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DISCUSSION ON THE PEACE

Union Peace Conference—21st Century Panglong continues

THE Union Peace Conference-21st Century Panglong continued for the second day at MICC-2 yesterday with discussion of delegates to the conference. Following are the excerpts of the discussion at the morning session of the conference.



U Kyaw Tint Swe.

Speaking as a member of the panel of chairmen, Padoh Saw Kwae Htoo Win said that the attendees will submit the attitude of their respective parties and organisations regarding matters related to the unity, peace, national reconciliation and construction of future Myanmar, that in so doing, their experiences will be different and their aspirations for the future will not be one and the same and that the future of Myanmar has to be built based on unity within diversity and peace.

Afterwards, the delegates expressed their opinions and attitudes. First, Union minister U Khaw Tint Swe, in his capacity as the vice chairman 1 of the 21st century Panglong convention central committee, said that not only during the period of changes in Myanmar's international security policy but also in the post policy changes period, there shall be the same bases, that co-operation with neighbours for border security is important, that Myanmar's co-operation will be enhanced for global security, that Myanmar will participate in UN's peace-keeping activities, that na-



Pado Saw Tar Do Mu.

tional security policy is needed to be based on democracy with the rule of law as a pillar, that it is needed to enshrine in the constitution the rights of a democratically elected government in order that the national security policy will be based on democracy and that civilian participation in implementation of natural defence and security is to be promoted.

He added that civilian-military co-operation is to be enhanced to be able to strengthen integrated security mechanism, that disarmament, abolition of armed groups and reunification are prerequisites to a peace process, that reintegration of those who were armed previously is needed to serve in the interest of their nation and their people, that peace and sustainable development are intertwined and that the armed conflicts are hindrances to the socio-economic development.

In our building of peace, he said, mere cessation of wars and conflicts is not enough. We need to ensure a long enduring peace and security. We also need to manage resource sharing and profit sharing in



U Win Htein.

an equitable manner.

Then, Pado Saw Tar Do Mu from KNU said that the sovereign power of future federal union shall be descended from the entire mass of indigenous people, that all ethnic races shall be of equal status in terms of race and politics that clauses which protect the rights of languages, cultures, customs and traditions shall be embodied in the future constitution and that they wanted self-determination in political, economic, social and cultural sectors.

He added that all states and regions should be vested with all three powers and that they should also be empowered to write their own constitutions in such a way as not to be contrary to the federal constitution. Self-determination is to be combined with the federal union and the residual powers shall be vested into the state and regional authorities. Resource sharing and revenue sharing need a mechanism to ensure fair sharing. The system of horizontal equalisation and vertical equalisation will be established to bridge the development gap. In addition, it is needed, he



Saw Kyaw Nyunt.

said, to develop new free institutions and strengthen the existing ones to be able to provide funding for socio-economic development. However, in such matters as trade, special economic zones, power lines and super highways, joint authorities with the federal union should be vested.

U Win Htein from the NLD said that when a retrospective look at the world's history is cast, it will be seen that there have been religious-connected armed conflict in Northern Ireland and apartheid-based conflict in South Africa, and the ongoing armed conflict in Syria which are treading upon a stable political path. And when their ways of solving these conflicts are analysed, they have taken months and years to solve these issues with a great patience being exercised.

It is necessary for the representatives to the peace conference to work together through negotiation until an end to long-standing internal armed conflict is sought. They should be encouraged to brave the obstacles to the peace initiative, U Pyone Cho said.

Regarding the post-ceasefire



U Pyone Cho.

plans, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Pyone Cho spoke of the need to help victims in conflict areas to overcome their physical and emotional traumas and the importance of rehabilitation and resettlement plans to improve their livelihoods.

He also called for curb on forced recruitment on humanitarian ground and respect for the rights of citizens included in the constitution.

Saw Kyaw Nyunt of the Karen National Union/Karen National Liberation Army-Peace Council (KNU/KNLA-PC) described the government's direct control of land management and natural resources as a challenge for the establishment of a federal republic, saying that it neglects the participation of the ethnic groups in decision making.

He called for the enactment of a law that guarantees the right to management of land and natural resources, the preservation of cultural heritage and an equal profit-sharing in the exploitation of natural resources among ethnic areas.

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Union Peace Conference—21st Century Panglong continues

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U Myint Soe of the Union Solidarity and Development Party spoke in favour of the practice of federalism based on geographical locations, calling for justice and equality before the law. He stressed the need for closer cooperation among regions, states and self-administered areas for greater development.

Col Tint Naing Aye said the country's constitution reflects federalism, citing the equal number of representatives in the Amyotha Hluttaw, which allows 12 representatives each from all the states and regions.

Saw Sein Win of the Democratic Karen Benevolent Army (DKBA) stressed the need to meet international criteria in the resettlement and rehabilitation work for internally displaced persons and refugees.

It is essential to make collective decisions at every stage and ensure transparency, accountability and responsibility. Apart from provisions of physical and mental support to those who were relocated and creation of sustainable livelihood for them, there must be issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards without causing impact on local people.

The above-mentioned are basic principles to be discussed in the political dialogue for establishment of a democratic federal Union. If the constitution can be revised, genuine peace will prevail in the new Myanmar, where all ethnic people will be able to live together, he discussed.

Next, Dr Aye Maung of Arakan National Party said that all ethnic political parties and armed organizations, including the ANP, are willing to strive for emergence of a genuine democratic federal Union in unison.

He discussed formation of forces under the management of the respective states and formation of a federal Union Tatmadaw based on states' forces. He said that the state governments should be vested with full power to manage exploitation of natural resources and to collect taxes except for some taxes related to the federal Union government.

Dr Tin Myo Win, Chairman of the Peace Commission, stressed the need for building a federal system suitable for a country with different social, cultural, economic and historical backgrounds and varied religions



U Myint Soe.



Col Tint Naing Aye.



Saw Sein Win.



Dr Aye Maung.



Dr Tin Myo Win.



Dr Salai Lian Hmung Sakhong.



Daw Wint Wah Tun.



Sai Tun Aye.

and languages.

He highlighted the importance of a concept of working together for establishing a federal Union, suggesting that a future federal Union should be based on the formation of an Amyotha Hluttaw that represents all national races.

"It is imperative to ensure a system that does not allow one national race to influence another," he added.

Dr Salai Lian Hmung Sakhong of Chin National Front suggested developing a temporary constitution and a federal council in line with the constitution. The federal council should be transformed into a Union legislative body or Upper House (Senate) later.

He called for autonomy for the region of Chin people and collective administration of the Union, saying that a genuine federal system can guarantee democracy, equality and self-determination which are clearly stated in the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement.

"Only when there are no bullets will peace, democracy and sound foundations for establishment of a federal Union emerge," said Sai Tun Aye of Shan Nationalities League for Democracy.



U Kyi Myint.

He warned that a strong Union cannot be built by focusing on own interest and identity, pointing out challenges to possible disappearance of own identity.

Daw Wint Wah Tun of the National League for Democracy said her Shardaw Township, Kayah State, has been suffering for over 50 years due to lack of peace in the region. Kayah State still lags behind in development. Despite no armed conflicts today, local people do not feel secure as landmine fields pose a threat to their way of life. Meanwhile, our national ethnic brethren are being held in camps as internally displaced persons due to the evil



Mong Win Htoo.

legacy of the armed conflicts.

We firmly believe that the right policy for solving the political dilemma is through political means as the federal system is based on not allowing secession from the Union and that we can achieve success in building a federal democracy system through political dialogue.

U Kyi Myint of Shan State East Special Region-4 Mongla (PSC/NDAA) said in his remarks that there has not been a single shot fired in the region since 1989 when they achieved peace there, urging other armed organizations to make ceasefire as soon as possible in order to better develop in their respective regions.

We would like to demand the formation of Special Region-4 in eastern Shan State including Nangpan, Mongla and Silue as a Self-Administrative Zone with the demarcation set in 1989, under the direct rule of the Union Government.

We will elect leaders democratically for our self-administrative zone and will report results to the government. In order to effectively enforce the rule of law in our border area, our self-administrative zone should get an independent judiciary system and we will make efforts for socio-economic development within our zone and the government should provide budget allocations for the self-administrative zone.

Mong Win Htoo of Ta'ang (Palaung) National Party said the Union Peace Conference—21st Century Panglong is a politically important event and added that the Ta'ang (Palaung) party is willing to come to peace terms and try for a win-win policy.—*Myanmar News Agency*

(The discussions in the afternoon and evening sessions of the Union Peace Conference—21st Century Panglong on 1st September will be continued.)

Savvy investors snap up land near Kyaukphyu SEZ

THERE has been a recent surge of investors buying up plots of land in Minbya Township and along the stretch of the Zin Kyaung river, both in close proximity to the Rakhine State's Kyaukphyu Special Economic Zone (KSEZ), real-estate agents have told Myitmakha News Agency.

Buyers reportedly include

Myanmar businessmen from around the country and local investors from nearby urban centers.

"There's hardly any land left. Businessmen have been dividing it up, buying up hundred-acre plots and fencing them off. The price of beach-side land is appreciating every month; it never falls. There

are some people, though, that have managed to get a low-price for the land, buying it directly from farmers," said U Maung Gyi, a local real-estate agent.

Businessmen began buying up swathes of land in the region back in 2014 with the objective of reselling it for a substantial profit, but come August 2016

and plots of land are still being purchased by such business savvy individuals as a long-term investment.

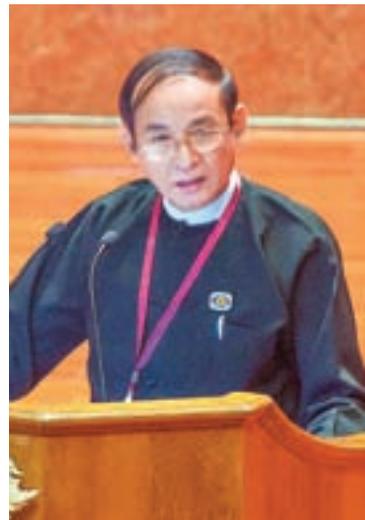
"Once the industrial zone comes to fruition, there will be an appreciation in the value of land in the region. I also expect hotels and tourism industries will set-up-shop at some point,

too. That's why I've invested my money in land, in lieu of putting it in the bank," said a resident of Kyaukphyu and purchaser of 13 acres of land. An acre of land in the region prior to 2010 reportedly fetched K3 million, but has since sky rocketed to between K15 - 20 million.—*Myitmakha News Agency*

Remarks made at opening of the Union Peace Conference—21st Century Panglong

UNION Peace Conference—21st Century Panglong commenced in Nay Pyi Taw at the Myanmar International Convention Centre-MICC2 in Nay Pyi Taw on 31st August.

Following are the remarks of Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Chairman of the Kayin National Union Saw Mutu Sae Po, Vice Chairman of the Kachin Independence Organization U N' Ban La, Patron of the National League for Democracy U Tin Oo and Secretary-General of the United Nations Mr Ban Ki-moon made at the opening ceremony of the Union Peace Conference-21st Century Panglong.



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker says national consolidation weakened by an array of problems

PYITHU Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint addressed the opening of the Union Peace Conference-21st Century Panglong Conference in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday.

The speaker said that State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi had anticipated calling a Panglong-like conference over the last 28 years in a move to forge national reconciliation.

Her guidelines focused on greater autonomy for ethnic regions to encourage economic development, the sharing of profits gained from the exploitation of natural resources and an end to entrenched political divisions, he recalled.

The restoration of peace correlates with the success of democracy, human rights, rule of law, national reconciliation,

federalism and national development, he said. The loss of life and limb in internal armed conflict leaves a big hole in the country's human resources, he said, adding that heavy defence spending presents a delay in the measures for national development.

Speaker U Win Myint said the spirit of fraternity can overcome the differences entrenched among ethnic groups, thereby

paving the way for enduring peace. The speaker emphasised the need for cooperation among the ethnic groups in turning the country into a place free from prejudice and discrimination.

He urged the representatives to the peace conference to put an end to the bewildering array of political, economic and social problems weakening the national consolidation.—MNA

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker blames lack of peace for socioeconomic deprivation in ethnic regions

AMYOTHA Hluttaw Speaker U Mahn Win Khaing Than delivered a welcoming address at the Union Peace Conference- 21st Century Panglong in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday.

In his address Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than said the lack of peace and stability had caused the country to lag behind its neighbouring countries in terms of socioeconomic development.

Armed conflicts had engulfed our national brethren, especially in ethnic regions, thereby forcing residents to abandon their homes and bear the brunt of socioeconomic deprivation as internally displaced persons.

Images on the media that reflect the plight of the victims, including children, have strengthened the public desire for peace, which he said is now just "at an

arm's length". He urged the participants at the peace conference to display a strong determination for peace and act with sympathy toward the plight of the victims as their own grandparents, parents, siblings, children and relatives.

The speaker called for the adoption of the Union Spirit in discussion and negotiation, describing peace as an essential

step towards the establishment of a federal republic.

He called the historic event unparalleled, urging the leaders of ethnic groups and institutions to write a new page of history in the restoration of peace at this opportune moment of the 21st Century Panglong as part of fulfilling the greatest wish of the people. —Myanmar News Agency



Greetings extended by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the Union Peace Conference—21st Century Panglong



Firstly, I would like to express that it is my great honour and privilege to have this opportunity to address a few remarks at today Union Peace Conference so called the 21st Century Panglong at which we will be discussing the facts towards the perpetuation of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the realization of a healthier and ideal future for all the people of the country. I wish all the participants here and all the national brethren for their well-being, peace, happiness and auspiciousness.

Our country has regained

her independence over 68 years ago a duration that is nearly the life-span of a human being. Unfortunately, we haven't achieved peace, stability and progress that we could have actually realized during this length of time. The main reason behind this regrettable misfortune is the lack of "Internal Peace" or in other words the absence of nationwide peace and stability and it is an undeniable fact. Leaders of the past successive periods had tried their best to restore internal peace. Although their adopted strategies and tactics may differ from one another, they all were striving towards the single end and that is "to bind the entire nation with strong bonds of unity". Even though they could not achieve complete unity and peace and stability for various reasons, however there were era-wise milestones erected by those leaders in order. The signing of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement-NCA and the holding of today's Union Peace Conference are the positive results of the multiparty-democracy-era endeavours to restore eternal peace.

The Tatmadaw (the Armed Forces) is an ardent participant and supporter in establishing State peace and unity all along the successive periods. Although there are different in convictions, visions and views, may be our actions are firm and unwavering and based entirely on the strong will "to restore peace at all cost". Those who are really suffering from the disadvantages of war and the awful consequences of the lack of peace are no other persons than the Tatmadaw personnel as well as the armed ethnic brethren who faced hardships and made sacrifices in terms of blood, sweat and life. We need to end this tragic drift at the present in our tenure. In all seriousness, I believe we all can successfully implement our peace process with the strength of unity. In this regard, I would say once more that the Tatmadaw's stand is firm and is based on "the spirit of restoring peace without fail".

The Tatmadaw is cooperating with all groups in the current national reconciliation and peace-making processes, based

on our three main causes and three essential policies to include peace and stability, national unity and the development of the people, which are essential for the country. Our Tatmadaw will contribute the utmost efforts in implementation of such process. We will negotiate in every possibilities. Both sides should follow the six-point peace policy adopted by the Tatmadaw as its drafting is based on our experiences throughout the history. Mutual cooperation and following these basic points would help us in bringing a genuine and lasting peace to the country, thereby further cementing the national reconciliation and peace processes.

For the success of this conference, many people and organizations held a series of discussions and negotiations at home and abroad by spending time, workforce and money. We reached this situation after individuals and organizations held a number of discussions on different stances, views and desires. All organizations will have their own objectives and policies.

In translating objectives and policies into practice, there may be instances in which wishes cannot be totally fulfilled. I would like to urge all groups to review these matters correctly, based on history, experience, national characteristics, changing geopolitical conditions and changing regional and international affairs.

Since the 2010 General Elections, our country has been exercising democratic culture and practices in order to firmly stand as a multi-party democracy country. To be able to march forward the Democratic track, the state power has been transferred to the new elected government since 2011. As of now it is in five years second term after the successful previous five years term. In this connection, the requirements need to claim politically through government and parliaments. Regards to it, our citizens can enjoy freedom of speech, freedom of press, freedom of expression and the rights to form organizations, which are the fundamental principles of democracy on an extensive scale.

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In an environment where everything goes according to democracy, all groups need to earnestly notice the fact that putting personal desires at the first place by holding arms to struggles, racism and localism go against the democracy. At present, we are marching on the track of Multi-party Democracy system. Since, this path had been selected in accordance with the desire of the people, we need to maintain the stability and make it more stronger. We have to enhance the further progress of our country through peace and tranquility by learning the lessons from experiences of some democratic countries.

We understand the anxieties of all National races and Ethnic Armed Groups. Our common desire is to ensure in achieving equal social live of our nationalities. To progress the living standards of our society harmoniously, we have to live in peace by doing good things. We will not differentiate and take accounts on the sizes of the States, Regions and rates of populations and natural resources values and diverse of people's socio-economic but we will make every efforts to share the delights from the benefits of equalities among all the national races. However, it will take certain amount of time for harmonious development. We have to hold open and frank discussions to find out solutions.

Today's conference is the outcome of frequent discussions held many months ago as well as various meetings and mutual-trust-building activities. The advantage we have today is the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement-NCA unanimously approved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (the Union Parliament) in December 2015. Most of the contents in the agreement were mainly based on demands of ethnic organizations who participated all along the way in drafting the agreement. So, my advice is to firmly keep the NCA as the baseline principle of the Union Peace Conference, the 21st Century Panglong Conference and further meetings. Moreover, I would like to urge all to implement the peace process in a short time

by constantly serving the interest of the State and ethnic people with genuine goodwill. It is because if the peace process takes longer than the appropriate time, there may be more outside instigations, interferences and manipulations disturbing the process. In consequence, the already agreed mutual trust may lose and some frictions may occur.

All of us in this conference room are bearing a heavy burden and the entire nation's expectation on us is high. The people have also recognized us as the persons who will accomplish the mission of national reconciliation and peace processes without any racism, localism and dogmatism. To be able to fulfil the aspiration of the people, I firmly believed that we

will able to hold discussions and meetings to reach agreements on eternal peace. The strength of Union lies only within. As far as all our ethnic races are brethren, we have to hold discussions regarding with our diversities by taking base on union spirit to sort out the solutions. I firmly believe that we will overcome the concerns and suspects through building the trust and understandings. To conclude my remarks here, I would like to highlight the two points to be kept in our hearts for the success of the national reconciliation and peace process are firstly "Practicing the National Reconciliation Strategy in continuously" and second one is "Genuine desire to achieve everlasting peace".—MNA

KNU Chairman Saw Mutu Sae Po addresses opening of Union Peace Conference—21st Century Panglong

Chairman of Karen National Union Saw Mutu Sae Po extended greetings at the opening ceremony of Union Peace Conference—21st Century Panglong at Myanmar International Convention Center-2 in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday.

In his welcoming speech, the KNU Chairman said that ethnic armed groups are very excited to take part in a political dialogue scheduled to be held after the conference, and supported the 21st Century Panglong Union Peace Conference, expressing hope that a democratic federal Union could be built through the 2016 Panglong in the same way that the 1947 Panglong led the nation to independence.

The KNU Chairman high-

lighted the importance of peace, national reconciliation and constitutional amendments for ensuring a harmonious development of a society, citing that there can be no peace without national reconciliation and there can be no national reconciliation without reaching agreements and developing procedures to amend the constitution.

He expressed his belief that the Union Peace Conference held this January following the signing of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) was the ribbon cutting for a political marathon and the 21st Century Panglong Union Peace Conference was the sound of whistle blowing to start the long race.

Despite the NCA not being

perfect, it has acted as a bridge that connected all stakeholders into a political dialogue, said the KUN Chairman, adding that the common goal is peace.

He pointed out the need to lay down a work programme involving peace, national reconciliation and constitutional amendment in the country's peace process, calling for parallel implementation of the three sectors.

He stressed the need to develop a roadmap for emergence of a democratic federal Union and to bridge the remaining gap between stakeholders on establishment of a democratic federal Union.

He suggested that guidelines that are suitable to the real situations of regions and states should

be drawn up after development of a political dialogue framework as Union-level meetings are set to be held after the conference.

He said that the 2008 Constitution has forms of a federal system but its essence is weak, adding that now is the time to realise a constitutional amendment after seeking a compromise on different goals of a federal system with political dialogue.

He highlighted the importance of reducing fighting, dealing with resettlement of internally displaced persons with goodwill and developing humanitarian assistance programmes as a gesture of building trust among all stakeholders.

He called for a ceasefire and establishment of a new



political culture.

He suggested listening to the voices of political parties that won no seats in the general elections, CSOs and other stakeholders and allowing them to take part in the upcoming political dialogue.

In his conclusion, the KNU Chairman called for making a resolution to build a new, peaceful and harmonious society.—MNA

UNFC Chairman U N'Ban La addresses opening of Union Peace Conference—21st Century Panglong

CHAIRMAN of the United Nationalities Federal Council U N'Ban La, who is also the Vice Chairman of Kachin Independence Organisation, extended greetings at the opening ceremony of the 21st Century Panglong Union Peace Conference held at the Myanmar International Convention Centre-2 in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday.

In his welcoming speech the KIO Vice Chairman thanked those concerned for organising the con-

ference that brought all stakeholders to work together toward the establishment of a democratic federal Union inspired by putting an end to decades-long armed conflicts.

Recounting the 1947 Panglong Agreement, he expressed his view that the Panglong Agreement, emboldened with Panglong spirit and pledges, was a real milestone for the country that causes it to stand taller in the world despite the fact that the agreement did not in-

clude all and a federal Union that provide ethnic minorities with democracy, equality and self-determination has not been realised yet.

He affirmed that no ethnic group wants to secede from the country but want to establish a democratic federal Union on mutual understanding, cooperation and respects. He stressed the need to seek a compromise through negotiations at the first conference and in future without making the Pan-

glong spirit or agreement weaker.

He called for qualities of endurance, goodwill, mutual trust, understanding and forgiveness.

It is high time to strive to shape the future of the country which is still poor despite its abundant natural resources, he said.

He also emphasised the need to uphold the interests of the people and highlighted the importance of equality to move all stakeholders to work together.—MNA



NLD Patron calls for efforts at peace conference to create a secure society for all

A safe and secure society is also a prosperous one, an NLD official said in his welcoming speech to the Union Peace Conference—21st Century Panglong in Nay Pyi Taw on 31 August.

U Tin Oo, Patron of the National League for Democracy, said the purpose of organising the

peace conference was to restore peace and order so the country can be rebuilt as a free, just, developed nation.

"It is high time that the people of Myanmar enjoyed a better quality of life," U Tin Oo said, urging the delegates from different groups to enter their discus-

sions at this meeting with honesty, righteousness, mutual respect, love and sympathy. Collectively, he said, they can create a safe and secure society for the citizens of Myanmar.

"The people living in the conflict areas have had bitter encounters since independence," he

said, describing the loss of trust among the national brethren as one of the most damaging results. "The establishment of the country as a federal republic is impossible in the absence of mutual understanding and trust," he pointed out.

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LOCAL Business

FDI in Myanmar hotel and tourism projects soar to US\$2,918.5252m

Foreign direct investments (FDI) in Myanmar hotel and tourism projects soared to US\$2,918.5252 million, it is learnt from the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism.

Currently, there are 52 hotel projects in Myanmar, both FDI and joint investments. Singapore is on the top of the list in FDI in Myanmar hotel sector with an investment of US\$1,624.1944 million, followed by Thailand with an investment of US\$445.63million and Viet Nam with US\$440million, it is learnt.

After the Myanmar Citizen investment Law was enacted, permission to build 63 hotels having 9,120 rooms was granted by the Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC), with an investment of Ks1,439,463.12million. According to statistics from the Hotel and Tourism

ministry, there are a total of 1,361 hotels with 5,335rooms.

The World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC) predicts that Myanmar will be at or near the top place out of 180 countries in average annual growth before 2025 because of the growing GDP rate, the rise in income earned from the Myanmar tourism sector and long-term developments, including job opportunities. The hotels and tourism ministry said that concerted efforts are required to gain momentum in the tourism sector. Myanmar is expected to host 7.49 million tourists in 2020. With Myanmar's growing tourism sector, it is expected that the target will be met in the coming years. The incumbent government is taking steps to effectuate development of the tourism sector.—*Mon Mon*

RTAD to release imported car's model year limit this month

THE Road Transportation Administration Department (RTAD) will release the model year limits for cars which will be imported next year, said an official from the Ministry of Commerce.

"We have planned to make the importers, individual sellers and buyers not suffer from this limitation of the car model year,"

he added. Starting from early 2017, only high model cars will be imported. Therefore, the price of cars granted permission to be imported next year are expected to climb, it is learnt. Myanmar citizens mostly purchase Japanese-made cars. When the model year limit on the cars was first put into practice, car sales jumped, it is learnt.—*200*

Import of machinery through Htee Khee border trade camp resumes

MACHINERY imported into Myanmar through the Htee Khee border trade camp has been resumed, with permission granted by Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC), it is learnt from the Ministry of Commerce.

The permit allowing the import of machinery through border trade camps was halted at the end of 2015. Licensed machinery has been permitted through border areas since May, 2016. The import permit of the machinery has been

resumed at the Myawady, Tachilek and Muse 105th Mile border trade camps, it is learnt. However, privatized individual import of the machinery is not allowed because the resumed import permission of the machinery is being utilised at the Dawei Special Economic Zone. Those who are in compliance with the requirements for an import licence will be given the green light to import machinery, said an official from the Ministry of Commerce.—*200*

KBZ Bank crowned Finance Asia's 'Best Bank in Myanmar'

KANBAWZA Bank was named "Best Bank in Myanmar" by London-based Finance Asia at the awards ceremony of "The Finance Asia: Country Awards for Achievement 2016" held in Singapore yesterday.

Organisers said KBZ Bank won the award because it had the highest amount of deposits in the 2015-2016 fiscal year, provided businesses with highest number of loans, assisted the quick development of country's

economy, achieved the highest number of bank branches in the country, gained achievements year by year with modern banking services meeting international standards, became the largest taxpayer for several consecutive years and earned plaudits for its efforts at nationwide corporate social responsibility in the 2015-2016 fiscal year. At the presentation ceremony, Assistant General Managers U Zaw Win and Daw Thi Thi

Aye of the KBZ Bank Ltd accepted the award. Along with KBZ Bank, ICBC Bank from China, ICICI Bank from India, BUSAN Bank from South Korea, CIMB Bank from Malaysia, DBS Bank from Singapore and Kasikorn Bank from Thailand were also given awards.

London-based Finance Asia is an influential institution in the banking and economic sector that evaluates financial institutions and present awards to them.

Finance Asia also routinely conducts forums and conferences on finance and investment in regional countries in order to promote the monetary sector.

KBZ Bank has achieved several awards for banking awarded by international institutions from 2013 to 2016.

KBZ Bank also won the Best Bank in Myanmar-2016 presented by London-based Euromoney, winning the prize for three consecutive years.—*GNLM*



Kanbawza Bank is crowned with "Best Bank in Myanmar" award by London-based Finance Asia. PHOTO: SUPPLIED

Over 2,000 low-cost apartments to be sold in eight-year instalments

OVER 2,000 low-cost apartments in Yangon can be purchased under the Hire-Purchase system in September and those who do not own house will be given priority.

The Department of Human Settlement and

Housing Development has already handed over the apartments to the Yangon regional government. These apartments are located in Hlaingthaya and Dagon Myothit (South). The apartments will be sold at around Ks10 million, de-

pending on which floor of the building the apartments are located.

Those who do not own a house are entitled to purchase the apartments in instalments. They have to present evidence that their family income is between

Ks3 lakhs and Ks5 lakhs per month. After they provide the necessary documents, they have to open account at the Construction and Housing Development bank so that they can purchase apartments in 8-year instalments.—*200*



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NLD Patron calls for efforts at peace conference to create a secure society for all

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U Tin Oo stressed the need for strong legal protection for human rights and equality to maintain and enhance mutual trust. The rise of federalism will enable the people of all states and regions to enjoy peace, harmony and rule of law, he said.

“A single gunshot not only

takes a human life, but it also deprives a society of its rule of law, peace and development,” the patron said, calling for a ceasefire to end the social degradation of the entire population.

He also called for the transformation from fierce fighting to heated negotiation at the peace conference. The search for a res-

olution to the disagreements is through coordination and persistence, he said.

U Tin Oo considered the 21st Century Panglong Conference to be a crucial political opportunity for the leaders of the ethnic groups to renew their efforts in nation building, describing the unity among political and social leaders

in the restoration of peace as “undeniable.”

He pointed out the need for more prosperous regions to help the less-developed ones to ensure equitable development, which he described as the essence of federalism.

He also pointed out the need to foster the next generation of

leaders to save the country from the trouble of longing for a hero, quoting Andrea’s words in the play of “Life of Galileo” by the German dramatist Bertolt Brecht: “Pity the country that breeds no hero.”

Galileo’s response to Andrea, according to U Tin Oo: “No, Andrea. Pity the country that needs a hero.” —MNA

Secretary-General’s remarks at the 21st Century Panglong Conference in Myanmar

I give you my full respect and greetings from the United Nations. It is a great honour for me as Secretary-General of the United Nations to address the great opening of the 21st Century Panglong Conference. Thank you for your invitation.

This is a historic occasion for the further democratization of this country.

The symbolism of this Conference is clear from its title, which recalls the spirit of the original Panglong Conference convened in 1947 by General Aung San, the Father of Modern Burma.

But today, we also look to the future. This conference is bringing together Myanmar’s different ethnic groups in a joint commitment to a federal union based on equality, democracy and self-determination.

I congratulate all sides for the patience, endurance, determination and spirit of compromise you have demonstrated in support of national reconciliation.

There is a long road ahead, but the path is very promising.

This is the first time that such

a peace process has been initiated in the seventy-year history of conflict and division between the Union Government and armed ethnic groups.

Today’s meeting marks a historic transition since former President U Thein Sein opened the doors to democratic reforms six years ago.

Around the world, we have seen the tragedies that can ensue when leaders deny the need for democratic change.

Myanmar shows what is possible, when leaders listen to their people’s genuine aspirations, genuine concerns of the people and genuine dreams of where this country should proceed.

The United Nations has been a steady partner in support of Myanmar’s reforms, in particular the national reconciliation process.

We will continue our efforts to smooth differences, lower tensions and move parties towards better understanding and dialogue in line with the goals and values of the United Nations Charter.

Distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

The long civil war has cost numerous lives and robbed successive generations of their dignity, tranquility and normalcy. It is now clear that there can be no military solution to your differences.

I urge you to accept that no party involved in this reconciliation process can expect to achieve all its aims. Conversely, every side must win something if the process is to succeed.

This will require goodwill on all sides, and a recognition that success is in the vital interest of all the people of Myanmar, regardless of ethnicity, religion, political affiliation or socio-economic status.

It is encouraging that the different ethnic armed organizations with divergent interests and aspirations came together to form a single team to negotiate the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement last year.

This agreement was crucially important, and the new Government has undertaken efforts to make it more inclusive. The 21st Century Panglong Conference represents the result of those efforts.

I urge all of you, as you walk

along this path with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, to demonstrate the wisdom needed to address complex and unresolved issues, and to pave the way for a unified negotiation track that is inclusive of all interests and constituencies.

This will require sensitivity and flexibility, and respect for both signatories and non-signatories. You will need to be truly consultative if you are to reach sustainable solutions. In this connection, I urge you again to ensure that women make up at least 30 per cent of the representatives at all levels of dialogue.

Distinguished delegates,

Every transition [carries] risks.

But refusing to embark on transition may carry the greatest risk of all. We see tragic evidence of this around the world.

I urge you all to continue to face up to your responsibilities, particularly to the youth and children of Myanmar – the future of this wonderful country.

You owe it to them to work for a better tomorrow, in which they can fulfil their dreams and as-



pirations in peace and prosperity.

Ladies and gentlemen,

This is my fifth visit to Myanmar as Secretary-General. From Cyclone Nargis in 2008 to the winds of change gripping the country today, I have worked to mobilize the full support of the United Nations system for Myanmar.

In my meetings with the authorities and with representatives of the wonderfully diverse people of this country, I have always found inspiration in your determination to advance towards reform, peace and stability.

The United Nations will remain your respectful partner as this process deepens.

I wish you every success.

Let’s work together for peace.

Thank you.

—Myanmar News Agency

Pyithu Hluttaw hears Health & Sports Ministry’s answers to parliamentary questions

THE Pyithu Hluttaw held its 24th-day session yesterday with Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr Myint Htway responding to questions regarding the upgrading and opening of sports and health facilities.

To a call for the upgrading of the Mandaing sports ground into a township-level sport facility in North Okkalapa Township, the Union minister replied that

the ministry has no plan to upgrade the sports ground, adding that it is required to inform the Myanmar Football Federation which has the responsibility of the sports ground management in accordance with terms and conditions of a lease agreement.

According to the Union minister, the onus is on the MFF and Hantharwady United FC to upgrade and maintain the sports

ground.

Next the Union minister answered a question on whether a plan to open a 16-bedded hospital in Daka in Kangyidaunt Township was going ahead, saying that there is a good chance the hospital to be built.

Daka, with a population of 34,082 people, has a rural health centre which is situated about a 30-minute drive from Kangy-

idaunt Township Hospital, 22-mile and two-furlong away from Pathein People’s Hospital and three and a half miles from Dauntkyi station hospital in the same township, added the Union minister.

On the opening of a station hospital in Pahokeyi village, Homalin Township and the appointment of health staff to the new rural health centre and its

branches, the Union minister replied that the ministry prefers the new rural health centre to a station hospital and pledged to coordinate the matter with local officials as soon as possible.

He then responded to a call to upgrade the 25-bedded Pauktaw Township into a 50-bedded facility, saying that there is no immediate plan to upgrade the hospital. — Myanmar News Agency

Amyotha Hluttaw hears answers to parliamentary questions

A VILLAGE-to-village road with 11 bridges along its way will be built in Kyauktaw Township during the next fiscal year, Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr Aung Thu told the Amyotha Hluttaw yesterday.

Construction of the road will be implemented with the use of the funds of the Department for Rural Development and bridge construction be carried out with the use of the funds of the Department for Border Areas and National Races

Development, said the Union minister, adding that that Department for BANRD will take care of the construction project.

The Union minister then responded to a call in regard to the construction of Pynphyu dyke in Ponnagyun Township of Rakhine State, saying that construction work will kick off on the dyke following an agreement with local farmers regarding the location for the dyke and its floodgates. The project will use K373.50 million from the regional government’s

fund for the 2017-2018 FY.

Likewise, Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications U Kyaw Myo answered a call for the implementation of necessary measures against riverbank erosion in Minbya Township of Rakhine State.

The deputy minister pledged to take care of the issue in accordance with the budget allotment and the ministry’s priority list, saying that Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems will provide tech-

nical assistance to riverbank erosion control measures.

Next, Union Minister for Electricity and Energy U Pe Zin Tun replied to a question regarding operation of coal-fired power plants, saying that the ministry allowed coal-fired power plants to operate in accordance with environmental impact assessment -EIA procedures of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation.

The Tikyit coal-fired boiler power station was leased to a

Chinese firm under a long-term contract, said the Union minister, adding that the firm is conducting EIA/SIA procedures and public and media consultation meetings and preparing to install desulfurization equipment, denitration equipment and online monitoring equipment.

He went on to say that coal-fired power stations in Kawthaung and Nawngkhio are being operated under the management of the regional governments. — Myanmar News Agency



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing departs for Brunei Darussalam. PHOTO: MNA

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and party leave for Brunei Darussalam to pay goodwill visit

A MYANMAR Tatmadaw delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Defense Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla left Yangon International Airport to pay a goodwill visit to Brunei Darussalam at the invitation of Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces Maj-Gen Dato Paduka Seri Mohd Tawih Bin Abdullah yesterday.

The Senior General and wife and party were seen off at the airport by Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Hsan Oo, senior military officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, the Yangon command commander, the Brunei ambassador to Myanmar and officials.

Chief of General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Mya Tun

Oo and senior military officers left for Brunei on the same flight.

It is the Commander-in-Chief's first visit to the country after establishment of bilateral diplomatic ties. During his trip, the Senior General will meet the Head of State of Brunei Darussalam, the Commander of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces and officials.—*Myawady*

Flood damaged infrastructure to be repaired

A BUDGET request of K1,167.42 million has been submitted to the central Department of Rural Development in Naypyidaw to finance repairs to 11 roads and 52 bridges which were destroyed throughout 19 townships of Bago Region during flooding which swept the region during July and August, inflicting damages worth K4227.33 million, the Bago Region of Department of Rural Development has informed Myitmakha News Agency.

The budget included K76.44 million for repairs to a combined length of 1.5 miles of damaged roads from within six townships, and K1090.98 million for the rebuilding of 52 bridges across 14 townships.

"We've made separate [budget] submissions for roads and bridges which were destroyed by this year's flooding. The amount requested is greater than the cost of the original bridges as we've requested such bridges, that were

built out of bamboo and steel by residents, be rebuilt with concrete. If damage is minor, repairs will be carried out with the maintenance fund. But if they are indeed major, the union budget will be used. For the time being, our department has erected temporary bridges in place of those destroyed to allow people to move around," said Daw Su Su Hlaing, assistance director of the Department of Rural Development for Bago Region.—*Myitmakha News Agency*

Banana plantation in KyaukpadaungTsp enjoys healthy profits

BANANA growers across Kyaukpadaung Township in Mandalay Region received a handsome profit from the selling of their products this season, local farmers say.

Bananas manufactured from the Popa area are mainly transported to Pakokku, NyaungU, Myingyan, Taungoo, Ngahtogyi, Meiktila, Natmauk, Myothit, Magway, Pwintphyu, Salin, Chauk, Gangaw, Yaw in central dry regions as well as some townships in Chin State.

"Nearly 100,000 branches of edible fruit have been sold a month during this monsoon season. The volume is over 30 per cent more compared with the same period last monsoon," said a banana seller. Several banana plantations in Yenangyaung, Magway and other townships were badly destroyed by a recent severe flood. That is why the growers in Kyaukpadaung Township earned a high price for their undamaged products.

Over 300 banana plantations have been developed in Kyaukpadaung Township this season.

The current price of a branch of bananas is between K700 and K900. Bananas are one of the most widely consumed fruits in the world because of their health benefits.

The bananas help reduce the risk of cancer and asthma, and is also known to lower blood pressure. Bananas are grown in over 100 countries.—*Kyu Kyu*

Public finance course to be introduced this month by MIF

THE Myanmar Institute of Finance, a private professional institute in Myanmar, will introduce this month its public finance course, which targets staff from government and related business organizations and companies.

In addition to those in the financial field, anyone whose job is concerned with politics should

also attend this short course that is scheduled to be opened between 3 and 5 September.

The three-day course will offer knowledge on public finance management, relationships between political and fiscal policy, budgeting, taxation policy, income distribution, resource allocation, recognizing the difference between private and

public goods.

The MIF was founded in October with the aim of enhancing the country's financial industry by raising the standards of education in the area of economics.

Both certificate and diploma levels of banking, insurance, finance and accounting courses have been conducted by the MIF.—*GNLM*

UEC announces termination of letter of complaint

UNION Election Commission terminated the letter of complaint against MP U Tin Nu, also known as U Tin Nu Aung, from the Manaung Constituency, Rakhine State, who was elected as MP for the PyithuHluttaw.

Termination of the complaint letter followed the death of U Aung Sein, the candidate of the same constituency from the Union Solidarity and Development Party who lodged the complaint against U Tin Nu to

the tribunal of the UEC.

U Aung Sein died on 28 July and the UEC terminated the case three days later, according to a statement released by the UEC.

However, according to the Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law, those eligible persons who want to lodge a complaint letter against the defendant can apply to the UEC within 15 days, said the statement.—*Myanmar News Agency*

Heads of services organisations transferred, approved and appointed

PRESIDENT of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has transferred, approved and appointed the heads of services organisations yesterday.

The President has transferred Director-General U Myint Thu of Strategic Studies and Training Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the ASEAN Affairs Department as Director-General from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

Likewise, the President confirmed the appointments of Rector Dr Khin Maung Lwin of the University of Medicine (Mandalay) of the Department of Health Professional Resource Development and Management under the Ministry of Health and Sports and Rector Dr Daw Hsan Hsan Win of the University of Dental Medicine (Mandalay) of the Department of Health Professional Resource Development

and Management under the Ministry of Health and Sports from the date on the expiry of one-year probationary period.

The President also appointed Chief Engineer U Tin Maung Oo of Electricity Supply Enterprise under the Ministry of Electricity and Energy as Managing Director of the same enterprise under the same ministry, Deputy Director-General U Aye Kyaw of Department of Electric Power Transmission and System Control of the Ministry of Electricity and Energy as Director-General of the same department under the same ministry and Deputy Permanent Secretary Daw Khin Mar Yi of the Union Minister Office of the Ministry of Industry as Managing Director of No (2) Heavy Industry under the same ministry on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.—*Myanmar News Agency*

Myanmar athletes to take part in Rio Paralympic Games

MYANMAR athletes will take part in the 2016 Rio Paralympics Games to be held between 7 and 18 September in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Paralympics Games are held every four year. Among 23 sports categories, the local athletes will compete in track

and field and swimming.

The six-member Myanmar team left Yangon for the host country on Wednesday. They were seen off at Yangon international Airport by officials from the Myanmar Federation of Persons with Disabilities.—*200*

Business discussions to be held between Finland and Myanmar entrepreneurs

A BUSINESS discussion will be held between Myanmar and Finland entrepreneurs this month in Mandalay Region to create new business networks between the two parties.

The meeting is planned to take place on 8 September at the headquarter of the Mandalay Chamber of Commerce and Industry, with plans to discuss promotion of bilateral trade between the two countries, said U Win Htay, vice president of the

MRCCI.

The Finland investors show great interest in the country's construction industry and technology sector as well as environmental impact, renewable energy, education, mining, health and medicine. They want to conduct those businesses in collaboration with local entrepreneurs.

Interested parties have been invited to attend the business event.—*Kyu Kyu*

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Always better to build on what has already been achieved

Khin Maung Aye

At the time when effort was made to regain independence from the British colonialists, there was a difference in opinion between General Aung San led national leaders and the leftist forces. The leftists assumed that reattainment of independence from the colonialists through the means of negotiation could not be a perfect freedom. Nevertheless, the national leaders led by General Aung San had chosen to negotiate because they wanted the fastest rehabilitation of their country and countrymen that had suffered dramatically from the devastations and damages inflicted by the Second World War. What has happened is that our country is still being faced with internal conflicts because of the leftist extremists' policy of all or nothing.

This sort of policy is now being heard again in the Union Peace Conference – 21st Century Panglong. In fact, such an attitude is very dangerous and destructive to the 21st century Panglong. People are believed to be worried about this policy. It is known to the entire mass of people that strenuous effort has been exerted day and night to include all groups of armed organizations in the Union Peace Conference. In our choice of the future path, it should be pondered over well if it is appropriate to leave behind for the moment the three organizations which have not yet signed the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) or not yet decided to renounce their armed line and continue to negotiate for establishment of a democratic federal union based on NCA.

Matter-of-factly, the three organizations are always welcomed with the door open to them for further discussion. What's more important is to continue to discuss in detail the federal principles like power sharing, resource sharing and revenue sharing etc. It is always better to build on what has already been achieved. Let's be united and strengthen the unity already achieved in order that we can all live in peace and make effort for rehabilitation of our country torn and tattered by almost seven-decade-long internal conflicts which have been in existence between our own national brethren who have been inhabiting the same land, partaking the same water for more than a millennium, through weals and woes, joys and sorrows, pleasures and pains, sunshine and rain.



THE LEGENDARY CITY OF HANOI RETAINS MUCH OF ITS OLDER CHARM OF BYGONE ERAS

Nwe Nwe Tun

WE went on a trip to Hanoi-Ninh Binh-Ha Long for five nights six days with Viet Nam Airlines on 10-15 August. During this media familiarization trip, the Viet Nam Airlines officials and the guide explained about the history and culture of the Vietnamese cities we visited. The Airlines is a leading airline in Viet Nam with Skytrax 4-star rating, and the airline was awarded a 4-Star Airline rating on 12 July 2016 by the international transport rating SKYTRAX. Viet Nam Airlines is one of the most highly regarded airlines like Air France, British Airways and Emirates. It is flying a total of 53 routes around the world including Europe and Australia. This state-owned airline is said to be one of the top 50 airlines in the world.

Our trip was rather a tiring one with a very tight schedule. No sooner did we get up than we had to have our breakfast in a rush in order that we were not behind the schedule. We were introduced to the legendary city, which is known for its ancient architecture. This city is rich in a culture influenced by Southeast Asian countries, China and France. This is the capital of Viet Nam called Hanoi or *Hà Nội* in their language. In fact, this name of Hanoi has undergone a lot of changes during a thousand years through several invasions, occupations, restorations, and name changes.

The Nguyen Dynasty gave the city its modern name of Ha Noi in 1831, but they had transferred power to Hue by then; it remained there until 1887, when the French made Saigon and then Hanoi the capital of all French Indochina. It changed hands again in 1954, when it was ceded to Ho Chi Minh and the Viet Minh after almost a decade of fighting, and it became the capital of North Viet Nam; Saigon was the rival in South Viet Nam. Upon reunification in 1976, it assumed that title for the entire country.

The first institution of learning in Viet Nam, Quoc Tu Giam, was founded here in the 11th century. Nine hundred years later, the first western-style universities in Viet Nam were also founded in Hanoi. The city is one of the leading centres of scientific study and research in the country. Hanoi retains much of its older charm of bygone eras, despite the battles that have raged over it; conflicts had the side effect of making it largely oblivious to modern architecture, and as a result, few buildings in the city centre area are higher than five stories. The Old Quarter is second

only to Hoi An for uninterrupted stretches of colonial and pre-colonial architecture, well-preserved on dense warrens of narrow, wonderfully atmospheric streets. This section of the city has a 1,000-year-old history of commerce and, although much has changed, items are still sold according to category, with entire streets dedicated to single items. The streets are aptly named "Hang" translated to merchandise, followed by the product it sells. For travelers looking to experience a taste of Hanoi's nightlife, the commercial boom and sprawl of Ho Chi Minh City in the South for a more understated charm, worth enjoying for an extra day or two, and with the Old Quarter houses countless bars. Hanoi city is 1,285 mi² wide with more than 7 million populations and the second largest city of Viet Nam. It is largely without a scratch from the decades of war, and is now going through a building boom, making it a speedily developing city in South-east Asia. There are many little temples, including street markets, selling household goods and street food.

Constantly ranked among the world's famous cities, Hanoi's surrounding regions attract more tourists. Its climate is tropical, with wet and hot weather much of the year. But due to the city's latitude, temperatures drop drastically in the wintertime and the wind chill and dampness means winter weather can feel cold. During the summer months of mid May to mid September, the city turns into a sweltering sauna with little to no wind.

There are nine museums in Hanoi City: Vietnamese Women's Museum, Ho Chi Minh Museum, Fine Arts Museum, Army Museum, Air Force Museum, National Museum of Vietnamese History,



Tourists are waiting in front of the Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum.

PHOTO: NWE NWE TUN

Museum of the Vietnamese Revolution, Museum of Ethnology, Hanoi Museum. They are all closed on Mondays and Fridays like Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum.

Vietnamese Women's Museum is located in central Hanoi a way

from one km south of Hoan Kiem Lake. This often overlooked museum has recently benefited from an extensive renewal of its permanent exhibitions. The modernized interior is well laid out with information in Vietnamese, English and French, and contains a huge volume of information on the fearsome female heroines of Vietnamese history. There are also exhibitions on the rituals and traditions surrounding women in the family, as well as a fantastically presented collection of complicated hand-made ethnic costumes. Particular highlights are the regularly updated special exhibitions on a diverse range of subjects, from contemporary issues such as single mothers, street vendors to traditional medicine and Mother Goddess worship. Ho Chi Minh's Vestige in

the Presidential Palace Area is the beautifully landscaped complex includes two of Ho Chi Minh's houses, kept shiny and "as he left them" by the authorities, as well as a garage with two of Ho's "used cars" and a carp-filled pond. The Presidential Palace is also nearby, but it's not always open to visitors. Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum is one of the city down south may have his name, but only Hanoi has the man himself, entombed in distinctly Leninesque fashion against his wishes, but that's how it goes. An extensive collection of over 7,000 artifacts makes this museum worth a visit. There has the bronze Dong Son drums and 2,500-year-old coffin canoe. This relic complex has become vital memories connecting to President Ho Chi Minh's 15 years of living and working from December 1954 to September 1969.

Visitors will see the presi-

dential Palace, fishpond, pergola, orchard, cars, the hose of 1954 and especially the historic house-on stilts of Ho Chi Minh which symbolizes his living way of simplicity, modesty, gentleness and dedication to the nation and the nationals. The whole site is full of wind, light and fragrant flowers from gardens around. Millions of home and foreign visitors have poured here to learn and to respect the virtue and thought of a national liberation hero – a great man of world culture. The museum is divided into four exhibition areas. The exhibits focus on ancient history. This being so, one should not miss a chance of visiting the Revolution Museum across the street afterwards to learn about recent events.

In the Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum, Vietnamese and foreigners are prohibited no talking, revealing clothing (shorts should be knee

length and no exposed shoulders), or other signs of disrespect allowed while viewing; photos are allowed only from outside, in the grand Ba Dinh Square. Purses are allowed into the tomb, but expect them to be searched by several bored soldiers along the way. Water bottles are not allowed. Left luggage is handled in a complicated scheme: there is an office near the street for large bags, with separate windows for Vietnamese and foreigners, and a further office for cameras, which will be transported to a third office right outside the exit of the mausoleum. Items checked in at the first office, however, will stay there. Note that small digital cameras can be taken into the mausoleum despite their use not being permitted inside. Note also that the mausoleum is closed for a couple months around the end of the year, when the body is taken abroad for maintenance.

The gleaming white museum is the Ho Chi Minh Museum and its gloriously ham-handed iconography is the perfect follow-up to the solemnity of the mausoleum. The building was completed in 1990, is intended to evoke a white lotus.

Some photos and old letters are on display on the second floor, but the main exhibition space is on the third floor. It includes cars crashing through walls to represent the chaos of post-war American capitalism, soldiers charging around with electric plugs, a cave hideout re-imagined as the inside of Ho Chi Minh's brain, and several other post-modern confections integrated with the main story of the man's life and his country's struggle. That museum is the one of the more informative museums in Viet Nam despite a high dose of personality cult and political propaganda.

To be continued



A Vietnamese woman sells the handicrafts at the Old Quarter.



A distant profile of the Presidential Palace.



Students look around the Presidential Palace Area.

Social organizations needed to attend to clean up technology training

TO protect the historic temples, Regional government currently prohibited the other social organizations to clean up damaged Buddhist temples and monasteries by last week's earthquake, said U Soe Tint, Nyaung U District General Administration Department.

The social organizations need to inform to District General Administration Department if they want to clean up the historic Buddhist temples.

"Thirty-four Buddhist temples have been prohibited. We will prohibit if we find they are cleaning in other damaged temples without permission. The members of pagoda board of trustees were patrolling around the temples. We will allow only the social organizations led by a staff member of department of archaeology," he added. Currently, the authorities are work-

ing on temporary restoring and taking the photo of the damaged temples and monasteries as a record. Then, they will clean up the debris.

Presently, Department of archaeology is compiling the document and after that they will allow the social organisations to clean up the temples. The social organizations need to give the name list to attend the cleaning up of antique technology training which will be provided by the UNESCO in first week of September. According to the Ministry of Religion and Culture, 396 pagodas and monasteries were affected and 33 were badly damaged in Bagan. Currently, authorities covered the badly damaged pagoda which is going to repair as soon as possible. The traditional painting wall collapsed in Arr Nandar Pagoda in Bagan. —Aung Thant Khine

Needy children seek donor for daily survivals



A long queue of the needy children being seen. Photo: NAY MYO AUNG (LEWETHA)

A LOCAL philanthropic organization in Nay Pyi Taw is looking for donors to provide necessary care to orphans and needy children.

Since its establishment in 1990 by two Buddhist monks, the home for needy children has hosted about 700 children from poor backgrounds.

Around 60 young babies, 40 preschool children, nearly

500 basic education students and 41 university students have been accommodated at the home.

Located four miles from Thawutthi, a town in Lewe Township, the home for orphans also provides over 100 needy children from nearby villages with education assistance and livelihood training, including computer and sewing courses.

A basic education school has opened within the compound of the monastery to provide better education services for those children.

With the contribution of local well-wishers, the abbot normally spends around K600,000 on food a day. Additional donors are needed to participate in the philanthropic activities.—Nay Myo Aung (Lewetha)

Crime NEWS

Three Chinese men arrested for selling fake gold

POLICE have arrested three Chinese men in Pyigyidagun township for selling fake gold.

According to investigators, Kyo Paing Huan, 42, called U Wah Hin, 50, and said he wanted to sell 50 gold blocks before he returned to China.

U Wah Hin met Kyo Paing Huan with two other Chinese men. U Wah Hin bought 50 gold blocks for Ks 60 lakhs on Monday.

U Wah Hin discovered that the 50 gold blocks were fake and informed police.

The police searched the room of the Chinese men at the Happy Hotel and found Ks 6,106,000, US\$ 337, Malaysian Ringgit 51, Russian Ruble 150, Singapore Dollar 12, 48 fake gold bars and two saws. The police have charged them under appropriate law.—Ko Ye



Three Chinese men arrested being seen with the fake gold. PHOTO: KO YE

Local police wanted ten members of gang

THE local police wanted ten members of gang for assaulting another three men who were coming back home after watching football match at a tea shop. The accident occurred on Sunday midnight at Taungdwin road, Magwe town.

According to investigation, Than Htet Soe, 15, Sithu Ohn Myint and Pyat Phyo from Myin Kin village were heading home with Motorbike around 10:30 pm after watching football match at the tea shop. Then, ten members of gang stopped the motorbike and

hit three of them for no reason. Also, they destroyed their motorbikes and ran away. Three of them were taken to the Magwe General Hospital, where they were treated for wounds. The police are still searching ten suspects for taking of action.—Kyaw Zay Ya

Fire breaks out at warehouse in Insein

A fire broke out at a warehouse at a road transportation branch office in Da Nyin Gone ward, Insein township on Wednesday.

According to the investigation, the warehouse was rented by CJ Korean Express. Aye Ko, 20, a labourer, was weld-

ing some iron items using a gas cylinder tank. A firefighter said a spark from the welding flame ignited the gas cylinder.

The fire brigade sent ten fire engines to put out the fire. Police have taken action against Aye Ko.—684

Police arrested illegal knives holder

POLICE have arrested a man who was allegedly holding illegal knives in his house at Shwe Pyi Thar township, Yangon on 30 August.

The police raided a house of one U Nwe Win alias U Pho Htaung. The police found Khant Zaw Nay together with

a 19 inches knife and 10 inches knife. After continuous searches, the authorities discovered a cache of several knives in his room. Action is being taken against Khan t Zaw Nay under section 19(A) of weapons law.—Ko Ko Naing (Shwe Pyay Thar)

Police arrested gamblers in Bago

POLICE arrested four people who were allegedly playing the cards in a house at Shwe Taga ward, Pyay town, Bago region on 29 August.

The police searched the gambling house owned by Daw Hsan Htay, 59, and found the documents which are re-

lated to gambling and a stake amounting to Ks 18,100. Local police filed charges against Daw Hsan Htay, Daw Hsan Myint, 53, Daw Pyay Pyay, 20, and Aung Myint Oo, 34, under section 13(A)/14(A) of the gambling law.—Myanmar Police Force



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Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull speaks during Question Time in the House of Representatives at Parliament House in Canberra, Australia, on 31 August 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Australia foreshadows expanding role in fight against Islamic State in Syria and Iraq

SYDNEY — Australia will expand its military action against the Islamic State militant group in Syria and Iraq after amending its domestic laws, Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull said on Thursday.

Australia joined the US-backed coalition against Islamic State in September 2014, and has

steadily increased its military participation against the group that has repeatedly called for attacks against the United States and other Western countries.

However, Turnbull said Australia's role had been hamstrung by differences between domestic and international law, a loophole that his government would

close with new legislation. Australian law currently only allows the targeting of people who were playing an active role in hostilities, which Turnbull said was more restrictive than international law.

"This legal risk posed a major challenge to the effectiveness of our operations. It meant that the [Aus-

tralian Defence Force's] targeting base in Iraq and Syria was restricted, and we could not operate as freely as our coalition partners," Turnbull told the Australian parliament. Turnbull said military operations could expand to target "a broader range" of Islamic State combatants once the law was changed.—Reuters

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Calm seas, Libya's lawless state open door for migrant flows



Migrants wait to disembark from the Italian Navy vessel Sfinge in the Sicilian harbour of Pozzallo, southern Italy, on 31 August 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

ROME/TRIPOLI — Libya's coast through the Calmer seas and Libya's lawlessness have opened the way for smugglers to ship thousands of migrants across the Mediterranean this week, in a striking reminder of how far Europe is from ending the migrant crisis.

In just four days, Italy's coastguard and European vessels pulled 13,000 migrants from packed wooden boats and rubber dinghies crossing from

Libya's coast through the Strait of Sicily, one of the shortest routes from North Africa.

Images from rescue vessels showed migrants crammed into fragile boats, some in orange life jackets, others jumping into the water to swim as rescuers shouted for them to stop. Many were women and children, most of them Sub-Saharan Africans.

Some 1,800 migrants were saved in 12 rescue

missions on Wednesday, 3,000 migrants on Tuesday, 6,600 on Monday, 1,600 on Sunday and 500 on Saturday, according to Italy's coastguard, which coordinates sea rescues between Libya and Italy.

Aid agencies and Libyan officials say calm waters after rough winds in July may have prompted smugglers to dispatch more boats for migrants who can wait weeks for a chance to sail.

"It's not like people were not coming out, but on Monday they came out by the thousands," Nicholas Papachrysostomou, coordinator for Medecins Sans Frontieres on board the Dignity 1 rescue ship, told Reuters.

"In the 10 days before this weekend, we didn't rescue anyone, or very few. It wasn't bad weather, but there were 1 metre to 1-1/2 metre waves. — Reuters

Japanese bonito flake maker opens factory in France

CONCARNEAU (France) — Gourmets in Europe may soon taste the difference in dishes at local Japanese restaurants as the production of authentic Japanese “katsuobushi” — or dried bonito flakes, a crucial ingredient in Japa-

nese cuisine — will shortly begin in France.

Makurazaki France Katsuobushi Co., a company headquartered in Makurazaki, southwestern Japan, has built a 920-square-metre factory in Concarneau in the Brit-

tany region of northwestern France, to provide dried bonito shavings made with Japanese artisan skills to restaurants and stores throughout Europe.

“I hope this factory becomes a place from which katsuobushi will spread its

wings around the world,” said President Katsuhiko Oishi, during a ceremony Wednesday in Concarneau commemorating the completion of the factory.

Andre Fidelin, mayor of the French port town with a population of 19,000,

also attended the ceremony and said that Concarneau will share its journey into the future with katsuobushi.

Some 200 people attended the ceremony, in which the mayor, the president and other officials jointly cracked open a bar-

rel of sake.

It has been difficult for Japanese dried bonito makers to export large amounts of their products to Europe due to strict regulations imposed by both the European Union and the individual countries.—*Kyodo News*

After lifetime with the poor, Mother Teresa speeds to sainthood

VATICAN CITY — Affectionately called the “saint of the gutters” during her lifetime, Mother Teresa of Calcutta will be made an official saint of the Roman Catholic Church on Sunday, just 19 years after her death.

A Nobel peace prize winner, Mother Teresa was one of the most influential women in the Church’s 2,000-year history, acclaimed for her work amongst the world’s poorest of the poor in the slums of the Indian city now called Kolkata.

Hundreds of thousands of faithful are expected to attend the canonization service for the tiny nun, which will be led by Pope Francis in front of St. Peter’s basilica. Although criticized both during her life and following her death, Mother Teresa is revered by Catholics as a model of compassion who brought relief to the sick and dying, opening branches of her Missionaries of Charity (MoC) order around the world.

“Even in popular culture she’s identified with goodness, kindness, charity,” said Father Brian Kolodiejchuk, the MoC priest who campaigned for her

sainthood.

In novels or movies often characters say, “Oh, who do you think I am? Mother Teresa?” he told Reuters.

Her critics view her differently, arguing she did little to alleviate the pain of the terminally ill and nothing to stamp out the root causes of poverty.

In 1991, the British medical journal the Lancet visited a home she ran in Kolkata for the dying and said untrained carers failed to recognize when some patients could have been cured. Kolodiejchuk said her detractors missed the point of her mission, arguing that she had created a place to comfort people in their final days rather than establish hospitals.

“We don’t have to prove that saints were perfect, because no one is perfect,” he said.

In her adopted India, a primarily Hindu nation, Mother Teresa has been accused of looking to convert the destitute to Christianity — something her mission has repeatedly denied.

The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), the umbrella right-wing Hindu



Mother Teresa presents documents for a new house to a villager from Latur in Bombay, on 26 September 1994. PHOTO: REUTERS

organisation that helped create India’s ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), also accuses Mother Teresa of revelling in the misery of others.

“As a resident of Kolkata, I feel insulted to see its poverty being glorified by the MoC. As a Hindu nationalist I also feel that Christianity is not the only way of salvation,” said Jishnu Bose, the RSS spokesman in the city.

But Mother Teresa still

has legions of supporters in India, including BJP Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

“All her life she worked to serve poorer sections of Indian society. When such a person is conferred with sainthood, it is natural for Indians to feel proud,” Modi said on Sunday in a radio broadcast.

Mother Teresa was born Agnese Gonxha Bjaxhiu of Albanian parents in 1910 in what was then part of the Ottoman Em-

pire and is now Macedonia. She became a nun at 16 and moved to India in 1929, creating her mission in 1950.

The Roman Catholic Church has more than 10,000 saints, many of whom had to wait centuries before their elevation.

But Mother Teresa, one of the most recognizable faces of the 20th century, was put on the fast track to sainthood after dying of a heart attack on 5 September 1997.—*Reuters*

Brazil’s Rousseff ousted by Senate, Temer sworn in

BRASILIA — Brazil’s Senate ousted President Dilma Rousseff on Wednesday, ending an impeachment process that polarized Latin America’s biggest country amid a massive corruption scandal and brutal economic crisis.

Senators voted 61-20 to convict the country’s first female president for illegally using money from state banks to bankroll public spending, marking the end of 13 years of leftist Workers Party rule.

Rousseff’s opponents hailed her removal as paving the way for a change of fortunes for Brazil. Her conservative successor, Michel Temer, the former vice president who has run Brazil since her suspension in May, inherits a bitterly divided nation with voters

in no mood for the austerity measures needed to heal public finances.

In his first televised address to the nation after being sworn in as president through 2018, Temer called on Brazilians to unite behind him in working to rescue the economy from a fiscal crisis and over 11 per cent unemployment.

“This moment is one of hope and recovery of confidence in Brazil. Uncertainty has ended,” Temer said in the speech broadcast after his departure for a G20 summit in China.

Until just a few years ago, Brazil was booming economically and its status was rising on the global stage.

The country then slid into its deepest recession in decades, and a graft scandal

at state oil company Petrobras (PETR4.SA) tarnished Rousseff’s coalition. Millions took to the streets this year to demand her removal, less than two years after she was re-elected.

A string of corruption scandals, led by the Petrobras scheme, has engulfed vast swaths of Brazil’s political class and business elites over the past 2-1/2 years.

Temer will likely face tough opposition from the Workers Party both on the streets and in Congress to his agenda of privatisations, reforms to Brazil’s generous pension and welfare laws and a public spending ceiling he hopes lawmakers will pass this year.

For the third straight day, pro-Rousseff demonstrators in Sao Paulo, Brazil’s largest city, clashed

with riot police, who used tear gas to clear the streets.

Defiant to the end, Rousseff, a former leftist guerrilla who was tortured and jailed under military dictatorship in 1970, vowed to fight on in defence of Brazil’s workers.

Standing outside the presidential residence flanked by supporters, she insisted on her innocence and said her removal was a “parliamentary coup” backed by the economic elite that would roll back social programmes that lifted millions of Brazilians out of poverty over the last decade.

“They think they have beaten us but they are mistaken,” Rousseff said, adding that she would appeal the decision using every legal means.

“At this time, I will not

say goodbye to you. I am certain I can say ‘See you soon’.”

The end of the Workers Party’s long grip on power sparked angry reactions from leftist governments across the region.

Venezuela, Bolivia and Ecuador withdrew their ambassadors, and Brazil responded by recalling its envoys for consultations. Cuba’s Communist government branded Rousseff’s ouster part of an “imperialist” offensive against progressive governments in Latin America.

The US State Department voiced confidence that strong bilateral relations with Brazil would continue, adding the country’s democratic institutions had acted within the constitutional framework.—*Reuters*

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Britain's Princess Anna listens to Russian artist Sergei Syukhin near a memorial to the participants of the Arctic Convoys during festive commemorations for the 75th anniversary of the arrival of the first allied Arctic Convoy, Operation Dervish, at the northern port of the Soviet Union during World War II, in Arkhangelsk, Russia, on 31 August 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Russia honours first British Arctic convoy, 75 years on

ARKHANGELSK, (Russia) — British and Russian World War II veterans gathered on Wednesday in Arkhangelsk, 75 years to the day since Britain's first Arctic convoy of military supplies steamed into the northern port.

Britain's Princess Anne has been among those attending events honouring those who sailed, and the thousands who died, protecting supply convoys dispatched to aid the Soviet Union against Nazi Germany.

On 31 August, 1941, two months after Hitler's surprise attack on his erstwhile ally prompted Josef Stalin to seek support from a beleaguered Britain, the first convoy, codenamed "Dervish", sailed into

Arkhangelsk, or Archangelsk, after a 10-day crossing.

In one of the lesser known examples of British-Soviet wartime cooperation, the six British and one Dutch merchant ships which arrived under the protection of the Royal Navy carried among other supplies a force of Hurricane fighters.

These would be flown by Britain's Royal Air Force in aerial battles with the Luftwaffe and the Germans' Finnish allies before being handed over to Soviet pilots.

John "Tim" Elkington, who arrived as a 20-year-old with the RAF's 151 Wing in Russia, said his most frightening experience was crossing the

Arctic Sea on a route that would claim more than 3,000 Allied lives over the next four years as U-boats, aircraft and mines sank 101 merchant and naval ships.

"The most dangerous part was being on an Arctic convoy and not knowing what was going to happen with the submarines, the aircraft and the mines," Elkington said.

"But the operation in the air, there was no real danger because we were used to fighting Messerschmitts. We were used to that. And it was quite exciting to shoot an aircraft down."

The convoys were "the worst journey in the world" in the words of Prime Minister Winston Churchill, who used them

to forge an uneasy anti-Nazi alliance with Stalin that would last until the victors fell out, ushering in the Cold War.

Concern in Moscow that a standoff with NATO over Ukraine is a "new Cold War" have been accompanied by increased interest from President Vladimir Putin's Kremlin in rekindling memories of World War II cooperation with Britain and the United States.

As commemorations of Russians' wartime sacrifices reinforce national pride and loyalty to Putin at home, surviving foreign veterans have also been feted in recent years as Moscow seeks to counter what it sees as vilification in the West.—Reuters

Five dead after two planes collide mid-air in Alaska

SEATTLE — Two small planes collided in mid-air over southwest Alaska on Wednesday, killing all five people aboard both aircraft, authorities said.

The crash occurred around 11 a.m. local time (1900 GMT) about 60 miles (96 km) north of the city of Bethel, Alaska National Guard spokeswoman Candis Olmstead said in a statement. The single-engine planes were a Cessna 208 Caravan with three individuals on board, and a Piper PA-18 Super Cub carrying two people, Olmstead said.

The Cessna belonged to Hageland Aviation Servic-

es, a regional airline, and the Piper was operated by Renfro's Alaskan Adventures, she added. Renfro's offers wilderness hunting and fishing trips out of Bethel, according to its website.

Alaska is a sparsely populated US state more than twice the size of Texas, and residents in remote areas rely on small planes for travel, recreation and mail delivery.

Alaska State Troopers said in a statement that rescue workers searching the crash site found no survivors aboard either aircraft, and said an investigation was continuing.—Reuters

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Musical about L.A. dreamers opens 73rd Venice film festival

VENICE — Damien Chazelle's "La La Land", a musical comedy-drama about the joys and pains of pursuing one's dreams, opened the Venice film festival on Wednesday, kicking off days of screenings, parties and red carpet glamour.

The movie, starring Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone, tells the story of a struggling jazz pianist, Sebastian, who falls in love with Mia, an aspiring actress in modern day Los Angeles. Sebastian is trying to get people, young and old, to care about traditional jazz, while Mia hopes one of her many auditions will finally land her an acting gig.

"Young people have fallen into a lot of cynicism, are making fun of things and pointing out the flaws in everything and this movie is anything but that,"

Stone told journalists at a news conference. She said the movie reminded her of her own "humiliating auditions" when she first arrived

in Los Angeles.

"This is what I hope young people will do: work hard to achieve their dreams."

The musical is one of 20 US and international vying for the Golden Lion that will be awarded on 10 September.

British director Sam Mendes, known for James Bond movies "Skyfall" and "Spectre" and who heads this year's jury, said he is looked forward to seeing each movie with as little knowledge as possible, adding he had no criteria for what

made one excellent.

"I will know it when I see it," he said.

"La La Land" opens with a chorus music scene set during a morning traffic jam on a Los Angeles motorway, where drivers jamming away to tunes in their empty cars suddenly jump out of their vehicles and dance on the roofs, all to the beats of a big band.

Chazelle said the movie builds on all the clichés people may have about Los Angeles, including the "traffic, the terrible parties, the celebrity culture, the shallowness", but then shows that "there is something very poetic about the city that's just built by people with these unrealistic dreams". The 31-year-old Chazelle is best known for writing and directing "Whiplash", which earned him five Academy Award nominations and won three Oscars. —Reuters



Jerzy Skolimowski.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Model Barbara Palvin arrives for the opening ceremony of the 73rd Venice Film Festival in Venice, Italy on 31 August 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Taylor Swift makes donation to hospital that saved her godson

LOS ANGELES — Singer Taylor Swift has made a donation to Cedars-Sinai Hospital on behalf of actress friend Jaime King's son, who suffered from a congenital heart defect.

King, 37, revealed that 26-year-old Swift made the donation to on her child Leo's behalf. The mother of two is filled with gratitude for the singer's tribute gift, reported Aceshowbiz.

"Dear all- at 20 weeks our son was diagnosed with Transposition of the Great Arteries AKA TGA," King opened up on Instagram. "He had a major heart surgery, that was terrifying, and traumatic for us as parents, for our family. Only a few of our best friends knew. I felt that I had to protect him in fear of the unknown, fear he would not make it. We felt isolated & confused."

"@taylorswift does so many selfless acts that go unnoticed because she does them silently, from such a great place of unconditional giving. As the Godmother of Leo Thames for his birthday she gave an incredible donation to the people that saved his life," the actress wrote.—PTI



Taylor Swift.
PHOTO: REUTERS

Gender and emotion examined in artificial intelligence tale 'Morgan'

LOS ANGELES — The struggle to replicate human emotion in artificial intelligence is often explored in movies, but what happens when an artificial being is too emotional?

"Morgan," out in theaters on Friday, is set in a near future reality where a group of scientists from a corporate AI company breed a synthetic baby.

Aged 5 but growing faster than a human child, Morgan, played by 20-year-old Anya Taylor-Joy, looks like female teenager and is a highly intelligent being with outbursts of deadly anger.

When Morgan is told by her human minder that she is no



Actress Kate Mara .

PHOTO: REUTERS

longer allowed outdoors and instead must stay in a caged underground room where she is constantly observed, she stabs her in the eye. In comes the immacu-

lately groomed corporate agent Lee Weathers (Kate Mara) to determine whether Morgan should be terminated.

"I had to hold back on most emotions because my character is rather unemotional and very even-keeled and calculated, very focused," Mara said in an interview. The film centers on its three lead female characters who include "Game of Thrones" actress Rose Leslie as Morgan's closest friend, and Morgan's struggle with gender identity. Half the scientists identify the being as "her," while the other half including Lee Weathers coldly refer to Morgan as "it." —Reuters

Tomatoes come to town: Bunol prepares for La Tomatina

LLOSA — The ripe, round, red fruit tumbles out of crates and is piled high on trucks, while people cover balconies in plastic sheets and board up houses and shopfronts. Preparations for the annual ‘La Tomatina’ festival have begun.

About 150,000 kilos of tomatoes were transported to Bunol, west of the Spanish city of Valencia, ahead of the festival on Wednesday,

when thousands of revelers will throw them at each other on a narrow street in the town.

The massive food fight lasts for an hour, with around 20,000 people expected to attend this year.

The tomato fight has been a tradition in Bunol since the end of World War II and has drawn a large international following in recent years.—Reuters



Revellers battle with tomato pulp during the annual ‘Tomatina’ (tomato fight) festival in Bunol near Valencia, Spain, on 31 August 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Macau gambling revenue breaks two-year downward trend with one per cent August rise

HONG KONG — Macau, the world’s biggest casino hub, posted a 1.1 per cent rise in gambling revenue in August, the first positive monthly year-over-year growth in more than two years, after the opening of Wynn Macau’s \$4 billion resort in the southern Chinese territory.

August marks the first upward tick for the former Portuguese colony since May 2014, after monthly revenues plummeted to five-year lows due to slowing economic growth in the world’s second largest economy. A major anti-graft campaign also kept the very rich from openly flaunting their wealth.

Macau, the only place in China where casino gambling is legal, is set for another multi billion casino resort this month with

US billionaire Sheldon Adelson’s Sands China \$3 billion Parisian resort. Improving visitation over the summer helped bolster the mass market segment, which has become a key focus after a dearth of VIP gamblers on Macau’s plentiful baccarat tables.

Gambling revenue was 18.8 billion patacas (\$2.4 billion), government data showed on Thursday, at the top end of analysts’ expectations that varied from a drop of 3 per cent to a 1 per cent growth.

A swift rebound is unlikely, say analysts, who caution the new properties, which include a scale version of the Eiffel tower and an aerial gondola ride, will be impacted by slow market growth and infrastructure bottle necks.—Reuters

Flying pigs and prisms: Pink Floyd expo to open at London’s V&A

LONDON — A pink inflatable pig the size of a bus floated above London’s venerable Victoria and Albert museum on Wednesday but unlike an infamous outing above Battersea Power Station in 1976 it did not break free and ground planes at Heathrow.

Instead, it perhaps slowed traffic a bit, but most certainly caused passers-by to exclaim: “The pig!”

One of the many globally recognisable emblems of Pink Floyd, along with prisms and marching hammers, the pig was flying to mark the launch of “The Pink Floyd Exhibition: Their Mortal Remains”, a retrospective to be hosted at the museum next May.

That date marks 50 years since the band released its first single “Arnold Layne”. The group

then went on to massive worldwide acclaim, including two of the most successful albums of all time, “Dark Side of the Moon” and “The Wall”.

The exhibition is designed to celebrate that, along with Pink Floyd’s achievements in graphics,

design, architecture, staging, lighting, film and photography.

Nick Mason, drummer and a founding member, said the exhibition is really a paean to the band’s longevity. “It’s the fact that we still sort of exist and we still seem to interest people after

50 years in an industry that was seen as entirely ephemeral by all of us when we first started,” he told Reuters at the launch.

“I’m fond of reminding people that Ringo thought that he’d open a chain of hairdressers when the Beatles came to an end ... I don’t think we saw any 50 years ahead of us when we kicked off.” The V&A is promising an immersive experience when the exhibition opens, with concert footage not seen before, a laser light show designed for the event, new stage designs, 350 different objects plus some items from the museum’s own collection. It will be the museum’s third recent foray into the rock world. It held a critically acclaimed exhibition on David Bowie in 2013 and opens “You Say You Want a Revolution? Records and Rebels 1966 1970” in September.—Reuters



An inflatable pig from the band Pink Floyd floats over the Victoria and Albert Museum to promote ‘The Pink Floyd Exhibition: Their Mortal Remains’, which will open in May 2017, in London, Britain, on 31 August 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS



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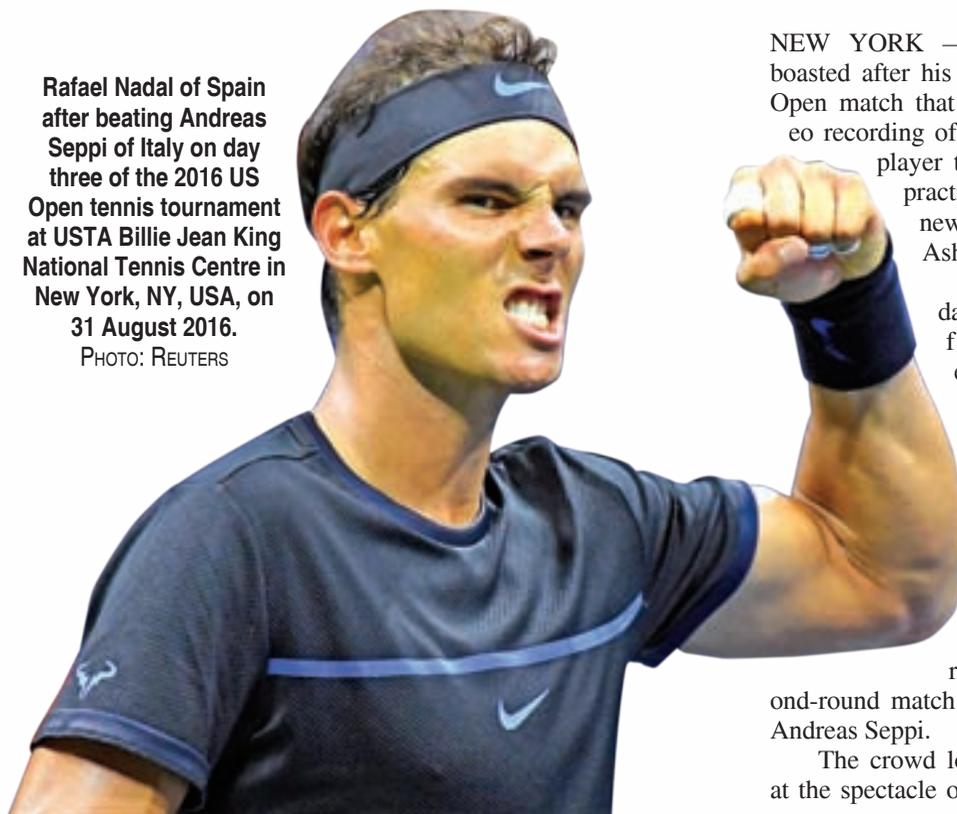
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Nadal completes 'roof' double at US Open



Rafael Nadal of Spain after beating Andreas Seppi of Italy on day three of the 2016 US Open tennis tournament at USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Centre in New York, NY, USA, on 31 August 2016.

PHOTO: REUTERS

NEW YORK — Rafa Nadal boasted after his first-round US Open match that he had a video recording of being the first player to hit a ball in practice under the new roof at Arthur Ashe Stadium.

On Wednesday, the fourth-seeded Spaniard achieved the double as he hit the first ball in competition under the \$150 million roof after rain briefly interrupted his second-round match against Italian Andreas Seppi.

The crowd looked skyward at the spectacle of the high-tech

closure and roared in approval when the two sides met above the court in five minutes, 35 seconds.

Play resumed seven minutes, 22 seconds after the stoppage with Nadal serving at 3-3 in the second set before he completed a 6-0, 7-5, 6-1 victory over Seppi that lifted him to a third-round match against Russian Andrey Kuznetsov.

The Spaniard was aglow after his victory and being part of the first match played under the Ashe Stadium roof.

"I was very happy to be the first player to play in the competition with this fantastic roof closing," he said. "Amazing, unbelievable." Nadal's mood was in stark contrast to women's French Open champion Garbine Muguruza who had preceded her compatriot onto the Arthur Ashe Stadium court and was upset by 48th-ranked Anastasija Sevastova

of Latvia 7-5, 6-4 in the second round.

Muguruza and Sevastova played with the roof open, but both complained about the noise from the boisterous fans, which appeared to be exacerbated by the roof support structure trapping the sound.

Umpires continually appealed to the crowd to be quiet, but that did little to lower the noise.

"This is New York," US Tennis Association executive director Gordon Smith said. "Yes, there is crowd noise and yes, we want the crowds to come, to be excited."

"We want them to cheer. We think that over time the fans will adjust and the players will adjust."

"This is a learning year for us ... we'll look at doing things in the future to deal with that."

—Reuters

Mourinho laments timing of international break for derby

LONDON — Manchester United manager Jose Mourinho said the international break has made his plans for the Manchester derby a bit more "complicated" than he would have liked, especially with his South American players returning a day before the clash.

With a bulk of the United squad away on international duty and striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic being given an extended break, Mourinho has been left with almost none of first team players to work with since Saturday's last-gasp win over Hull City.

The former Chelsea and Real Madrid manager will also have first-choice right back Antonio Valencia and squad players, goalkeeper Sergio Romero and defender Marcos Rojo, arrive at the club's training ground, 24 hours before the 10 September fixture.

"We keep eight outfield players and Sam Johnstone as the goalkeeper. We are going to lose the others and we don't know the way they train, the way they recover, the life they are going to have with their national teams," Mourinho told MUTV. "Some are coming back on the Monday before the Manchester City match but some are coming back on Friday. The day before Man City, we will still have Sergio Romero, Marcos Rojo and Valencia arriving."

—Reuters

Muguruza us Open hopes dashed on Ashe

NEW YORK — Garbine Muguruza was once again left to sift through the remains of another failed US Open campaign after the third-seeded Spaniard suffered a shock 7-5, 6-4 second round upset by unheralded Latvian Anastasija Sevastova on Wednesday.

The French Open champion has never found the same success on the Flushing Meadows hard courts as she has on Parisian clay, where she claimed her first grand slam title in May by beating Serena Williams in the final.

In four visits to the US Open, the 22-year-old has yet to advance to the third round in New York and the Spaniard was unable to overcome her 48th-ranked opponent this time in a sloppy contest littered with service breaks.

Muguruza came into the year's final grand slam with a chance to usurp Serena Williams at the top of the world rankings if she could win the tournament, but she was already claiming it would need "a miracle" to even reach the final after her first match.

The Spaniard, however, did not go down without a fight.

Serving for a third round berth at 5-1, Sevastova had two match points but could not convert either as Muguruza registered the break to keep her hopes alive. Muguruza continued to close the gap by holding to love then breaking the crumbling Latvian a second time to get the set back on serve.

With the match slipping

away and the crowd at the massive Arthur Ashe Stadium court buzzing, Sevastova calmed her nerves to break once more, sealing the biggest win of her career with a fizzing forehand cross-court winner.

"I was shaking a little bit at the end," the 26-year-old Sevastova admitted in an on-court interview. "A night match on Ashe. What is going to be bigger?"

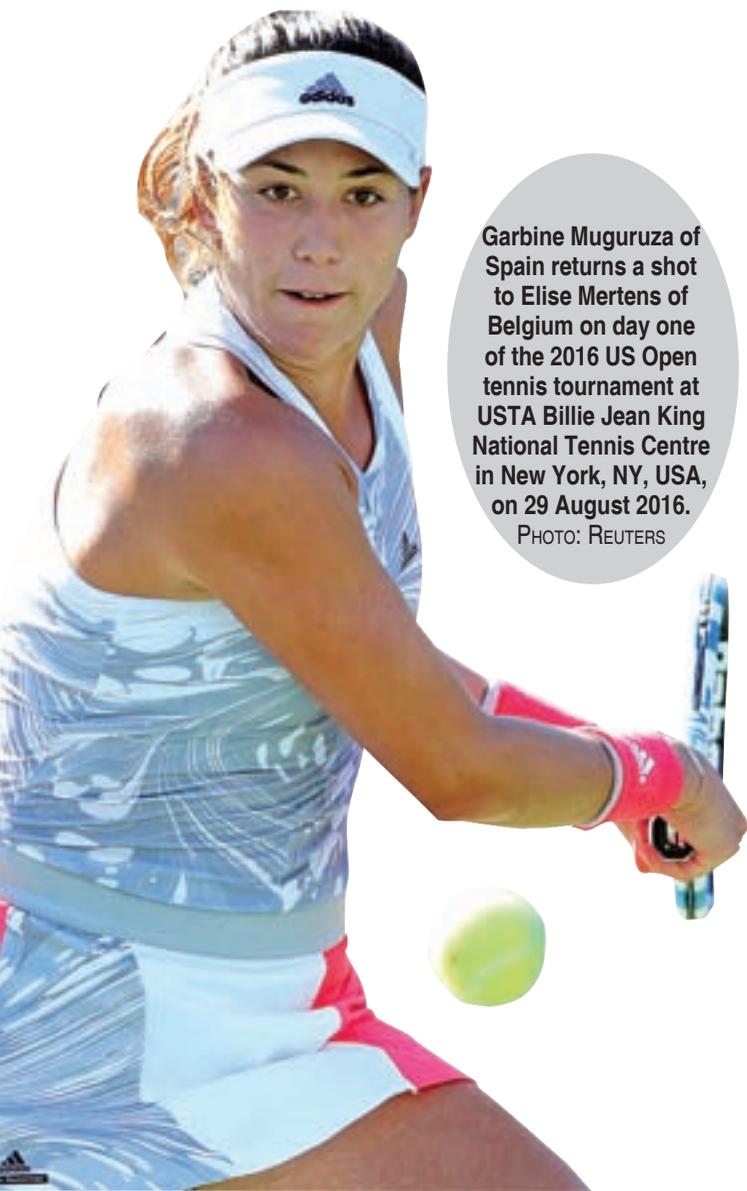
"I thought, 'Why do they put me on Ashe at 7pm?' I mean, I think they thought it should be a good match."

"It feels great, but it's still not like I won the tournament. It's only second round."

It was certainly not the high quality match one might have been expected to see at prime time on one of the sport's biggest stages, Sevastova committing a whopping 34 unforced errors but outdone by an even sloppier Muguruza with 38.

Muguruza did take a majority of her chances, converting five-of-six break point opportunities, but Sevastova was able to capitalise on seven of the 12 the Spaniard presented to her in the error-prone contest.

While Muguruza needs to go back to the drawing board, the victory could serve as a key stepping stone in Sevastova's rehabilitation after the Latvian retired



Garbine Muguruza of Spain returns a shot to Elise Mertens of Belgium on day one of the 2016 US Open tennis tournament at USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Centre in New York, NY, USA, on 29 August 2016.

PHOTO: REUTERS

in May 2013 due to a chronic run of injuries before launching a comeback last year.

"I think I had to work on it when I took the time off," said Sevastova, who will face Ukraine's Kateryna Bondarenko

in the third round. "I think I manage it better now that I stay in the moment. It's tough to not look ahead."

"We can enjoy it today but tomorrow is a new day. You have to think forward."—Reuters

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