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Yangon Chief Minister sues CEO Dr Than Tun Aung and Eleven Media Group for libel

Ko Moe

DR Than Tun Aung, the CEO of Daily Eleven and Eleven Media Group, has been sued under the telecommunications law by the Yangon Region Chief Minister for libel, according to U Phyo Min Thein, chief minister of the



U Phyo Min Thein shows his watch to media at the press conference. PHOTO: ZAW GYI (PANITA)

cabinet.

The article that prompted the legal action was titled, "One year after the election," published in the 6 November issue of Daily Eleven, which the Chief Minister described as

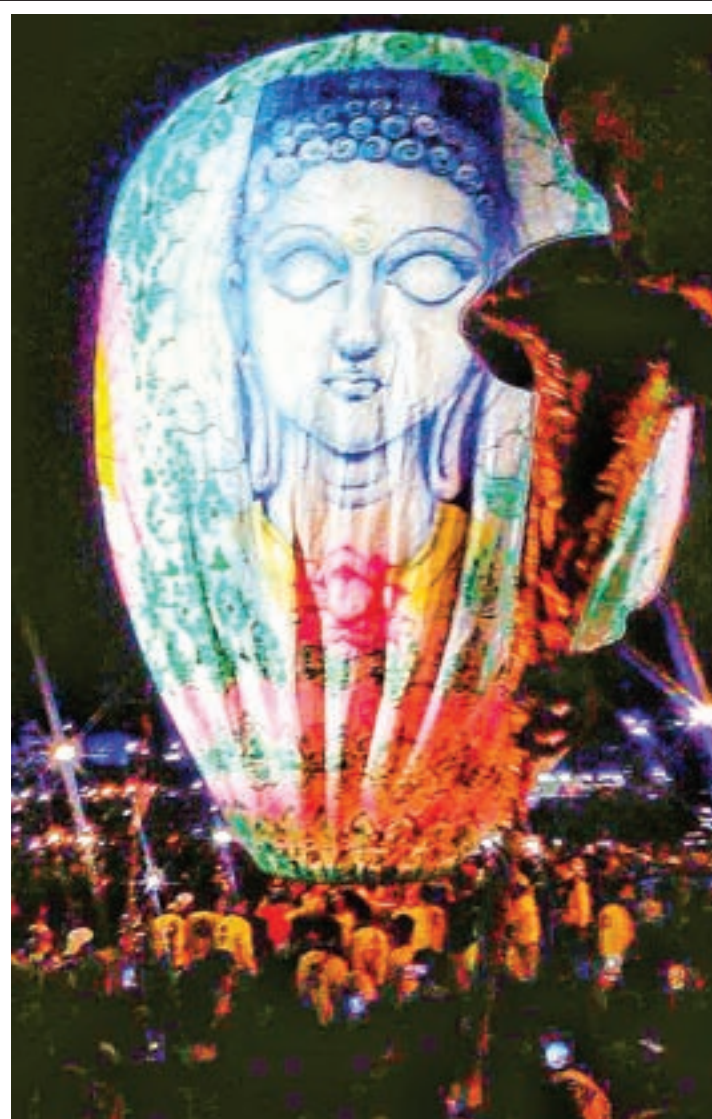
tantamount to defaming the regional government.

The 6 November opinion article written by Dr Than Tun Aung accused the Yangon Region chief minister of "rosy relations with corrupt officials" and of wearing a US\$100,000 Patek Philippe watch that was described as a gift from a convicted drugs lord.

At a press conference held last night at the cabinet's office, U Phyo Min Thein reiterated that the watch he wears is a more affordable Rolex watch bought by his wife, not a Patek Philippe as described by Dr Than Tun Aung.

The region cabinet prosecuted the Eleven CEO at Tamwe Police Station with Case No. Pa 893/2016 under section 66 (D) of the telecommunications law.

"As Dr Than Tun Aung didn't stop writing until this morning, the cabinet sued him for defanation at the Tamwe township police station", the minister said.



Taunggyi Balloon Festival in Shan State

A colourful entry at the Taunggyi Balloon Festival in Shan State on Tuesday evening. The festival began on Tuesday and continued into the early morning hours of Wednesday. PHOTO NAN BO KHAЕ

Kaladan Transport Transit Project expected to finish next month

THE Kaladan Multi-modal Transport Transit Project (KMTTP) between Myanmar and India is expected to be completed in December, according to Myanma Port Authority.

The Kaladan Multi-Modal transport project connects the eastern Indian seaport of Kolkata with Sittwe seaport in Myanmar by sea. It also then links the Sittwe seaport to Paletwa via the Kaladan River boat route and then from Paletwa on to Mizoram by road transport.

The project, which costs about US\$480 million, involves developing Sittwe to handle 20,000-ton vessels (up from the 2,000 to 3,000-ton ships it handles at present); dredging the River Kaladan from Sittwe to Paletwa (a 158 km stretch) to improve its navigability; building an inland terminal at Paletwa where cargo will be shifted from barges to trucks; and constructing a 129-km-long highway linking Paletwa to the Indian border.

"The project would boost trade between Myanmar and India and would also help Myanmar to trade not only with India but also with other foreign countries thanks to emergence of new ports," said a statement released by the Myanmar Port Authority.—Myanmar News Agency

Troops arrest two men suspected in 9 October attacks

TWO men suspected of being involved in the violent 9 October attacks that killed nine policemen were arrested yesterday.

Acting on a tip-off, troops searched a camp for displaced people in the village of Kotankauk in Maungtaw Township yesterday and found the first suspect, Mamud Dusaung.

Following his arrest, the troops conducted an area clearance operation in Kotankauk Village (Ywama) at about 2:20am and arrested the second suspect, Abu Karsen.

The troops handed over the two suspects to a local police station for further interrogation.

The two men are suspected of

involvement in the early morning attacks on border guard police outposts in Maungtaw that killed nine policemen.

Meanwhile, the Myanmar Navy searched a suspected fishing boat from Bangladesh about three miles south-west of Alethanyaw Village in Yathedaung Township yesterday and found six migrants.

The members of the Navy found six Bangladesh nationals on board and arrested the six namely Barmine Hussein, Mawtekawyi, Yusuf Ullah, Mahamum Hussein, Tartar Hussein and Marmum Harki.

They have been handed over to the local police station in Ale Thankyaw Village.—Myanmar News Agency

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Govt urges officials to find ways to reduce impact of regional crop prices on farmers



Vice President U Henry Van Thio addresses the meeting of the Committee for Protection and Promotion of the Interests of Farmers. PHOTO: MNA

Vice President U Henry Van Thio, who leads the Committee for Protection and Promotion of the Interests of Farmers, addressed the Coordination Meeting for Reduction of Impact of Regional Crops Prices yesterday.

The vice president said paddy prices in major rice production regions in Myanmar such as Ayeyawaddy Region, Bago Region, Yangon Region, Sagaing Region and Rakhine State tend to fall during harvest time in November and December every

year, when the supply is higher than demand in the market.

To address such a situation, Agricultural Produce Management Committee and State/Region Rice Purchase Supervisory Committees have been formed in accordance with the law, the vice president said.

He urged officials of the committees to set up paddy purchase centres in paddy storage facilities or rice mills before transporting, storing, processing and distribution.

In conclusion, he urged of-

ficials to find ways and means to recude the impacts of crops prices on farmers.

Union Minister for Commerce Dr Than Myint, Union Minister Dr Aung Thu and officials and Myanmar Rice Merchants Association reported on rice exports, rising costs for rice farming, shortages of farm labour and relaxation of rules for merchants so that they can raise demand.

The meeting concluded with remarks by the vice president. — Myanmar News Agency

Meeting among Peace Commission, Delegation for Political Negotiation and Technology Supporting Groups Held

A meeting among Peace Commission, Delegation for Political Negotiation and Technology Supporting Groups was held this morning at National Reconciliation & Peace Centre in Kamayut, Yangon.

At the meeting, clarification of current situations and performances of joint monitoring committee on ceasefire was made by supporting group of JMC, and questions raised by technological supporting groups were discussed.

Dr Min Zaw Oo, executive

director of technology supporting committee said, "JMC has questioned as to uncertainty of their performances. As regards the performances of JMC, these cannot be written as one-sided decision by the government, needed to be written with the approval of all participants. We have rules and regulations of JMC, thus needing to explain so that all can be well convinced."

He added, "There are still worries and anxieties among all as to whether armed conflicts contin-

ue to will exist after signing NCA and how these will be dealt with, if ever, as is among the Tatmataw and the government.

Similarly, on November 10 morning, 3rd meeting between DPN and Peace Commission will be held, with remaining matters submitted by UNFC to be discussed, it is learnt.

Out of 8 proposals submitted by UNFC to the government for NCA to sign in the agreement, 4 have been agreed, it is learnt. — Zaw Gyi (Panita)

Korean Nanta performance held in Nay Pyi Taw



Korean artistes perform a traditional South Korean non-verbal comedy show at the Myanmar International Convention Centre-2 in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

TO mark the Korea-Myanmar friendship, Korean artistes performed their traditional Cookin' Nanta dance at the Myanmar International Convention Centre-2 in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Nanta also known as Cookin' Nanta) is a South Korean non-verbal comedy show that incorporates traditional samul nori rhythm. It premiered in October 1997 in Hoam Art Hall in Seoul.

The performance was attended by Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko and wife, Chairman of the Union Civil Service Board Dr Win Thein and wife, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Myanmar Mr Yoo Jae Kyung and departmental officials. — Myanmar News Agency

Coordination meeting on third regular session of Hluttaw

THE coordination meeting between the central committee and work committees for successfully organising the third regular sessions of the second Hluttaws was held in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The patron of central committee and Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw U Win Myint, explained the proceedings of the upcoming Hluttaw sessions. Afterwards, union ministers, deputy ministers the chairman of the Nay Pyi Taw Council and deputy ministers reported on the agendas of the upcoming Hluttaw sessions. The meeting concluded with remarks by the two patrons.

After the patron explained the proceedings of the upcoming

Hluttaw sessions, he praised the staff that successfully organised the previous sessions and urged them to do so for the upcoming sessions.

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A section of road of the Kaladan Multi-modal Transport Transit Project (KMTTP) of Myanmar and India which is expected to be completed in December. PHOTO: SUPPLIED BY MYANMAR PORT AUTHORITIES (NEWS ON PAGE-1)

In case of use of stoves

1. Place a person to keep vigil.
2. Don't overuse fuel fire power.
3. Put out the remnants of fire.
4. Place heat-resistant barriers between stove and roof/ wall.
5. Don't leave the oil pan forgotten.

Warning

1. Don't run away in case of fire. Seek help from the people nearby.
2. Prompt extinguishing of fire reduces losses and damages.
3. Keep dry chemical powder extinguishers and/or fire extinguishers in all apartments, buildings and shops to put out fire promptly and protect against the danger of fire.



Keep a fire extinguisher in your car to make people on board and the car free from the danger of fire.

Fire Services Department

Union Minister Dr Pe Myint Receives H.E Mr Yoo Jae Kyung, Korean Ambassador to Myanmar

Dr Pe Myint, the Union Minister for Information, received H.E Mr Yoo Jae Kyung, the Korean Ambassador to Myanmar, at the stateroom of the ministry of information at 1p.m yesterday.

At the meeting, both sides exchanged views on the performance of the ministry of information, situations on potential cooperation and mutual exchange on the media sector between the two countries.— *Myanmar News Agency*



President U Htin Kyaw lays wreath for Thailand's late King Bhumibol Adulayadej in Bangkok. PHOTO: MNA

President U Htin Kyaw pays respect to Thailand's late King Bhumibol Adulayadej

PRESIDENT U Htin Kyaw laid a wreath in honor of Thailand's late King Bhumibol Adulayadej in Bangkok yesterday at a royal ceremony to mourn over the passing of the monarch.

At the ceremony at the Grand Palace, the president signed the book of condolence opened for the late king.

President U Htin Kyaw left Nay Pyi Taw for Bangkok yesterday morning to attend the solemn ceremony. He was welcomed at Suvannabhumi Airport by Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand Dr Somkid Jatusripitak, officials of the Foreign Ministry of Thailand, Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Win Maung

and officials.

After attending the ceremony, President U Htin Kyaw visited a building currently under construction that will become the new Myanmar Embassy.

At the embassy, he met with staff and greeted Myanmar nationals applying for passports.

Before returning to Myanmar, President U Htin Kyaw visited the Anti-Corruption Museum in Bangkok. The president was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, Yangon Mayor U Maung Maung Soe and officials of the Thailand embassy in Yangon.— *Myanmar News Agency*

Vice President U Myint Swe opens Haka College, Haka Combined Office Complex

VICE President U Myint Swe officially opened Haka College yesterday, expressing his delight for opening the college, which would help students in Chin State achieve higher learning in their home state.

"We need to consider the education sector to be important not only for individual interests but also for our country's future. And it is necessary for every student to take part in reforming the nation. Now that all individuals are accessible to politics, teachers, students and civil societies are required to cooperate conscientiously so that reformation processes do not halt," said the Vice President.

He also stressed the important role that advanced knowledge plays in building the nation, saying that the ways for implementing the aims and objectives can be learned by holding discussions and seminars.

"Previously, students from Chin State wishing to earn a

university degree were required to go to Kalay, Pakokku and Sagaing. So it was a costly and time-consuming matter for them. At present, the emergence of Haka college will help them to study with ease and convenience," he said.

Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi said that teachers and students are required to perform their respective duties of strengthening sustainable human resources and creating the educational environment with updated knowledge and vision.

Afterward, Chin State Chief Minister said, "We are happy with opening Haka college as a point of pride for the state."

Chin State became a separate state on January 4, 1974, with Haka acknowledged as the capital of the State.

Students from Haka, Falam, Htantalan are now able to study academic disciplines in the arts and sciences. The ceremony included words of thanks from a



Vice President U Myint Swe inspects office rooms in Haka Combined Office Complex. PHOTO: MNA

town elder and the principal of the college.

Before the official opening of the college, Vice President U Myint Swe and Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Gyi also attended the opening ceremony of the Haka combined office complex,

which was held at 7am in front of the office.

Chin State Cabinet chief minister Salai Lianlwe, State Hluttaw Speaker U Zobwe, deputy minister Brig-Gen Aung Soe, Chin State minister U Shwe Hti Yoe and State administrator U

Pyone Cho also participated in the inauguration ceremony by cutting the ribbon.

The Vice President and party also inspected the site of a landslide in Yonetaung, Haka in July 2015 due to flash flooding.— *Myanmar News Agency*

DELIGHTFUL NOVEMBER AT SEDONA HOTEL YANGON



WEEKEND BUBBLY BRUNCH

Relax this weekend away from the hustle and bustle at Sedona's 'Bubbly' Brunch that serves up an indulgent spread of mouth-watering delicacies and cuisine, with seafood, sushi, sashimi, carving & 'live' cooking stations and an extensive salad bar for the health conscious!

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Time : Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays
6.30pm to 10.00pm

Venue : D'Cuisine All Day Dining Restaurant

**Inclusive of free flow of wine, beer & soft drinks



First School reconstructed Japanese grant handed over to local authorities in Magway Region



Counsellor of the Embassy of Japan formally opening the reconstructed school. PHOTO: MEABASSY OF JAPAN

The first school constructed with the Japanese grant was completed and handed over to Magway Region Government yesterday.

Mr. Hideaki Matsuo, Counsellor of the Embassy of Japan, Dr. Khin Maung Aye, Minister of Social Affairs of Magway Regional Government, U Zaw Win, Deputy Director-General, Department of Basic Education, Ministry of Educa-

tion, committee members of the construction project, and local residents attended the ceremony.

The flood that occurred in July 2015 caused serious damages to the school buildings, which were in dangerous condition for the students to study. To address these challenges, the Japanese Government provided funding for the construction of a 30' x 24' one-story R.C.C

building with full furniture and a toilet. The project will benefit approximately 200 students of the school and promote disaster prevention in the area.

Government of Japan has been reconstructing and repairing 493 schools affected by Cyclone Komen in 2015. Japan provided 1.2 billion yen to the Myanmar's Ministry of Education to support a part of such efforts.—GNLM

Bus Line No. 45 plans to increase number of transport buses to 50

A FLEET of 15 buses equipped with quality air-conditioning will be purchased from foreign countries as part of a plan to extend and improve public transport service, said Ko Ta Yoke Lay, the owner of bus line No. 45.

To meet the demands of the increasing number of daily commuters in Yangon, Ko Ta

Yoke Lay had recently bought 15 2007 model buses made in Korea, which are being prepared for service. Currently, the local bus line operates with a fleet of 21 buses along main roads from Insein Township to the Sule Pagoda in downtown Yangon.

The No. 45 bus line operator has already submitted the proposal to Yangon Region gov-

ernment. The proposal would increase the number of transport buses from 21 to 50, said Ko Ta Yoke Lay.

Ko Tun Tun, a local commuter, said he prefers the No. 45 bus line because he believes it provides high-quality service. He also likes the buses that are operated without a bus conductor.—Myitmakha News Agency

Passengers complain after bus drivers raise fares

PASSENGERS expressed concern and displeasure during an impromptu gathering on Tuesday over unauthorised fare increases on the Yangon-Thanyin bus line from Ks300 to Ks500.

Bus drivers on the Yangon-Thanyin line were allegedly demanding extra charges, which caused a tense situation yesterday that prompted Daw Nilar Kyaw, Minister for Electrical Power, Industry and Transportation, an official from Kyauktaga township and an official from the private bus line control committee to come to the scene in an attempt to defuse the situation.

Officials said prompt action would be taken.

"Tomorrow, we will have a meeting of all private bus line control committee officers and take deterrent action against

the drivers and conductors who asked more money from passengers. We will try to solve these problems," said Daw Nilar Kyaw.

The alleged demand for more money from passengers caused delays and frustration.

"We did not ride the bus when the conductors asked for bus fare of Ks500", said one passenger. "Our daily wage is Ks3,000. I have a family, too".

Bus officials said there would be positive changes.

"Firstly, we will conduct the passengers to be more convenient to travel with bus line. Then, we will take action against these drivers. The conductors must collect the bus fare at the normal rate," said Chairman U Hla Aung from All Private Bus Line Control Committee.—Myitmakha News Agency



A Yangon-Thanyin bus. PHOTO: MYITMAKHAM NEWS AGENCY

Crime NEWS

Motorcyclist dead after being struck by dump truck

ONE person was killed in a car accident involving a motorcycle and a dump truck in Kengtung town, Shan State (East), according to the No. 116 traffic police station.

The accident occurred at night, near the Veterans Affairs Office on the way to the airport in Shan State (East).

According to the investigation, a dump truck headed to airport driven by Aung Kyaw, also known as An Jo Lo, 41, from Kengtung, hit the back of a motorcycle being driven by Sai Sam Tit, 28 with a passenger on board.

The accident killed Sai Sam Tit, while the passenger, Sai Lon, 31, suffered serious injuries. Sai Lon is undergoing med-



The dump truck that hit the motorcyclist. PHOTO: MYITMAKHAM NEWS AGENCY driving under sections 279/ 304 (A) of the Penal Code. —Myitmakha News Agency

Three people injured during dispute

POLICE from Paung township have arrested seven people who were allegedly involved in a beating that occurred as several people were on their way back home from a pagoda festival near Pangone village, Paung township, Mon State on Tuesday.

According to the investigation, Aung Kyaw Kyaw, 19, together with Sithu Aung and Myo Hein Tun, went to the pagoda festival and had a quarrel with Kyaw Ye Aung, 21. When Aung Kyaw Kayw and his two friends went back to their

home, they were met by Kyaw Ye Aung and others. Kyaw Ye Aung's group allegedly beat the three men with sticks and bricks. U Hla Phone, the uncle of one of the victims, called police.

The accident caused serious injuries. The three victims are currently receiving medical treatment at a nearby hospital. Police are holding seven men who will be charged under section 294/325/114 of the Penal Code. Another suspect who managed to escape from the scene is still being sought.—Myitmakha News Agency

LOCAL Business

Buses from China and South Korea to arrive in mid December

BUSES ordered from China and South Korea to run in public bus lines will arrive in mid December, it is learnt from the All Private Bus Lines Control Committee.

To gear up for public bus lines, a fleet of 210 buses from China and 202 buses from South Korea were purchased under contract. The buses are 2006-2007 models. The publicly owned bus lines are slated to begin in early 2017. The old buses will be replaced with the new ones to facilitate the public transportation in Yangon, said Dr. Maung Aung, the secretary of Yangon Transport Authority.

Additionally, there are over 100 buses which have been repaired. A proposal to run nine routes with over 500 buses has been already submitted to the Yangon Region government.

If the plan goes well, Yangon Transport Authority will supervise the public bus lines. Currently, there are over 350 bus lines which will be reduced down to about 60.—200

Fishery exports to China decline for 5th straight year

THE export of fish and related products to China has steadily declined over the past five years, according to a announcement released by Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation.

A total of 92,780 tonnes of fishery products worth US\$259million were exported to China in the 2011-2012 fiscal year. But that figure dropped to only US\$161million with the export of 78,720 tonnes in the 2015-2016 fiscal year, it is learnt.

The decline in fishery exports to China is attributed to higher demand from the U.S., Thailand, Singapore and the European Union. Previously, fishery exports depended heavily on the China market. But after the lifting of EU sanctions against Myanmar, Myanmar chose more favourable markets, which offered higher prices.

The value of fishery exports as of 28th October this year was US\$277.68million, an increase of US\$39.635million from the previous year, according to the statistics of the Commerce Ministry. —Mon Mon



A cargo ship being loaded with containers at the Asia World port in Yangon. PHOTO: REUTERS

Automated cargo system to be adopted by customs department

THE Myanmar Automatic Cargo Clearance System (MACCS) is slated to launch on 12th November by the Myanmar Customs Department.

The new system is expected to help Myanmar meet its obligations, as a member of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), to implement a single window system

that allows traders to submit regulatory paperwork through a single entity. Trade departments will cooperate in linking with electronic data in the system.

Currently, lists are usually needed to attach to the invoice in seeking import license because of many items and unit codes. This can cause problems in MACCS to provide the exact

data and valuations of the commodities. The attached lists are no longer needed when seeking a license in this automated system. The license seekers are encouraged to mention all data in the invoice so that MACCS can properly process the request.

The following particulars are required in the invoice: address of merchant and pur-

chaser, description of goods, specifications of the brand, unit code/quantity, unit price, total amount, country of origin, country of loading, port of discharge, payment of destination, mode of transport/method of shipment, bank name and shipment date/shipment period, it is learnt from the Commerce Ministry.

—Ko Htet

Jovago linking with hotels in border areas

JOVAGO is attempting to expand its network in the border areas of Myanmar because the number of tourists entering Myanmar through border checkpoints has risen dramatically after eVisa allowed foreigners to enter Myanmar through three checkpoints: Tachilek, Myawady and Kawthaung starting from 1st September.

The visitors can easily book a hotel online while travelling.

Jovago is gearing up to link with more hotels in border areas, said Abdesslam Benzitouni, head of Public Relations from Jovago.

Currently, Jovago has established a partnership with about 20 hotels in Tachilek and Keng Tung, about 40 hotels in Kawthaung, Myeik and Dawei and 40 hotels in Hpa-an and Mawlamyine, it is learnt.

In the first half of 2016, 70 per cent of foreign visitors en-

tered Myanmar through border areas.

The increasing number of visitors in border areas will enhance the hotel business, the travel and tourism business and the transportation business, said U Htin Aung Naing, the director of Taunggyi hotel and tourism ministry.

Tourists who enter via Tachilek usually visit Taunggyi, Inle, Bagan, Mandalay, Kyaikht-

eeyoe and Yangon. Tourists who enter through Myawady border visit Hpa-an, Toungoo, Mandalay, Pyin Oo Lwin, Inle and Taunggyi and exit through Keng Tung and Tachilek.

Some visitors entering Myanmar through Myawady visit Myawady, Hpa-an, Thaton, Kyaikhteyyoe, Toungoo and Tamu to India. —Myitmakha News Agency

Coca-Cola to introduce Max+C in Myanmar market

COCA-Cola will reportedly distribute a new soft drink in the Myanmar market this month.

Coco-Cola Myanmar plans to offer various types of soft drinks and beverages including Max+C, a product with a lemon flavour, said Mr. Akira Nopakunkajorn, the regional marketing manager

of Coca-Cola.

In addition to the lemon flavor, Max+C also contains vitamin C. The drink is already popular in Hong Kong, China, Thailand, China (Taipei) and Japan.

The marketing of Max+C will be carried out through November in Yangon and Mandalay,

holding events which will offer tasting samples of Max+C to the public free of charge, said Daw Mon Mon Hlaing, IMC manager from Coca-Cola Myanmar.

Max+C will be easily found in beverage shops, supermarkets and shopping centers in 500ml plastic bottles and 330ml cans,

which will sell for Ks400-500.

Coca-Cola reentered Myanmar's market in 2012. Coca-Cola is the world's largest beverage company, with more than 500 sparkling and still brands and more than 3,800 beverage choices, it is learnt.—Myitmakha News agency



Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte delivers a speech at Philippines Economic Forum in Tokyo, Japan on 26 October, 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Philippines' Duterte congratulates Trump, wants to work together: minister

MANILA — Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte offered “warm congratulations” to US president-elect Donald Trump and looks forward to working with him to enhance relations, a Philippine minister said on Wednesday.

Duterte, who has expressed outrage almost daily with the Obama administration and threatened repeatedly to end one of Washington's most important Asian alliances, hailed the success of US democratic system and the American way of life, Presidential Communications Secretary Martin Andanan said in a statement.

Duterte “looks forward to working with the incoming administration for enhanced Philippines-US relations anchored on mutual respect, mutual benefit and shared commitment to democratic ideals and the rule of law,” he said. — *Reuters*

Work continues to fill huge sinkhole in Fukuoka

FUKUOKA — Construction workers on Wednesday continued to fill in a huge sinkhole that opened up the previous day beneath a major road in the southwestern Japan city of Fukuoka.

The Fukuoka city government plans to fill the 30-metre-long, 27-metre-wide hole with special soil that includes cement so that it solidifies easily. About 7,000 cubic metres of soil are required, according to the city government.

The collapse, which is believed to have happened in connection with ongoing construction work for a subway line extension, occurred around 5:15 am Tuesday at a crossing near Hakata Station in the prefectural capital.

Police have blocked off areas near the sinkhole since Tuesday as some gas pipes and power lines are broken, with an evacuation advisory remaining effective for three buildings close to the site.

The Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Ministry conducted an inspection of the city's transportation bureau again on Wednesday morning following one late Tuesday as part of its investigation into the incident.

Blackouts caused by the sinkhole were all resolved in the morning. The incident also disrupted traffic and banking systems, but there were no injuries.

Earth and sand were reported to have started falling from the ceiling of the tunnel, bored for an extension to a subway line, 50 minutes before the cave-in occurred. But the city's transportation bureau said the foundations are solid enough to support a tunnel, although the base may have degraded over time, it said.—*Kyodo News*



Work continues to fill a huge sinkhole on a major road near JR Hakata Station in downtown Fukuoka, southwestern Japan, in this photo taken from a drone on 9 November, 2016. The hole is believed to have been caused by subway construction. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

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Viet Nam decides to scrap nuclear plant construction plans

HANOI — The Vietnamese government has decided to scrap plans to build nuclear power plants with Japanese and Russian assistance, a Viet Nam Electricity official said on Wednesday.

The decision to withdraw the contracts to build the nuclear power reactors in Ninh Thuan Province will be a blow to Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's administration, which sees Japan's export of nuclear power technology as a pillar of his economic growth strategy.

The country's ruling Communist Party instructed government authorities in October to revise the plans due to tight state finances, party and government sources said earlier. The government plans to submit a resolution to the National

Assembly on Thursday requesting the plans be put off, according to state-run media. The country's policy of promoting nuclear power, however, remains unchanged, according to the Viet Nam Electricity official.

The National Assembly approved in 2009 the plans to build two nuclear power reactors each at two plants in Ninh Thuan Province, central Viet

Nam. Japan was awarded contracts to build the two reactors at the Ninh Thuan 2 Nuclear Power Plant, while Russia was scheduled to build the other two at the Ninh Thuan 1 Nuclear Power Plant.

The first plant was originally slated to become operational in 2020 but was subsequently delayed until 2028, followed by 2029 for the second plant.—*Kyodo News*

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South Korea believes a Trump administration would maintain US policy on North



A man takes a selfie with a cut-out of Republican US presidential nominee Donald Trump during a US Election Watch event hosted by the US Embassy at a hotel in Seoul, South Korea, on 9 November 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

SEOUL — South Korean Foreign Minister Yun Byung-se said on Wednesday that he believed Donald Trump would maintain the current US policy of pressuring North Korea over its nuclear and missile tests, if he wins the presidential election.

“Trump has indicated that the greatest problem facing the world is the nuclear threat and members of his national security team hold the position that favour's applying strong pressure against the North,” Yun said. He made the comments in a meeting with members of parliament scheduled to discuss the results of the US presidential election. The North conducted its fourth and fifth nuclear tests in January and September, drawing widespread international condemnation.—*Reuters*

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India's shock withdrawal of larger banknotes sparks chaos in cash economy

MUMBAI/NEW DELHI — Indians struggled to pay for basics goods like food and fuel on Wednesday and wondered how to get hold of their cash, after India suddenly withdrew 500 and 1,000 rupee notes from circulation in a bid to flush out money hidden from the tax man.

The shock measure also sent shudders through the investment community on a day when the markets were also reeling at the prospect of Republican candidate Donald Trump winning the US election.

India's National Stock Exchange share index slumped as much as 6.3 per cent in early trade before recovering some of the losses by around noon.

The currency move, announced late on Tuesday night by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, aims to bring billions of dollars worth of unaccounted wealth into the mainstream economy and

curb corruption.

It was also designed to stop anti-India militants suspected of using fake 500 rupee notes to fund operations.

From midnight, the larger banknotes ceased to be legal tender for transactions other than exchanging them at banks for smaller notes.

Retailers refused to accept the bills, worth around \$7.50 and \$15 respectively, and people were unable to access ATMs after banks closed them down.

To be effective the move had to be unexpected, analysts said, but it was also fraught with problems for an economy largely fuelled by cash, especially for India's poorest citizens, many of whom work in the large rural economy.

India's "black economy," a term widely used to describe transactions that take place outside formal channels, amounted to around 20 per cent of gross

domestic product, according to investment firm Ambit.

New bills, of 500 and 2,000 rupees, will be introduced from 10 November.

Deepak Chhatoi, a salesman at a car varnishing store in Mumbai, said he had to turn away customers wanting to pay with larger bills, and could not buy the popular potato sandwich known as the vada pav.

"I couldn't even have breakfast this morning because there seems to be a shortage of change in the market," he said.

"The vada pav seller declined to sell to me because he did not have change."

The extent of the impact of the measures became evident as petrol stations and hospitals also refused to accept larger denomination banknotes, even though the government had given them a waiver to continue accepting them.



A customer waits to deposit 1000 Indian rupee banknotes in a cash deposit machine at bank in Mumbai, India, on 8 November. PHOTO: REUTERS

Meanwhile, bank ATMs were closed and banks prepared for the flood of people seeking to exchange larger banknotes for smaller ones.

Swapna Mandal, a laborer, wanted to withdraw 3,000 rupees from an ATM and send it to his family in Kolkata, in eastern India, but was unable to do so.

"I have only 500 rupees

notes at home. I don't know if I will be able to send the money," he said.

A sub-inspector in New Delhi said the police commissioner had issued orders to watch for disturbances, especially at key retail outlets like petrol pumps.

"This is a sensitive time. We have to be alert," he said.

—Reuters

South Korea ruling party says US anti-missile defence to go ahead

SEOUL — The deployment in South Korea of the US military's THAAD system, designed to counter North Korea's missile threat, will go ahead as planned under a Trump administration, the South's ruling party chief said on Wednesday, citing the defence minister.

Saenuri Party policy chief Kim Gwang-lim said plans for the deployment of the Terminal High Altitude Area Defence anti-missile system were near complete.

Kim was briefing the media after a meeting by senior party members with national security ministers, including Defence

Minister Han Min-koo, to discuss the US presidential election, won by Republican Donald Trump.

"THAAD is all but confirmed so it'll go ahead," Kim quoted Han as saying.

But the South Korean government was concerned Trump may make unpredictable proposals to North Korea over the isolated country's nuclear weapons programme, a ruling party official said, quoting top national security officials.

A Trump spokesman said in September that North Korea's most recent nuclear test was an example of the "catastrophic

failures" of his Democratic rival, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

Washington and Seoul agreed to deploy the THAAD system in South Korea to protect against North Korean threats. China, North Korea's lone major ally, was angered by the decision as it fears the system's powerful radar will be able to see into its territory.

The commander of US forces in South Korea said on Friday the system would be deployed to South Korea within eight to 10 months, according to an official from the US forces in South Korea.—Reuters

India hopes to boost military cooperation with China, jointly uphold border peace, stability: DM

NEW DELHI — Indian Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar said on Wednesday that India hopes to strengthen military cooperation with China and make concerted efforts to uphold peace and stability in border areas.

Parrikar made the comments during a meeting here with Sun Jianguo, deputy chief of the Joint Staff Department of China's Central Military Commission.

Sun is in India to attend the 8th meeting of China-India Defence and Security Consultation.

Parrikar said India and China have enjoyed a long history of friendship and his country values its ties with China. He

called on the two countries and militaries to conduct more exchanges so as to further enhance bilateral cooperation in various fields. Sun Jianguo, for his part, said that the leaders of the two countries have met on many occasions in recent year and reached important consensus on enhancing bilateral strategic communication, deepening friendly and pragmatic cooperation and seeking common development.

"China adheres to a peaceful development path and also a defensive defence policy," the senior Chinese military official said, highlighting that China carries out the concept of "amity, sincerity, sharing in prosper-

ity, and inclusiveness" in neighbourhood diplomacy.

Under the guidance of their leaders, China and India have been making progress in various fields including defence and the two countries have been committed to advancing their strategic cooperative partnership, he said.

Hailing the good momentum of exchanges between the two militaries, Sun called for the two sides to further strengthen cooperation in various fields and properly manage and control differences, jointly uphold peace and stability in border areas for the benefit of the two countries and two peoples. —Xinhua

Australian theme park to shut down ride that killed four people

MELBOURNE — Australia's Dreamworld theme park will permanently shut a water ride on which four people were killed last month, owner Ardent Leisure Group said on Wednesday.

Two men and two women died in October after getting trapped under an upturned raft on the Thunder River Rapids ride at Dreamworld, near the Gold Coast tourist district in Australia's northeastern state of Queensland.

Ardent Chief Executive said the ride would be decommissioned out of respect for the memories of the victims and their families.

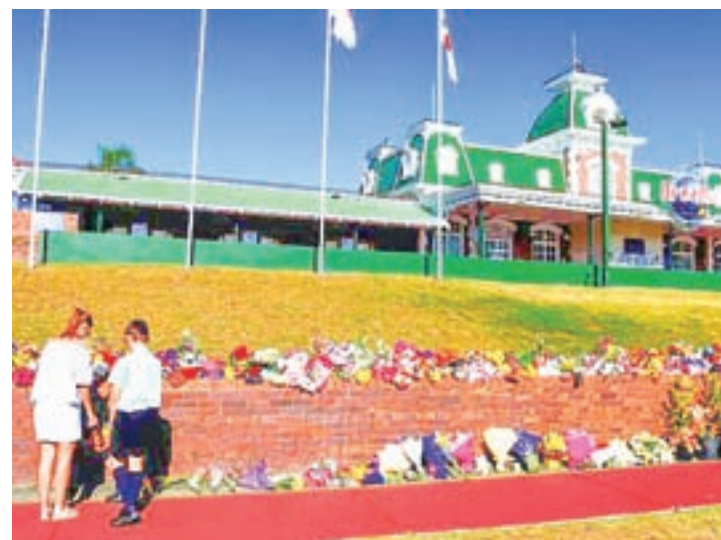
"The closure of the ride is the only respectful and appro-

priate course of action," Ardent Chief Executive Deborah Thomas said in a statement.

Engineering firm Pitt & Sherry has begun an external review of all Dreamworld and Whitewater World rides and operating systems, separate from an internal review of every ride in the park, which has been closed since the tragedy, Thomas said.

"No ride at Dreamworld will operate until the Workplace Health and Safety Audit has been completed and unless it passes the multi-level internal and external review process," she said.

Ardent shares have slumped 21 per cent since the accident. —Reuters



Members of the public leave floral tributes outside the main entrance to Dreamworld located on the Gold Coast, Australia on 26 October 2016 after Tuesday's tragedy that saw four people killed on the Thunder River Rapids Ride at Australia's biggest theme park. PHOTO: REUTERS

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Protection and promotion of the interests of farmers

Myint Win Thein

IN past eras, most politicians have characterised farmers as those to whom the whole country owes gratitude. This is because they are the providers of food for the entire country. They truly deserve our gratitude.

But in more recent times, they have become victims of land confiscation, price speculation, the state monopoly of the grain trade, private lenders and many restrictions. As a result, many of

them have left their villages to work in neighbouring countries.

Now, the new government has taken measures to protect the interests of farmers by reducing the impact of crop prices on paddy growers. Vice President U Henry Van Thio, who is also the leader of the Committee for Protection and Promotion of Farmers' Interests, urged officials of the Agricultural Produces Management Com-

mittee and Rice Purchasing Supervisory Working Groups in states and regions to set up rice purchasing centres at rice mills and to transport, store, process and distribute rice properly.

In addition, the vice president urged officials to find ways and means to reduce the impact of price fluctuation. It is the first right step the government has taken for peasant farmers, who make up a huge majori-

ty of the population in Myanmar, where rice is the staple food.

Solving the problems of peasant farmers amounts to helping the majority of people in the country.

Therefore, efforts to help solve the problems and difficulties of peasant farmers should be combined with other efforts that will help them overcome other unfavorable conditions that are jeopardising their lives.

It's Time to Get Rid Of the Corruptions

Khin Maung Myint

MANY writers, including me, have written about corruptions and corrupted persons in our essays, opinions and articles and the necessity to eradicate them. I'm sure everyone has written with good intentions and in good faiths, free from any animosity towards anyone, but for the good of the country.

In this article, I would like to explore the term corruption and how to get rid of it. In doing so, I will approach it not only from the legal and literary aspects, but also from the practical perspectives based on my meager experiences gained while in the government service. I found that in the legal sense, **corruption** can be generally interpreted as taking of, or asking for **bribes**. Thus in English, the term corruption is often used in conjunction with the word **bribery**; thus the usage **bribery and corruption** is more relevant and sounds more legally correct. From the literary aspect, **corruption** is defined as a fraudulent conduct of those in power, involving taking of **bribes**, misconducts, fraudulences, unscrupulousness, cheating, wrongdoings: such as misappropriation of public funds, misuse of government facilities and abuse of office or power.

Here, the vocabulary **bribe** should also be defined. It's either in kind or cash, given by someone to somebody in position of power or authority in return for undue

privileges or favours. It should not be confused with a **gift**, which is given without expectation for anything from the recipient in return. To further clarify the difference between a **bribe** and a **gift**, I would like to quote what one veteran session judge explained to me, while I was still a very junior officer.

According to him only fruits and flowers or other presents, in kind, if they are in small quantities should be deemed as **gifts**, but if they are in abundance they become **bribes**. A very good example he gave me was: "You can accept a basket of few oranges or a bunch of flowers as a **gift**, but if someone gives you a truckload of oranges or flowers, that would be deemed a **bribe**, because they could fetch a small fortune". However, cash of any amount, whether small or large, is deemed as a **bribe** in the legal sense.

Thus, from the first definition it is quite clear that there is only a very thin line separating a **gift** from a **bribe**. So, in my opinion, it would be safe not to accept any present from the subordinates or businesspersons, even a small amount, if their intentions are not sincere. As for the cash present it should absolutely be avoided. My outlooks may seem too extreme in a society like ours', where the custom or tradition of offering presents to elders as marks of respect or paying obeisance (ကနဲဝတ်) is part of our culture since time immemorial. This custom or tradition provides excuses or covers to camouflage the acts of **bribery and corruption**.

In this context, the fixing of the amount acceptable as **gift** may seem a good move, but without any monitoring measures in place, I don't think it would be effective in fighting corruption. Most of the readers may have heard of the stories of money stashed in biscuit tins bought from stores where the families of the elites used as their outlets. Those were undoubtedly the presents given as bribes to someone. Those were the days when bribery and corruption was strictly under close watch and high ranking officials were required to surrender the valuable presents they had received to the authorities. Thus the bribers tried to camouflage the bribe money in biscuit tins.

However, as the fight against bribery and corruptions gradually become lax, the bribers become more open. The bribes took the forms of refrigerators, high-end television sets, electronic equipments, expensive silk longyis, jeweleries, even motor car keys and apartment keys in tiny packages and uncountable varieties of commodities, which were given as presents at birthdays, weddings, anniversaries and many other imaginable occasions.

If we want to get rid of the bribery and corruptions, strict monitoring and severe actions should be taken if found guilty. In taking actions, both the briber and the taker or the corrupted person should be punished equally. They are partners in crime, as they collaborated in committing it and thus are equally guilty.

Though I don't want to men-

tion it, I must do it for the sake of the country. The rampant corruptions among the government employees stemmed from the misinterpretations or misconception of the term **bribery and corruption**. Most thought that it's okay to take it as long as they don't demand it. Though they may not demand, the bribers are always there, finding ways and means or **the path** (လမ်းကြောင်း), ready to solicit for undue favours and privileges by bribing.

Thus, to eradicate the corruptions in our government offices and departments, all employees, right from the top to the lowest levels should be reeducated to free them from their misconceptions concerning bribery and corruptions. Also the citizens should fulfill their civic duties by reporting on such cases to the authorities if they should come across them. The President's and the State Counsellor's offices have opened channels for the people to be able to send in re-

ports and complaints. The citizens are also encouraged to report on such fraudulent persons by guaranteeing that the names of those who report on such matters will not be disclosed. These moves are unprecedented and indicate the government's determination to eradicate corruptions.

I would like to repeat some of my opinions expressed in my previous articles. Because of the leaky roofs the floors had decayed. Just repairing the floors without repairing or replacing the roof wouldn't be enough. Now that the roof had been replaced and not leaking anymore, it's the floor's turn to be either repaired, if still repairable or replaced if it's beyond repairs. In conclusion, let me warn the corrupted persons that the people wouldn't tolerate corruptions anymore. Now that they are given some latitude to get involved in the fight against corruption, the corrupt persons should consider "**turning over a new leaf**", or else !

"From the literary aspect, corruption is defined as a fraudulent conduct of those in power, involving taking of bribes, misconducts, fraudulences, unscrupulousness, cheating, wrongdoings: such as misappropriation of public funds, misuse of government facilities and abuse of office or power".

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing gives speech at the European Military Committee Meeting



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing seen departing for Venice, Italy. PHOTO: MNA

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing gave a speech at the European Military Committee Meeting Tuesday in Brussels, Belgium.

At the request of the Political and Security Committee, General Min Aung Hlaing met with officials from the European Political and Security Committee in the Justus Lipsius building of the Council of the European Union.

At the meeting, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing explained outlooks of European Union on Myanmar political reform and current political and security development in Myanmar.

In the evening, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing visited the city of Antwerp and toured the famous Cathedral of Our Lady, Town Hall and People's Square.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and party left for Venice,

Italy from the International Airport of Brussels by air yesterday morning and arrived at Venice at 10:15 a.m. The Senior General and delegation were welcomed by Myanmar Ambassador to Italy U Myint Naung and officials at the airport.

The general's trip to Italy is part of the goodwill visit, during which he will meet with the Chief of Defence of Italy and other high-ranking military officers.—*Myanmar News Agency*



Organizers explaining the event of "Fund raiser & Auction" "Black Tie Dinner" organized by Sedona hotel on 9 November to donate the fund to the Daw Khin Kyi Foundation. PHOTO: (SUPPLIED BY SEDONA)

New drug policy to be introduced in April, 2017

THE chief of the anti-narcotics unit is formulating a new drug policy in co-ordination with government officials and parliament members to allow opportunities to remedy and to mete out punishment, said Pol Col Zaw Lin Tun.

The government officials and Hluttaw representatives have already met twice on this topic starting from September.

"This new policy is being formulated from the development and health perspectives. We will take deterrent action against the

drug traffickers. Also, we will mete out punishment on the drug abusers. The trafficking and abuse of drugs have a dramatic impact upon the economic and social sectors. To respond to the danger of drugs, a new policy will be laid down in accord with the contemporary situations," said Pol Col Zaw Lin Tun at 8th Asian Informal Drug Policy Dialogue Initiative meeting of the GIZ held in collaboration with Central Committee for Drug Abuse control (CCDAC) on 7 November.

"We will amend the new policy if needed. Then, we will have a meeting again together with government officials and Hluttaw representatives.

The new narcotics control policy will be released in April 2017. As we need to seek approval from the central government, it will take at least one month. As we are going to submit to the president's office in March, we expect to release the new policy in April.—*Myitmakha News Agency*

Authorities draw up plans to prevent fires in Thaton

A STRATEGIC plan to prevent fires is being developed by the Fire Services Department in Thaton District in Mon State on a regional scale, its officer said.

U Aung Kyin Tun, the deputy director of Thaton District Fire Services Department, said special fire prevention programmes including firefighting drills and other management trainings have been implemented by the department before the hot season to protect people and their property from fires.

The department is currently conducting field trips to inspect the storage of combustible objects, including fuel and hay, and educate people on how to prevent and control fires. Fire engines and related equipment have been prepared for emergency cases.

Officers from the four districts have been alerted to the increased possibility of fire in the summer months.

The department will soon announce emergency phone numbers for the general public, urging them to actively participate in the fire prevention programme.

People welcome the government's efforts to prevent fire in the region by effective public awareness programmes through pamphlets, billboards and seminars, said one of the residents, who hope the authorities would continue the activities in every season. There are 19 fire engines, eight water bowzers and related equipment in the region operated by 116 firefighters and 2,644 auxiliary members.—*Myitmakha News Agency*



PHOTO: MMK

Prison library aims to raise knowledge among inmates

A NEW library has been installed by local authorities at the correctional facility in Pakokku Township in Magway Region, with a focus on promoting general knowledge among prisoners.

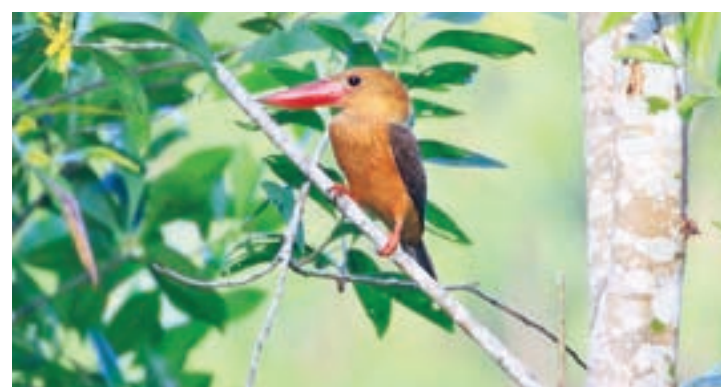
The official opening of the new library was made today at the Pakokku Prison after book lovers and philanthropic organizations donated a diverse range of books and publications for the library.

Pyithu Hluttaw Representative for Pakokku Constituency U Paik Ko, a former political prisoner, stressed the importance of a library, which will help inmates raise their level of knowledge. The new reading facility was

approved after negotiations with the township correctional department. Plans are underway to appoint library officers who will facilitate the rental of books in a systematic manner and ensure sustainable developments of the prison library.

Naing Min Cho, a jailor at the Pakokku correctional facility, said inmates wishing to serve as librarians will be selected to provide jail library services in cooperation with prison staff.

Local social organisations will continue to support the library by donating books, journals, magazines and other publications.—*Myitmakha News Agency*



A bird seen perching on a branch of a tree. The beautiful brown-winged Kingfisher (*Pelargopsis amauroptera*) was recorded in Main Ma Hla Kyun Wildlife Sanctuary in Ayeyawady Region. PHOTO: NAING LIN (WCS)

Trump heads for White House after shock defeat of Clinton

WASHINGTON — Republican Donald Trump stunned the world by defeating heavily favored rival Hillary Clinton in Tuesday's presidential election, ending eight years of Democratic rule and sending the United States on a new, uncertain path.

A wealthy real estate developer and former reality TV host, Trump rode a wave of anger toward Washington insiders to win the White House race against Clinton, the Democratic candidate whose gold-plated establishment resume included stints as a first lady, US senator and secretary of state.

President Barack Obama, who campaigned hard against Trump, telephoned the Republican to congratulate him on his victory and invited him to the White House for a meeting on Thursday, the White House said in a statement. Obama is due to speak later on Wednesday about the election.

"Ensuring a smooth transition of power is one of the top priorities the President identified at the beginning of the year and a meeting with the President-elect is the next step," the White House said.

Worried that a Trump victory could cause economic and global uncertainty, investors were in full flight from risky assets.

The US dollar, Mexican peso and world stocks fell on Wednesday but fears of the kind of shock that wiped trillions of dollars off global markets after Britain's "Brexit" vote in June have failed to materialize so far.

Trump collected enough of the 270 state-by-state electoral votes needed to win a four-year term that starts on Jan. 20, taking battleground states where presidential elections are traditionally decided, US television networks projected.

He appeared with his family before cheering supporters in a New York hotel ballroom, saying it was time to heal the divisions caused by the campaign and find common ground after a campaign that exposed deep differences among Americans.

"It is time for us to come together as one united people," Trump said. "I will be president for all Americans."



US President-elect Donald Trump addresses supporters as members of his family look on at his election night rally in Manhattan, New York, US, on 9 November 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

He said he had received a call from Clinton to congratulate him on the win and praised her for her service and for a hard-fought campaign.

His comments were an abrupt departure from his campaign trail rhetoric in which he repeatedly slammed Clinton as "crooked" amid supporters' chants of "lock her up."

wide popular vote, according to US media tallies. It would mark the second time in 16 years that a Democratic candidate lost the presidency despite winning more votes than the victor. In 2000, Democrat Al Gore got more votes than Republican George W. Bush.

At Clinton's election event a mile away from Trump's victory party, an electric atmosphere

morning, an aide said.

Prevailing in a cliffhanger race that opinion polls had clearly forecast as favoring a Clinton victory, Trump won avid support among a core base of white non-college educated workers with his promise to be the "greatest jobs president that God ever created." He did well in "Rust Belt" states such as Pennsylvania and Ohio.

"Such a beautiful and important evening! The forgotten man and woman will never be forgotten again. We will all come together as never before," Trump wrote on Twitter early on Wednesday.

In his victory speech, he said he had a great economic plan, would embark on a project to rebuild American infrastructure and would double US economic growth.

Trump, who at 70 will be the oldest first-term US president, came out on top after a bitter and divisive campaign that focused largely on the character of the candidates and whether they could be trusted in the Oval Office.

The presidency will be Trump's first elected office, and

it remains to be seen how he will work with Congress. During the campaign Trump was the target of sharp disapproval, not just from Democrats but from many in his own party.

Foreign leaders pledged to work with Trump but some officials expressed alarm that the vote could mark the end of an era in which Washington promoted democratic values and was seen by its allies as a guarantor of peace.

During the campaign, Trump expressed admiration for Russian President Vladimir Putin, questioned central tenets of the NATO military alliance and suggested that Japan and South Korea should develop nuclear weapons to shoulder their own defense burden.

Trump has promised to warm relations with Russia that have chilled under Obama over Russia's intervention in the Syrian civil war and its seizure of Ukraine's Crimea region.

Governments in Britain, China, Germany, Israel, Japan and Turkey, as well as Russia, congratulated Trump and said they would work with him.

"It is not an easy path but we are ready to do our part and do everything to return Russian and American relations to a stable path of development," Putin said.

Israel's Benjamin Netanyahu said he hoped to reach "new heights" in bilateral ties under Trump. Chinese President Xi Jinping said Beijing and Washington shared responsibility for promoting global development and prosperity.

Other officials, some of them with senior roles in government, took the unusual step of denouncing the outcome, calling it a worrying signal for liberal democracy and tolerance in the world.

"Trump is the pioneer of a new authoritarian and chauvinist international movement. He is also a warning for us," German Vice Chancellor Sigmar Gabriel said in an interview with the Funke newspaper group.

US neighbor Mexico was pitched into deep uncertainty by the victory for Trump, who has often accused it of stealing US jobs and sending criminals across the border.—Reuters

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The White House

Republicans also kept control of the US Congress. Television networks projected the party would retain majorities in both the 100-seat Senate and the House of Representatives, where all 435 seats were up for grabs.

Despite losing the state-by-state electoral battle that determines the US presidency, Clinton narrowly led Trump in the nation-

among supporters expecting to see her become America's first woman president dissipated.

Clinton did not immediately make a concession speech, instead sending campaign chairman John Podesta out to tell her supporters to go home. "We're not going to have anything more to say tonight," he said. Clinton was expected to speak on Wednesday

Anxious world leaders seek clarity on Trump policies

LONDON — World leaders reacted to Donald Trump's victory in the US presidential election with offers to work with him tinged with anxiety over how he would deal with a host of problems, from the Middle East to an assertive Russia.

Several authoritarian and right-wing leaders commended the billionaire businessman and reality TV star who against the odds won the leadership of the world's most powerful country.

Trump, who has no previous

political or military experience, sent conciliatory signals after his upset of Democratic rival Hillary Clinton, pledging to seek common ground, not conflict, with the United States' allies.

During his election campaign, Trump expressed admiration for Russian President Vladimir Putin, questioned central tenets of the NATO military alliance and suggested Japan and South Korea should develop nuclear weapons to shoulder their own defense burden.

Putin was among the first to send congratulations after Trump declared victory.

Ties between Washington and Moscow have become strained over the conflicts in Ukraine and Syria, and allegations of Russian cyber attacks featured in the US election campaign.

"We heard the campaign statements of the future US presidential candidate about the restoration of relations between Russia and the United States," Putin said.

"It is not an easy path, but we are ready to do our part and do everything to return Russian and American relations to a stable path of development."

Among other issues causing concern among allies are Trump's vows to undo a global agreement on climate change, ditch trade deals he says have been bad for US workers and renegotiate the nuclear accord between Tehran and world powers which has led to an easing of sanctions on Iran. Iranian Foreign

Minister Javad Zarif urged Trump to stay committed to the Iran deal. Iranian President Hassan Rouhani said the election result would have no effect on Tehran's policies and the nuclear accord with six world powers could not be dismissed by one government.

Elsewhere in the Middle East, Israel's Benjamin Netanyahu, who had a poor relationship with President Barack Obama, said he hoped to reach "new heights" in bilateral ties under Trump.—Reuters

Trump arouses Syrian rebel concern, 'cautious' optimism in Damascus

BEIRUT — Donald Trump's election as US president on Wednesday drew concern among Syrian rebel groups and a degree of optimism in Damascus, where his victory was seen as a better outcome than a Hillary Clinton win.

Syrian rebels have long been fiercely critical of what they perceive as the Obama administration's inadequate backing for their fight against President Bashar al-Assad, though Washington has been an important sponsor of the uprising. But Trump's statements on Syria, and his more open-minded stance towards Assad's ally Russia, have fuelled rebel concern about the policy he may adopt on Syria's conflict, in which the Russian air force has been bombing insurgents.

"I think things will become difficult because of Trump's statements and his relationship with Putin and Russia. I imagine this is not good for the Syrian issue," Zakaria Malahifji, head of the political office of an Aleppo-based rebel group, told Reuters.

The Syrian opposition says Obama failed to back them adequately after calling for Assad to leave power, failing to enforce his own "red line" against the use of chemical weapons and blocking the delivery of anti-aircraft weapons to rebels.

"The Americans were never honest with us. They left us in a quagmire that drowned the Syrians ...

Everyone is trading with our blood and suffering," said Abu Hamed, head of the military council of rebel group Liwa al Haq Brigade, speaking from Hama. Some rebels believe that Trump will make no difference to long-established American policy towards the region.

"Trump is like any American president ... Western policy and especially American policy have become clear towards the region and especially the Middle East in its enmity towards the aspirations of people suffering injustice," said Abu Assad Dabek, a commander in a Turkish-backed rebel group fighting Islamic State in northern Syria.

In Damascus, a member of the Syrian parliament said he was cautiously optimistic that US policy would shift Assad's way.

"We must be optimistic, but cautiously optimistic," Sherif Shehada, the MP, told Reuters in a telephone interview. He said Gulf Arab states — which have backed the Syrian rebellion — had been depending on a Clinton victory and were now in "a predicament". "The American administration must carry out what it said in the election campaign."

Russia's intervention in support of Assad last year helped Damascus turn the tide against insurgents who had been making steady territorial advances, and gave Moscow decisive influence over diplomacy.—Reuters



A girl fleeing fighting between the Islamic State and Iraqi army in Intisar district of eastern Mosul, walks with her family as they head to safer territory, Iraq, on 8 November 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Escaping Islamic State clutches in Mosul, civilians are targeted and trapped

SHAHREZAD, (Iraq) — Seif Mohammed, his nose cut and swollen, winced and held his back. He had a narrow escape the previous day, surviving an Islamic State suicide car bomb then fleeing his home in Mosul to take shelter about a mile away.

"The blast didn't just destroy my house but a whole block," the 24-year-old said.

"They don't target the army, they target civilians. There were three car bombs yesterday in Intisar. My dad and brother are still in hospital, I haven't heard news of them. The neighbours were killed."

Iraqi forces entered Mosul last week and pushed into the Intisar district in an operation to drive the hard-

line group from its last major city stronghold in Iraq.

The offensive, which involves a 100,000-strong alliance of troops, security forces, Kurdish peshmerga and Shi'ite militias backed by US-led air strikes, has so far gained just a small foothold in Mosul since it began four weeks ago.

Iraqi forces were fighting Islamic State militants in Intisar on Tuesday.

Fleeing residents said the militants had stepped up violence against civilians, including using car bombs, as they came under increasing military pressure in Intisar.

Ali Dhafer, 20, who had sheltered in an abandoned home overnight, looked relieved even as explosions sounded around him and

fighting raged nearby.

"Thank God we're no longer under Daesh," he said, using a pejorative Arabic acronym for the Sunni extremists.

"Daesh is a byword for savagery. They target civilians even before targeting the army. It's increased too. Wherever they are more encircled and lose territory, they increase their attacks on civilians." Dhafer's family also had a narrow miss from a bomb attack the day before, he said. They were safe but people in the neighborhood had been killed.

Dhafer and Mohammed spoke from the Shahrezad district on the outskirts of eastern Mosul, where they took shelter overnight. Iraqi forces were shelling IS positions in Inti-

sar from there on Tuesday.

After more than two years of IS control, hundreds have escaped the area this week but even in Shahrezad they are not out of danger yet. A loud explosion sent a group of them scattering for shelter.

Fathi Abu Abdallah, nursed a fresh wound to his upper lip and looked shaken.

"They (IS) shot me, right as I was collecting food aid next to the mosque on that corner, just a few minutes ago," he indicated.

An Iraqi flag fluttered at the top of the green minaret. Small arms fire could be heard in the distance and the blast of army mortar fire more closely. Civilians huddled behind a wall for a few minutes after Abu Abdallah was hit.—Reuters

Monitor says strike by US-led coalition kills 16 north of Syria's Raqqa

BEIRUT — The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said a US-led coalition air strike killed at least 16 people overnight in a town north of Islamic State's Syrian stronghold of Raqqa.

The US-led coalition said it had no information on the report by the war monitor, but would look into it. The coalition is providing air support to the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), an al-



A Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) fighter walks near vehicles carrying people fleeing clashes in Tweila village and Haydarat area, north of Raqqa city, Syria, on 8 November 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

liance which includes the Syrian Kurdish YPG militia and some Arab groups, in an operation to drive Islamic State from its de facto

capital in Syria. The attack hit al-Heesha, about 40 km (25 miles) north of Raqqa, said the British-based monitor.—Reuters

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London tram overturns, trapping people, 40 others injured: Sky says

LONDON — A tram overturned in south London on Wednesday police said, with media reporting five people had been trapped and 40 others injured in the incident.

“We were called about 6.10 am to reports that a tram had overturned in Addiscombe Road, Croydon,” a police spokesman said. He

said there were no further details. Police described it as a serious incident.

Sky News said five people had been trapped after the tram overturned in a tunnel. London Fire Brigade said they were dealing with an accident at a tram stop but had no other immediate information.—*Reuters*

Interpol suspends Kosovo's application for membership

BALI — The Interpol General Assembly has suspended applications for membership, including from Kosovo, pending completion of a study.

While the study is being carried out, all current and future applications for membership including those from Kosovo, the State of Palestine and the Solomon Islands have been suspended, Interpol said in a statement.

The resolution follows an Executive Committee decision that “a clear and transparent process with a

defined set of criteria for membership of Interpol was required.”

The General Assembly has endorsed the appointment of an adviser to conduct a study and make recommendations on the process for membership.

“The Adviser, former Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and Legal Counsel of the UN Hans Corell, will carry out the study so that the new process can be presented to the 86th General Assembly in 2017 in Beijing.”—*Tanjung*

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Rumen Radev, presidential candidate of the Bulgarian Socialist Party, casts his vote at a polling station in Sofia, Bulgaria, on 6 November 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Pro-Russian candidate wins first round of Bulgaria's presidential election

SOFIA — Socialist-backed candidate Rumen Radev, who has called for an end to European Union sanctions against Russia, has won the first round of Bulgaria's presidential election,

the elections commission said on Tuesday, confirming preliminary results.

With 100 per cent of polling stations counted, former air force commander Radev took 25.45 per cent of the vote, followed by ruling

centre-right GERB party candidate Tsetska Tsacheva with 21.97 per cent.

The two will now compete in a run-off on 13 November with the 53-year-old Radev remaining favourite to win. A Radev

victory in the run-off could usher in months of political instability, including a possible snap parliamentary ballot, after Prime Minister Boiko Borisov signaled he may quit if his candidate Tsacheva loses.—*Reuters*

Seeking Brexit consensus, Britain offers to share information with devolved governments

LONDON — The British government on Wednesday pledged to share information with Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland as it tries to put together a common negotiating position for leaving the European Union while holding together a fraying United Kingdom.

The commitment targets the Scottish government in particular although all the devolved governments want a say in shaping the country's future ties with the EU after Britain voted to leave the bloc on 23 June.

Prime Minister Theresa May wants to kick off a two-year exit negotiation by the end of March, setting in motion an unprecedented withdrawal from Britain's biggest trading partner.

Brexit minister David Davis will meet with counterparts from the United Kingdom's constituent nations in London later, and offer to share analysis on big issues and invite contributions that will help form the government's negotiating position.



Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May walks out of 10 Downing Street to welcome Colombia's President Juan Manuel Santos in London, Britain, on 2 November. PHOTO: REUTERS

“I want to ensure the free and trusted flow of important information between all parties involved,” Davis said in a statement.

“So we are asking the devolved administrations to bring us their analysis that will help shape our priorities for the negotiation with the EU, and we will share our latest thinking.”

The statement did not specify what kind of analysis the government was willing to share, or what

they were seeking from others. Davis will outline how “key sectors” will play an important part in Brexit negotiations, it said.

Although 52 per cent of Britons voted to leave the EU, a 62-per cent majority in Scotland voted to remain, straining the three-centuries old union between London and Edinburgh. Wales, like England, voted to leave and Northern Ireland voted to stay.

On Tuesday, Scot-

land said it would throw its weight behind campaigners trying to force the British government to seek parliamentary approval to start the Brexit process.

Scottish leader Nicola Sturgeon has heavily criticised the government's approach so far, calling it chaotic and labeling a previous round of talks aimed at agreeing a common negotiating position “frustrating”.

Sturgeon, a nationalist, said she believes that if courts decide definitively that the process needs an act of parliament, Scotland's devolved parliament should also be formally consulted.

The London-based British government has rejected the need for Scottish approval, saying it has a mandate to execute the overall result of the referendum, but ministers are keen to avoid a direct confrontation that would fuel appetite for a second independence vote in Scotland.

Scotland voted against independence in a 2014 referendum.—*Reuters*

Ships more at risk after first Somali pirate attack in years: officials

LONDON — Merchant vessels sailing through busy shipping lanes between Somalia and Yemen may be underestimating the risk of piracy and terrorism following two attempted attacks last month, maritime officials say.

More than 40 per cent of the world's seaborne oil supplies pass through the Gulf of Aden and Arabian Sea, a major shipping lane also used to move exports and commodities such as food between Asia and Europe.

The European Union's counter-piracy naval force (EU Navfor) confirmed on 4 November that six

armed men attacked chemical tanker CPO Korea 330 nautical miles (610 km) east of Somalia on 22 October, the first reported attack on a major vessel off the country for two and a half years.

The last reported attack was in February 2014 and involved a container ship which came under fire from gunmen in waters near Somalia, EU Navfor said.

On 25 October, assailants opened fire on a gas tanker off Yemen. The tanker's owner said the gunmen had a "substantial amount of explosives" and one maritime source told Reuters it may have been an attempted suicide attack.

"Recent incidents off Somalia, the Bab al-Mandab and wider Indian Ocean indicate an increased threat level to shipping from piracy and maritime terrorism," said Gerry Northwood at British maritime security firm MAST.

Northwood, a former Royal Navy captain, said that after a period of relative calm some shipping firms were underestimating the threat and using poorly trained and equipped security teams, "more used to calm waters than the genuine risk of attack".

In the first incident, EU Navfor said suspected pirates in a high-speed boat

exchanged fire with guards aboard the tanker, which escaped without casualties after accelerating, altering course and using fire hoses to thwart the attack.

"This attack shows that pirates still have the intent to attack ships for ransom and cause misery to seafarers and their families," EU Navfor Operation Commander Rob Magowan said.

Attacks in the Gulf of Aden and Indian Ocean escalated in 2008 and by 2011 more than 700 hostages and 30 vessels were being held by Somali gangs who demanded millions of dollars in ransoms.— *Reuters*



Police officers are seen at the scene of a shooting near a polling station, in Azusa, California, US on 8 November 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

One dead, three wounded in gunfire near California polling place

LOS ANGELES — One person was killed and three others were struck by gunfire Tuesday near a polling station in the Southern California town of Azusa, prompting authorities to lock down the polling place, a surrounding park and adjacent schools, officials said.

There was no indication that the incident about 25 miles (40 km) northeast of Los Angeles was related to Election Day, said Deputy Vincent Plair, a spokesman for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. But at least one of the victims was hit by gunfire on the way to the polling station to vote, the *Los Angeles Times* reported, citing a

law enforcement source. The circumstances of the shooting, and even the number of perpetrators, remained murky.

Police responding to a report of gunshots came under fire themselves and were initially pinned down as they arrived on the scene, according to accounts from Azusa police and the sheriff's department. Officers returned fire, then surrounded a house where the shooting appeared to have originated, believing they had cornered at least one suspect, a woman carrying an assault rifle with "rapid-fire capability," inside the dwelling, Azusa Police Chief Steve Hunt told a news conference. By then,

three civilian victims — two female and one male — had already been struck by gunfire, one of them fatally, the chief said. Still a fourth individual whose condition and identity were unknown was left lying motionless — and presumably wounded during the exchange of gunfire — at the doorstep of the house, and might turn out to be the armed woman, Hunt said.

Officers keeping a safe distance on the perimeter of the property had yet to determine whether the person was a suspect or victim, the chief said. Further complicating the situation, Hunt said, were reports of a possible second suspect, a man. Hunt

said the motive behind the shooting remained unclear. But the incident began around 2 pm local time (2200 GMT) as residents of Azusa, like Americans across the country, streamed to the polls to cast ballots in the US presidential race between Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican Donald Trump.

The Los Angeles County Registrar and Recorder's office issued a Twitter advisory urging voters to avoid the area around two polling locations, one in Memorial Park and one in Dalton Elementary School, and to cast their ballots at alternate polling sites.— *Reuters*

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Will 'Fantastic Beasts' conjure up 'Harry Potter's' global magic?

LOS ANGELES/NEW YORK — The gates to J.K. Rowling's wizarding world are set to re-open with "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them," but the jury is still out on whether the five-movie spinoff will conjure up the magic that turned "Harry Potter" into a global entertainment phenomenon.

With no best-selling books this time around, "Fantastic Beasts," featuring a story penned by Rowling, will test if the young audience that drove eight Potter films to gross \$7 billion worldwide for Warner Bros, will turn out for a film set 70 years before Harry Potter first entered Hogwarts school.

Set in New York City in 1926, the film that will be released worldwide on 18 November holds big potential. If successful, it could dramatically expand the Potter brand of books, toys, costumes and theme parks as Rowling geographically extends a magical world previously confined to the United Kingdom.

"Spin-offs are usually rip-offs, but in this case, with J.K. Rowling attached, I think it's a great idea," said Jeff Bock, senior box office analyst at Exhibitor Relations.

Ten days ahead of release,

with no reviews yet, Bock and other analysts are predicting a \$75 million-\$100 million opening weekend for the movie in North America — about half the gross for the last Potter movie in 2011.

Published in 2001, "Fantastic Beasts" began life as a slim textbook, belonging to Harry Potter, listing imaginary creatures and illustrated with basic pen and ink drawings.

Warner Bros later approached Rowling to turn the book into a movie. She came up with a story that centres on actor Eddie Redmayne's Newt Scamander, a "magizoologist" whose case full of creatures escapes.

The new story was welcomed by longtime Potter producer Da-

vid Heyman and director David Yates.

"Sure, you don't have the security of having 150 million people having read the books. But the advantage of people not knowing the story, not being upset when something is left

out, is a gift," Heyman said.

Little is known about the four future films, or how they will link up to the original Harry Potter stories. But Rowling has said they will trace the rise of a powerful dark wizard named Gellert Grindelwald, who was famous in the Potter world for dueling beloved Hogwarts headmaster Albus Dumbledore in 1945.

"As the series develops, the connective tissue with the (Harry Potter books) will become more overt and explicit," Heyman said.

Just as the Potter movies, "Fantastic Beasts" showcases Rowling's imagination, from typewriters tapping away by themselves to computer-generated creatures like

the mischievous Niffler or the rhinoceros-like Erumpent.

But the darker storyline and a cast of little-known actors playing adult characters could limit its appeal to families.

"Now they are catering to an older demographic with this new franchise, will it really feed into that family market base?" Bock said. For Yates, the biggest appeal of "Fantastic Beasts" is Rowling herself. "You don't need big movie stars if you have J.K. Rowling. Her stories are the star," he said.

While there is no novel tie-in, a book version of Rowling's screenplay is currently 12th on the Amazon.com best-sellers list ahead of its release next week.

Publishers Scholastic Inc, are releasing a series of related books and character guides but the original "Fantastic Beasts" will not be reissued until March 2017, said Ellie Berger, president of Scholastic's Trade division.

Whether there will be books to accompany future films will depend on Rowling.

"She is a master storyteller and she does create this world, so when she's ready to have that exist in a book, that's when she comes to us," Berger said.—Reuters



Director David Yates (R) poses with producer David Heyman for a portrait in New York, US, on 7 November 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

My grandfather is an inspiration to many generations: Rihanna

LOS ANGELES — R&B singer Rihanna has wished her grandfather Lionel Braithwaite on his 88th birthday and said he is an inspiration to many people.

The 28-year-old singer shared a sweet message for her grandfather on Instagram by posting a picture of herself with him.

"Captain of the ship... My grandfather #Bravo! Such an inspiration to the 4 generations that came after you (so far) and as a result of you," she wrote along with the picture.

The "Diamonds" hitmaker went on describing how Braithwaite met his grandmother 61 years ago.

"It was 'only' 61 years ago that you met my 17-year-old grandma #Dolly and bought out her entire tray of mangoes, just so she didn't have to work and could spend the rest of the day with you!

"The ship from Barbados that you worked on left you in Guyana that day!! I bless God for that day... It was the beginning of many blessings to come! My whole existence depended on that very day," she added.

Rihanna said she is happy that God has been so kind to her grandfather by allowing him to celebrate his birthday even at the age of 88.

"Your strength, love, prayers, discipline, sense of humor and STUBBORNNESS ??are just a few of the things we love about you, and why you're truly our guardian angel sent to us from Heaven!

"I love you with all my heart, and I'm so happy that God spared you to see the 88th year of your life!!! HAPPY BIRTHDAY OG," she concluded her post.—PTI



R&B singer Rihanna. PHOTO: REUTERS

Pitt makes first appearance since Jolie filed for divorce

LOS ANGELES — Hollywood star Brad Pitt made his maiden public appearance since Angelina Jolie filed for divorce in September citing "irreconcilable differences".

The 52-year-old actor was spotted on Monday night at a private screening of "Moonlight" with friend Julia Roberts.

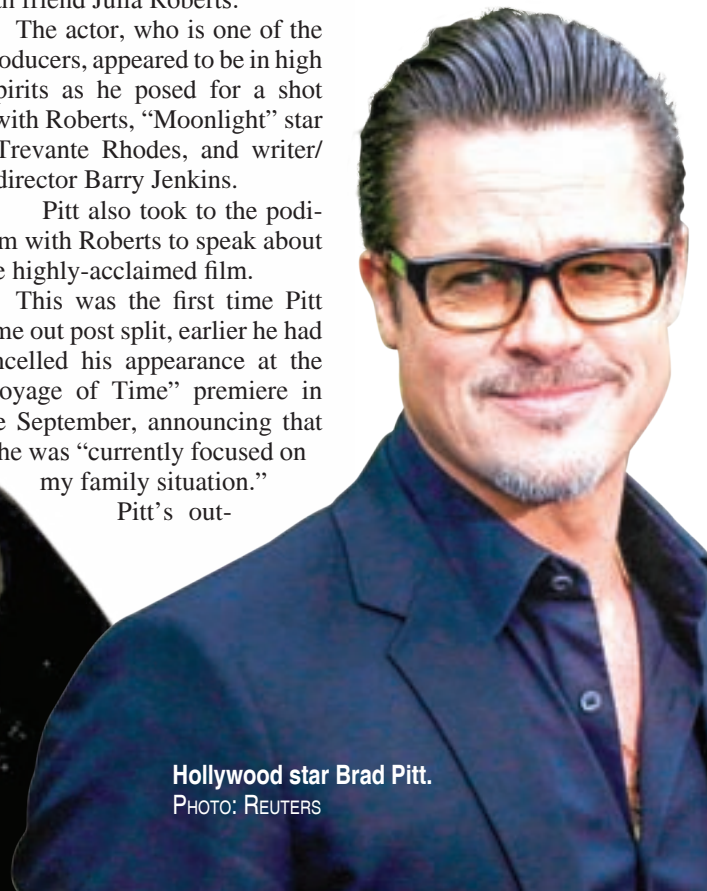
The actor, who is one of the producers, appeared to be in high spirits as he posed for a shot with Roberts, "Moonlight" star Trevante Rhodes, and writer/director Barry Jenkins.

Pitt also took to the podium with Roberts to speak about the highly-acclaimed film.

This was the first time Pitt came out post split, earlier he had cancelled his appearance at the "Voyage of Time" premiere in late September, announcing that he was "currently focused on my family situation."

Pitt's out-

ing comes one day after a representative for Jolie released a new statement saying that the former couple have reached a legal agreement about the custody of their six children: Maddox, 15, Pax, 12, Zahara, 11, Shiloh, 10, and 8-year-old twins Knox and Vivienne.—PTI



Hollywood star Brad Pitt. PHOTO: REUTERS

Three-million scholarship set up to attract ASEAN students in E China

NANJING — A three-million yuan (442,451 US dollars) scholarship has been made available to students from ASEAN interested in studying in the eastern Chinese province of Jiangsu, according to an official from the local education bureau on Tuesday.

The Jasmine ASEAN scholarship is part of a wider initiative to boost educational cooperation between Jiangsu and ASEAN, and is open to students wishing to study at secondary and vocational schools in Jiangsu. The province is famous for the Chinese folk song “Jasmine Flower,” which is where the scholarship got its name from.

Sixty students from ASEAN member countries have already been accepted on to the programme and they began their first semester in September, Shen Jian, director of Jiangsu education bureau told Xinhua at the Jiangsu-ASEAN education dialogue Tuesday.

The dialogue, organized by China-ASEAN Centre and education bureaus from both sides, aims to further boost bilateral educational cooperation under China’s “Belt and Road” initiative. Over 100 educators from China and ASEAN joined the dialogue.

Educational exchanges have increased rapidly between the two sides in recent years. China welcomed 72,000 ASEAN students in 2015, while over 120,000 Chinese students studied in ASEAN the same year.

In Jiangsu, there were about 4,000 students from ASEAN in 2015, a 8.6-per cent increase from a year ago. As 2016 is the 25th anniversary of the dialogue relationship between China and ASEAN, and also the year of ASEAN-China educational exchange, local officials hope to take this opportunity to level up the figures.

“As China and ASEAN steps into a new stage of collaboration, we hope to take this opportunity to build upon our educational cooperation, and increase exchanges between Jiangsu and ASEAN,” Shen said.

The province has also partnered with education bureaus in Myanmar and Indonesia to further promote communication and personnel exchange.

Besides Jiangsu, the province of Guizhou and Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region also have similar scholarships for ASEAN students.—Xinhua

Touring ‘Star Wars Identities’ exhibition comes to London

LONDON — The “Star Wars” universe comes to London this month as part of a touring exhibition where fans of the hugely successful sci-fi saga can get up close with the franchise’s famous characters.

“Star Wars Identities: The Exhibition” features around 200 props, costumes, models and artwork from the original “Star Wars” films by George Lucas as well as an interactive quest where visitors can create a “Star Wars” identity.

Preparations were under way on Tuesday ahead of next week’s opening at London’s O2 venue, with organisers opening a crate carrying a puppet of the much-loved Yoda character and putting it on display.

The exhibition, previously in Munich, will run in the British capital until September 2017. —Reuters



Lucas Museum of Narrative Art (LMNA) registrar Kathy Smeaton, from San Rafael, helps unpack the Yoda puppet used in the original movies, at the Star Wars Identities exhibition at the O2 in London, Britain, on 8 November 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Britain’s Queen Elizabeth unveils new portrait of herself

LONDON — Britain’s Queen Elizabeth unveiled a new portrait of herself on Tuesday in London, painted by Irish artist Colm Davidson.

The painting was commissioned by Co-operation Ireland, a charity set up to promote relations between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, to mark the queen’s 90th birthday, which she celebrated in April.

The British monarch, who was crowned in 1952, reacted to the new artwork with a beaming smile as she chatted with the artist.

Davidson has painted portraits of German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Hollywood actors and Northern Ireland leaders.

He also was behind a series of paintings featuring individuals caught up in the three decades of fighting between Catholic nationalists seeking a united Ireland and Protestant unionists who wanted to keep Northern Ireland British, which ended in the 1998 Good Friday Agreement.—Reuters

2016 likely to be hottest on record: UN report

GENEVA — The year 2016 may be on track to become the warmest on record, beating the hottest five-year period record set during 2011-2015, according to a new UN report which blamed human activities for extreme climate change.

The World Meteorological Organisation (WMO), the weather agency of the UN, published a detailed analysis of the global climate and increasingly visible human footprint on extreme weather and climate events with dangerous and costly impacts.

The record temperatures were accompanied by rising sea levels and declines in Arctic sea-ice extent, continental glaciers and northern hemisphere snow cover.

All these climate change indicators confirmed the long-term warming trend caused by greenhouse gases.

Carbon dioxide reached the significant milestone of 400 parts per million in the atmosphere for the first time in 2015, according to the WMO report which was submitted to the UN climate change conference.

The Global Climate 2011-2015 also examines whether human-induced climate change was directly linked to individual extreme events.

“The Paris Agreement aims at limiting the global temperature increase to well below two degree Celsius and pursuing efforts towards 1.5 degree Celsius above pre-industrial levels,” said WMO Secretary-General Petteri Taalas.

“This report confirms that the average temperature in 2015 had already reached the one degree Celsius mark. We just had the hottest five-year period on record, with 2015 claiming the title of hottest individual year. Even that record is likely to be beaten in 2016,” said Taalas. —PTI

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Two years on from 7-1, Brazil face arch-rivals Argentina



Brazil's players attend a training session during World Cup 2016 Qualifiers at Independencia Stadium, in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, on 7 November 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

SAO PAULO — Two years after they suffered a humiliating 7-1 defeat by Germany in the World Cup semi-final, Brazil return to the same Belo Horizonte stadium charged with overcoming that bitter memory — and their toughest rivals Argentina.

The five-times world champions face their neighbours in a World Cup qualifier on Thursday and memories of the mauling by the Germans at the Mineirao stadium add extra spice to what is one of world football's great rivalries.

"The scars are going to remain but we can only change what happens from now on," midfielder Renato Augusto told reporters after joining up with his team mates in the central

Brazilian city. Brazil have overcome one major psychological barrier in recent months, when their Under-23 team, including overage players Renato Augusto and Neymar, beat Germany at the Maracana stadium to win the Olympic gold medal for the first time.

Renato Augusto, who plays for Beijing Guoan said the players discussed the 7-1 match before that game and admitted there was no avoiding it before facing Argentina.

Seven members of the Brazil squad were in the Mineirao that fateful July day in 2014, two (Marcelo and Fernandinho) starting the match and another two (Paulinho and Willian) finishing it.

"We can't put more pressure on those that were there," Renato Augusto.

"A win would be good to take the weight off a bit. We discussed it at the Olympics and obviously now that the game is at the Mineirao it will be back again. But we have to look to the future and not to the past."

Nevertheless, the past can also serve as an incentive for a team that has struggled in recent years.

Brazil have never lost a home World Cup qualifier and they have won three and drawn one of their four previous games against Argentina at the Mineirao.

Perhaps more importantly, they come into this game having

won all four qualifiers since Tite replaced Dunga as coach in June and they are top of the 10-team standings.

Argentina's recent record, meanwhile, is almost the opposite, with just one win in four since coach Edgardo Bauza took the reins in August.

They are sixth in the table, with the top four qualifying automatically and the fifth-placed side going into a playoff with a team from Oceania.

Lionel Messi will return to the side after missing the last three games through injury, none of which Argentina won.

Brazil will be without Real Madrid midfielder Casemiro but are otherwise at full strength. — *Reuters*

Kane able to face Scotland despite lack of football

LONDON — England striker Harry Kane says he is ready to face Scotland in a World Cup qualifier on Friday despite having played only 70 minutes of football since injuring his ankle seven weeks ago.

The Premier League's leading scorer last season returned for Tottenham Hotspur in the 1-1 draw against Arsenal on Sunday, scoring his side's equaliser from the penalty spot before being substituted late on.

Interim England coach Gareth Southgate said on Monday that Kane's fitness would be carefully monitored in the build-up to the Wembley clash but the 23-year-old said he was feeling sharp. "I think the fact I was fit for Sunday was the test to see if I was fit enough to come away with England," Kane told a news conference on Tuesday. "I felt good, sharp and not too bad fitness-wise." "There was no reason not to come away. As long as my injury is managed well and I keep doing the rehab it shouldn't be a problem... it will put me in good stead for the rest of the season."

Kane, Theo Walcott, Marcus Rashford, Daniel Sturridge and Jamie Vardy are the other forwards at Southgate's disposal for Friday's Group F tussle at Wembley. "We've got more than enough to win the game," said Kane. "We all know how big the game is. It will be an amazing atmosphere." — *Reuters*

Klopp implores his Liverpool squad to create own history

LONDON — Juergen Klopp is eager not to let Liverpool's trophy-laden past burden his squad with the manager instead urging his players in the Merseyside club's history books.

Liverpool have made a strong start to the season, having lost only once in 14 games in all competitions, which has propelled them to the top of the Premier League table and to the quarter-finals of the League Cup.

"It's a really good moment and I know that everybody compares with the past, especially at Liverpool. Three years ago, 10, five, 25 years ago — but this team is new, we are new," Klopp told the club's website. (www.liverpoolfc.com)

Liverpool are the second

most successful club in English football but have been unable to add to their 18 league titles since 1990.

"Our story started a few months ago so you cannot compare us with anyone else. You cannot carry the history on our backs, we should feel free for creating something in the near future," the German, who joined the club 13 months ago, added.

"If everybody wants to say 'We wait now for 20-something years for silverware' or whatever, we can say 'Okay, we (have) tried, actually, only since a year'. So that gives us the freedom to look in the future quite optimistically."

Liverpool's next match is a trip to 10th-placed Southampton on 19 November. — *Reuters*

South Korea's Son keen to shake of scoring blues



Tottenham's Son Heung-min. PHOTO: REUTERS

LONDON — Son Heung-min has struggled to maintain the form that saw him named Premier League player of the month for September but the Tottenham Hotspur striker says his mental strength will be key in South Korea's World Cup qualifier against Uzbekistan.

South Korea host Canada in a friendly in Cheonan on Friday before taking on the Uzbeks four days later in Seoul.

The Koreans are currently third in their group on seven points from four games in the final Asian qualifying round of the 2018 World Cup. Iran top the

group on 10 points with Uzbekistan a point behind.

"It's true that I've struggled after winning the award because of an ankle injury," Son, who has scored 17 goals in 51 matches for South Korea, told reporters before national team training at Seoul World Cup Stadium on Tuesday.

"But it's not just me; the whole team is having a difficult time. With the national team, your strong mindset matters more than your form. I came here to win," he added.

Son has gone seven games without a goal in England and the 24-year-old's lean spell has coincided with Tottenham's slump in form. The north London club are on a seven-game winless run in all competitions. "We know the importance of the match (against Uzbekistan)," he said. "Uzbekistan are a good team and that's why they are in the second place," Son said. — *Reuters*