on the sidelines of a summit early next month of the Group of 20 leading economies.

Shotaro Yachi, a former top career diplomat who serves as the brains behind Abe's diplomatic and security policies, and Yang, China's top diplomat who outranks the country's foreign minister, played a pivotal role in realizing the first meeting between Abe and Chinese President Xi Jinping in No-

vember 2014.

Yachi, the secretariat head of Japan's National Security Council, is scheduled to meet with Chinese Premier Li Keqiang later in the day, also in Beijing.

The visit by Yachi was announced just after the foreign ministers of the two countries ended talks in Tokyo on Wednesday, during which they acknowledged that easing tensions around a group of small islands in the East China Sea — a constant source of friction for Tokyo and Beijing — is essential for what could be Abe's third talks with Xi.

The uninhabited Senkaku Islands are controlled by Japan, but claimed by China, which calls them Diaoyu.



Shotaro Yachi (L), a former top career diplomat who serves as a key foreign-policy adviser to Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, meets with Chinese State Councilor Yang Jiechi in Beijing, on 25 August 2016. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

In the weeks leading up to the upcoming G-20 summit, China has sent a record number of government and fishing vessels near the islands, with some of them repeatedly entering Japanese waters in defiance of official protests from Tokyo.

For many years, the two countries have engaged in a tense game of cat-and-mouse involving ships and aircraft around the islands, raising regional security worries that accidents or miscalculations could precipitate a wider conflict.—Kyodo News

Iran vessels make 'high speed intercept' of US ship — US official

WASHINGTON — Four of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) vessels "harassed" a US warship on Tuesday near the Strait of Hormuz, a US defence official said, amid Washington's concerns about Iran's posture in the Gulf and in the Syrian civil war.

The official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said on Wednesday that two of the Iranian vessels came within 300 yards of the USS Nitze in an incident that was "unsafe and unprofessional."

The vessels harassed the destroyer by "conducting a high speed intercept and closing within a short distance of Nitze, despite repeated warnings," the official said.

IRGC, the Islamic Republic's praetorian guard, is suspicious of US military activity near Iran's borders and appears to be sticking to a familiar posture in the Gulf that predates last year's nuclear accord between Iran and six world powers, including the United States.



The USS Nitze, a Guided Missile Destroyer is greeted by the spray of a fireboat to kick off Fleet Week in New York Harbour, on 24 May, 2006. Fleet Week will run through 30 May, featuring extensive naval and military display for the public. PHOTO: REUTERS

The United States and other countries are concerned about Iran's support for Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, its ballistic missile programme, and its backing for Shiite militias

that have abused civilians in Iraq.

The US defence official said that in Tuesday's incident the USS Nitze tried to communicate with the Iranian vessels 12 times,

but received no response. It also fired 10 flares in the direction of two of the Iranian vessels.

"The Iranian high rate of closure... created a dangerous, harassing situation

that could have led to further escalation, including additional defensive measures by Nitze," the official said. USS Nitze had to change course in order to distance itself from the

Iranian vessels, the official said, adding that the incident could have led to a diplomatic protest, but the United States does not have diplomatic relations with Iran.

It remains to be seen whether these actions were carried out by rogue Revolutionary Guard commanders or sanctioned by senior officials in Tehran, said Karim Sadjadpour, an Iran expert at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

"For four decades the Revolutionary Guard have been told that America is the greatest threat to the Islamic Revolution," said Sadjadpour. "This institutional culture hasn't changed after the nuclear deal," he added.

In January, 10 US sailors aboard two patrol craft were detained by the IRGC when they inadvertently entered Iranian territorial waters. They were released the next day after being held for about 15 hours.

The Gulf separates Iran from its regional rival Saudi Arabia and a US naval base in Bahrain.—Reuters

Duterte accuses Philippine senator probing killings of taking drug money

MANILA — Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte on Thursday accused a senator heading an inquiry into extra-judicial drug killings of taking bribes from jailed drug lords, which she immediately denied.

The senator, Leila de Lima, who has criticised the surge of killings and called for the Senate investigation, appealed to Duterte in a news conference to "stop this madness".

More than 1,900 people have been killed in Duterte's war on drugs since he came to power seven weeks ago, according to police figures. Police say the toll of about 36 people a day is a result of drug dealers resisting arrest

or gang feuds.

Duterte, who won a May election on a promise to wipe out drugs and dealers, last month named about 160 officials, judges, police and soldiers who he said were protecting drug traffickers or selling drugs in their communities.

On Thursday, he turned his anger on De Lima.

"De Lima, you are finished," Duterte told a news conference in Davao City in the south of the country where he used to be mayor and built his reputation as a ruthless crime fighter.

Duterte handed the media a diagram purportedly showing links between officials and politicians and big

drug dealers locked up in the country's main prison.

At the top of the list was de Lima.

"De Lima is undergoing a nightmare now," Duterte said.

De Lima later held her own news conference and denied the president's accusations as "nonsense and baseless". She said the diagram showing her atop a web of graft and drugs was "garbage".

She said was the only one speaking out against Duterte's war on drugs and she would not be threatened.

"Stop this madness," she pleaded to the president.

"It's as if this war against drugs has turned

into a war versus de Lima ... It's like he's really bent on destroying me at all costs. I hope he stops it."

This month, Duterte said de Lima was having an affair with her driver. She declined to comment on the issue.

Also on the president's diagram was a congressman, who is also a retired police general and former provincial governor, a former deputy justice minister and his brother, a former prison official, and a civilian, who was de Lima's driver.

The United States, a close ally of the Philippines, said this week it was "deeply concerned" about the reports of extra-judicial drug kill-



Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte. PHOTO: REUTERS

ings and it urged Duterte's government to ensure that law-enforcement efforts "comply with its human rights obligation".

The crackdown and some strongly worded criticism Duterte has made of the United States since coming

to power present a dilemma for Washington, which has been seeking to forge unity among allies in Asia in the face of an increasingly assertive China, especially in the strategic South China Sea.

Last week, two UN human rights experts urged Manila to stop the extra-judicial executions and killings. Duterte responded by threatening to leave the United Nations.

The Philippines summoned the Chinese ambassador this week to explain reports that traffickers were bringing narcotics from China. "This fight against drugs will continue to the last day of my term," Duterte told the news conference.—Reuters

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Emblazoned with doves

Kyaw Thura

"THE most important question in the world is 'Why?'. Why do we fail to build lasting peace? Why do we fail to bring about peace on our side? Why do they fail to bring about peace on their side? If both sides apply fair thinking to these questions, trust can be established."

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi said so in a meeting with the Peace Process Steering Team (PPST) in Nay Pyi Taw a few days ago,

depicting trust as a vital ingredient for the peace process and calling for concerted efforts to make the peace conference a success from the start.

On the one hand, lack of trust can cause contracts to end in vain, no matter what their terms are. On the other, mutual trust is capable of rooting out other outstanding issues. In this respect, straightforwardness and uprightness are crucial to the

institutionalisation of understanding and trust in face-to-face interactions.

It is therefore necessary for all the armed groups to be determined to rid the citizens of unwanted burdens by reflecting on how much our country has suffered in its long wait for enduring peace. In fact, politicking is an activity that can be undertaken without arms.

After all, the long-running internal armed conflicts

now look like they are coming to a close as the peace conference is hailed not only as a historic, inclusive event but also the beginning of the end to the suffering, pain and tragedy of our innocent national brethren. As the state counsellor put it, an opportunity like this comes once in a lifetime. So, the 21st Century Panglong Peace Conference, scheduled for 31 August, should be emblazoned with doves.

HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH?

U KHIN MAUNG
(A retired diplomat)

I think, English language is gaining a growing popularity day by day. And around the world, more and more people are learning English in earnest. Why? Simply because they wish to be able to communicate with the rest of the world. In other words, people, these days are learning to achieve global literacy, i.e. the ability to communicate and converse with the rest of the world with Information Technology tools, such as, the computer, the Internet and the command of English as the international lingua franca.

Well, then, you might wish to ask me, "how should we learn and improve our English? or "how should we improve four skills; reading, listening, speaking and writing English?" To be honest, I am not a scholar, nor a linguist; but I am still a learner, in the literal sense of the term. As such, I would like to offer the following suggestions which may be all too familiar to you.

(A) Reading

To start with, I wish to quote Francis Bacon, "Reading maketh a full man, conference a ready man, and writing an exact man". So, if you wish to learn and, of course, improve your English and then become also a man of knowledge, you must read and read. For how long? For the rest of your life. And you must ever remain a voracious reader, if I may say.

In this connection, I would also like to quote, "KandawminKyaungSayadaw". If freely translated, I think, it may read, "please don't consider any knowledge to be too little to be of any significance, If we take note of anything we have come upon, anything we have read, it'll be just like single rain drops, when accumulated and thus become plentiful to fill up fisheries, streams and lakes"! Knowledge is cumulative. "Knowledge is there in literature."

And in cultivating a habit of reading, you should start with those reading materials that you could easily understand. Then, you must build up your vocabulary and read those books and writings whatsoever your hands

could lay on. Here again, I wish to quote what Francis Bacon said, "Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested. And concerning "habit and custom" may I also quote Charles Reade." It reads: "Sow an act you reap a habit. Sow a habit you reap a character. Sow a character you reap a destiny."

(B) Listening

In this, I think we don't need any further elaboration. So, please first "sow the act of listening and then you reap a habit". Simply put, please cultivate a listening habit. And please listen to Myanmar Radio and Television in English, C.N.N.C.N.A and all other programmes in English just for the sake of improving your listening skill and level of comprehension.

(C) Speaking

There is a wise old saying- a very well — known and a much note-worthy one; "practice makes perfect." To this, I would like to add something I have learnt; practice does not only make perfect, but it also makes permanent. So, practise speaking English regular-

ly. All genuine knowledge and perfection come from practice. Here again, please remember a Myanmar saying "a step a day, Bagan (an old royal city of Myanmar) will not stay away for ever from you — you'll reach it." Please believe me, "constancy of effort is always crowned with success." "regularity is the source of success." Therefore, please practise speaking English whenever you have the opportunity and the right environment. When it comes to speaking English, don't be afraid to make mistakes, learn from them. "You can't be taught (spoon-fed) to speak and write better English. You have to learn it."

(D) Writing

Writing is an art. To become a writer, and a good writer at that, is not as simple as you may think. I believe it takes a parami — aptitude to become a writer and then to become a celebrity. Nevertheless, to try to become a celebrity writer is one thing and just to write for your own improvement is another. So, practise writing now: do it now.

All in all, "to increase your

knowledge and mastery of the English language" and to gain proficiency in English it may be rather difficult, but it's not impossible. "Where there is a will, there is a way." A strong will, dedication and determination are all that we need so as to improve and gain proficiency in English". I hope you'll agree with me. What do you say? Let me have your views and comments. In conclusion, I would like to quote MR. Norman Lewis as follows: "No educative process is ever the end; it is always the beginning of more education, more learning, more living."

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Letter to the Editor

I was pretty impressive with the article titled "An impression on Myanmar Legal Tender Notes" written by Tommy Pauk appeared on 03.08.2016 in the opinion column in the GNLM.

Tommy Pauk has presented the features printed on the legal tender notes issued between the eras of Parliament Democracy Government (Union of Myanmar) and the Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma). Tom-

my Pauk has made the elderly citizens of the Myanmar recall the local currency notes issued during that space of time and the younger citizens arouse curiosity on the portraits of the National hero General Aung San and the Patriotic prominent persons featured on the currency notes in the past. The younger citizens who are in their thirties have no chance to see those notes but they can find the demonetized notes or old notes in

the hands of numismatists or in the dealer-shop of antique coins and notes.

Tommy Pauk revealed that the entire citizens wish to feature the portrait of General Aung San (Bogyoke Aung San) and historical prominent figures of Myanmar especially on the obverse sides of the currency notes on various denominations. Of course, that is the true wish of the entire citizen for re-figuring the portrait of General Aung San (Bogyoke Aung San) and historical prominent figures of Myanmar.

Tommy Pauk also suggested that the authorities and Central Bank should issue new notes containing the portrait of General Aung San (Bogyoke Aung San) and historical prominent figures of Myanmar. To be honest, it is our burning desire to carry legal tender notes featured with the portraits of General Aung San (Bogyoke Aung San) and historical prominent figures of Myanmar. The people's desire of this can be fulfilled by any government, I believe. Why not?

It is very common to see

the portraits of national heroes or leaders or the honorable persons or the prominent figures on their local currency notes in respective countries across the world. We should take pride in our hard currency and General Aung San (Bogyoke Aung San) our national hero, who is well-known in the world. I understand that the issue of new legal tender notes with our national hero is an act of paying tribute to his patriotic deeds.

Truly
Hein Htet

VP U Myint Swe meets with Chinese Vice Minister of Commerce



Vice President U Myint Swe receives Madam Gao Yan, Vice-Minister of Commerce of the People's Republic of China. PHOTO: MNA

VICE President U Myint Swe received Madam Gao Yan, Vice-Minister of Commerce of the People's Republic of China at Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the call the two representatives held discussions on the promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation in the economic sector.

The Chinese Vice-Minister invited the Vice-President to attend the 13th China-ASEAN Expo to be held in Nanning, China.

Also present were Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Hong Lian and officials.— *Myanmar News Agency*

Matriculation examination application forms become available 1 September

APPLICATION forms for matriculation students for the 2016-2017 Academic Year will be available at the Department of Myanmar Board of Examinations as of 1 September, according to a department statement released yesterday.

In submission of the application forms, a green coloured application form with an examination card is set for students who are going to sit for the examinations in the subject combinations of Nos (1), (5), (6), (7) and (8) and a pink coloured application form with an examination card for students in the subject combinations of Nos (2), (3) and (4). External students are to submit their application forms with stamps that must be stuck on the top left corner of the forms to their respective Township Education Officer's Offices no later than 30 September.

For students from Basic Education High Schools, branches and affiliated BEHSs and private schools, respective school heads are to collectively submit application forms of the students to the department not later than 30 September. The department said that those who fail to submit the application forms on time will not be allowed to sit for the examinations and application forms must be correctly filled as no change in the subject combinations is allowed.

Application forms and stamps, used as the fee for examinations, will be available at No (52), the Department of Myanmar Board of Examinations (Head Office) in Nay Pyi Taw, Zweekabin Hall in Hline Campus in Yangon and No (166) on Latha Street in Yangon, the department added.— *Myanmar News Agency*

VP Henry Van Thio meets Indonesian parliamentary delegation



Vice President U Henry Van Thio receives Indonesian parliamentary delegation led by Mr. H. MAHYUDIN, Vice Chairman of People's Consultative Assembly of Indonesia. PHOTO: MNA

VICE President U Henry Van Thio received an Indonesian parliamentary delegation led by Mr. H. MAHYUDIN, Vice Chairman of People's Consultative Assembly of Indonesia, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they exchanged views on promoting cooperation between the two parliaments of the two countries and boosting the bilateral trade volume to US\$ 1 billion.

Mr Mahyudin also offered to give assistance the earth-

quake-hit areas.

Also present at the call were Minister of State for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Tin, Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win and officials. — *Myanmar New Agency*

Mandalay Region Government provided with K200 million by BFM for renovation of damaged pagodas in Bagan

FOLLOWING the powerful 6.8 magnitude earthquake that shook central Myanmar on Wednesday, KBZ's Brighter Future Myanmar Foundation has contributed K200 million to fund the renovation of pagodas and religious edifices damaged by the earthquake and for the rehabilitation of people affected.

Personnel from the founda-

tion handed over the donation to Mandalay Region Chief Minister Dr Zaw Myint Maung yesterday in Bagan.

The quake's epicenter lay about 12 miles west of Chauk and about 123 miles southwest of the Mandalay seismological observatory. Three people died and more than 180 pagodas in Bagan and several pagodas

and edifices in other areas were damaged.

The BFM also donated K50 million, 1,300 sets of warm clothes and 2,000 packs of dry-rations to the Naga Self-administrative zone as emergency aid and warm clothing to internally displaced people in camps recently.—*Thura Lwin (Eco)*

Commemorative stamps to be issued to mark Union Peace Conference—21st Century Panglong



THE Myanma Postal Service of the Ministry of Transport and Communications has issued three new stamps in commemoration of the Union Peace Conference —21st Century Panglong, which will include all ethnic groups in My-

anmar.

The sales of the stamps valued at K100, K200 and K500 will launch at 9.30 am at the offices of the Myanma Postal Services in regions and states on 31st August.

The stamps, which are

expected to sell quickly, will be made available on the first day of release with a date stamp at the Nay Pyi Taw General Post Office, the Yangon Post Office and the Mandalay Post Office.—*Myanmar News Agency*

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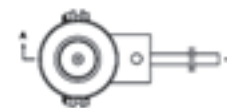


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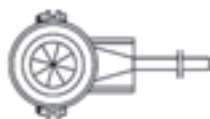


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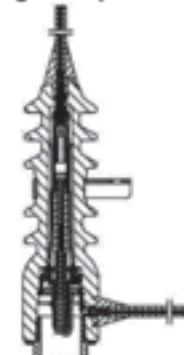


Fig.8 - Cross-sectional View taken along line A-A in Fig 4

(2) Cutout switch without metal fittings - Reg. No. 4/7307/ 2016 (Dated 3.6.2016)



Fig.1- Perspective View



Fig.2 - Front View



Fig.3 - Rear View



Fig.4 - Top Plan View



Fig.5- Bottom Plan View



Fig.6 - Right side View



Fig.7 - Left side View



Fig.8 - Cross-sectional View taken along line A-A in Fig 4

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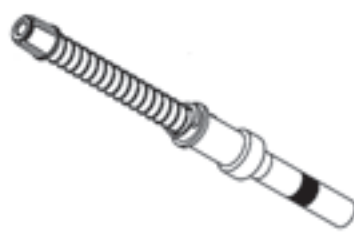


Fig.2 - Rear Perspective View



Fig.3 - Front View



Fig.5- Top Plan View



Fig.4 - Rear View



Fig.6 - Bottom Plan View



Fig.7 - Right side View



Fig.8 - Left side View



Fig.9 - Cross-sectional View taken along line A-A in Fig 3



Fig.10 - Referential View showing the article in use

(4) Fuse for a cutout switch having a sheathing - Reg. No. 4/9524/ 2016 (Dated 4.8.2016)



Fig.1- Perspective View



Fig.2 - Front View



Fig.3 - Rear View



Fig.4 - Top Plan View



Fig.5- Bottom Plan View



Fig.6 - Right side View



Fig.7 - Left side View



Fig.8 - Referential View showing the article in use

(5) Fuse for a cutout switch without a sheathing - Reg. No. 4/9525/ 2016 (Dated 29.7.2016)



Fig.1- Perspective View



Fig.2 - Front View



Fig.3 - Rear View



Fig.4 - Top Plan View



Fig.5- Bottom Plan View



Fig.6 - Right side View



Fig.7 - Left side View

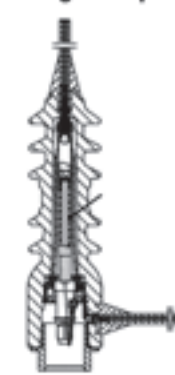


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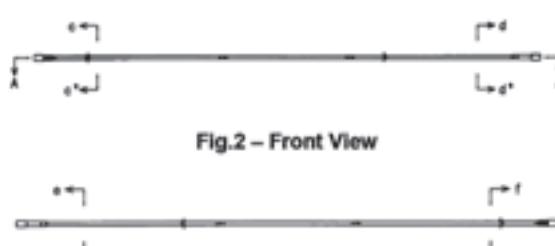


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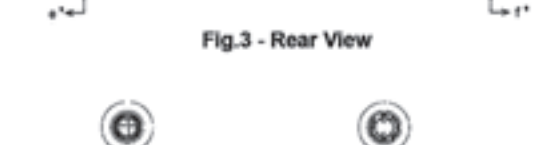


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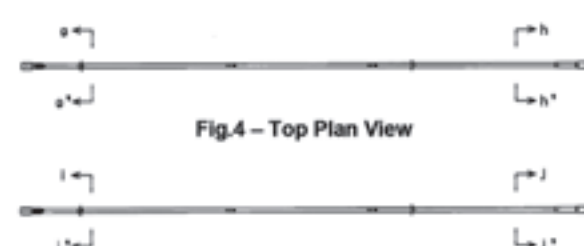


Fig.4 - Top Plan View



Fig.5 - Bottom Plan View



Fig.6 - Right Side View



Fig.7 - Left Side View



Fig.8 - enlarged right side view



Fig.9 (enlarged left side view)



Fig.11 - Enlarged View of the portion indicated by line a-a' in FIG.1



Fig.12 - Enlarged View of the portion indicated by line b-b' in FIG.1

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An injured person is rescued with a helicopter following an earthquake at Pescara del Tronto, central Italy, on 24 August 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Italy quake toll rises to nearly 250 as rescuers struggle to find survivors

AMATRICE (Italy) — The death toll from a devastating earthquake in central Italy rose sharply to almost 250 people early on Thursday after rescue teams worked through the night to try to find survivors under the rubble of flattened towns.

The provisional toll jumped to 247 from the 159 dead listed on Wednesday night, national and regional officials said as a wave of aftershocks rattled a cluster of mountain communities 140 km (85 miles) east of Rome.

The strong 6.2 magnitude quake struck early on Wednesday as people slept, razing homes and buckling roads. It was powerful enough to be felt in Bologna to the north and Naples to the south, both more than 220 km (135 miles) from the epicenter.

The sun rose on Thursday on many people who had slept in cars or tents, the

earth continuing to tremble under their feet. Two powerful aftershocks registered 5.1 and 5.4.

Officials said the death toll seemed destined to rise further. The toll appeared likely to surpass that from the last major quake to strike Italy, a temblor that killed more than 300 people in the central city of L'Aquila in 2009.

At least 368 injured people had been taken to hospital by late on Wednesday, Prime Minister Matteo Renzi said.

One hotel that collapsed in the small town of Amatrice probably had about 70 guests and only seven bodies had been recovered so far, said the mayor of the one of the worst-hit towns.

Rescuers working with emergency lighting in the darkness saved a 10-year-old girl, pulling her alive from the rubble where she

had lain for some 17 hours in the hamlet of Pescara del Tronto. Many other children were not so lucky. A family of four, including two boys aged 8 months and 9 years, were buried when their house imploded in the nearby village of Accumoli.

As rescue workers carried away the body of the infant, carefully covered by a small blanket, the children's grandmother blamed God. "He took them all at once," she wailed.

Renzi said the Cabinet would meet on Thursday to decide measures to help the affected communities.

"Today is a day for tears, tomorrow we can talk of reconstruction," he told reporters late on Wednesday.

Aerial photographs showed whole areas of Amatrice, last year voted one of Italy's most beautiful historic towns, flattened by

the quake. Inhabitants of the four worst-hit small towns rise by as much as tenfold in the summer, and many of those killed or missing were visitors. The civil protection agency said it was trying to determine how many people were staying in the Hotel Roma, Amatrice's best-known accommodation that mayor Sergio Pirozzi said had collapsed.

Most of the damage was in the Lazio and Marche regions, with Lazio bearing the brunt of the damage and the biggest toll. Neighbouring Umbria was also affected. All three regions are dotted with centuries-old buildings susceptible to earthquakes. Italy's earthquake institute, INGV, said the epicenter was near Accumoli and Amatrice, which lie between the larger towns of Ascoli Piceno to the northeast and Rieti to the southwest.—Reuters

Without aid, 49,000 children will die this year in northeast Nigeria — UN

LAGOS — Nearly half a million children around Lake Chad face "severe acute malnutrition" due to drought and a seven-year insurgency by Islamist militant group Boko Haram in northeastern Nigeria, UNICEF said on Thursday.

Of the 475,000 deemed at risk, 49,000 in Nigeria's Borno state, Boko Haram's heartland, will die this year if they do not receive treatment, according to the United Nations' child agency, which is appealing for \$308 million (233 million pounds) to cope with the crisis.

However, to date, UNICEF said it had only received \$41 million, 13 per cent of what it needs to help those affected in the four countries — Chad, Nigeria, Niger and Cameroon — that border Lake Chad.

At the start of 2015, Boko Haram occupied an area the size of Belgium but has since been pushed back over the last 18 months by military assaults by the four countries.

Most of its remaining forces are now hiding in the wilds of the vast Sambisa forest, southeast of the Bor-

no provincial capital, Maiduguri.

UNICEF said that as Nigerian government forces captured and secured territory, aid officials were starting to piece together the scale of the humanitarian disaster left behind in the group's wake. "Towns and villages are in ruins and communities have no access to basic services," UNICEF said in a report.

In Borno, nearly two thirds of hospitals and clinics had been partially or completely destroyed and three-quarters of water and sanitation facilities needed to be rehabilitated. Despite the military gains, UNICEF said, 2.2 million people remain trapped in areas under the control of Boko Haram — which is trying to establish a caliphate in the southern reaches of the Sahara — or are staying in camps, fearful of going home. Boko Haram is thought to have killed as many as 15,000 people since the launch of its insurgency in 2009.

Responding to its battlefield setbacks, Boko Haram has turned to suicide bombings, many involving children.—Reuters



Chadian refugee Fatime Hassan, 7, poses for a picture in Darnaim refugee camp, Lake Chad region, Chad, in this handout picture taken on 4 August 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

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MV ANAN BHUM VOY. NO ()

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ANAN BHUM VOY NO () are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 26.8.2016 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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MV FSL SANTOS VOY. NO ()

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El Faro captain ordered crew to abandon ship before sinking

TAMPA, (Fla) — The captain of the doomed El Faro cargo ship sounded an alarm for his crew to abandon the vessel shortly before it sank last fall in a hurricane near the Bahamas, killing all 33 onboard, the US National Transportation Safety Board said on Wednesday.

Twenty-six hours of newly recovered audio, captured by microphones on the ship's bridge, offer chilling detail into the final hours before the 790-foot (241-metre) ship sank on 1 October, after sailing into Hurricane Joaquin on a routine cargo run between Florida and Puerto Rico.

The NTSB released preliminary details from information it recovered from the ship's voyage data recorder, found earlier this month on the ocean floor after a 10-month search.

The data includes weather and navigational detail, in addition to recorded conversations, that could provide crucial answers to what happened in the worst



The stern of the El Faro is shown on the ocean floor taken from an underwater video camera on 1 November, 2015. PHOTO: REUTERS

cargo shipping disaster involving a US-flagged vessel in more than three decades.

In their final morning, El Faro's crew were clearly in trouble, according to the data recordings, which

began hours after the ship's departure from Jacksonville, Florida two days earlier, before a brewing storm had developed into a hurricane. At 6:13am, the crew was discussing flooding and lost

propulsion. In a phone call, the ship's master informed staff on shore that the situation was critical, the NTSB said in a statement. He was preparing to abandon ship if necessary.—Reuters

Missing Czech tourist found alive after month in New Zealand wilderness

WELLINGTON — A Czech woman who was lost in a remote area of New Zealand's South Island for four weeks after her partner died in an accident has been found alive, New Zealand Police said Thursday.

The two Czech tourists had set out to hike the mountainous 32-kilometer Routeburn Track in the lower South Island and had not been heard from since late July, said Otago Lakes Central Area Commander Olaf Jensen.

Concerns were raised with police only on Wednesday morning that the couple's car at the track's carpark appeared to have been untouched for a period.

Searchers in a helicopter later found the woman in a Department of Conservation warden's hut.

She told police they had entered the track on 24 July and her partner fell down a steep slope on 28 July.

"She managed to reach him, however, it's believed he died not long after," Jensen said in a statement.

"She then made her way to a hut where she has been since early August."

The woman had been taken to hospital for assessment and was in good health, although she was understandably upset.

Police and rescue teams were still searching for her companion's body.

"This is a highly unusual case," said Jensen.

"It's very unusual for someone to be missing in the New Zealand bush for such a long period without it being reported," he said.—Xinhua

Brazil Senate to open Rousseff's impeachment trial

BRASILIA — Brazil's Senate will open the impeachment trial of suspended President Dilma Rousseff on Thursday and hear witnesses for and against the leftist leader who is expected to be removed from office next week on charges of breaking budget laws.

Rousseff, Brazil's first female president, will appear before the 81 senators on Monday to defend herself, but her opponents are confident they have more than the 54 votes needed to convict her.

The final vote expected on late Tuesday or the early hours of Wednesday would confirm her Vice President Michel Temer as Brazil's new leader for the rest of her term through 2018, ending 13 years of leftwing Workers Party (PT) rule.

A poll published by *O Globo* newspaper on Thursday showed that 51 senators were committed to voting to dismiss Rousseff, with only 19 supporting her and 11 undecided.

Temer's right-leaning government held last minute talks with senators and political parties to shore up votes against Rousseff, who has denied any wrongdoing and described efforts to oust her as a 'coup'. Temer aides said they expect at least 60 senators to vote against Rousseff. If he is confirmed president by Rousseff's ouster, Temer would face a daunting task to steer Latin America's largest economy out of its worst recession since the Great Depression and plug a budget deficit that topped 10 percent of gross domestic product (GDP).

Rousseff is charged with spending without Congressional approval and manipulating government accounts to disguise the extent of the deficit in the run-up to her 2014 re-election.

Financial markets have rallied on prospects of a more market friendly government, with the real currency rising around 30 per cent against the dollar this year. Still, investors and members of Temer's fragile coalition are concerned he has yet to unveil measures to drastically curb the deficit.

A draft budget for next year is not expected in Congress until 31 August, after the Senate vote, by which time Temer could have more political leverage to push through unpopular austerity measures.

Temer's team has sought to speed up the trial so he can set about restoring confidence in a once-booming economy and remove any doubts about his legitimacy as Brazil's president.


If Rousseff is removed, Temer must be sworn in by the Senate. He is then expected to address the nation before heading to the summit of the G20 group of leading economies in Hangzhou, China on 4-5 September on his first trip abroad.—Reuters




Brazil's suspended President Dilma Rousseff speaks during a meeting with people from pro-democracy movements in Brasilia, Brazil, on 24 August 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

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Actor-director Krasinski mines tears, laughs in 'The Hollars'

LOS ANGELES — An aging matriarch's brain tumour diagnosis may not be the obvious scenario for a comedy, but actor-director John Krasinski wanted to show in his movie "The Hollars" that life does not always differentiate between tragedy and humor. "You don't have time to pre-

Laid up in the hospital, Sally (Margo Martindale) comforts her adult sons Ron (Sharlto Copley) and John (Krasinski), one dealing with divorce and the other on the cusp of becoming a father, while her husband Don (Richard Jenkins) struggles to keep his business afloat.

"It was a very honest look at life, an honest look at a situation (with) a surprising and messy family, and extremely funny," Martindale said. "It's the way you hope life is in a very tragic situation."

Krasinski said Martindale was so integral to the role of Sally that he would not have made the movie without her. In one emotional scene, "she brought something so real, so personal, so vulnerable, so primal that that's not an acting performance," he said.

As the Hollars deal with their circumstances, much of the humor comes from supporting characters such as the jealous nurse (Charlie Day), the patient priest (Josh Groban), the neurotic pregnant girlfriend (Anna Kendrick) and the matter-of-fact doctor (Randall Park).

"The Hollars" is the second directorial film from Krasinski, who is best known for playing nice guy Jim Halpert in NBC's long-running "The Office" sitcom.—*Reuters*



Actor-director John Krasinski. PHOTO: REUTERS

pare for the bad moments in your life, and you don't have time to prepare for the good moments in your life," Krasinski said. "They just sort of happen to you."

"The Hollars," out in theaters on Friday, follows the immediate aftermath of Sally Hollar's brain tumor diagnosis. Her dysfunctional family comes to her aid, each bringing his own baggage.

Courtney Cox regrets 'horrible' bids to fight aging

LOS ANGELES — Former "Friends" star Courtney Cox says she is now reconciled to looking older and regrets some procedures she had in the past to keep the wrinkles at bay.

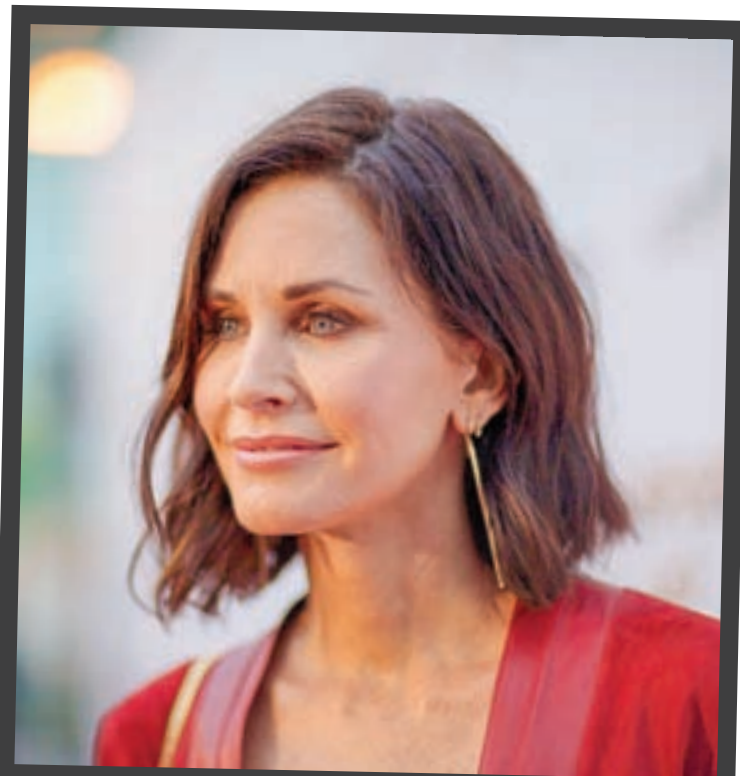
Cox, 52, spoke out during an expedition with outdoor adventurer Bear Grylls in the Irish highlands, in which the pair abseiled down sheer cliffs and shared maggots found in a rotting sheep.

"Getting older has not been... I don't think it's the easiest thing. But I have learned lessons," Cox said in the "Running Wild with Bear Grylls" episode that aired on NBC television on Monday.

Cox, who spoke some years ago about using Botox and laser treatments to prolong her youthful looks, said she was now more relaxed.

"Sometimes you find yourself trying and then you look at a picture of yourself and go, 'Oh, God.' Like, you look horrible. I have done things that I regret, and luckily they're things that dissolve and go away. So, um, that's good, because it's not always been my best look. So, now I just have a new motto: 'Just let it be,'" she said.

Cox, who played Monica Geller for 10 years in the comedy series "Friends," is the latest star to speak out about the pressure women feel in Hollywood to maintain their looks.



Courtney Cox, director of the movie "Just Before I Go", poses at the premiere in Los Angeles, California, US, in 2015. PHOTO: REUTERS

Her "Friends" co-star Jennifer Aniston, 47, last month wrote that she was sick of the "sport-like scrutiny and body shaming that occurs daily" in celebrity and other media, while "Bridget Jones" star Renee Zellweger, 47, slammed persistent speculation that she had undergone plastic surgery on her face or eyes.

"Too skinny, too fat, show-

ing age, better as a brunette, cellulite thighs, facelift scandal, going bald, fat belly or bump? Ugly shoes, ugly feet, ugly smile, ugly hands, ugly dress, ugly laugh; headline material which emphasizes the implied variables meant to determine a person's worth," Zellweger wrote in a 5 August blog for the Huffington Post.—*Reuters*

Celebrities join Native American pipeline protest in Washington, DC

WASHINGTON — Actors Susan Sarandon, Riley Keough and Shailene Woodley joined members of North Dakota's Standing Rock Sioux Tribe outside a courthouse in Washington, DC, on Wednesday to protest against construction of a pipeline they say would pollute water and desecrate sacred land.

About 100 members of the Native American group demonstrated outside the US District Court for the District of Columbia while others filled a courtroom inside where a legal battle unfolded over the \$3.7 billion project.

The 1,100 mile (1770.28 km) pipeline, being built by a group of firms led by Energy Transfer Partners, would be the first to bring Bakken shale from North Dakota directly to refineries in the US Gulf Coast.

The group behind the pipeline, called Dakota Access, had planned to start operations in the fourth quarter of this year, but construction has been dogged since April by protests in North Dakota, and some work has been halted.

A Dakota Access spokeswoman said earlier this week that the company has "temporarily deferred grading activities" across a

short section of the right-of-way, while "law enforcement works to contain the unlawful protests."

Tribal leaders say it is they that need the protection of the law.

"In our land, it was never protected, it was just taken and they strategically placed these dams so that tribal lands would get flooded," said David Archambault II, chairman of the tribe, speaking outside the courtroom in Washington on Wednesday.

Dakota Access filed a restraining order against Archambault and other members of the tribe in federal court in North Dakota earlier this month.

In turn, the tribe has sought a preliminary injunction in Washington to halt pipeline construc-

tion, accusing the US Army Corps of Engineers of violating historic preservation and environmental laws by approving the pipeline, which would cross just north of the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation in North Dakota.

The Army Corps of Engineers declined comment on Wednesday.

The tribe says the pipeline would leave it vulnerable to contamination from oil spills and would damage historic and culturally significant sites in violation of the National Historic Preservation Act and National Environmental Policy Act.

Supporters of the pipeline have said in court filings that it would provide a safer and more cost-effective way to transport Bakken shale to the US Gulf than

by road or rail.

On Wednesday, District Court Judge James Boasberg held a hearing on the tribe's motion for a preliminary injunction, and said he would announce his decision by 9 September. He set a status hearing for 14 September.

In the meantime, work on the pipeline will go no further, as Dakota Access waits for permissions to cross certain federal lands, which must be authorized by the Army Corps of Engineers and approved by Congress.

Outside the court, Sarandon and other celebrities showed support for the tribe.

"I'm here as a mother and a grandmother to thank the people of the Standing Rock community for bringing our attention to this horrible thing that is happening to their land, which in turn will endanger all of us ... because all of our waters are connected," said Sarandon, the Oscar-winning actress known for social and political activism.

The Standing Rock Sioux tribe has 15,000 members throughout the United States with 6,000 to 8,000 living on tribal lands in North Dakota.—*Reuters*



Actress Susan Sarandon. PHOTO: REUTERS

'Birth of a Nation' slavery movie stumbles in Hollywood

LOS ANGELES — The American Film Institute has called off a Los Angeles screening of slavery movie "The Birth of a Nation" amid controversy over an old rape case involving the film's director just as Hollywood's awards season swings into gear.

The screening, scheduled for Friday at the AFI, was to be followed by a question and answer session with director Nate Parker in what would have been Parker's first public event since it emerged last week that the accuser in his 1999 rape trial and acquittal committed suicide in 2012.

Parker, 36, was little known before writing, directing and starring in the film which wowed audiences at the Sundance Film Festival in January and was seen as a strong 2017 Oscar contender. It tells the story of Nat Turner, who led a slave rebellion in Virginia in 1831.—*Reuters*

Czech locksmith builds plane to fly to work 10 miles away

ZDIKOV — Frantisek Hadrava thought driving to work for 14 minutes was too much, so he built an plane to cut the commute by half.

Hadrava, a 45-year old locksmith from the south-western Czech village of Zdikov, took about two years of his spare time to built his Vampira, an ultralight plane based on the US-design of light planes called Mini-Max.

The plane has an open cockpit, propeller powered by a 3-cylinder engine made by Czech firm Verner, and maximum speed of 146 km (91 miles) an hour. It cost about 3,700 euros (\$4,200) to build, Hadrava said.

Early on Wednesday morning, Hadrava flew his usual path through the forested, hilly foothills of the Sumava mountains for his 6 am shift

at Drevostroj, a small factory in the town of Ckyne making machine tools for the forestry industry.

He lands on a meadow across the road from the factory.

He then needs to push the plane across the road, leading to the German border, to a parking lot outside the factory. "It takes me about 12-14 minutes by car," Hadrava said.

"By plane, it would take around 4-5 minutes if I flew directly, but I take a bit of a detour so that I don't disturb people early in the morning. So it takes about 7 minutes."

Hadrava has also build a replica of the German World War One triplane Fokker Dr. I, and his next plan is to construct another historical plane, the French Deperdussin. —Reuters

Australian burkini designer profits from French ban

SYDNEY — The Australian designer of the burkini said she has enjoyed increased sales of the body-covering swimwear for Muslim women since three French cities banned it.

The mayors of Cannes, Villeeneuve-Loubet and the Corsican seaside resort of Sisco imposed the ban last week, arguing the burkini, which leaves only the face, hands and feet exposed, defies French laws on secularism.

"Our sales have increased and the more they actually ban it, or the more they actually reject it, it doesn't mean a woman will stop wearing it," Sydney designer Aheda Zanetti told Reuters.

"I think they've misunderstood, I think that when we produced the swimsuit it was part of integration, it was part of combining cultures."

The burkini debate is particularly sensitive in France, where the full face niqab and burqa veils were banned in 2010. Tensions between communities have heightened following deadly attacks by Islamist militants.

Last month, a Tunisian killed



Australian muslim swimming instructor Fadila Chafic wears her full-length 'burkini' swimsuit during a swimming lesson with her children Taaleen (L) and Ibrahim at swimming pool in Sydney, on 23 August 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

85 people when he drove a truck into crowds in Nice and a Roman Catholic priest had his throat cut in church by two French Muslims.

And in November 130 people were killed by bombings and shootings in Paris.

Zanetti, who has lived in Australia for more than 40 years since moving from Lebanon, designed the burkini in 2004 after struggling to find sporting garments

suitable for Muslim women.

She said by using a hood to cover the head, rather than a burqa veil, the burkini had become an option for non-Muslim women.

Zanetti estimated that 40 per cent of her sales go to non-Muslim women, with cancer survivors, body conscious mothers or women who want to protect their skin from the sun among the buyers. —Reuters



A zoo keeper weighs Humboldt penguins during the annual weigh-in at London Zoo in London, Britain, on 24 August 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

How to weigh a penguin and other tricks from London Zoo

LONDON — How do you weigh and measure more than 18,000 wild animals?

Carefully. And with tricks and treats.

Keepers at London Zoo on Wednesday took on the monumental job of measuring and weighing their inmates to check their health. Penguins hopped on and off scales. Tigers walked warily toward large measuring sticks.

With 712 different species calling the zoo in the British capital home, the team have an array of scales, measures as well as tricks to lure the animals for the annual task.

In the squirrel monkey enclosure, keepers used an almond

treat to persuade the jumping little animals to stay on the scales long enough for a reading.

The penguins, of course, queued up to get weighed in exchange for fish.

"Our heaviest animal here is one of our giraffes weighing in at nearly ... about 860 kg (1,896 lb). The lightest would have to be something like a leaf cutter ant which is just minuscule, it wouldn't even reach the scale in the grams," Mark Habben, head of zoo management, said.

The central London zoo uses the data to check on the overall health of the animals. Every January, it conducts a head count of the creatures and the numbers are shared with other zoos. —Reuters

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Monchengladbach crushed Young Boys Bern 6-1 in UEFA Champions League play-off

BERLIN — Borussia Monchengladbach crushed Switzerland outfit Bern 6-1 (9-2 on aggregate) at the second leg of UEFA Champions League play-offs on Wednesday.

Despite Monchengladbach's 3-1 away win at the first leg, Andre Schubert's men staged a powerful performance sweeping visitor's Young Boys Bern off the pitch, as Raffael and Thorgan Hazard provided overall six goals to secure a berth in Europe.

The hosts grabbed a perfect start in front of home crowd as Thorgan Hazard finished off Raffael's assist left-footed to break the deadlock with just nine minutes into the encounter.

The early opener gave the Monchengladbach momentum whereas Young Boys focused on their defence to avoid another goal. However, after working out a number of opportunities, Monchengladbach's Raffael doubled the lead with 33 minutes played as Bern failed to clear the ball from their territory.

Adi Huetter's men were unable to keep the hosts on the distance as Raffael completed a

fast break following Lars Stindl's cross to make it 3-0 on the scoreboards before the break.

After the restart, Monchengladbach started where they left off after Hazard marked his second of the night, as he tapped home Raffael's square pass to the second post in the 64th minute.

Young Boys were unable to look out for Raffael, who was again in the thick off things in 77 minute after wrapping his hat rick, and the 5-0 lead, thanks to Hazard's lob into the box.

Despite Monchengladbach's powerful performance, Bern were able to score their consolation through Yoric Ravet, who hammered home set piece into the top left corner to reduce the arrear to 5-1 in the 79th minute. Nevertheless, Hazard wasn't done with the scoring as he sealed his hat rick following Julian Korb's build-up play to round off the 6-1 victory on home soil.

With the result, Andre Schubert's men will play in the UEFA Champions League this season meanwhile Young Boys Bern will have to focus on domestic matters.—Xinhua

Drinkwater signs new five-year deal with Leicester

LONDON — Midfielder Danny Drinkwater has signed a new five-year deal with Leicester City that will keep him at the club until 2021, the Premier League champions announced on Thursday.

Drinkwater, who joined Leicester from Manchester United in 2012, was a mainstay in the club's fairytale campaign last season, making 35 league

appearances for Claudio Ranieri's side. "I've loved playing for this club, it's been perfect for me and my career and I want to be here for a long time to come. I couldn't be happier," Drinkwater told the club website (www.lcfc.com).

"I've grown a lot as a player and a person in the last four years and Leicester City has been a massive part of that. I

owe a lot to the staff here for helping me get to this point — they've been quality."

The 26-year-old joins the likes of Riyad Mahrez, Jamie Vardy, Kasper Schmeichel and Wes Morgan in committing their long-term futures to the club.

Leicester, who are searching for their first league win of the season, host Swansea City on Saturday.—Reuters

Burnley and Middlesbrough sent packing in League Cup

LONDON — Premier League teams Burnley and Middlesbrough were knocked out of the English Cup by lower-league teams in the second round on Wednesday.

Burnley lost 1-0 at north-west neighbours Accrington Stanley, who are in League Two (fourth tier), and Middlesbrough were beaten 2-1 at Championship (second tier) Fulham, both

games going to extra time.

Belgian winger Adnan Januzaj scored a fine goal seven minutes from time to earn Premier League Sunderland a 1-0 win over third-tier Shrewsbury Town.

Januzaj, on-loan from Manchester United, lashed a 20-metre shot into the net to register his first

goal for the club and ease the pressure on new Sunderland manager David Moyes, whose team lost their first two league games of the season. Premier League

Bournemouth won 2-1 at League Two leaders Morecambe, Marc Wilson sealing victory with a 25-metre shot in the 54th minute.—Reuters

Liverpool look to their Mane man at Spurs

LONDON — Such is the impact Sadio Mane has made on Liverpool that the 24-year-old is an automatic pick to face Tottenham Hotspur in the Premier League on Saturday while experienced international team mates scrap it out to play alongside him.

With the 24-year-old Senegalese on the right flank, Liverpool look a potent attacking force but without him they offer a much paler threat and were uninspiring in his absence in last week's 2-0 defeat at promoted Burnley.

That result doused the optimism flowing from their opening 4-3 win at Arsenal in which the 30 million-pound signing from Southampton produced an early contender for goal of the season.

Juergen Klopp's side return to north London on Saturday after the fit-again Mane inspired their 5-0 League Cup win over Burton Albion on Tuesday.

One particular moment of sorcery, when he jinked past a bewildered full back to set up Divock Origi's opener, showed why he is inked into the teamsheet.

The last Liverpool signing to make anything like that immediate impact was Luis Suarez, who hit

the ground running, and scoring, in 2011.

The Uruguayan formed a deadly partnership with Daniel Sturridge, but the English striker is no longer a guaranteed starter and Klopp must probably select one from Sturridge, Roberto Firmino and Origi — all of whom scored against Burton — as Mane's partner at White Hart Lane.

"Origi and Sturridge both performed, yes...and Roberto eh?," Klopp said after the Burton game. "It's my job to find the right solution the job the players have to do is be in the best shape they can be."

With Philippe Coutinho certain to return, Klopp is juggling formations as well as personnel in search of the line-up to bury Liverpool's reputation as the league's most inconsistent performers, brilliant one week and maddening the next. That charge could never be levelled against a Jose Mourinho side and the Portuguese takes Manchester United to Hull City with both teams having won their opening two games. Even Hull's most loyal supporters would not have predicted such a start, many fearing early humiliation after a turbulent summer in which their

manager Steve Bruce left and Mike Phelan took over in a caretaker capacity.

But Phelan learned how not to panic in his five years as United assistant manager under Alex Ferguson and a win against his former club would probably seal him a permanent deal as a takeover by a group of Chinese investors appears to be nearing completion. Chelsea and Manchester City are the Premier League's other unbeaten teams and both are well capable of extending that record at home to Burnley and West Ham United respectively.

Chelsea's Belgian striker Michy Batshuayi is another 30 million-pound striker exciting interest and he will hope his double in the 3-2 League Cup win over Bristol Rovers will secure him a starting spot.—Reuters



Burton Albion's Jackson Irvine in action with Liverpool's Jordan Henderson during EFL Cup Second Round at Pirelli Stadium, on 23 August 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS