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State Counsellor receives Harvard humanitarian award

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was presented the 2016 humanitarian award by Harvard University on 17 September.

As she received the award before a large crowd in Harvard University Science Center in Cambridge, Massachusetts, the 71-year old leader urged people to go out into the world and prove for themselves that hatred — any hatred — is rooted in fear.

“I believe that fear is at the root of all division, because fear leads to hatred, and hatred leads to division,” she said, reiterating that there is a “vein of goodness” in everyone, and mining it will help us overcome fear.

“I look upon this prize not as a reward for what I have done, but as a happy omen for what we are trying to achieve in the future,” she said as she accepted her award that consisted a gold medal on a red plaque. “In my country, there is still a long way to go before I can say that our people are both free and secure.”

Dr S Allen Counter, the Harvard Foundation’s director, presented the award to the state counsellor. After the ceremony, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi met a gathering of several of Harvard’s most gifted students. Later that evening, a dinner was hosted in her honour.

The Peter J. Gomes Humanitarian Award is presented annually by the Harvard Foundation to individuals who have helped improved lives and inspired others. Past recipients include former UN chief Kofi Annan, singer Lionel Richie for his support for charity and fellow Nobel laureate Malala Yousafzai, who was shot in the head by Taliban insurgents for speaking out about female education.

Earlier in the day, the State Counsellor met members of the Myanmar community and ethnic representatives at the office of the permanent representative of Myanmar to the United Nations in New York.

At the get-together, the state counsellor explained to them the government’s commitment to promotion of education, health, peace and national reconciliation.

The elders of the Myanmar community in New York gave suggestions on improved healthcare and the expansion of the entry visa, to which the state counsellor responded. On September 21, the state counsellor will address the Asia Society Policy Institute in New York. The address to the society will take place on the sidelines of the 71st session of the United Nations General Assembly.

— GNLM



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi speaks to students in a round-table discussion in Washington, 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Hydropower commission to submit first report to president on 11 Nov

Following is an unofficial translation of the press release of the commission.

1. The President’s Office formed a commission under Order 58/2016 on 12 August 2016 to re-

view and scrutinise the hydropower projects at the confluence of the Ayeyawady river.

2. The commission held its first meeting on 22-23 August, its second on 29-30 August, its third

on 5-6 September and its fourth on 9 September. The facts related to the projects were discussed and coordinated.

3. The commission is still engaged in the review and scruti-

ny of the documents related to the hydropower projects at the Ayeyawady confluence from different perspectives. In this respect, the commission will collaborate not only with local experts but also for-

eign experts, as necessary.

4. The commission visited Myitkyina on 15 September to conduct a field survey at the Myitsone hydropower dam project.

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Vice President U Henry Van Thio inspects installation of radars and sensors at Kaba Aye weather station

IN his capacity as National Natural Disaster Management Committee Chairman, Vice President U Henry Van Thio inspected the installation of radar and sensors at the observatory at the Kaba Aye weather station in Yangon on 17 September.

The observatory was constructed with the assistance of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

In the assembly hall, Department of Meteorology and Hydrology Deputy Director-General Dr Kyaw Moe Oo briefed the vice president on the installation of radar networks, the dissemination of weather forecasts over FM radios, newspapers and social media, the collaboration with

international weather agencies for communication of warnings and watches and future plans.

After hearing the briefings, the vice president pointed out that weather forecasts are critical to the country's agricultural sector, stressing the need to broadcast weather forecasts and natural hazards at the right time, in the right way, to the right people.

The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology broadcasts weather forecasts and warnings, facts and information about earthquakes and tsunamis, collects data related to the weather, shares the information with international weather agencies and analyses the weather forecasts sent by international weather



Vice President observing Kaba Aye Weather Station. PHOTO: MNA

agencies. With JICA's assistance, the Kaba Aye weather station will be installed with three radars and 30 automated sensors. The project is expected to be

completed in 2017.

The Kyaukphyu weather station in Rakhine State had radar installed in October. The installation of radar at the Kaba Aye

weather station will be completed in October this year, while the Mandalay weather station is expected to have radar in May next year.—*Myanmar News Agency*

Broadcasters form association to keep pace with int'l media

The formation of the Myanmar Broadcasters Association (MBA) was officially announced by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein at the Sky Star hotel in Yangon yesterday. In his speech, the chief minister said the news media played a crucial role in encouraging public participation in politics alongside the executive, legislative and judicial branches to enhance the democratic system in the country. He recognised the role the media had played throughout the country's democratic movement, describing it as a milestone in the history of the country.

According to MBA Chairman U Khin Maung Htay, the association was formed with representatives of the broadcast-

ing agencies across the country. He urged the media community to join hands with the association in enabling the country's media to keep abreast of the international media.

The Ministry of Home Affairs approved the formation of the Myanmar Broadcasters Association on 8 August this year, with officials saying that a committee has been formed to review the Broadcasting Law and write its rules and regulations.

The MBA is formed with the representatives of 15 media agencies. It has plans to conduct training programmes and workshops in partnership with its partner media agencies, including DW Akademie, Germany's leading organisation for international media development.—*Min Thit*



MBA formation ceremony in progress. PHOTO: MNA

Correction

Please read "Union of Myanmar Travel Association (UMTA)" instead of "Myanmar Tourism Federation," in the news story "Myanmar moves to further boost tourism through travel event" on page-5 of September 18 Issue of the Global New Light of Myanmar.—*Ed*

Mawlamyine awarded City of Charm for 14th China-ASEAN Expo

THE Mon State capital of Mawlamyine has been awarded as the 'City of Charm' for the 14th China-ASEAN Exposition (CA-EXPO) to be held in China's Guangxi province, according to the Department of Trade of Consumer Affairs for Mon State.

The exposition, which kicked off on September 11 and lasted until 14, was held in a bid to increase investment between China and ASEAN member countries, as well as to support the establishment an ASEAN-China free trade area.

"This year marks the 14th year of the exposition. As well as the showcasing of products from countries of the region, a display is also erected of the main features of the city selected to be this year's City of Charm in a bid to spark interest from foreigners and develop the tourism industry," U Soe Than Aye, head of the aforementioned

department, told Myitmakha News Agency.

The showcasing of Mawlamyine City reportedly includes highlighting the city's favourable climate, flourishing Buddhism, ethnic diversity, sites of archaeological and cultural heritage, and variety of locally produced agricultural crops.

Furthermore, the region's rubber industry, products of export and ports; ability to travel to other parts of Myanmar from the regions via plane, train and boat; the Thanlwin River estuary and the road and rail bridge which crosses it; together with the possibilities of foreign investment in the region's Kyauktan Industrial Zone, will also be showcased at the expo.

Bilu Island, which stands across the Thanlwin River from the urban centre of Mawlamyine, famous for its charming handicraft,

including the likes of smoking pipes, walking sticks, blackboards, rubber bands and traditional Myanmar snacks, is a place of interest popular with visiting tourists. While just 40 miles south of Mawlamyine lies the Kyaikkhami Pagoda, which struts out into the sea and is blocked off from the main land at high tide.

Myanmar has been allocated 145 booths at the exposition, with the majority of products on display including gemstones, jewelry, cut timber, furniture, and consumer goods, while performances of traditional Myanmar dancing will also be presented.

This is not the first time though that a Myanmar city has been awarded as the City of Charm, with the Taninthayi Region city of Dawei being bestowed the prestigious title for the 12th celebrated exposition.—*Myitmakha News Agency*

Over K40 m fines handed down to undisciplined drivers

OVER K40 million in road fines have been handed down to undisciplined drivers in Bago Region this August, the region's Traffic Police Department told Myitmakha News Agency. The department reportedly cites a lack of public knowledge towards the new Motor Vehicle Law as the rationale behind daily violations of the law by drivers of cars, trailer tractors, three-wheeled vehicles and motorcycles.

"I want the public to understand the Motor Vehicle Law. We've made repeated efforts to educate people on the law, which allows a case file to be built and perpetrators to be taken to court and fined. I want people to use their vehicle on the road only after they've studied the law. We'll con-

tinue to make arrests and take legal action," Traffic Police Chief Htein Win of the Bago Traffic Police Department told Myitmakha News Agency.

During August, approximately 2,000 residents and school children attended educational awareness talks on vehicle and road regulations held a total of seven times in Bago district, eight times in Taungoo district, nine times in Pyay district and seven times in Thayarwady district.

"Among violators of vehicle and road regulations, the youth figure prominently. A number of instances, though, can be attributed to an increase in the number of vehicles on the roads and the confusion that causes. There should

be more traffic police stationed at intersections to direct traffic," said Ko Ye Lin, a resident of Bago.

Of the four districts in Bago Region, the highest number of arrests and fines were handed down in Pyay district to drivers of a total of 1,603 vehicles.

Drivers of a total of 2,808 vehicles were arrested throughout Bago Region during the month of August for violating vehicle and road regulations, being handed down a total sum of K41.08 million. According to articles of the Motor Vehicle Law, which was enacted on 7 September 2015, anyone who violates the law can face over a month in prison or a fine of K50,000.—*Myitmakha News Agency*



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No suspected cases of Zika found in Myanmar

NO SUSPECTED cases of Zika has been reported in the country despite the outbreak of the disease in neighbouring countries, said a spokesperson of Mandalay Region Public Health Department.

According to the World Health Organisation, the Zika virus is caused by the bites of infected *Aedes* mosquitoes. The virus can also spread through sex. Pregnant women are at risk of becoming infected with Zika and delivering babies with birth defects. To prevent the outbreak of Zika in Myanmar, the health ministry is monitoring every point of entry into the country for the virus, especially at international airports in Yangon, Mandalay and the capital Nay Pyi

Taw, as well as port terminals in Yangon, said Dr Win Naing, head of the region public health department. He said public participation plays a vital role in preventing the serious viral disease, urging them to immediately inform the nearest health departments when suspected cases occur in their neighbourhoods. People with Zika virus disease can have symptoms including mild fever, skin rashes, conjunctivitis, muscle and joint pain, malaise or headaches. The number of Zika cases in Singapore has reached 270. Neighbouring Thailand has confirmed 22 cases. There have been no suspected cases found in Myanmar, India or China, officials said.—*Myitmakha News Agency*



(NEWS ON PAGE-1) State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi accepts the 2016 humanitarian award by Dr S Allen Counter, the Harvard Foundation's director on 17 September. PHOTO: MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

CTUM suggest specific law for protection of migrants

THE Confederation of Trade Unions of Myanmar has urged the government to adopt a specific law for the protection of migrants working overseas to prevent exploitation by employment agents.

Htwe Htwe Thein, the director of CTUM, said there are some agents who still exploit migrants, who are mostly from rural areas. "That's why laws for the specific protection of migrants from unfair employment contracts should be enacted," Htwe Htwe Thein said. "It needs cooperation among the government, private sector, employers, employees and all organizations to have good industrial

relations towards sustainable economic development."

It is estimated that about 4 million Myanmar migrants work in Thailand, the most popular destination for Myanmar citizens looking for work, followed by Malaysia, Singapore, Korea and Japan.

Due to a shortage of job opportunities, people move to urban areas or overseas to find employment. The numbers of migrants who work overseas outnumber those who migrate internally, the Director of CTUM also added. Currently, 1 billion out of 7 billion worldwide are migrants.—*GNLM*

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During the field trip, the commission discussed project-related issues with officials of the Kachin State government, followed by a coordination meeting among the members of the commission.

5. The members of the commission visited the Myitsone hydropower dam project on 16 September and were given briefings by officials of China Power Investment Corporation on the undertakings of the project. The members of the commission went to the project-affected villages of Aungmyintha and Maliyan, where they met village elders and villagers and asked them about their opinion of the dam project.

6. The members of the commission visited the Chiphwenge hydropower project on 17 September, which was constructed to supply power to the projects at the Ayeyawady confluence, where officials of China Power Investment Corporation briefed them on the arrangement for power supply for the hydropower project.

7. The members of the commission kept complete records of the attitudes expressed by the elders, officials and residents of Myitkyina on 19 September.

8. The commission is striving to prepare a report of its findings, which is scheduled to be submitted to the President

on 11 November this year. Its report will reflect the impact of the implementation of the projects on the social environment and the ecosystems, the sustainability of the Ayeyawady river and the risks of its water resources; it will review whether or not the projects should continue, seek to coordinate ways to enjoy mutual benefits between Myanmar and the foreign investor, and encompass the sentiments and attitudes voiced by local residents and social organisations.

9. In addition, the commission will arrange for an initial report for submission to the President, if need be, prior to the submission of its first report.—*GNLM*

MoU aims to offer job opportunities to local engineering students

THAILAND-based SCG Co will ink a memorandum of understanding with a government-run training school to teach an industrial science programme in Mawlamyine Township in Mon State to create more employment opportunities.

U Aung Moe, the principal of the training school, said the programme allows students who pass a matriculation examination to join urban engineering, electrical power, industrial engineering and electricity programmes.

The signing of the MoU is estimated to be made next month, he added.

Negotiations have been undertaken between the two parties since January this year to sign the new programme.

Under the MoU, 20 outstanding students from the electrical power and industrial engineering field will be invited to join intensive training for the first time with a Thailand-based company in November.

Plans are underway to grant third-year students to join the intensive training to pursue not only theoretical lessons but also hands-on courses on relevant subjects.

Because of accommodation barriers, the training school can only accept around 40 students per course, per year. Students with high marks top the priority lists for acceptance. —*Myitmakha News Agency*

Authorities to take protective measures against riverbank erosion

AS PART OF its riverbank erosion control programme across Mandalay, authorities will carry out protection measures against riverbank erosion next month, said U Toe Aung Lin, director of regional department of water resources and improvement of river systems.

After research, the department will invite tenders in November to implement the new project in 16 villages situated along the Ayeyawady River. Plans are underway to spend over Ks3.4 billion on river bank erosion prevention works in Singu, Madaya, Sintgaing, Myingyan,

Taungtha, Patheingyi townships in PyinOoLwin, Kyaukse and Myingyan townships this year.

The department has already conducted protective measures against riverbank erosion after the water had receded.

The government performed the control of bank erosion in the region last FY with the use of K2.914 billion budgets in total.

Depending on the latest conditions of the waterway, project designs are likely to be changed. The department will make appropriate designs for each project, said U Toe Aung Lin. —Aung Thant Khaing



The eroded river bank being observed by the authorities. PHOTO: AUNG THANT KHAING

Crime NEWS

Woman killed by her nephew in 35th Street

A woman in Yangon was killed by her nephew yesterday, who also died from a fall as he fled the scene.

Daw Kyin Hmwe, 65, was found with a cut on her head and a stab wound to her neck when neighbours arrived at the apartment on the third floor of a building in 35th Street in Kyauktada Township at approximately 11 am. The neighbours had been asked for help by Daw Hnin Pa Pa Hlaing, 43, who is the niece of the victim and who also suffered injuries, according to the police record.

While at the scene, the neighbours heard someone fell. They then found a man lying on the ground at the rear of the building.

The nephew was found unconscious after he apparently fell off the third floor of the building. He died on his way to the hospital.

The police confirmed that the man is Myat Ko Hlaing, 30, the nephew of Daw Khyin Hmwe, who was living in Thanlyin.

Daw Hnin Pa Pa Hlaing said

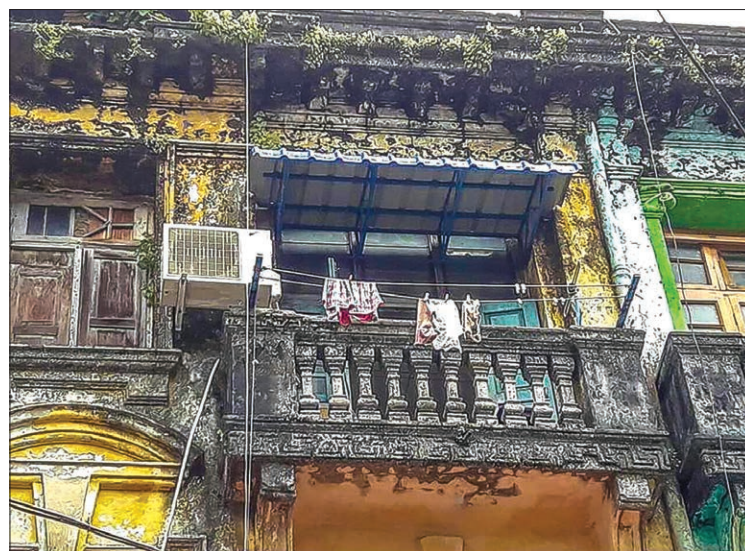
the man arrived at the apartment about one hour before the crime and was talking with Daw Kyin Hmwe. While she was in the bathroom, she heard brawling outside between her aunt and Myat Ko Hlaing who then began to beat his aunt, Hnin Pa Pa Hlaing told police.

Hnin Pa Pa Hlaing was also taken to the hospital with head injuries, but the wounds were not

life threatening, police said.

“Once we received an emergency call, we sent a patrol team there and managed to send them to the hospital and carried out an investigation into the crime,” said Police Major Than Aye of the Kyauktada Township Police Force.

Confiscated from the scene were an iron rod and a kitchen knife, he said.—Zaw Gyi



The victim's apartment in 35th street. PHOTO: ZAW GYI

Illegal hardwoods worth K65 million seized in Mongkai

ILLEGALLY harvested hardwoods worth over K65 million on Friday were seized by Tatmadawmen from transporters in Mongkai Township in southern Shan State after they carried out a security programme in the area.

Four men—U Ohn Kyaw, U Aik Sai (aka U Khin Min), U Ar Tee and U Sai Shwe Aye—were arrested after they were unable to produce documents proving their ownership of the property.

About 30 tonnes of Padauk

and Tamalan timbers were confiscated from three trucks.

The illegally harvested wood and trucks as well as the smugglers will be handed over the township forest department, an official said.—200

Two farmers dead in Kachin State landmine blast

TWO brothers were killed when a landmine exploded as they worked on their farm at the bottom of a mountain situated three miles from Mohnyin, Kachin State.

U Htay, also known as U Htay

Hlaing), the father of the two victims, said he found devices suspected to be landmines while he cut some plants at around 12.30 p.m.

He then informed his sons—

Myint Oo, 44, and Myo Win, 34, and returned back to hut near the farm. After he heard the explosion, he discovered his sons dead at the scene. Police are still investigating the case.—Salai Mang Ngai

Man wanted for selling fake forest product

POLICE are searching for a man and his associates in connection with a fraud case that occurred over the last two months in Bago Region.

According to investigators, on 12 September, U Myint, 49, of Pwintphyu Township, filed a lawsuit against U Kyi Lin, who allegedly took K50 million from the victim in the third week of July.

The victim offered an ad-

vanced payment of K50 million to U Kyi Lin to buy a very rare forest product from him after he made the necessary testing on the object in Yedashe Township to confirm its authenticity.

After the purchase, the victim again tested the object he bought.

The results revealed it was a fake. U Myint then sued the suspect, who is still on the run. —Ko Lwin (Swa)

Four people arrested for drug trafficking

POLICE arrested four people, including two women, in connection with drug smuggling in Mon State.

Acting on a tip-off, members of an anti-drug squad searched Phyo Maung, 27, at a restaurant near Kyaukyedwin Village in Bilin Township on Friday evening.

They found 97 yaba pills weighing 9.7 grams.

The suspect said he bought the yaba tablets from a couple in Shweindon Village in the same township.

Police then raided the house of Ko Gaday Lin Soe (aka Ko Zay) and his wife Ni Ni Aye, and discovered a cache of 487 yaba pills.

Poe Hat (aka Myat Su Aye Soe), younger sister of Ko Gaday Lin Soe, was also arrested after she was found in a possession of a cache of stimulant tablets.



Ko Gaday Lin Soe (aka Ko Zay) and his wife Ni Ni Aye. PHOTO: THET OO (THATON)

All people involved in the cases are facing charges under Section 15/19 (A)/ 20 (A) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. —Thet Oo (Thahton)

LOCAL Business

Sixty-five foreign projects to make investments in hotel and tourism sector in this FY

Sixty-five foreign projects were permitted to make investments in the hotel and tourism sector as of the end of August this year, with foreign direct investment (FDI) of over US\$2billion, according to the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism.

Last year, FDI totalling US\$2,678.38million was put into this sector with 48 projects. There are now a total of 1,371 hotels with 53,716 rooms across the nation, according to an announcement released by the Hotels and Tourism ministry.

Both citizens and foreigners made investments in this sector. Additionally, there are joint ventures by citizens and foreigners, according to the sta-

tistics of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

FDI is seen mostly in the oil and gas sector, the energy sector and the manufacturing sector, while the citizen investments are mostly made in the manufacturing sector, the real estate development sector and the transportation sector.

Myanmar's tourism is expected to earn over US\$9billion in the coming five years, according to the Second Five-Year National Development Plan.

The tourism sector plays a vital role in the reforming process of the nation, attracting foreign direct investments and creating more job opportunities for the people.—*Ko Htet*

No longer permit for imported vehicles that substitute the body

Road Transportation Administration Department (RTAD) will reportedly no longer permit the importing of commercial used vehicles whose bodies have been replaced.

Some dishonest dealers import vehicle with unlicensed car bodies under the import licence of trucks.

The import of vehicles without their original bodies or cars which are not in com-

pliance with the rules set are subject to fines. RTAD will no longer permit those cars to be imported and the cars will be confiscated and auctioned off to the public, according to the RTAD.

The import permit has been granted for 23,498 trucks as of the end of August in this fiscal year 2016-2017, according to the Ministry of Commerce.—*Mon Mon*



Natural gas export earned US\$1.2billion

The export of natural gas as of 9th September in this fiscal year 2016-2017 fetched only US\$1.2billion, a slump of US\$770million when compared to the similar period of the last fiscal year, it is learnt from the Ministry of Commerce.

The export value of natural gas in this fiscal year amounted to US\$1,230.765million, whereas that in the previous fiscal year was US\$2,002.434million. The decline in the natural gas price resulted in the decrease in the export value. The volume of the export in the two years does not

have a large gap, it is learnt.

Shwe natural gas field situated offshore of Rakhine State was discovered in 2014 and its production is exported to China through pipeline. Yadanar natural gas project is conducted by TOTAL Company with its pipeline to Thailand. According to the statistics in 2014, the daily production from Yadanar natural gas field totaled 910 million cubic meters, 711 million cubic meters of which were exported to Thailand and the remaining were for domestic consumption, it is

learnt.

Similarly, Yedagun Gas field situated offshore of Taninthayi was discovered in 1992 and its gas production commenced in 2000. About 330 million cubic meters were daily exported from this gas field. Yedagun has not provided for domestic consumption. The Zawtika Project is a gas field development project located in the Gulf of Moattama, Myanmar and its production of 279 million cubic meters is for use of Thailand whereas 64 million cubic meters were locally used.—*Mon Mon*

Chick pea market raises its head as India demand increases

The market price of chick-peas has increased thanks to higher demand from India, it is learnt from pea merchants.

Currently, the price of chick-peas (V2) is Ks122,000 per tonne whereas chickpea (Taiwan)

is Ks116,000 per tonne.

The green gram price declined from Ks140,000 to Ks130,000 per tonne, but is still considered stable. Besides chickpeas, pigeon peas are virtually out of stock in the market. However, there is high

demand for pigeon peas. This has caused the price of the pigeon peas to rise a bit, from Ks103,000 to Ks106,000 per tonne. The price of sesame black seeds has slumped by Ks10,000 when compared to the previous weeks.—*Ko Htet*



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Salt producers not able to practice the techniques provided by The Netherlands

MYANMAR salt producers are still faced with difficulties despite modern techniques provided by The Netherlands because they need the government's subsidies and machines to boost the quality of locally produced salt.

Currently, salt from foreign countries is flowing into the domestic market. Local salt manufacturers are unable to compete with them, resulting in the low output of Myanmar salt production businesses. There are over 70 salt factories across Myanmar. Over 100,000 tonnes of finished salt and over 200,000 tonnes of

raw salt are produced per year. Between 300,000 and 500,000 tonnes of salt are imported into the domestic market each year. Salt production businesses are mostly found in Ayeyawady Region, Rakhine and Mon States. The local salt production lacks technical requirements and is of lower quality. The Technology and Market Promotion Department of the SMEs Development Department invited experts from foreign countries to help develop its techniques. The department has been planning to fulfill the necessary requirements, it is learnt.—200

Sri Lanka on alert for Zika, Chikungunya

COLOMBO — Sri Lanka's main international airport and the Colombo Port have been placed on high alert to prevent the spread of the Zika virus and Chikungunya, which is raging in Asia, a local media report said here on Sunday.

"The airport's health desks have been told to caution passengers travelling to the affected countries," Quarantine Director, Dr Palitha Karunaperuma said.

The Sri Lankan government said that the island nation faced a threat from the two deadly diseases, adding that state hospitals were being geared to cope with it.

According to the local media report, the

warnings of Chikungunya and Zika was issued after two deaths were reported in Chilaw, 84 km away from Colombo, last week. Both victims were admitted to the Chilaw state hospital after suffering a high temperature. Both had returned from India in the same week.

Health officials said further investigations was underway.

Increasing cases of Zika and Chikungunya have been reported from many Asian countries including Singapore, India and Thailand and airlines operating in these countries have been informed to exercise caution and report to health authorities if there were any sick passengers.—*Xinhua*

China charges brother of former aide to retired president over graft

BEIJING — China has charged the brother of a disgraced one-time aide to former President Hu Jintao with receiving bribes, the country's supreme court said on Sunday, the latest among a number of former officials to be accused.

Ling Zhengce, the former deputy head of the parliamentary advisory body in the coal-rich northern province of Shanxi, is the elder brother of Ling Jihua. The former aide to Hu was jailed for life in July, after a case which the ruling Communist Party has said caused major damage to its image.

The elder Ling used his political positions to seek benefits for others, including illegitimate gains, and illegally accepted large assets from others, the Chinese supreme court alleged in a statement on its website.

Ling will be tried in the city of Changzhou in the eastern province of Jiangsu, it said.

It was not possible to reach Ling Zhengce for comment and it is unclear if he has retained a lawyer. Authorities announced an investigation into Ling in June 2014.



Ling Zhengce, deputy chairman of the Shanxi branch of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), attends a meeting in Taiyuan, Shanxi province, China, in 2013. PHOTO: REUTERS

Vice Premier Ma Kai last year described the corruption problem in Shanxi as "like a cancer".

As one of China's top coal producing provinces, its economy boomed on the back of soaring energy demand over the past decade, one of the reasons state media has given for its corruption problem.

In January, China acknowledged for the first time that it is communicat-

ing with the United States about Ling Wancheng, a third brother.

The government has given no details of any crime in which Ling is suspected, and he has not appeared on any wanted lists.

Since assuming power in late 2012, President Xi Jinping has pursued a relentless campaign against corruption, warning that the problem could threaten the Communist Party's abili-

ty to retain power, though some analysts say he is also eliminating rivals.

Also in Sunday's statement, China's supreme court said it was also charging both Chen Chuanping, a former Shanxi province standing committee member, and Sun Hongzhi, a former leading group member for the State Administration for Industry & Commerce, with bribery and other crimes.—*Reuters*

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China-Eurasia Expo to be held in NW China

URUMQI — The fifth China-Eurasia Expo will be held in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, authorities said Sunday.

The expo, set to open

Tuesday in the regional capital of Urumqi, will draw 2,192 company participants from 57 countries and regions. There will be 3,500 professional purchasers at this year's event,

a record high, according to the organiser.

A total of 15 ministerial forums and activities will be held, with about 200 domestic and foreign ministerial-level guests to

attend the six-day international fair.

The fourth expo saw more than 6 billion US dollars' worth of foreign trade contracts signed with Chinese companies.—*Xinhua*

Three Indonesians freed by militant Abu Sayyaf group: Philippine military spokesman

MANILA — Three Indonesian fishermen held by Islamic State-linked rebels in the Philippines have been released, the Philippine military said on Sunday, just hours after the militias freed a Norwegian man after a year-long ordeal.

The victims — identified as Lorens Koten, Teodurus Kofung and Emmanuel — were released by the Abu Sayyaf on Saturday night at an undisclosed place in Sulu, said Major Filemon Tan, spokesman in the military's Western Mindanao Command. They were taken on 9 July

this year from Malaysian state of Sabah, he said.

The Indonesians were set free just hours after the same group notorious for kidnappings, beheadings and extortion released Norwegian captive Kjartan Sekkingstad, who was set to meet President Rodrigo Duterte in Davao City on Sunday evening.

Sekkingstad was taken from an upscale resort on Samal island in Davao del Norte along with a Filipina, who has already been freed, and two Canadians, whom the militants later executed.

While it is widely

believed that no captives are released by the Abu Sayyaf without the payment of ransom, the Philippine government said it did not pay the group and was unaware of any payment made by other parties for the release of the victims.

"I would like to reiterate that the government maintains the no-ransom policy," Communications Minister Martin Andanan said.

Now if there was a third party who made the payment, if it's the family (of the victim), we are not aware of that."

Tan said Sekkingstad and the three Indonesians were flown separately on Sunday afternoon from Jolo, Sulu.

The Indonesians have been turned over to Indonesian authorities, he said without giving further details.

Tan insists the release of the kidnap victims was a result of the ongoing intensified military operations against the Abu Sayyaf, with the assistance of the Moro National Liberation Front, one of the two major Muslim rebel groups based in the south of the mainly Catholic nation.—*Reuters*

Indian PM Modi condemns Kashmir attack, 17 soldiers dead

SRINAGAR (India) — Militants attacked an Indian army brigade headquarters near the de facto border with Pakistan on Sunday, killing 17 soldiers in one of the most deadly attacks in the northern region of Kashmir in a quarter-century-old insurgency.

Four “fidayeen” — or commando-style gunmen willing to fight to the death — were confirmed killed after penetrating the base in Uri near the Line of Control with Pakistan, an Indian army spokesman said.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi strongly condemned what he called the “cowardly terrorist attack”.

“I assure the nation that those behind this despicable attack will not go unpunished,” Modi said in a series of Twitter posts.

Television reporters at the scene said the dawn raid had surprised soldiers in their sleep. The attackers set fire to a building before the four were killed in a gunfight that lasted several hours.

An army spokesman confirmed that the number of soldiers killed in the attack had risen to 17, making the toll far worse than a similar raid on an army base in Punjab state in Jan-

uary that India blamed on Pakistan-based militants.

Television footage showed helicopters flying to evacuate the injured as an operation continued to secure the area. Smoke rose from the compound, set in mountainous terrain. The Defence Ministry put the number of wounded at 35.

The raid comes amid heightened tension in India’s only Muslim-majority region, which has faced more than two months of protests following the 8 July killing of a popular separatist commander.

At least 78 civilians have been killed and thousands injured in street clashes with the Indian security forces, who have been criticised by human rights groups for using excessive force including shotguns that fire pellets that have blinded people.

Indian-ruled Kashmir is one of the world’s most militarised regions, with hundreds of thousands of soldiers, paramilitaries and police deployed to guard the frontier with Pakistan and contain a restive people with strong leanings towards greater autonomy and even independence.

Home Minister Rajnath Singh chaired a crisis meeting in New Delhi and cancelled trips



India’s Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaks to the media inside the parliament premises on the first day of the monsoon session in New Delhi, India on 18 July 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

to Russia and the United States. Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar will travel to Uri to oversee the operation to secure the area and investigate the attack.

“It is clearly a case of cross-border terror attack. We don’t know which militant group is involved,” a senior Home Ministry official told Reuters.

Pakistan rejected allegations that it was involved. “India immediately puts blame on Pakistan without doing any investigation. We reject this,” foreign ministry spokesman Nafees Zakaria told Reuters.

There has been no claim of responsibility.

The military death toll was the worst in Indian-ruled Kashmir since a raid in December 2014, also near Uri which is to the west of the region’s main city of Srinagar, in which eight soldiers and three police were killed.

Before this attack, 102 people had been killed in militant attacks in India’s part of the Himalayan region this year. Among them were 30 security personnel, 71 militants and one civilian, according to a tally by the New

Delhi-based South Asia Terrorism Portal.

Modi recently raised the stakes in the nuclear-armed neighbours’ decades-old feud by expressing support for separatists in Pakistan’s resource-rich Baluchistan province.

Pakistan has, meanwhile, called on the United Nations and the international community to investigate atrocities it alleges have been committed by Indian security forces in Kashmir.

The United Nations is holding its annual general assembly in New York, where Kashmir is likely to come onto the agenda.

Separately, a prominent Kashmiri rights activist has been held in Srinagar after being prevented from catching a flight to a UN Human Rights Council meeting in Geneva.

Relations between India and Pakistan have been on edge since the New-Year attack on an Indian air force base in Punjab, near the border with Pakistan, that killed seven uniformed men.

India has blamed a Pakistan-based militant group for that attack but, after initial progress, an attempt to conduct a joint investigation has lost momentum. The two sides have frozen a tentative peace dialogue.—Reuters

Three Vietnamese die, three hospitalised from asphyxiation

HANOI — Three Vietnamese people, including two siblings, died from asphyxiation in a private workshop in Hanoi, and three others were hospitalised, local media reported Sunday.

A 43-year-old woman named Nguyen Thi Vui from northern Bac Ninh province, a 22-year-old man named Bui Van Giap and his 16-year-old brother Bui Van Hoang from central Nghe An province was found dead in a cloth and garment workshop owned by a family in the capital citys Gia Lam district on Saturday morning, daily newspaper *Thanh Nien* (*Young People*) reported.

Three other people, including a 16-year-old girl, a 19-year-old girl and an 18-year-old boy were found fainted, and then hospitalised in critical conditions. All of them are from Nghe An and also work for the workshop.

According to initial investigation, due to power blackout, the six hired people brought an electricity generator to their closed room to power electrical appliances and then went to sleep.

The generators operation caused gas asphyxiation.—Xinhua

Kyodo poll finds looming expectations for new opposition leader Renho

TOKYO — Some 56.9 per cent of respondents have certain expectations for Renho, the new leader of the main opposition Democratic Party, while 38.4 per cent do not, a Kyodo News poll showed Sunday.

But Renho, who became the first woman to head the party following Thursday’s leadership election, is likely to face many challenges in achieving her ultimate goal of leading the party back to power, as the ruling bloc currently controls two-thirds of the seats in both chambers of the Diet.

Support for Prime Minister Shinzo Abe’s Cabinet stood at 55.7 per cent, up from 52.9 per cent in the previous poll in August, with the disapproval rating standing at 30.0 per cent, according to the telephone poll conducted Saturday and Sunday.

By party, 41.2 per cent said they support Abe’s Liberal Democratic Party, up from 39.1 per cent in the last poll, while only 9.9 per cent said they back Renho’s party, down from 10.9 per cent.

The Democratic Party’s predecessor, the Democratic Party of Japan, was ousted from government in the 2012 general election after three years in power. In recent years, the opposition party has suffered a series of defeats in national elections.

The battle between Renho and Abe will really start when an extraordinary parliamentary session convenes on 26 September.

Renho, who was born in Japan to a Taiwanese father and Japanese mother and naturalized as a Japanese citizen, was criticised during the leadership

election campaign for her dual nationality.

But the poll showed 66.5 per cent said they believe there is “no problem” about her nationality.

While Abe aims to work toward a ratification of the US-led Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade pact during the Diet session, 73.2 per cent of respondents said the government should carefully discuss the matter and should not stick to having parliament pass it in the upcoming session.

Regarding the long-standing territorial dispute with Russia, 59.5 per cent said they do not believe that Abe will be able to pave the way for a resolution at the summit with Russian President Vladimir Putin planned for December in Japan.

The territorial row over four Russian-held, Japanese-claimed

islands off Japan’s northernmost main island of Hokkaido has prevented the two countries from signing a post-World War II peace treaty.

Respondents were also asked about the Tsukiji market in Tokyo, whose relocation has been postponed due to concerns about soil contamination at the new site.

The poll showed 74.5 per cent said the issue should be handled in a cautious manner even if it affects construction projects for the 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympics and Paralympics, including a plan to build a main road through where the aging market currently sits.

The telephone survey covered 1,460 randomly selected households with eligible voters nationwide, with valid responses collected from 1,014 people.—Kyodo News

Bangladesh accuses 10 over Tampco factory fire

DHAKA — Bangladesh police have filed a case against 10 people over the disastrous factory fire that left 34 workers dead.

Ajay Kumar Chakrabarty, a police officer, filed the case over the deadly fire at the food and cigarette packaging factory in Tongi on the outskirts of capital Dhaka.

A boiler explosion resulted in the devastating fire in the

Tampaco Foils Ltd on 10 September at about 6:00 am (local time).

Officials said 10 people including the factory’s owner Syed Mokbul Hussain and his wife were named in the case.

Harun Or Rashid, a senior police officer, told journalists that investigators probing the fire incident have found “proof of negligence” by the owner in

ensuring the factory’s safety.

“We’re going to arrest him.”

In 2012, at least 112 workers were killed in a fire that razed the eight-storey Tazreen Fashion Limited, where some global brands, including US retail giant Wal-Mart, were manufactured.

Months after the fire at the Tazreen Fashions factory, Bang-

ladesh suffered a fresh blow in 24 April, 2013. At least 1,131 people, mostly garment workers, were confirmed dead as an eight-story building — Rana Plaza — housing five garment factories collapsed at Savar on the outskirts of capital Dhaka.

Owners of both Rana Plaza and Tazreen were also charged by negligence, among other offenses.—Xinhua

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Interfaith Law Welcomed

Khin Maung Aye

IT is true that freedom of expression is one of the essential foundations of a society, particularly a democratic society. This freedom is also one of the basic conditions for the progress and development of every man. However, freedom of expression should not be used to incite the people into ethnic, racial and religious hatred through the use of mass media.

In this regard, it is relevant here to refer to the Council of Europe, which defines hate speech. According to this council, hate speech covers all forms of expres-

sion which spread, incite, promote or justify racial hatred, xenophobia, anti-semitism or other forms of hatred based on intolerance, including intolerance expressed by aggressive nationalism and ethnocentrism, discrimination and hostility against minorities, migrants and people of immigrant origin.

As hate speech poses a dramatic threat to stability and peace of a society, no hate speech movements are being launched in some countries as an effective measure to promote awareness of the danger of hate speech. As in all cases,

education is the initial stage to be followed by legal action. This being so, countries have come to promulgate laws that restrict hate speech. Myanmar follows suit by drafting the interfaith law to ensure peaceful co-existence of different races and religious faiths. In Myanmar there are four main religious faiths: Buddhism, Christianity, Islam and Hinduism, in addition to spiritual worshipping. As there are conflicts of belief and as there are certain sections of extremists, it is necessary to prevent behaviour, speech and writing that are aimed

at or that can lead to hatred, hostility and disunity between and among the people of different races and religions. It is always a good thing if people can harbour love, sympathy and respect of each other in interaction between and among the people of different faiths.

The Global New Light of Myanmar welcomes the interfaith law, which is believed to foster good-will and unity among all people as well as to ensure stability, peace and co-existence of people professing different faiths.

Healthy Aging

Khin Maung Myint

THE life expectancy of the Myanmar has increased gradually during the past few decades. More and more are living beyond their seventieth birthdays and the number of those in their eighties and nineties are increasing, though there may not be many. Anyway, it would be just meaningless to live a long life if one is not healthy. Thus healthy aging is of utmost importance. This fact emphasizes the importance of taking care of ourselves as we grow older to make sure we enjoy long and healthy lives.

There are different definitions for the term "health". Some say that health is wealth, while some viewed health as a blessing. As for us, Myanmar, we believe that health is a fortune (**Arogya Praman Lābhan** အာရောဂျ် ဖုရ်လောဘ်). Everyone, young and old want to be healthy, but do they lead healthy lives? Wealth, blessing or fortune wouldn't come on their own accord. We need to work ourselves toward those goals, especially those who are in their middle ages. When young, we took health for granted and usually didn't pay much attention until we were in our middle ages. By then most of us started to feel the pains and aches, put on weights and were no more as active or alert physically as before. That was the time when we felt the age catching up on us.

In some countries, they are conducting awareness campaigns on healthy aging, targeted at people over fifty years of age. In the United States of America, they had designated the month of September as the **National Healthy Aging Month**, which is observed every year since over a decade ago. During that month they encourage adults who are fifty plus, to nurture

healthy lifestyle habits that would allow them to age healthily--in mind and body. They provide inspirations and practical ideas to improve their physical, mental, social and financial well beings.

That piece of information, which I accidentally stumbled upon, while surfing the Internet, prompted me to write this article. In doing so, I would have to refer to some literatures from many sources posted there. In doing so, I will mention only those that are relevant to our ways of life.

Tips for healthy aging

1. **Stay active.** Exercise regularly, as exercising is one of the greatest keys to physical and mental well-beings. It will make you fit enough to maintain independence and allow you to go anywhere you want and perform your activities without requiring assistance from others. Regularly exercising may prevent or even provide relief from common chronic conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, depressions and arthritis, to name a few. The most simple and inexpensive workout would be to go walking. Should incorporate aerobic, balance and muscle strengthening in your routine. Try to find out what works best for you.

2. **Watch your diet.** Eat balanced and healthy diets. Foods play vital roles in healthy aging. Avoid sweet, salty and fatty foods. Too much sodium can cause hypertension and sugar could lead to diabetes and weight gain, and most fats, especially the animal fats are the main sources of cholesterol, which are bad for the health. Eat more fruits and vegetables.

3. **Train your brain.** Alzheimer's disease, dementia and some cognitive decline are normal part of aging. Studies show that a lifestyle that include cognitive stimulation through active learning

and pursuance of a hobby, such as painting, playing a musical instrument, playing chess or puzzle games slow down the cognitive decline and also delay the onset of Alzheimer's disease and dementia. So, never stop learning and always keep challenging your mind.

4. **Be connected.** Living alone is the strongest risk factor for loneliness. Common life changes in older adulthood, such as retirement, health issues, or loss of a spouse may lead to social isolation. Maintaining communications with family and friends, especially after a significant loss or life change could ward off isolation and would



also be very helpful. Make arrangements to meet with family and friends on regular basis. Family and friends should also reach out to those who might be isolated or lonely. Do community volunteer works and stay connected with people.

5. **Get enough sleep.** Deprivation of sleep can cause depression, irritability, increased fall risk and memory problems. Older adults need at least seven to nine hours of sleep each night, but are getting much less for various reasons. To avoid that situation, develop a regular schedule for bedtime, keep your bedroom dark and noise-free, avoid watching television and surfing the Internet while in bed, and stay away from caffeine late in the day.

6. **Manage stress.** Long term stress can damage the brain cells

and lead to depression. It may also cause memory loss, fatigue and decreased ability to fight off and recover from infections. Chronic depressions can have adverse consequences. Thus we should try to reduce stress as much as possible. You can reduce stress by doing relaxation exercises, yoga, and meditation. If required, should seek professional help.

7. **Take precautions.** Make sure your home is a safe place to move around. Furnitures and even small objects, such as the children's toys and milk bottles lying around can cause falls and accidents to the elderly. Try to know your way around your home that would be safe for you. Check your eyesight. There should be adequate lighting in your home. Wear footwear that have good tractions. Use supportive devices, such as canes or walking sticks, walkers and handrails fitted in the bathrooms.

8. **Look after yourself.** Don't rely too much on healthcare and doctors for every ailments apart from the chronic diseases. Get yourself familiar with the basic health knowledge of the common sicknesses such as, common colds and respiratory ailments, sore throats and minor coughs, and be aware of their natural cures and remedies. Avoid injuries by following the tips given in the above paragraph. Observe your personal hygiene. Make a habit of washing your hands thoroughly after using toilets or handling dirty objects, including the currencies. Take vaccinations for influenza annually and occasionally for other epidemic diseases if there should be outbreaks.

9. **Quit smoking.** Smoking is hazardous to health, so to develop a healthy aging process quit smoking.

10. **Refrain from over-indulgence.** Over-indulgence in any activity is harmful. Eat, drink and play moderately. Here, though eating and drinking may not need explanation, playing may need to be clarified. By the term playing, it could mean various activities that

involve physical exertions that consume energy. Try to conserve your energy by not over-indulging in any kind of play.

Conclusion

Apart from the diets and the exercises, which are necessary for physical health, mental and social well beings also play important roles in healthy aging. If I may give my opinion, based on my own experiences, mental and social well beings can be nurtured.

First, don't go into seclusion, or in other words don't isolate yourself as you get old. Don't hole up at home, but go out more and socialize---meeting with old friends and making new ones. If possible, join some sort of social clubs, volunteer groups or institutions where you can meet people.

Secondly, pursue some hobbies that will keep your mind occupied and make your brain sharp. For me, I spend my time reading, Internet surfing or writing to keep my mind occupied and stimulated at the same time. I also play puzzles, such as Sudoku, scrabbles, jigsaw puzzles, chess game and other brain stimulating games to keep myself mentally sharp. The benefits I gained from these activities are surprising. My memory becomes more efficient and reduces the decline in cognitive power, which I noticed to have started to set in after my retirement. Today, in my eighties my memory has surprisingly recovered and I recalled many incidents from my past more vividly than before and forgetfulness have become almost nonexistent. I have managed to delay the onset of the Alzheimer's disease or dementia, which many of my age group are struggling with.

Thirdly, maintain a smoke-free life style; quit smoking if you are a smoker and if you are not, avoid places where there are smokers around. Lastly, but not least, never think you are getting old and don't slow down, but keep moving and stay active, but don't over-indulge in anything. People who are young at heart will be ever-youthful in mind and body.

BFM delivers aid to internally displaced persons in Kayin State



A personnel from BFM chats with a child from IDP camp in Myaing Gyi Ngu, Kayin State. PHOTO: THURA LWIN

AID including warm clothes and dry rations donated by KBZ's Brighter Future Myanmar Foundation has reached internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Myaing Gyi Ngu, Kayin State.

The philanthropic foundation went to IDP camps in Kayin State along with Chief Minister of Kayin State Daw Nan Khin Htwe Myint and presented 3,000 pieces of imported warm clothes and 10,080 packs of dried instant noodles.

Villagers from the conflict areas are being sheltered at the camps after they were forced to abandon their farms, cows and homes due to ethnic wars in their village, said Ko Kyaw Moe, a Karen ethnic man from the Htikanae Village in Hlinebwe Township.

As part of efforts to brace for La Nina in the upcoming winter,

the BFM has imported 160,000 warm clothing worth more than US\$2million and distributed them to people, including internally displaced persons who are expected to experience very cold weather this coming winter.

The foundation recently donated over 36,500 articles of warm clothing through Mandalay Region Government to the people in areas in Mandalay Region which are also expected to experience very cold weather.

Meanwhile, the BFM's 3,500 pieces of warm clothing were given to the Naga ethnic people in Lahe, Naga Self-Administrative Zone in mid-August.

The foundation is planning to send warm clothing to the IDPs in Shan State and Kachin State and aged people in Sagaing Region soon. —Thura Lwin (Eco)

Soldier patients encouraged in Pha-an

LIEUTENANT General Min Naung of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services (Army), Southeast Command Commander Major General Myoe Win and officers visited the Military Hospital in Pha-an town, Kayin State on 17 September, and met to encourage patients who are members of the military. They presented gifts of

food, according to Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.

On 13 September, a mobile medical team gave medical check-ups to 158 local people from 20 villages in the Meithawal area in Hlinebwe Township, Kayin State.

The team also gave medical treatment to those who have eye

diseases, bone, nerve and muscle diseases, cardiovascular diseases and those with infections. Those in need of further treatment were taken to Mawlamyine and Pha-an military hospitals. In addition, the commander and officers presented rice, edible oil and food to the local people.—Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

Thai Ambassador and team visit Kawthaung

THAI ambassador to Myanmar H E Mr. Pisanu Suvanjata visited Kawthaung town via Ranong town of Thailand on 17 September.

The Thai ambassador and party first visited the Bayintnaung Statue, then met with the Kawthaung Administrator and departmental officials, merchants and representatives of the hotel and tourism Industry in

the hall of the Merchant's Association office. At the meeting, both sides exchanged views on ways for developing the tourism industry at the Kawthaung-Ranong Districts which are border areas between two countries, promoting of inland water transport, health assistance for people of both countries and ensuring smooth service for business visas and passports.

Next, the first secretary of Thai Embassy to Myanmar and party visited the Kawthaung Correctional Facility and gave words of encouragement to Thai prisoners. He also gave thanks to the officials of the Correctional Facility for taking good care of his citizens. The Thai Ambassador and his team then toured the downtown area of Kawthaung.—Kyaw Soe (Kawthaung)

Orphans across Mandalay to receive citizenship scrutiny certificates

MANDALAY Region authorities have made a concerted effort to issue citizenship scrutiny certificates to orphans across the region.

Under the new project, the regional department of immigration and population sent application forms on 13 September to all social organizations working for children and young people including schools for the blind and disabled, vocational training schools, monastic education schools and other philanthropic organizations.

The move aims to help orphans enjoy their proper rights to citizenship, said U Win Myint, deputy head of the depart-

ment.

“We thank the authorities for the new programme that solves our difficulties in making CSCs for the children we care for as they cannot know the names of their parents and relatives,” said an official from the MBOA, a local philanthropic organization. According to official figures, there are about 22 philanthropic organizations across Mandalay District. According to the Myanmar Citizenship Law, a national may apply for an identity card after attaining 10 years of age. After they reach the age of 18, they shall apply for the card as adults.—Aung Thant Khaing

World Bamboo Day ceremony raises awareness of bamboo conservation

MYANMAR Rattan and Bamboo Entrepreneurs Association, UKaid and Business Innovation Facility observed World Bamboo Day in Yangon yesterday, raising awareness on the usefulness of bamboo and promoting control of bamboo quality.

Experts from ASEAN countries and India read the research papers on bamboo at the event, sharing the knowledge on best practices for bamboo conservation in Myanmar, which is the third largest bamboo producer in the world.

An expert at the event said that bamboo is a huge business opportunity for the country. But

the use of bamboo is still uncommon in the industrial sector of the country and it is needed to remember the conservation of bamboo plantations.

According to U Kyaw Thu, Chairman of the Myanmar Rattan and Bamboo Entrepreneurs Association, Myanmar trades only about US\$10 million a year in bamboo, stressing the need to produce bamboo value-added products.

Experts also urged the government to create a place where many acres of bamboos can be planted as a pilot project to develop the bamboo industry.

The event hopes to create



Bamboo products are displayed at an exhibition in Yangon. PHOTO: SOE WIN (MLA)

job opportunities through the bamboo industry and progress of the socio-economic life of rural people.

The rural population, which makes up 70 per cent of the country, is depending on bamboo for their business.

About 100 booths of bamboo products were displayed at the event, along with local and foreign experts.—GNLM



Girls walk past election campaign posters of candidates running for deputies, ahead of 18 September parliamentary elections in the Black Sea port of Sevastopol, Crimea, on 16 September 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Pro-Putin party seen winning even greater sway in Russia's parliament

MOSCOW — The ruling United Russia party is expected to win even greater dominance over Russia's lower house in a parliamentary election on Sunday, showing that support for President Vladimir Putin is holding up despite sanctions and a deep economic slowdown.

The election for the Duma, or lower house, is being seen as a dry run for Putin's expected presidential campaign in 2018.

It is also a test of how well the Kremlin can oversee trouble-free elections. It will be the first parliamentary vote since 2011, when allegations of ballot-rigging sparked big protests against Putin in the capital. Voting got under way at 2000 GMT on Saturday on the Chukotka Peninsula opposite Alaska and will wrap up in Kaliningrad, Russia's most westerly point, where people can cast their vote until 1800 GMT on Sunday.

United Russia, led by Putin loyalist, Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev, has 238 of 450 Duma seats, dominates the more than 80 regional parliaments, and is routinely depicted in a favourable light by state television, where most Russians get their news.

The party is also able to draw on the support of the other three parties in the federal Duma, and

benefits from its association with 63-year-old Putin, who after 17 years in power as either president or prime minister, enjoys a personal approval rating of about 80 per cent.

By contrast, liberal opposition politicians, who have just one sympathetic member in the Duma, complain they are starved of air time, vilified by state media, and their campaigns systematically disrupted by pro-Kremlin provocateurs. Pro-Kremlin politicians deny that charge.

The liberal opposition hopes it can break through to win about two dozen seats. Pollsters say it will be lucky to snag a handful and may end up with none.

The vote will be closely watched to see how many of Russia's roughly 110 million registered voters across its 11 time zones in what is the world's largest country turn up to cast their ballots, with some opinion polls showing apathy levels are high.

Putin has said it is too early to say if he will go for what would be a fourth presidential term in 2018. If he did and won, he would be in power until 2024, longer than Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev.

Anxious to avoid a repeat of 2011's street protests, Kremlin officials have tried to assure

Russians that the vote will be the cleanest in the country's modern history.

Observers from the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe are being allowed to monitor the vote, a new head of the central election commission has been appointed, and regional and Kremlin officials have been fired in the run-up.

The authorities have also resurrected an old voting system viewed as more equitable, which means that half of parliament will be decided by people voting for individuals with the other half drawn from party lists. The last parliament was elected on party lists alone. Polls show United Russia's popularity has been somewhat dented by a grinding economic crisis caused by a fall in global oil prices and compounded by Western sanctions over Moscow's role in the Ukraine crisis.

But they also show that Putin's own popularity remains high and that many voters buy the Kremlin narrative that is frequently repeated on state TV, of the West using sanctions to try to wreck the economy in revenge for Moscow's 2014 annexation of Ukraine's Crimea.

The first exit polls are due at 1800 GMT on Sunday.—Reuters

UK lawmakers in ruling party back group pushing for 'hard Brexit'

LONDON — Senior members of Britain's ruling Conservative Party are supporting a new group to lobby for a so-called 'hard Brexit' and persuade Prime Minister Theresa May to leave the EU's lucrative single market, media reported on Sunday.

The new group, called Leave means Leave, will press for Britain to break all ties with the European Union, with leader property investor Richard Tice saying only that would fulfil the wishes of Britons, who voted for Brexit at a June referendum.

Quoted by the *Sunday Telegraph* newspaper, Tice said "no deal is better than a bad deal" — or that Britain should pull out of the single market even if no alternative trade deal had been struck with the EU. It said he had the backing of a former justice minister, Dominic Raab, and other leading Conservatives.

Since Britain voted to leave the EU, groups that campaigned on either side of the referendum have morphed into lobbying organisations, pushing for either a 'soft Brexit' that sees Britain

keeping its close ties with the EU or backing a tougher version.

Open Britain, which was formed by those who campaigned for Britain to remain in the bloc, said leaving the EU with no trade deal was "the biggest threat our economy faces".

"Working people will hope Number 10 rejects this approach and instead seeks membership of the single market, which is vital for jobs and growth," Conservative lawmaker and supporter of Open Britain, Anna Soubry, said in a statement.—Reuters

NEWS IN BRIEF

Russia says strikes on Syrian army threaten US-Russian ceasefire plan

MOSCOW — Russia's Foreign Ministry said on Sunday the air strikes by a US-led coalition on Syrian army forces threatened the implementation of a US ceasefire plan for Syria and urged Washington to thoroughly investigate the accident.

The Russian Defence Ministry said on Saturday that US jets had killed more than 60 Syrian soldiers in four air strikes by two F-16s and two A-10s coming from the direction of Iraq.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a British-based monitoring group with contacts across Syria, cited a military source at Deir al-Zor airport as saying at least 90 Syrian soldiers had been killed.

Russia's Foreign Ministry said in a strongly worded statement that the strikes were "on the boundary between criminal negligence and direct connivance with Islamic State terrorists".

It said the incident was a result of Washington's "stubborn refusal" to cooperate with Moscow in fighting Islamic State, the Nusra Front — now renamed Jabhat Fatah al Sham — and "other terrorist groups".—Reuters

Gunmen kill two policemen in Saudi Eastern Province — Arabiya TV

DUBAI — Two policemen were shot dead in Saudi Arabia's oil-producing Eastern Province by unknown assailants, the Saudi-owned Al Arabiya television channel reported on Sunday.

The shooting occurred in Dammam while the policemen were on patrol, Al Arabiya said.

The Eastern Province is home to many Shi'ite Muslims, who form a minority in the conservative Sunni Muslim kingdom.

There have been shootings of security forces in the Eastern Province in the past by Shi'ite militants angry at what they say is repression of their community.—Reuters

False alarm leads to major police operation in central Paris

PARIS — Parts of central Paris were cordoned off on Saturday after a false alarm triggered a major security operation, French police said.

French government security alert app — SAIP — warned citizens that a police operation was under way in Saint-Leu church in the busy shopping district of Chatelet and advised people to stay away.

Interior minister, Bernard Cazeneuve, issued a statement confirming the false alarm and said that "the circumstances around the intervention" had yet to be determined.

More than one hundred police officers, including elite units, carried out the operation and the area was reopened to traffic after it became evident that there was no danger, a Reuters witness said.—Reuters

Queen Elizabeth's cousin Lord Ivar Mountbatten says he is a gay

LONDON — Lord Ivar Mountbatten, a cousin of Queen Elizabeth, has become the first member of the British royal family to come out as gay.

Mountbatten, who has three children with ex-wife Penelope (Penny) Thompson, told the Mail on Sunday newspaper he had struggled with his sexuality but was happy to now be in a partnership with James Coyle, an airline cabin services director.

"Penny was aware before we got married. I told her I was bisexual, that my attraction went both ways. She was understanding and I will always be grateful to her," said Mountbatten, who is the great-great-grandson of Queen Victoria. "Coming out' is such a funny phrase but it's what I suppose I did in a rather roundabout way, emerging to a place I'm happy to be. I have struggled with my sexuality and in some ways I still do; it has been a real journey to reach this point."—Reuters

Former French President Jacques Chirac hospitalised

PARIS — Former French President Jacques Chirac was repatriated from Morocco on Sunday and taken to hospital to be treated for an acute lung infection, his son in law told AFP.

The former head of state, aged 83, "will remain in hospital for the next few days," Frederic Salat-Baroux told the French news agency.

Former Prime Minister Alain Juppe, a close associate of Chirac, sent a twitter message wishing him a prompt recovery. Chirac has been suffering from the consequences of a cerebrovascular accident in September 2005 when he was still president. He was hospitalised in December last year, officially for a health check-up.—Reuters

US-led forces strike Syrian troops, prompting emergency UN meeting

BEIRUT/MOSCOW — US-led coalition air strikes reportedly killed dozens of Syrian soldiers on Saturday, endangering a US-Russian brokered ceasefire and prompting an emergency UN Security Council meeting as tensions between Moscow and Washington escalated.

The United States military said the coalition stopped the attacks against what it had believed to be Islamic State positions in northeast Syria after Russia informed it that Syrian military personnel and vehicles may have been hit.

The United States relayed its “regret” through the Russian government for what it described as the unintentional loss of life of Syrian forces in the strike,

a senior Obama administration official said in an emailed statement.

Pentagon press secretary Peter Cook said in an emailed statement that Russian officials did not voice concerns earlier on Saturday when informed that coalition aircraft would be operating in the strike area.

The 15-member Security Council met on Saturday night after Russia demanded an emergency session to discuss the incident and accused the United States of jeopardizing the Syria deal.

The US ambassador to the United Nations, Samantha Power, chastised Russia for the move.

“Russia really needs to stop the cheap point scoring and the grandstanding



A civil defence member carries an injured girl at a site hit by airstrikes in the rebel-controlled area of Maaret al-Numan town in Idlib province, Syria. PHOTO: REUTERS

and the stunts and focus on what matters, which is implementation of something we negotiated in good faith

with them,” Power told reporters.

She said the United States was investigating

the air strikes and “if we determine that we did indeed strike Syrian military personnel, that was not our

intention and we of course regret the loss of life.”

When asked if the incident spelled the end of the Syria deal between Moscow and Washington, Russia’s UN Ambassador Vitaly Churkin said: “This is a very big question mark.”

“I would be very interested to see how Washington is going to react. If what Ambassador Power has done today is any indication of their possible reaction then we are in serious trouble,” Churkin told reporters.

Moscow cited the strikes, which allowed Islamic State fighters to briefly overrun a Syrian army position near Deir al-Zor airport, as evidence that the United States was helping the jihadist militants.—Reuters

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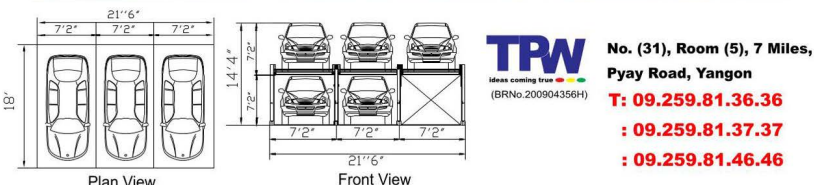
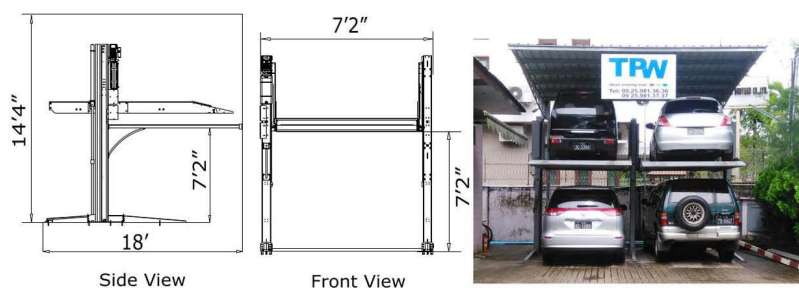
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Libyan force counter attacks at oil ports, claims to retake control of Es Sider

BENGHAZI, (Libya) — A Libyan force ousted a week ago from key oil ports counter attacked on Sunday, taking back control of Es Sider terminal and triggering clashes near Ras Lanuf port, a spokesman for the force, Ali al-Hassi, and a port worker said.

Es Sider and Ras Lanuf were among four ports seized by forces loyal to eastern commander Khalifa Haftar’s Libyan National Army (LNA) on 11-12 September from a Petroleum Facilities Guard (PFG) faction led by Ibrahim Jathran.

Control of the ports remained unclear though with the LNA saying it repelled PFG forces at one port. But the fighting came as the state-run National Oil Corporation prepared to restart oil exports at the ports that have been closed for nearly two years by clashes among rival armed factions.

A spokesman for a guard force loyal to the

LNA, Miftah Magariaf, said Jathran’s PFG had been repelled from Ras Lanuf with the help of LNA air strikes and that LNA-aligned forces were preparing to recapture Es Sider.

An LNA official said there was a fire at a tank in Es Sider.

The LNA’s seizure of the ports took place as the Muslim holiday of Eid was starting and faced little resistance, with a senior tribal leader calling on Jathran’s men to switch allegiances.

After moving into Es Sider, Ras Lanuf, Zueitina and Brega, the LNA said it was handing over control of the terminals to the National Oil Corporation (NOC) so that exports could resume.

Jathran had long blockaded the ports of Es Sider, Ras Lanuf and Zueitina, and a recent deal between him and the UN-backed government in Tripoli showed little sign of progress.—Reuters

Islamic State shoots down Syrian warplane

BEIRUT — Islamic State shot down a Syrian military plane in the eastern Syrian city of Deir al-Zor, the Islamic State-affiliated news agency Amaq said on Sunday.

“A Syrian warplane belonging to the Syrian regime was brought down when targeted by fighters from the Islamic State in the city of Deir al-Zor,” Amaq said in an online statement.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which monitors the Syrian conflict now in its sixth year, said the pilot of the MiG Syrian warplane was killed.

The Observatory said the plane came down in the Jebel Tharda area which overlooks the government’s Deir al Zor military airport.

Jebel Tharda is where on Saturday US-led coalition air strikes reportedly killed dozens of Syrian soldiers, endangering a US-Russian brokered ceasefire and prompting an emergency UN Security Council meeting as tensions between Moscow and Washington escalated.

The city’s airport and some government-held districts have been entirely surrounded by Islamic State since last year, with the airport providing the only external access.—Reuters

Symposium on Insights into Encephalitis on 24 September

The microbiology society of Myanmar Medical Association will hold a Symposium on “Insights into Encephalitis”. The Speakers includes Dr. Latt Latt Kyaw (National Health Laboratory), Dr. Than Tun Aung (Department of Public Health), Dr. Chaw Su Hlaing (Yangon Children Hospital) and Professor Win Min Thit (Yangon General Hospital).

The symposium will be held on 24 September (Saturday) at Myanmar Medical Association. Registration can be done at Microbiology Department, University of Medicine (1), (2) and Defence Services Medical Academy during office hours.

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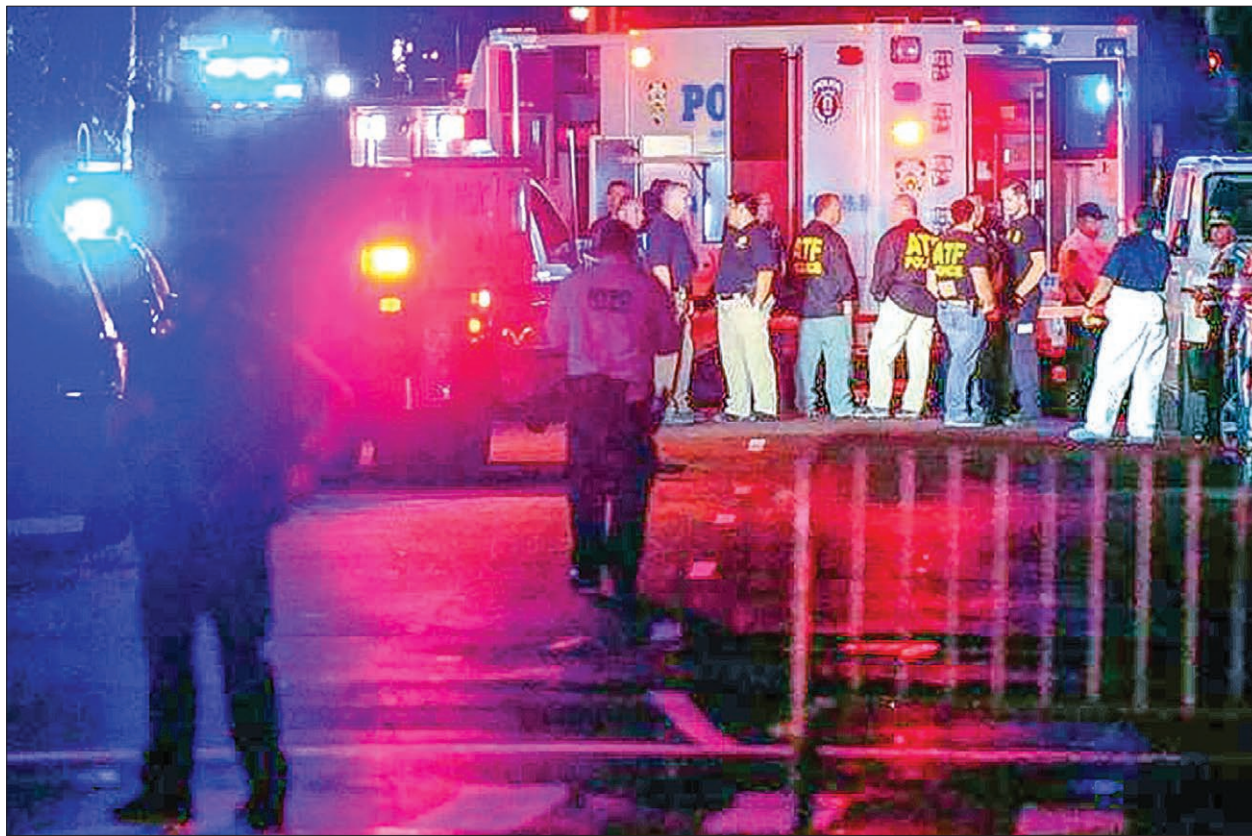
New York City shaken by 'intentional' explosion, 29 injured

NEW YORK — An explosion rocked the Chelsea neighbourhood of Manhattan on Saturday night, injuring at least 29 people, authorities said, adding that they are investigating the blast as a criminal act not immediately linked to any terror organisation.

Mayor Bill de Blasio and other city officials said investigators had ruled out a natural gas leak as the origin of the blast but they stopped short of calling it a bombing and declined to specify precisely what they believed may have triggered the explosion.

"Early indications are that this was an intentional act," de Blasio said. He added that the site of the explosion, outside on a major thoroughfare in one of the most bustling areas of New York City, was being treated as a crime scene.

"There is no evidence at this point of a terror connection," the mayor said at a news conference about three hours after the blast. He added, "There is no specific and credible threat against New York City at this point in time from any terror organisation."



The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) officers stand near the site of an explosion in the Chelsea neighbourhood of Manhattan, New York, US on 18 September 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

The mayor said investigators did not believe there was any link to a pipe bomb that exploded earlier on Saturday in the New Jersey beach town of Seaside Park. No injuries were reported in that blast, in a plastic trash

can along the route of a charity foot race. Authorities said they believed it to be a deliberate act. But a US official said that Joint Terrorism Task Force, an interagency group of federal, state and local officials, was called

to investigate the Chelsea blast, suggesting authorities have not ruled out the possibility of a terror connection.

A joint task force also took the lead in investigating the New Jersey incident.

A law enforcement

source said an initial investigation suggested the Chelsea explosion occurred in a dumpster but the cause was still undetermined. The head of the New York Police Department's special operations division said on Twit-

ter that a "possible secondary device has been located" in the same general area.

CNN reported that law enforcement sources believed an improvised explosive device caused the blast.

President Barack Obama, who was attending a congressional dinner in Washington, "has been apprised of the explosion in New York City, the cause of which remains under investigation," a White House official said. "The president will be updated as additional information becomes available," the official added.

New York City Fire Commissioner Daniel Nigro said 29 people were hurt in the blast, and 24 of them had been taken to area hospitals, including one person he described as seriously injured. The rest suffered various cuts, scrapes and other minor injuries from shattered glass and other debris, Nigro said.

The explosion, described by one neighbour as "deafening," happened outside the Associated Blind Housing facility at 135 W. 23rd Street. The facility provides housing, training and other services for the blind.—Reuters

Merkel faces setback in Berlin vote due to migrant fears

BERLIN — German Chancellor Angela Merkel's conservatives look set to suffer a second electoral blow in two weeks in a Berlin city vote on Sunday as voters are expected to express their unease with her refugee-friendly policy.

The anti-immigrant Alternative for Germany (AfD) is expected to profit from a popular backlash over Merkel's decision a year ago to keep German borders open for refugees and the party could enter its tenth regional assembly out of Germany's 16 states.

Voting in the German capital started at 8am (0600 GMT) and some 2.5 million people are eligible to decide who should represent them in the Berlin city assembly. Polling stations will close at 6pm (1600 GMT) and public broadcasters will publish exit polls shortly afterwards. First projections are expected roughly half an hour later.

Polls point to heavy losses for Merkel's Christian Democrats (CDU) in the vote which means the centre-left Social Democrats (SPD) may be able to ditch them from their cur-



German Chancellor Angela Merkel. PHOTO: REUTERS

rent coalition.

That would likely raise the pressure further on Merkel one year before a federal election and could deepen divisions within her conservative camp.

A drubbing in the eastern state of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern two weeks ago triggered calls from Merkel's conservative allies in Bavaria to toughen up her migrant policy with measures such as introducing a cap of 200,000 refugees per year.

Merkel rejects such a limit and defends her approach to find a European solution to the migration issue by securing the continent's external borders, agreeing migration deals with countries like Turkey

and distributing refugees across Europe.

The recent election losses have even raised questions about whether Merkel, Europe's most powerful leader, will stand for a fourth term next year but her party has few good alternatives so she still looks like the most likely candidate.

The latest Berlin poll by Forschungsgruppe Wahlen for ZDF public broadcaster put the CDU on 18 per cent, down 5 points from the last election in 2011 and far behind the SPD's projected 23 per cent. It put the AfD on 14 per cent, the environmentalist Greens on 15 per cent and the leftist Die Linke at 14.5 per cent.—Reuters

THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS MYANMA RAILWAYS

Invitation for Bids

Date: 19th September 2016

Loan Agreement No: MY-P4 dated 5th September, 2014

IFB No: MR/BD/107

1. The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received a loan from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) toward the cost of the Yangon-Mandalay Railway Improvement Project Phase I. It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the Contract for **Package CP107: FD Clips and Sleeper's Moulds**.
2. Bidding will be conducted through procedures in accordance with the applicable Guidelines for Procurement under Japanese ODA Loans, and is open to all Bidders from eligible source countries, as defined in the Loan Agreement.
3. The Myanmar Railways, Ministry of Transport and Communications now invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for the procurement of 370,000 units of FD Clips and 256 sets of Sleeper's Moulds. ("the Goods").
4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the Bidding Documents at the Head Office of Myanmar Railways at the address shown below, during office hour from 09:30 a.m. to 16:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.
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Electronic mail address: gmengnm.rail@gov.mm, dgmplan.rail@mrt.gov.mm
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders on the submission of a written application to the address above, and upon payment of a non-refundable fee Myanmar Kyat one hundred and twenty thousand (120,000 Ks.) or United States Dollar one hundred (US\$ 100).
6. The provisions in the Instructions to Bidders and in the General Conditions of Contract are the provisions of the Standard Bidding Documents under Japanese ODA Loans for the Procurement of Goods.
7. Bids must be delivered to the above address at or before 14:00 p.m. on 3rd November 2016 and must be accompanied by a Bid Security of Japanese Yen twenty five million (JPY25,000,000) or United States Dollars two hundred twenty thousand (US\$220,000)..
8. Bids will be opened in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at 14:00 p.m. at the office described above.

Managing Director
Myanmar Railways,

World's largest shiplift starts operation at China's Three Gorges Dam

THREE GORGES — The trial operation of a permanent shiplift on the Three Gorges Dam in central China's Hubei Province began Sunday.

The shiplift, designed by a Chinese and German team, is the largest and most sophisticated in the world, according to the China Three Gorges Corp., a state-owned company responsible for the construc-

tion of the Three Gorges project.

The beginning of its trial operation marks the completion of the Three Gorges project 22 years after construction on the mammoth project began, said Zhang Shuguang, assistant general manager of the corporation.

The vertical-hoisting elevator is designed to help small and medium-sized

ships, with a maximum displacement of about 3,000 tonnes, to traverse the dam. The water level behind the dam is up to 113 metres higher than the downstream river.

The shiplift is equipped with a ship-chamber, which has a pool of water 120-metres long, 18-metres wide and 3.5-metres deep. The chamber, its mechanical systems and the

water weigh 15,500 tonnes altogether.

The shiplift has been installed to complement the five-tier ship lock next to it, which is also the world's largest and has allowed ships to pass through since 2003.

The ship lock is running at full capacity, with its cargo throughput standing at 119.6 million tonnes in 2015, compared

with 34.31 million tonnes in 2004. The increase has been attributed to the booming water transportation sector in the mountainous regions of the Three Gorges, including the southwestern municipality of Chongqing.

It used to take ships about three to four hours to pass the dam via the ship lock. The shiplift will cut this time to about 40 min-

utes to one hour.

Construction of the shiplift began in 1994. Due to technical difficulties, the project was put on hold in 1995. Construction resumed in 2008.

The Three Gorges project is a multi-functional water control system. Its functions include flood control, transportation and power generation. —Xinhua

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Rise of Westeros' women keeps 'Game of Thrones' an Emmy front-runner



Cast members Sophie Turner (L) and Maisie Williams are shown in this combination photo at they attend the premiere for the sixth season of HBO's 'Game of Thrones' in Los Angeles on 10 April 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

LOS ANGELES — Subject to unspeakable violence at the hands of brutal men over the years, the women of Westeros came back with a vengeance in the latest season of HBO's "Game of Thrones" and strengthened the show's leading role in Sunday's Emmy awards.

The popular medieval fan-

tasy series enters the Primetime Emmys as the most-nominated show with 23 nods, including three in the supporting drama actress category and two in the supporting drama actor category.

The show, which follows the ever-expanding battle for the Iron Throne to rule over the Seven Kingdoms based on George

R.R. Martin's fantasy novel series "A Song of Ice and Fire," is nominated again for the best drama series Emmy award,

which it won for the first time last year for

its fifth season.

That season saw the leading women in precarious places at the end: Cersei Lannister (Lena Headey) endured a naked walk of shame; Daenerys Targaryen (Emilia Clarke) encounters the desert warrior tribe Dothraki after her dragon leaves her stranded; Arya Stark (Maisie Williams) is blinded and Sansa Stark (Sophie Turner) tries to escape her sadistic husband.

In the sixth season that concluded in June, Cersei sits on the Iron Throne, Daenerys has control of the Dothraki and is heading to battle, Arya's sight returns and she reclaims her mission to get revenge and Sansa sits alongside her resurrected brother as rulers of the North.

Headey, Clarke and Williams are all nominated for best supporting actress at the Emmys, television's highest honours.

"'Thrones' hasn't won this category yet, but Lena Headey has been earning this role since the beginning. The final scene of her ascending to the throne

almost feels like a metaphor for the Primetime Emmy awards ceremony," James Hibberd, editor-at-large at Entertainment Weekly, told Reuters.

But Headey might be hampered by having to split the "Game of Thrones" vote at the Television Academy with her fellow cast members. They are competing with "Downton Abbey" veteran Maggie Smith, Maura Tierney for Showtime's "The Affair" and Constance Zimmer for Lifetime's "UnReal."

The show's leading men are also recognised in the best supporting drama actor category: Kit Harington, whose Night Watch leader Jon Snow is brought back from the dead, and Peter Dinklage, whose Tyrion Lannister role has won him two previous Emmys in the category, will go head to head for the award.

Despite Dinklage's previous wins, Hibberd believes Harington might have a chance for having mastered a wide range of emotions. —Reuters

Victoria Beckham dances to Bee Gees in Times Square

LOS ANGELES — Singer-turned-fashion designer Victoria Beckham has given fans a rare glimpse at her dance moves at New York City's Times Square.

The former Spice Girls celebrated her successful presentation during New York Fashion Week by taking a stroll through the landmark and shimmying her way through the crowds to the sounds of the Bee Gees' "Stayin' Alive", reported E! online.

Video footage of her outing was captured by her hairstylist pal Ken Paves and posted on Instagram by Victoria's eldest son, Brooklyn Beckham.

In the short video, Victoria disco dances her way through Times Square as some tourists recognise the star and others look on in amusement. Brooklyn captioned the clip, "My mum is bringing fashion to the streets #coolmum (sic). —PTI

Guy Ritchie in talks to helm new James Bond film

LONDON — Filmmaker Guy Ritchie has reportedly been shortlisted to directed the next instalment of the James Bond film series.

After Ritchie's ex-wife Madonna flew into London this week for the start of son Rocco's school term, the director was slammed for leaving for LA.

It is reported now that Ritchie was meeting film execs to discuss the new James Bond movie.

The director behind "Snatch" and "Sherlock Holmes" is set to meet with 007 producer Michael G Wilson out there, reported Daily Mirror. "Guy has moved up the shortlist and is now the front runner. He's meeting Michael this

week to try to do a deal and see if they can agree on a shared vision for the film," a source said.

Following on from the success of last year's "The Man From U.N.C.L.E.", Ritchie, 48, caught the attention of the Bond team who are looking for a replacement after Sam Mendes, who directed the last two Bonds, stepped down.

"Guy is under serious consideration for Bond 25 and this LA trip should help take this further. He doesn't have Sam's artistry, but Guy is a fast-paced, stunt-based director, who knows his stuff," the source added. —PTI



Singer-turned-fashion designer Victoria Beckham. PHOTO: REUTERS

Priyanka Chopra, Tom Hiddleston to present at Emmys together?

LOS ANGELES — Bollywood star Priyanka Chopra and Hollywood actor Tom Hiddleston will reportedly present at the 2016 Emmy Awards together.

The two were pictured sharing a laugh, outside the Microsoft Theater. While Priyanka was seen wearing an off shoulder white top and blue denims, Tom sported a black t-shirt and jeans.

The confirmation of sorts comes from another photo that Priyanka shared of herself on stage with

her presenting partner.

The blurry picture shows her 'partner' wearing all-black ensemble, seeming confirming that it's the "Thor" star.

"Rehearsals #Emmyswithpc keep guessing... Btw the blur is the point!" the 33-year-old "Quantico" actress captioned the photo, hinting that the blur was intentional.

Emmy Awards, which honour the best on television, are set to go live tomorrow morning.

Tom, 35, is nominated for the outstanding lead actor in a limited series or movie for his work in "The Night Manager". —PTI



Bollywood star Priyanka Chopra. PHOTO: REUTERS

Soccer helps young refugees take a shot at new life in the US

BALTIMORE (Md.) — On a muggy day in late July, dozens of student refugees ran relentlessly after a soccer ball, stopping only to help up a fellow player who had slipped.

The focus was on the universal sport that has helped unite these young people — mostly high schoolers — from around the world.

Heman Rai, a 21-year-old Bhutanese refugee, came to Baltimore in 2008 not speaking any English but found soccer helped him settle.

"It's easy," Rai told Reuters on Vanguard Collegiate Middle School campus in Baltimore, Maryland after a recent scrimmage. His neon green shirt read: "PLAYING FOR CHANGE."

"You don't have to know English or you don't have to know the other person's language. You just play."

Rai is one of 100 refugees in Baltimore trying to find their footing through Soccer Without Borders (SWB), a nonprofit that serves refugee youth in both the United States and overseas.

"Our mission is to use soccer as a vehicle for positive change," said Casey Thomas, director of SWB's Baltimore chapter. The soccer field is one of

the few places where youth who have experienced such transitions "immediately feel confident, counted, and like they can express themselves and contribute," the organization said on its website.

SWB, based in Cambridge, Massachusetts, serves refugee youth from 40 different countries, including four of the five countries with the most refugee arrivals in the United States: Iraq, Somalia, Bhutan and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

President Barack Obama will host a summit on the global refugee crisis on 20 September at the United Nations General Assembly in New York. One aim is to find ways to increase refugees' self-reliance and inclusion through opportunities for education and legal work. Young refugees can face a number of difficulties in adapting to a new country, especially in education.

In addition to soccer, the SWB programme offers afterschool classes in English, art and science.

"All of the families that our kids are coming from have made so many sacrifices to have their kids achieve a better life," Thomas said, emphasizing that education is hugely important to the families. —Reuters

Dressed in white, thousands attend Parisian-inspired picnic in New York

NEW YORK — An estimated 5,000 people, dressed in all white, showed up at a Parisian-inspired picnic in lower Manhattan's Robert F. Wagner Jr. Park on Thursday evening wearing masks and Marie Antoinette wigs.

The location of the

gathering, called "Diner en Blanc," was announced just minutes before the festivities began around 6:30pm for pre-registered guests, who had been waiting at 23 meeting places around the city. Once all had arrived by 7pm, guests waved their white linen napkins in the

air to signal the beginning of the event, which debuted in New York in 2011.

Attendees, who had brought their own tables and chairs, situated themselves along the Hudson River, clinked their glasses of champagne at sunset and danced the night away in

style to live Django Reinhardt music.

Celebrity chef Todd English served guests poached salmon and 'Dun Dun Noodles.'

The cost was \$37 per person.

"Diner en Blanc" was launched in France nearly 30 years ago. This year, the Paris tradition attracted nearly 10,000 people in 70 cities across five continents.

In the US, 20 cities celebrated their own Diner en Blanc this year, including for the first time Las Vegas, Orlando and Sacramento.

There were more than 45,000 people on the waiting list in New York, the organisers of the event said in a press release.

Le Diner en Blanc has no political or ideological agendas and minimal branding. It is simply a friendly gathering whose sole purpose is to create a magical evening, its organisers said.—Reuters



People attend Diner En Blanc, the French-inspired secret pop-up dinner, in Robert F. Wagner Jr. Park, in New York, US, on 15 September 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

'Kung Fu' nuns bike Himalayas to oppose human trafficking

NEW DELHI — Clad in black sweatpants, red jackets and white helmets, the hundreds of cyclists pedaling the treacherously steep, narrow mountain passes to India from Nepal could be mistaken for a Himalayan version of the Tour de France.

The similarity, however, ends there. This journey is longer and tougher, the prize has no financial value or global recognition and the participants are not professional cyclists but Buddhist nuns from India, Nepal, Bhutan and Tibet.

Five hundred nuns from the Buddhist sect

known as the Drukpa Order, on Saturday complete a 4,000-km (2,485 mile) bicycle trek from Nepal's Kathmandu to the northern city of Leh in India to raise awareness about human trafficking in the remote region.

"When we were doing relief work in Nepal after the earthquakes last year, we heard how girls from poor families were being sold because their parents could not afford to keep them anymore," 22-year-old nun Jigme Konchok Lhamo told the Thomson Reuters Foundation. —Reuters



Buddhist nuns from the Drukpa lineage pictured in Ladakh during their cycle across the Himalayas to raise awareness about human trafficking of girls and women in the impoverished villages in Nepal and India, on 30 August 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

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6:00 am

• Paritta by Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw

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• People's Talk

8:35 am

• Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competitions

8:45 am

• Women in Myanmar Society

9:35 am

• My City My Love (Mandalay)

9:45 am

• Life Struggles

10:35 am

• Solution for Agriculture

11:15 am

• ASEAN Programme

11:35 am

• MRTV's Youth Programme

2:30 pm

• KORAOKE World Championships (KWC) Myanmar 2016 (Level-1) (Group-5)

3:35 pm

• Tasty Trip

4:10 pm

• University of Distance Education (TV Lecture) — Fourth Year (Philosophy)

4:35 pm

• Socio Economic Scenes

5:20 pm

• This Week's Special Interest

5:35pm

• Yes or No Talk Show (Choice on Degree) "Follow Your Heart or Follow The Trend" (Part-4)

6:35pm

• Law Affairs

7:15 pm

• TV Drama Series

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• Documentary

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• TV Drama Series

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		Myanmar Chinthe (Myanmar Lion)
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07:52	Am	Talented Musicians
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08:52	Am	A Traditional Doctor
09:03	Am	News
09:26	Am	The Mountain with Antique Stone Sculptures & Mural Painting
09:44	Am	Talking Shwe Thway (Children Journal)
09:55	Am	Cosplayer
10:03	Am	News

10:26	Am	Farming: Duck Breeder
10:37	Am	Herbal Medicine By Thurein (Aloe Vera)

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Prime Time

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Spain back in World Group where they belong, says Nadal

NEW DELHI — Two years after Spain's stunning fall from grace in Davis Cup tennis, Rafa Nadal has hailed his nation's return to the World Group after victory in the playoff against India.

Nadal combined with Feliciano Lopez in the doubles to overhaul Leander Paes and Saketh Myneni in four sets and complete a 3-0 victory in New Delhi on Saturday, ending Spain's exile after an acrimonious period.

"For us, it was very important after two years being away from the World Group," said the 14-times grand slam singles champion.

"It's important for us to come back to where we think we have to be." The tournament's dominant power of the modern era, Spain won five titles from 2000-11 before decline set in following their tight loss in the 2012 championship decider to Czech Republic.

With Nadal battling injury and his top team mates' commitment wavering, Spain were turfed out of the World Group in 2014 after being upset by lowly Brazil in a playoff, sparking then-captain Carlos Moya's resignation.

Moya's replacement Gala Leon was sacked within a year after a players' revolt and Spanish tennis was further embarrassed as the team crashed out to an under-strength Russia in the Europe/Africa Zone Group I last year under new captain Conchita Martinez.

Former Wimbledon champion Martinez, who also captains the women's Fed Cup team, has been at pains to repair relations with her players and managed to bring a strong team to

India to get the job done.

Former Davis Cup power Australia also has ambitions of returning to its glory days and will keep their place in the World Group after defeating Slovakia 3-0 in Sydney.

Led by talented but tempestuous 21-year-old Nick Kyrgios, the 28-times champions have a player to build a team around and captain Lleyton Hewitt said he expected big things in 2017.

"We expect that we can go deep," said the two-time grand slam champion and former Davis Cup winner. "It's been quite a while now since we've had an opportunity to play in a final and I know from experience I'd love these boys to have that experience of going out there and playing for Australia."

Belgium, Canada and

na later on Sunday, with Croatia aiming to wrap up the other semi-final against France.—
Reuters



Rafael Nadal.
PHOTO: REUTERS



Everton's Gareth Barry during Premier League at Goodison Park on 17 September 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Everton manager hails 'perfect player' Barry

LONDON — Gareth Barry is the perfect player for Everton, manager Ronald Koeman has said after the midfielder scored in his 600th Premier League appearance to help the club beat Middlesbrough 3-1.

After goalkeeper Maarten Stekelenburg's own goal in the 21st minute in Saturday's clash at Goodison Park, Barry marked his milestone with a goal three minutes later to level the score.

"It's amazing the number of games Gareth has played and even today he proved to be a perfect player for the team," Koeman told the club's website (www.evertonfc.com).

"Scoring the goal to make it 1-1 was an important moment in the game and it was a special day for Gareth but even more

special that he scored and the team won, and that was still the most important for today (Saturday)."

The 35-year-old Barry, who has also played for Aston Villa and Manchester City, won 53 caps for England.

"He's very crucial. He's not a big talker in the dressing room but his quality on the pitch, the cleverness on the pitch is important," Koeman added.

"It's also important for Gareth that if the team is playing very compact he doesn't need to run a lot of distance and he is still one of the best midfield players."

Saturday's win gave Koeman's side the best five-game start to a Premier League season with 13 points.—Reuters

Man Utd lose 3-1 to Watford, third defeat in eight days

LONDON — Manchester United suffered their third defeat in eight days as Watford handed Jose Mourinho his worst run as a manager in a decade.

Goals from Etienne Capoue, Juan Zuniga and a late penalty from Troy Deeney overwhelmed the visitors, who had levelled with a solitary strike from Marcus Rashford.

For all their possession, United were unsettled by Wat-

ford's harrying game and went behind on 32 minutes after Anthony Martial, still groggy from an earlier clash of heads, was robbed by Miguel Britos.

Daryl Janmaat picked up the ball and crossed for Capoue to fire his fourth goal of the season.

A half-time switch, which pushed Wayne Rooney further forward, settled United and they equalised on 62 minutes when Rashford scrambled the ball

home after his header bounced back to him off a defender.

Watford keeper Heurelho Gomes denied Zlatan Ibrahimovic with a flying save but United always looked vulnerable and Zuniga scored from a cutback by Roberto Pereyra less than a minute after coming on. Zuniga was then brought down by Marouane Fellaini inside the area late on to allow Deeney to score from the spot.—Reuters



Watford's Juan Camilo Zuniga celebrates scoring their second goal during Premier League at Vicarage Road on 18 September 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS