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State Counsellor meets with Central Body for Myanma Special Economic Zone

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi has called for success of the economic zones in Myanmar, as they are politically and economically subtle.

In her speech at the meeting with members of the Central Body for the Myanmar Special Economic Zone in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday, the State Counsellor stressed the need to win trust from international communities that the country has the stability and development upon which the success of international investors in the special economic zones is built.

“The progress of the economic zones is of great importance to achieving the United Nation’s Sustainable development goals. Creating job opportunities are currently

being implemented as the short term plan. Unemployment may cause moral bankruptcy, which begets blockage in building a nation. Strengthened finance is important for a country to provide the public with sufficient subvention for the development in education and health sectors. In a short period of time, we need to make our projects a success for our people to be able to live in sufficiency”, she said.

Personnel are obliged to openly submit their difficulties encountered in implementing projects, she said, expressing her concerns that dereliction of our duty, fear of being hated or a deficiency of skills may lead to loss of people’s wealth and resources.

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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi addresses the meeting with members of the Myanmar Special Economic Zone in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: REUTERS

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35 suspects in violent attacks arrested in Maungtaw

DOZENS of suspected terrorists were rounded up and arrested by the authorities over the weekend in the northern Rakhine State, where the 9th October attack killed nine border guard policemen.

In an area clearance operation

by the combined forces of the government troops and the border guard police at Wetpyin village in Maungtaw Township at 3:21pm on 12th November, 4 suspects, including Nur Bobby, were arrested.

Another suspect, Mammud Karsi from Thechaung village, was detained earlier at about 11:30 p.m in the village of Aung Mingalar.

Thirty more suspects, who had fled from other villages, in-

cluding Khwelar, were arrested during the clearing in Yetwinkyun village at about 3pm.

Arrangements are now under way to interrogate the suspects according to the laws.—*Myawady*



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Public meeting to build a fuel reservoir in Amarapura township held



The meeting to build a fuel reservoir in Amarapura township in progress. PHOTO: MYITMAKHA NEWS AGENCY

REGIONAL authorities held a public information session on Monday on the subject of construction of a fuel reservoir at Lay Myethnar school, Bonedaw Naing Nga village, Amarapura township, Mandalay region.

At the meeting, officials explained environmental conservation and the purpose of the project. A total of 127

farmers from eight villages and officials from the project were in attendance.

“This is the first time to meet with the residents. We need to implement the project in cooperation with the local people. We will take responsibility if there are some problems with the project,” said U Than Tun, project manager from Myanmar Energy

Sector Development Public company.

“We asked an official from the company how we will be protected if there are problems with the project. They answered that they have already discussed this with an official from the government department,” said U Nain from Tada-U township. — *Myitmakha News Agency*

Free dental treatment at Sitagu eye special hospital

DENTAL surgeons from England will provide free medical care to local people from 16 to 20 November at Sitagu Eye Special Hospital, Kalay Town, Sagaing region, said an official from Sitagu hospital administrative office.

The dentists will give treatment to patients from Kalay, Chin Hill and Gangaw. Previously, an eye specialist from a foreign country provided free eye care services to patients with eyes diseases at Sitagu Eye Hospital.

Sitagu sayadaw inaugurated Sitagu Eye Special Hospital on 25 December, 2009. A total of 7,200 eye examinations have been given so far at the hospital and 1,860 patients have undergone eye surgery at Sitagu Eye Hospital.— 200

Air KBZ to operate international flights to Chiang Mai

AIR KBZ plans to launch its first international route on 2 December, when it will begin thrice-weekly flights from Yangon to Chiang Mai, Thailand,

said Assistant General Manager Daw Aye Mra Thar.

The Myanmar airline planned to begin the new flight in November, but could not do

so because of negotiations with Thailand authorities.

A round trip ticket for the new Air KBZ flight will cost US\$99 per person. The Yangon- Chiang Mai flight is planned to operate every Sunday morning and Wednesday and Friday evenings.

Air KBZ has previously offered only domestic flights, operating 15 domestic routes using eight airplanes. The airline currently offers commercial flights to Mandalay, Nay Pyi Taw, Myitkyina, Nyaung-U, Kalay, Heho, Lashio, Tachileik, Dawei, Myeik, Kawthaung, Thandwe, Sittway and Loikaw. — 200



Air KBZ aeroplanes being seen at the airport. PHOTO: 200

Illegal foreign workers in construction sites to be scrutinized

ILLEGAL foreign workers in Yangon construction sites will be inspected by regional authorities, said Yangon Regional Hluttaw Pabedan township Constituency1 representative U Than Naing Oo.

The inspection team will be formed with officials from regional Hluttaw and Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC). A list of construction sites will be request from YCDC, it is learnt.

The representative of Kyauktada township from Yangon Regional Hluttaw will be the first to inspect Yangon construction sites in cooperation with YCDC.

“We will start the inspec-

tion next week. We will request the YCDC to give us the list of construction sites. We will also inform the township administrative office before we inspect the construction sites,” said Yangon Regional Hluttaw Pabedan township Constituency1 representative U Than Naing Oo.

“We will check their visa type, then, we will issue a notice to them and launch an inquiry before action is taken”, he said.

U Than Naing Oo added that taxes are not being collected from those illegal foreign workers. Also, illegal foreign workers often receive a higher salary than local staff.— 200

Crime NEWS

Sleepy motorist drives into passenger bus

ONE person was killed after a Hyundai drove into the back of an ESE Express passenger bus between mileposts 40/0 and 40/1 on the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway early yesterday morning.

No one on the passenger bus was injured but a woman on the Hyundai was killed. One man and 8 women in the Hyundai were injured.

The driver of the Hyun-

dai apparently fell asleep at the wheel, authorities said.

In another accident, a Probox hit the road divider and turned over between milepost 138/1 and 138/2 of the same expressway, injuring three people. A puncture of one of the tires led to the accident, authorities said.

Action has been taken against the two drivers. —*Than Oo (Lemyathna)*

Overheated electrical main causes fire in Mayangon

OVERHEATING of a breaker in an electrical main sparked a fire yesterday afternoon in a furniture and consumer goods shop on the ground floor of a three-storey building in Mayangon Township, Yangon.

The fire caused over Ks27million in damage, according to Yangon Region Fire Services Department.

The fire was brought under control at about 12:47pm. Aid-

ing in fighting the fire were 310 members of the Government Fire Brigade, 121 members of the Auxiliary Fire Brigade, members of Red Cross Society, 48 fire engines, 3 auxiliary engines and 7 control vehicles. Police have filed charges against U Than Tun Aung, the owner of the building.

The fire is the thirteenth in the month of November in the Yangon Region. — *Myanmar News Agency*



The scene of outbreak of fire in Mayangon. PHOTO: MNA

1st US-Myanmar Partnership meeting held in Nay Pyi Taw

THE 1st Myanmar-US Partnership meeting between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar and the State Department of the United States of America was held in the Ayeyawady Hall of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The meeting was attended by the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Tin, Permanent Secretaries, Directors-General and senior officials from various ministries on the Myanmar side while U.S. Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Scot Marciel, US Dep-

uty Assistant Secretary of State for Southeast Asia, Mr Patrick Murphy and responsible officials on the US side.

During the meeting, both sides discussed matters on the promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation between Myanmar and the US including cooperation in trade and investment sector, health and education sector, tourism sector, combating drugs and human trafficking and capacity building for government officials.— *Myanmar News Agency*



1st US-Myanmar Partnership meeting is in progress at Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

Maungtaw hospital opens to all around the clock



A doctor gives medical care to a newborn baby. PHOTO: PO HTAUNG AND MIN HTET

MAUNGTAW Hospital has been providing healthcare services to local residents around the clock but field trips to patients in rural areas have been hampered by security situation at present, according to a surgeon at the hospital.

“I am a surgeon and medical superintendent of the hospital and we have a physician, an anesthetist, four assistant surgeons and 18 nurses. Doctors are providing services to patients around the clock. We are all on call and thus are always available any time they call us,” said Dr Soe Aung Than, from the hospital.

The government provides medicines and other needs of the hospital.

“Medicines and equipment are provided by the Ministry of Health. We are treating all patients regardless of their race or religion,” he added, saying that the hospital is always open to all, even during the violent attacks on 9th October. However, we sometimes have to tell patients’ families to buy some medicines that we do not have. That rarely happens as we are trying to provide healthcare services as much as we can

by ourselves,” the surgeon said.

Common diseases in the area include tuberculosis and hypertension. Children often suffer from respiratory infections. However, the hospital has had to provide care for bullet and knife wounds recently, according to the surgeon.

In addition to providing medical care at the hospital, it also refers patients who are in critical condition to hospitals in Sittway and Yangon.

The hospital has also set up points for rural areas such as Alethankyaw, Ngakhuya, Thayetoke, Tamantha and Taungpyoletwe Villages where health assistants, nurses and midwives are stationed to provide healthcare services.

However, the health staff are sent to such points only when security is ensured.

“We also give the same treatment to injured people who are accused of crimes,” the surgeon added.

The medical staff of the hospital hope to deliver medical care to rural areas as soon as security in the region has been restored.— *Ye Khoung Nyunt and Team*

Economic development equals progress

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The State Counsellor stressed the importance of economic development, because it plays an important role for all national ethnic groups and the whole populace to live in peace and stability.

Material progress cannot be achieved without economic development, and neither can intellectual nor artistic development. For the peace and stability of the nation, its people need to be endowed with enough physi-

cal development. Hence, we must take the important role of capacity of supply into consideration in building economic zones”, said Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

Afterward, U Henry Van Thio, VP and chairman of central committee of MSEZ said, “SEZs are directly related to a nation’s development, so we urge management committee members of Thilawa, Dawei and Kyaukphyu SEZs to try hard as much as possible with concerted effort.

Union Minister Dr Than My-

int, Chairman of Myanmar SEZ central working committee, Dr Hset Aung, Dr Htun Naing, Dr Soe Win and Taninthari Region Chief Minister, Dr Le Le Maw clarified situations under implementation and future plans respectively. Union Ministers U Kyaw Tint Swe, U Pe Zin Tun, U Thein Swe, Dr Than Myint, U Win Khaing and Union Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo also made suggestions. The State Counsellor discussed submitted cases and gave necessary advice.— *Myanmar News Agency*

Violent attackers torched houses in Kykhutchaung Village, Maungtaw

GOVERNMENT troops extinguished the arson fires on Monday set by the violent attackers, which caused in 17 houses destroyed, officials said.

While inspecting villages burnt down by the violent attackers, the government helicop-

ter spotted a suspicious fire in Yekhutchaung Village, Maungtaw Township around 3 pm on 14th November, and informed the government troops. Violent attackers have also set fire to houses in villages in order to cause misunderstandings about the securi-

ty forces that are conducting the clearance operations in the township, authorities said. Fabricated stories made in collusion with the media have been written in an attempt to receive assistance from the international community, officials said.— *Myawady*

Rakhine State’s Advisory Commission members to study ground situation in violence affected villages

SEVEN members of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State held talks with representatives of both communities in Sittwe in Rakhine State yesterday.

The delegation comprising members of the commission U Win Mra, Dr Thar Hla Shwe, Ms Laetitia van den Assum, U Aye Lwin, Dr Mya Thida, U Khin Maung Lay and Daw Khin Saw Tint arrived Sittwe yesterday.

Before meeting with representatives of the two communities, the delegation held a meeting with the authorities comprising cabinet members of the Rakhine State Government, Rakhine State Advocate-General and the secretary of the Rakhine State Government.

At 3.45 pm, the delegation held talks with a nine-member

representative group of a local community led by U Maung Thar Sein and a five-member representative group of the other community led by U Kyaw Hla Aung.

The members of the advisory commission will visit villages

affected by the violent attacks and camps for displaced peoples in Maungtaw Township and will meet with townsenders there.— *Tin Tun (Sittwe District Information and Public Relations Department)*



Members of Advisory Commission on Rakhine State arrives Sittwe. PHOTO: MNA

LOCAL Business

Dollar hits record high on 14th November

THE dollar price hit record high on 14th November, reaching over Ks1,306 per dollar, according to the black market.

In the global market, the US dollar index was 99.52, which is 0.5 per cent higher when compared to that on 12th November. The dollar rallied against other hard currencies. The euro paused its decline against the dollar and rose to a session high of US\$1.0770, after having reached US\$1.0708 on Monday. Meanwhile, the pound reached an early session high of US\$1.2528 before sliding to US\$1.2463. The yen price is USD107.78 per dollar in Tuesday.

The US exchange rate in the market slipped to Ks1,285 per dollar on 9th November and rose to Ks1,288 per dollar. The dollar price has been on the rise since 10th November. Exchange rates for a dollar were Ks1,293 on 10th November, Ks1,299 on 11th



A man shows US hundred dollar bills at a money changer in Yangon. PHOTO: REUTERS

November, Ks1,302 on 12th and 13th November and Ks1,306 on 14th November, it is learnt from the currency exchange black market.

Nonetheless, the Central Bank of Myanmar set USD exchange rate at Ks1,285 on 15th

November.

Global gold prices hit a five-month low of US\$ 1,211.38 an ounce on Monday. The domestic gold price has dropped back to over Ks855,000 per tical in keeping with the fall in global gold price. The global gold

price rose to US\$1,337 per ounce on 9th November. The global gold prices per ounce were over US\$1,280 on 10th November, over US\$1,250 on 11th November and over US\$1,220 on 12th and 13th November.—*Mon Mon*

68 companies approved to invest in Thilawa SEZ

A total of 68 companies have been approved to invest in the Thilawa Special Economic Zone (SEZ), according to an announcement released by Thilawa SEZ Management Committee.

The granting of a permit to work in the areas of a first-phase project on 400 acres of land in Thilawa SEZ was issued during the second week of November. The permitted companies are from 17 countries, mostly from Hong Kong, Japan and China. The first phase of Thilawa SEZ was

launched in September, 2015. The land is leased at US\$80 per square meter. Foreign investors are attracted to this zone with its cheaper price and 50-year leases, it is learnt.

There are a total of 79 companies from 17 countries which have entered into agreements to work in Thilawa. A Thilawa Zone B project was planned to start at the end of this year on 101 acres of land. But the project was suspended because locals and authorities are still in discussion.—*Ko Htet*

Second-hand industrial machinery from China in high demand

THE import market of used industrial machinery from China is growing rapidly in the local market, according to the importers.

Industrial machinery used in many projects often does not receive a permit

for reuse in China. Therefore, local businessmen purchase the used machines for jade mining businesses in Phakant and other construction sites, said a businessmen who trades in industrial machines from Yunnan, China.—*200*

Number of Tax payers reaches over 300,000 in this FY

THE number of taxpayers reached over 300,000 as of the end of October in the 2016-2017 fiscal year, allowing the nation to increase tax revenues, said U Myint Thuang, Yangon Region minister for planning and finance.

Over Ks2,005,895 million have been received from a total of 363,266 taxpayers from April to the end of October in this fiscal

year.

The General Administration Department under the Ministry of Home Affairs levies land taxes, water taxes, Embankment taxes, mineral extraction taxes and excise duty. Taxes on fisheries are levied by the Fishery Department under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation. The Forest Department collects tax-

es on extraction of forest products and on rubber. Licence fees on imported goods are imposed by the Ministry of Commerce, whereas taxes on transport are levied by the Department of Road Transport Administration. Income taxes, commercial taxes, special goods taxes, the state lottery tax and stamp duties are levied by the Internal Revenue Department

under the Ministry of Planning and Finance. Customs duties are imposed by the Customs Department.

Additionally, the Pearl Oyster Tissue Implant Tax, the mineral tax and the gemstones tax are imposed by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation. The Hotels and Tourism ministry collects licenses

fees while the Ministry of Transport and Communications collects taxes for telecommunication services. Taxes are levied on the extraction of oil and natural gas and also on generation of electric power by the Ministry of Electricity and Energy, it is learnt.

The Government collects taxes and duties not only to cover government expenditure but also to im-

plement the following fiscal and monetary policies: to steady the budgeting system and to regulate money circulation and inflation, to stabilise domestic consumption, investment and saving, to stabilise commodity prices, to balance distribution of wealth and to facilitate economic development, according to the Internal Revenue Department.—*Ko Htet*

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New Zealand evacuates quake-hit town, fears of Wellington building collapse

WELLINGTON — New Zealand emergency services and defence personnel evacuated hundreds of tourists and residents from a small South Island town amid more strong aftershocks on Tuesday, a day after a powerful earthquake killed two people.

The 7.8-magnitude tremor struck just after midnight on Sunday, destroying farm homesteads, sending glass and masonry toppling from buildings in the capital, Wellington, and cutting road and rail links throughout the northeast of the ruggedly beautiful South Island.

As aftershocks continued to rattle the region, emergency services cordoned off streets in Wellington and evacuated several buildings due to fears of them might collapse.

Wellington Mayor Justin Lester said the vacant building appeared to have suffered structural damage when the land it was on subsided in the quake. A fire service official said a major structural beam had

“snapped like a bone”.

The town of Kaikoura, a popular base for whale-watching about 150 km (90 miles) northeast of Christchurch, the South Island's main city, remained cut off by massive landslips.

Four defence force helicopters flew in to the town on Tuesday morning and two Navy vessels were heading to the area carrying supplies and to assist with the evacuation, Air Commander Darryn Webb, acting commander of New Zealand joint forces, told TVNZ.

“We’re looking to do as many flights as we can out of Kaikoura today,” he said.

Around 400 of the 1,200 tourists stranded in the town were flown out on Tuesday, including 12 people with a variety of injuries, officials said.

The Red Cross, which used defence force helicopters to bring in emergency generators, satellite communications and water bladders, said water in the town was running out.



A Royal New Zealand Air Force NH90 helicopter arrives in Kaikoura on the South Island of New Zealand on 15 November, 2016, to evacuate those stranded following the recent earthquakes. PHOTO: REUTERS

Mark Solomon, a leader of South Island indigenous Maori Ngai Tahu tribe, which has tourism and fisheries businesses around Kaikoura, said the local marae (Maori meeting place) had received 1,000 people since Monday morning. Many slept overnight in the communal hall or in

vehicles outside. The tribe had fed them with crayfish, a delicacy for which the South Island town is famous. With no power, the tanks that hold the expensive crustaceans had stopped pumping.

“It’s better to use the food than throw it in the rubbish so we sent it up to

the marae to feed people,” Solomon told Reuters by phone. China chartered four helicopters to evacuate around 40 nationals from Kaikoura, mostly elderly and children, late on Monday, said Liu Lian, an official at the Chinese Consulate in Christchurch.

One Chinese national

had been treated for a minor head injury in Kaikoura’s hospital, Liu said, and around 60 others would be evacuated on Tuesday.

“They have been trapped in Kaikoura for a couple of days, some are maybe scared, they have some mental stress,” Liu told Reuters. Many planned to continue journeys to other parts of New Zealand, Liu said. Other tourists also said they planned to continue their trips, and travel agencies said they hadn’t noticed a drop off in bookings, easing concerns about a major hit to the sector, New Zealand’s biggest export earner. Gale-force winds and rain were hampering recovery efforts, and hundreds of aftershocks continued to rock the region. A 5.4 tremor was among the bigger aftershocks and was felt strongly in Wellington.

Finance Minister Bill English said the government was well positioned to deal with the expected repair bill of billions of dollars, with low debt and budget surpluses.—Reuters

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Japanese troops given new security role for UN mission in South Sudan

TOKYO — The Japanese government decided at a Cabinet meeting Tuesday to assign Self-Defence Forces personnel a controversial new security duty — rescuing UN staff and others under attack — during peacekeeping operations in conflict-mired South Sudan.

It is the first time that SDF troops have been given a mandate to carry out their expanded roles under Japan’s new security legislation that came into force in March. The new duty is in line with broadened criteria covering their use of weapons.

Prime Minister Shin-

zo Abe’s government has said the legislation will lead Japan to more actively contribute to regional security and international peace-building efforts, but critics fear the changes could erode the pacifist Constitution and embroil Japanese troops in overseas military actions for the first time since World War II.

“We hope the SDF members will work to contribute to the peace and stability of South Sudan, feeling pride that they have gone through rigorous training,” Defence Minister Tomomi Inada said after the Cabinet meeting at

the prime minister’s office.

Outside the office, some citizens protested against the assignment, with some holding banners saying “No war” and “SDF should withdraw from South Sudan.”

Japan has deployed a Ground Self-Defence Force unit to build roads and other infrastructure in South Sudan as part of the UN mission, called UNMISS, since 2012. The operational changes will be applied to the next batch of troops set to leave Japan in stages starting Sunday.

In the rescue mission, SDF members can fire warning shots to make

an armed group or rioters back off. They can also return fire if they are attacked or feel life-threatening danger. Previously, the use of weapons by SDF personnel during UN peacekeeping missions had been limited to strict self-defence purposes and to avert danger.

The SDF members are also tasked with playing a bigger role in the protection of UN peacekeepers’ camps as they will be allowed to jointly defend the areas with troops from other nations even if SDF members are not the direct targets of attacks.—Kyodo News

South Korea’s Park retains lawyer as she tries to ride out her biggest crisis yet

SEOUL — South Korean President Park Geun-hye has retained a lawyer ahead of questioning by prosecutors investigating a favors scandal engulfing her administration, her office said on Tuesday, as she tries to ride out the biggest crisis of her presidency.

The government has been rocked by allegations that a friend used her ties to Park to meddle in state affairs and wield improper influence, triggering calls

for Park to be impeached or step down. She will be the first sitting president to be questioned by prosecutors in a criminal case. Park’s lawyer, Yoo Yeong-ha, a former member of the government’s National Human Rights Commission, will discuss arrangements with prosecutors for their questioning, an official at the presidential Blue House said. The lawyer told reporters that questioning should be kept to a minimum and

that he needed time to look into the case. “If face-to-face questioning is necessary, the number of times should be the minimum,” Yoo said, adding that it was improper to investigate a president except on suspicion of treason.

Yoo nevertheless repeated the president’s comments that she would make herself available for the investigation. Park said earlier this month prosecutors should clarify what

happened and that everyone involved should be held accountable, including herself, and take responsibility if found guilty. Park has been criticized over her administration’s handling of a ferry disaster in 2014 and the outbreak of the deadly Middle East Respiratory Syndrome the following year, but the current scandal has sparked one of the biggest protests in the country and sent her approval rating to a historical low.—Reuters

Bangkok bomb trial of Chinese Uighurs begins after delays

BANGKOK — The trial of two Chinese ethnic Uighur men suspected of carrying out a deadly bomb attack in Bangkok in 2015 began on Tuesday after three postponements due to defence lawyers being unable to find suitable interpreters for their clients.

Fourteen foreigners were among 20 people killed in the 17 August, 2015, bombing at Bangkok's Erawan Shrine, the worst attack of its kind on Thai soil.

Yusuf Mieraili and Adem Karadag, also known as Bilal Mohammed, appeared at a military court in Bangkok dressed in brown prison uniforms. They face 10 charges, including murder and illegal possession of explosives.

Police say both men confessed to their roles in the blast. The pair deny the charges against them and

have said they were coerced into confessing.

The Chinese embassy in Bangkok provided interpreters for the pair on Tuesday. However, both men rejected the interpreters in protest against Chinese treatment of Uighurs.

Uighurs, who are mostly Muslim, say they flee China's western Xinjiang region due to persecution. Beijing rejects the claims.

Mieraili and Karadag stood at the dock to object to the appointment of the two interpreters, according to a Reuters reporter in the courtroom.

"I don't need an interpreter from China because China does not respect Uighurs," Mieraili told the court in English.

The court ruled the trial would proceed regardless.

"The court thinks these two interpreters are appropriate because they speak



Suspects of last year's Bangkok blast, Adem Karadag, also known as Bilal Mohammed (front), and Yusuf Mieraili, are escorted by prison officers as they leave the military court in Bangkok, Thailand, on 21 April, 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

the Uighur language," one of three judges overseeing the trial said.

"Today I will appoint both as interpreters and cross-examination will begin," he said. The judges' names were not made pub-

lic for security reasons.

Analysts believe the bombing was in retaliation for the Thai junta's forcible repatriation of 109 Uighurs to China weeks before the attack. Thai police say the bombing was revenge for a

crackdown on human trafficking networks.

Choochart Kanpai, a lawyer for Karadag, said the trial would proceed even though his client was concerned about the interpreters. "The defendants worry

a bit because they are from Xinjiang and have friction with mainland China. But the interpreters seem okay," Choochart told reporters, adding that he expects the trial to end in early 2018.—*Reuters*

Bounty announced

DHAKA — Bangladesh on Monday announced a cash reward of 100,000 taka (1,265 US dollars) to anyone giving information leading to the arrest of culprits who attacked on Hindu minority people and their properties in the country's Brahmanbaria district, 109 km northeast of Dhaka last month.

Police in Brahmanbaria made the announcement through loud speakers in the violence-ridden Hindu main areas of the district.

A violent mob vandalized dozens of Hindu temples and homes over an alleged blasphemy on

30 October.

Bangladeshi authorities say the 30 October mob attack in the district was prompted by allegations that a youth of the Hindu colony through a Facebook post did something disrespectful about one of Islam's most sacred places.

The post from the account of Rasraj Das showed a photo of Hindu God Shiva placed on the photo of Kaaba, the most sacred and holiest place in Islam, which is located in the Muslim holiest city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia. The Hindu youth later denied posting it.—*Xinhua*

Senior North Korean diplomat likely to meet US experts in Geneva

BEIJING — A senior North Korean diplomat arrived in Beijing on Tuesday, possibly en route to Geneva to meet with US experts to discuss nuclear and other issues for the first time since Donald Trump was elected to be the next president of the United States.

The arrival of Choe Son Hui, head of the North Korean Foreign Ministry's US affairs bureau, from Pyongyang was confirmed by Kyodo News at a Beijing airport, with a source familiar with the situation saying

that she will be holding informal talks with US researchers on North Korean affairs in the Swiss city.

Choe's upcoming discussions are North Korea's first known major contact with people from the United States since Trump won the US presidential election last week.

Her trip is apparently aimed at looking for information on the new US government.

At the airport, when asked about North Korea's approach toward Trump's

incoming administration, Choe suggested that Pyongyang will adopt a wait-and-see attitude for the time being, saying the kind of policy it will adopt is paramount.

Choe, who was recently promoted to the top post from being vice head of the bureau, said she will "attend a meeting and meet with my old friends."

South Korea's Foreign Ministry spokesman, Cho June Hyuck, confirmed her trip during a press briefing, saying similar talks have

been held in the past.

South Korea does not attach any special meaning to such meetings, he said, adding that Seoul and Washington maintain "the clear position (that) any indiscreet attempt to hold dialogue with North Korea while it is not showing the slightest bit of intention toward denuclearization would only justify its wrong behaviour."

Unlike many other countries, North Korea has not given any official reaction to the outcome of the US election.—*Kyodo News*

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Trump win, Democratic setbacks cloud Pelosi's future as leader



House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) speaks during a media briefing on Capitol Hill in Washington, US, on 7 July, 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

WASHINGTON — Nancy Pelosi may face a challenge to her 14-year-old role as the leading Democrat in the US House of Representatives now that Republicans have captured the White House and maintained their grip on Congress.

Representative Tim Ryan, 43, of Ohio, is weighing a run against Pelosi, 76, who is the House minority leader and former speaker of the House, said Ryan's spokesman Michael Zetts. The party vote for minority leader is scheduled for Thursday.

"He is concerned that if changes aren't made we will be in the political wilderness for many years to come," Zetts said. It was unclear how much support Ryan might have. He has been in the House since 2003.

Voters who elected Republican Donald Trump over Democrat Hillary Clinton on 8 November also gave Democrats a few more seats in the 435-member US House of Representatives and the 100-member Senate, but

Republicans held on to their majorities in both. Democrats had expected to do much better; some had predicted double-digit wins in the House.

Pelosi, of California, faced calls from Representative Seth Moulton and other Democrats, dismayed by the election results, to postpone the party's leadership election until later in November while a reassessment is made.

House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, a Republican, may have given some ammunition to Pelosi's detractors on Monday when he said, "I kind of like Pelosi staying around. As long as she's there, I think we stay in the majority."

The new Congress convenes on 3 January Trump will succeed President Barack Obama, a Democrat, on 20 January. In the US Senate, New York's Chuck Schumer is expected to replace the retiring fellow Democrat Harry Reid as minority leader.

In the Republican party, no one is challenging Senate Major-

ity Leader Mitch McConnell, and House Republicans are expected on Tuesday to nominate Paul Ryan to remain House speaker.

Ryan would face an election in January, when all members of the new House, both Democrats and Republicans, vote on a new speaker. Before Trump's win, some Republican conservatives angered by Ryan's tepid support for Trump were talking about trying to block his re-election. Those threats have subsided but not vanished. An aide to New York Republican Representative Chris Collins said, "Congressman Collins fully believes Speaker Ryan is a slam dunk to be re-elected as speaker, and looks forward to working with him in the next Congress." Collins was Trump's first supporter in the House.

Some conservative Republicans still have doubts. "Presently Speaker Ryan does not have my vote, but I will listen to his message tomorrow," Representative Tom Massie of Kentucky said in a statement.—Reuters

Trump will get wake-up call when he takes office, Obama says

WASHINGTON — President-elect Donald Trump is in for a quick wake-up call and will have to adjust his temperament when he confronts the realities of his new job on 20 January, President Barack Obama said on Monday.

In a news conference at the White House, Obama said the freewheeling Trump could not be as outspoken as he was during the long and bitter campaign that ended last week with the Republican's surprise win over Democrat Hillary Clinton.

Subdued and carefully choos-

ing his words, Obama gave what appeared to be dispassionate advice to his successor free of much of the partisan rancor that marked the election campaign.

"This office has a way of waking you up," Obama said. "Those aspects of his positions or predispositions that don't match up with reality, he will find shaken up pretty quick because reality has a way of asserting itself."

The two men met in the Oval Office last week to begin the transition of power. Obama said on Monday he believed Trump

would be pragmatic in office and not approach the country's problems from an ideological perspective. "There are going to be certain elements of his temperament that will not serve him well, unless he recognises them and corrects them," Obama said.

"Because when you're a candidate and you say something that is inaccurate or controversial it has less impact than it does when you're president of the United States. Everybody around the world is paying attention. Markets move," he said.—Reuters

NEWS IN BRIEF

Police raid mosques, flats across Germany as government bans Islamist group

BERLIN — German police launched dawn raids on mosques, apartments and offices in ten German states on Tuesday, and the government banned a group it accused of trying to recruit fighters for Islamic State, the interior ministry said.

A spokeswoman for the ministry described the DWR 'True Religion' organisation as a mobilising network for Islamic State, though she said there was no indication it was planning attacks itself. Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere believed the group breached Germany's constitution and incited hatred, she added. He was due to make a statement on the arrests and the ban later on Tuesday. There was no immediate statement from the group.—Reuters

Russian Economy Minister Ulyukayev detained in bribery case

MOSCOW — Russian investigators said on Tuesday they had detained Economy Minister Alexei Ulyukayev in a bribery case linked to a \$5 billion acquisition by state oil giant Rosneft, a surprise move that may expose fault lines in Vladimir Putin's inner circle. Ulyukayev, a 60-year-old technocrat whose ministry has been overseeing a sell-off of state assets, is the highest-ranking Russian official to be detained while in office since the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991.

State television was quick to present his detention as part of the authorities' fight against corruption. It may also be evidence of infighting at the highest levels of power and may herald a wider shake-up before the 2018 presidential election.—Reuters

Merkel urges Germans to stay 'open-minded'

BERLIN — Chancellor Angela Merkel on Monday urged Germans to stand up for an "open-minded" country, warning that the US election victory of Donald Trump could inflame Germany's refugee debate.

Trump has denounced as "insane" Merkel's decision to allow more than a million migrants into Germany and claimed it had increased crime.

"We all are called upon now to put our cards on the table and nail our colours to the mast for an open-minded Germany," Merkel told reporters when asked about the impact of Trump's election victory on the migration debate in Germany.

"The dignity of every human being is inviolable — regardless of religion, origin, sexual orientation and other characteristics, for example gender," Merkel said. "This is what guides us. This is what we also stand up for."—Reuters

Russia says MiG-29 jet fighter crashed in Mediterranean: agencies

MOSCOW — A Russian MiG-29 fighter jet from the Admiral Kuznetsov aircraft carrier has crashed into the Mediterranean Sea, news agencies cited a defence ministry statement as saying on Monday.

They said the pilot was safe after ejecting from the plane. Flights by Russian military planes in the region had not been suspended.

Admiral Kuznetsov belongs to a naval group which Russia has deployed near Syria as part of its campaign against militants who are fighting government forces. RIA news agency said the plane had crashed during a training flight, a few kilometres (miles) from the aircraft carrier, due to a technical fault.—Reuters

Cruise ship runs aground near Cambodia seashore, leaving four dead

PHNOM PENH — A small cruise ship hit a sandbank near the seashore in southwestern Cambodia's Kampot province, leaving four persons dead, a local police chief confirmed Tuesday.

The accident took place at 9:10 pm (local time) Monday night when the ship, carrying about 70 domestic tourists, returned from watching fireflies along the sea and ran aground in the distance of about 30 metres from the seashore, said Gen. Mao Chanmathurith, police chief of Kampot province. "The ship hit the sandbank, throwing several passengers off it," he told Xinhua. "Also, some other passengers panicked and jumped into the water because they confusingly thought that the cruise boat was sinking."—Xinhua

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Respect rights of those nearby who wish to live in peace

Tha Sein

A Dutch tourist was sentenced to three months recently for interfering with a religious observance by unplugging an amplifier that was blaring out a late-night Buddhist sermon near his hotel in the city of Mandalay, a rare incident taking place in a country whose culture is heavily influenced by Buddhism.

Klaas Haytema, 30, was arrested after an angry crowd gathered around his hotel in protest when loudspeakers at a nearby religious hall were turned off. Local media reported Haytema said he was unaware that the loudspeakers

were broadcasting religious content. His lawyer told a court that Haytema disconnected the loudspeakers because they were disturbing his sleep. Whatever the reason, the incident has drawn both sarcasm and praise from individuals and remains a contested issue, which has provoked widespread concerns and raised questions about the government's commitment to democracy.

Haytema's actions at a public gathering were likely to cause offence. Regardless of whether it was a religious ceremony, his actions could spark

a wave of intolerance among local Buddhists. However, equal punishment should be given to foreigners who commit the same offence, regardless of their country of origin such as China or Netherlands to make sure that there is no bias in the administration of the justice.

Contrary to what is accepted in contemporary society, the Buddhist community shows loving-kindness (*metta*) and compassion (*karuna*) to their utmost, but some of legal proceedings in the country remain a conundrum.

Now that the Rain Retreat

for Buddhist monks is over, there will be a number of public events and ceremonies to mark the days of religious significance, which often require the use of loudspeakers at night. As the misuse of high-powered sound systems in public areas is a problem, the organisers should consider the affect of their actions on others around them and respect the right of those in the vicinity to live in peace. Otherwise, they would be first in the firing line and become a focal point of international sarcasm, which leads to damaging the country's reputation.

Sorry to interrupt! I want you to convince yourself of the truth

Ye Tint

I attended the 5th Media conference held in Yangon very recently as an observer. Retired now, I am no longer concerned with it but I want to join the talk as I have been involved in the media career, with a view to criticizing and explaining to those present at the conference, if needed. In the midst of discussions, I raised my hand for letting me clarify cases suing journalists and media men. Yet, limited time rejected my turn.

These days there is a widely criticized matter that people go straight to courts to sue offenders as usual whenever an offense happens to them, in spite of existence of News Media Council & the promulgated News Media Law. In Section 21 of the News Media Law, it is prescribed that the aggrieved can complain firstly to the media council if a media man is considered to breach responsibility and ethic acquired in the law. Discussions were made based on pessimistic views for suing those breaching the law in courts instead of complaining to the council.

The other day I read a conclusion by a veteran journalist in a newspaper in which it said the government itself failed to abide by the news media law. Perhaps it may be connected with the above-said suits. During the conference, I had no chance to take part in the discussions. Now that I cannot flinch an inch to explain to the public noteworthy facts, I decided to write down this article. Failing that, his opinions and statements may be taken to be completely true.

I am not a legal expert. So I fail to know thoroughly laws. Yet, I feel that I am responsible for explaining the media, as far as I know, as I took part in compiling the law while serving as a departmental head. Some wrong assumptions found in the article made me write this.

In the 5th conference, one journalist disclosed that they discussed the news media law in the parliament, but Hluttaw forced the law to be enacted as desired, neglecting their submissions. It will be a great trouble if his statements were assumed to be true in people's mind. In fact, it was totally wrong.

There were frequent meetings between the Information Ministry and media council (temporary) to compile the news media law. The final draft was submitted to the Amyotha Hluttaw on 23 August 2013 by U Phone Myint Aung, the parliamentarian.

The News Media Law (Draft) underwent the process of approval in the presence of Hluttaw Drafting Committees at different levels. Responsible officials from the ministry, Office of the Union Attorney General, the then media council took active part in the discussion, modifying it with addition, deletion, substitution of suitable words. Just after many discussions and arguments, we reached an agreed bill finally. In this way, the Hluttaw passed it into the law. What I mean is that it is the promulgated law which can mediate between legal bodies controlling the law & media men responsible to follow the law.

Any laws including the existing media law cannot be said

to be totally unique. There may be some weak points. Here I want to point out a fact that we amended a wording proposed by the then media council in section 21. The original wording reads: "The aggrieved must firstly complain to the media council." As regards this, we discussed for long before the Hluttaw Drafting Committee. Parliamentarians in the committee mostly discussed that "Is required," the word is not suitable as it brings about the meaning of blockage of one's opportunity and perfunctory order, thus the desire of the aggrieved should be prioritized in accord with existing laws and rules. Ultimately the Hluttaw decided to choose the word "Can complain" for "Is required to complain", assuming that it was more appropriate. Suffice it that Parliament promulgated the law with the majority of votes in the democratic way. The ministry of information did not force the Hluttaw to enact the law.

"The aggrieved" includes ranging from individuals to groups and associations, plus governmental organizations. It is not fair to favor the media with one-sided views. Consideration for the aggrieved should be taken as well. Depending upon the disadvantages and loss on the side of the aggrieved, the person in question has a right to decide which will be done. He is capable of—staying silent without taking any responses or saying insulting words or complaining to the council or suing in courts of justice. An accusation that the government failed to abide by the media law over suing a case in the court instead of complaining to the media council is tanta-

mount to going beyond the reasonableness. It has an alternative to decide whether to complain or sue. Evidently enough, it followed the law as prescribed in section 21 of the media law.

As for the aggrieved, he can sue the offender under the law he likes assumed to be more effective for him, without applying the news media law. This is his right. In section 25 of the bill submitted by U Phone Myint Aung, it was included "Any cases violating rights and ethics of media men working for multi-media established in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar are required to be sued under the prescription of the law." We should consider it deeply whether rights of every individual of the citizens need restricting like this. For this, parliamentarians took it into consideration in Amyotha Hluttaw, its origin and it cancelled the first prescription. After the promulgation, the above-said prescription no longer include in it. This is an exemplary background for those who would like to find fault with the government to keep in their minds.

Hence, it is just and fair for the aggrieved to sue their offender under the existing law, to the extent of fulfillment of his desire. Didn't media men sue their fellow media men, apart from the cases sued by the government and the aggrieved? Didn't the government discuss with the media council to control the weakness of media? According to my personal experience, I had ever encountered such events very often.

While I am at it, I want to explain one point in connection

with the causes of such problems. Rights of media men are prescribed in sections 4,5,6,7 and 8 of the news media law with 9 facts of duties and ethics in section 9. It is of great importance not to post false news and especially to write news with care and just after careful scrutiny.

Criticisms and suggestion are quite different from defamatory ones. It is also for us not to misunderstand that authorities concerned abuse power in carrying out their routines.

The aggrieved will respond to the extent of their suffering. Freedom differs from insults, disgrace and humiliation. Abolition of this law or that law should not be claimed whenever they harm a news media man in some way or other. All kinds of cases ought to be dealt with by considering various perspectives. As a matter of fact, law is the one that controls us and our deeds. It will never ever harm us as long as we abide by it. There are a lot of media and media men which are not arrested. Why?

That is because they have been operating according their duties and ethics. Failing that, they will surely face the trial.

I have no intention to insult anyone. I am writing this to give the message to my readers about the origin of news media law and to put wrong facts conceived in the minds of some people on the right path. Of my own accord, I am writing this. My mind is void of anger, grief, bias and ill wills. Now, I am a retired person, but as a man who took part in this world I am explaining this.

In reality, no one is above the law, including media men.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives CEO of US-ASEAN Business Council



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives CEO of US-ASEAN Business Council. PHOTO : MNA

PYITHU HLUTTAW Speaker U Win Myint received Alexander Feldman, CEO of US-ASEAN Business Council, at the

Hluttaw Building yesterday afternoon.

Discussions focused on promotion of trade and investment,

economic and banking development and cooperation between the two countries in drafting laws. —*Myanmar News Agency*

Japan grants US\$316,302 for two Schools in Ayeyawady Region

THE handover ceremonies of the projects took place in Hinthada Township on 9th November 2016 respectively. Mr. Yoshimasa KASAI, Second Secretary of the Embassy of Japan, U Htay Oo, Member of Central Leading Committee of Union Solidarity and Development Party, U Kyaw Soe, Hluttaw Representative for Hinthada Constituency, U Ambro, Deputy Director of Ayeyarwady Region Education Department, Committee Chairpersons, committee members of the construction projects, and local residents attended the ceremonies.

As the existing school building at Inn Win Basic Education Primary School built in 1968 was extremely outdated and had numerous holes

and gaps on its roof, the students had been exposed to rain over the years, which seriously had negatively affected their study. Furthermore, the school couldn't afford to have enough classrooms to accommodate all students although the number of students has kept on increasing. To address this problem, the Japanese Government, under its GGP scheme, provided funding for construction of a 132'x30' two-storey Reinforced Concrete Construction (R.C.C) building with lavatories and full furniture. The project will benefit 293 students of the school.

Ywa Oo Basic Education Branch High School had been facing a difficulty in accommodating the increasing number of students since the school had no sufficient classrooms as well as

school furniture and lavatories. Under such circumstances, the Japanese Government, under its GGP scheme, provided funding for construction of a 120'x30', 60'x30' one-storey (L-shape) R.C.C building with lavatories and full furniture. The project will benefit 431 students of the school.

The Government of Japan has assisted 778 various grassroots projects in Myanmar under the GGP scheme since 1993: the number consisting of 370 education projects, 196 healthcare projects, 138 public welfare and environment projects, 39 infrastructure projects and 35 other projects. It is anticipated that these assistances will further strengthen the existing friendly relations between Japan and Myanmar.—*GNLM*



Group photo session of a school building handing over ceremony. PHOTO : SUPPLIED

Statement by Kofi Annan, Chair of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State on the recent violence in Rakhine State, Myanmar

AS Chair of the Rakhine Advisory Commission, I wish to express my deep concern over the recent violence in northern Rakhine State, which is plunging the State into renewed instability and creating new displacement. All communities must renounce violence and I urge the security services to act in full compliance with the rule of law.

The Advisory Commission is mandated to provide recommendations to the Myanmar government on measures for resolving the complex challenges facing Rakhine State, which are holding back the State's economic and social development. Recent events have reinforced the urgency of tackling these challenges in order to find vi-

able solutions in the interest of all the people of the State.

Violence will not create an environment conducive to peace and inter-communal cohesion, which is a prerequisite for economic progress and prosperity. The interest of the people of Rakhine is best served through inclusive dialogue, by the promotion of mutual respect and cooperation and by providing local communities with opportunities to live their lives in dignity and to achieve their legitimate aspirations.

The Commission continues its work. We are grateful for the support we have already received and we encourage all communities to engage constructively with the Commission.

Tender for construction of monopole in Mandalay to be sold out

ACCORDING to U Zaw Win, in-charge of building and warehouse of Mandalay City Development Committee, tender application forms for construction of monopole in Mandalay municipal area for the betterment of communication website commenced to be sold out beginning from of November 15.

It was the joint venture between MCDC and tender winning company and the latter will have to invest 100 per cent in the project.

The existing amount of monopoles is not sufficient for the current need as online service linking with international operators require more. On completion of building, connection will be better. Anyone

with telecommunication can apply. Tender forms will be sold from November 15 to 18. The deadline is 30th November, addressed to building and warehouse. Tender opening date will be announced.

U Khin Maung Nyunt, branch officer of building and warehouse, said that some shops of Zegyo and other high-rise buildings have poor internet connection. These locations will be granted to build monopoles if demanded.

Monopoles are targeted to promptly send information to the public and help imminent BRT system ply along their routes. Daw Ni Ni, whole sale distributor of clothing in Mandalay Zegyo, supported the plan. —*Aung Thant Khaing*

Over 200 emergency patients come to MGH on Full Moon of Tazaungmon

ACCORDING to U Thein Hla Tun, a senior male nurse of the emergency unit, Mandalay General Hospital, there were 202 patients who arrived the emergency unit for injuries from accidents. They were said to be so overjoyed with their revelries on such a merrymaking occasion.

He added, "They came here from injuries caused by drunk driving and altercation. As soon as they arrived emergency unit, plan to rescue life of the victim has to be prioritized, followed by dressing and other processes.

Doctors give necessary treatment afterward."

Out of the patients, 110 males and 23 females from accidents, 60 males and 9 females from injuries in altercation came to the hospital. Among them, 24 had their brain operated, one had its jaw operated and 43 were patients from injuries.

He went on saying, "Victims of this year outnumbered that of last year. They came from Pyin Oo Lwin and Sagaing. —*Aung Thant Khaing*

In Iraq, Syrian Kurds long to return home to fight Islamic State

BASHIQA, (Iraq) — Days after helping to capture the Iraqi town of Bashiqa northeast of Mosul, Syrian Kurdish fighters walk proudly past the corpses of Islamic State combatants still lying in the ruins.

As they inspect the devastated streets where militants hid in ditches under metal sheets, members of the 3,300-strong Rojava Brigade exude confidence.

Fighting alongside Iraqi troops, Shi'ite militias and Iraqi Kurdish peshmerga fighters, they believe they can win the battle for Mosul, the jihadists' last big city stronghold in Iraq.

They are also confident of defeating Islamic State in the civil war back home in Syria, where they hope to return to protect their fellow Kurds.

But, in a situation that illustrates the complexi-

ties of the fight against the world's most dangerous militant group, rivalries between Kurdish groups are being played out across borders and preventing the Rojava Brigade fighting in Syria.

"We want to protect our land and our people. We can defeat the jihadists at home," Brigadier General Mohamed Rashed, the leader of the Rojava Brigade, told Reuters in Bashiqa.

But, speaking regretfully of the situation in Syria, he said: "We made several attempts to go back."

Like about 20 per cent of the men under his command, Rashed once served as an officer in the Syrian army. After an uprising broke out, he fled to Iraq, leaving behind his parents and dreams of creating an independent Kurdish state.—Reuters



Syrian Kurdish fighters ride a military vehicle in the town of Bashiqa, after it was recaptured from the Islamic State, east of Mosul, Iraq, on 12 November, 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Guerrilla group claims responsibility for attack at French embassy in Athens

ATHENS — A Greek left-wing urban guerrilla group on Monday claimed responsibility for an attack with a hand grenade on the French embassy in Athens last week, which wounded one guard.

The attackers were



Police stand outside the French embassy, where unidentified attackers threw an explosive device causing a small blast, in Athens, Greece, on 10 November, 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

riding a motorcycle when they threw the hand grenade outside the building opposite parliament, in one of Athens's best-guarded areas. The attack occurred less than a week before a planned visit by US President Barack Obama on 15-

16 November. In a statement uploaded on Athens Indymedia website, the Revolutionary Self-defence Group described the attack saying it was in protest at France's foreign policy and its treatment of refugees. The group has also claimed responsibility for an attack on the headquarters of the Socialist PASOK party in Athens in 2014 and an attack against the Mexican embassy in August.

"The political aim of the Revolutionary Self-defence Group in all three armed interventions was clear: attacking the state oligarchy, the dictatorship of the capital and its armed guards," the group said, warning of more attacks against police.—Reuters

Air strike hits third Syrian hospital in 24 hours: monitor

BEIRUT — An air strike hit a hospital in the rebel-held Syrian village of Awaijel, west of Aleppo killing at least one person in the early hours of Tuesday, a day after attacks on two other hospitals in the region, a war monitor said.

Jets hit Awaijel's Baghdad hospital with rockets, injuring medical staff and patients, including some who had just moved there from a hospital hit in nearby Kafnaha on Monday, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said.

The attack put the hospital in Awaijel out of service, it added.

The Observatory is a Britain-based monitor of Syria's five-and-a-half-



A still image taken from a video posted on social media said to be shot on 14 November, 2016, shows the damage inside a hospital, said to be in the rebel-held town of Atareb in the countryside west of Aleppo, Syria. PHOTO: REUTERS

year civil war that publishes reports based on its network of contacts across Syria.

An air campaign by Syria's military backed by Russia's air force has intensified in the villages and small towns of Aleppo and Idlib provinces in recent days, the Observatory reported, after a foiled rebel offensive in the west of the city.—Reuters

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Israel reports H5N8 bird flu at farm: OIE



File image of poultry is seen in a cage in the Israeli village of Aviel in 2008. PHOTO: REUTERS

PARIS — Israel has reported an outbreak of highly contagious H5N8 bird flu virus on a farm, a case likely due to contact with wild birds migrating from Europe, international animal health body OIE said on Monday.

The outbreak occurred in

Hefzi-Bah in the northern district of Hazafon and killed 1,500 birds out of 34,500 on the farm, the OIE said, citing information from the Israeli authorities. "Israel is on the migration route of wild birds coming from Europe to Africa. The migration is ongoing

and this virus strain probably arrived from Europe with migrating birds," the OIE said. Several European countries have reported cases of H5N8 strain of bird flu and some have ordered that poultry flocks be kept indoors to avoid the disease spreading.—Reuters

Diabetes ranks 3rd biggest cause of death in Brunei: senior health official

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN — Diabetes continues to be one of the leading causes of death in Brunei, after cancer and heart disease, said Haji Zulkarnain, the country's Minister of Health.

"About 12.4 per cent of adults in Brunei Darussalam have diabetes. Research carried out by the Ministry of Health shows that worryingly, 44 per cent of diabetes cases in the country are undiagnosed. This means that more than 20,000 people in Brunei are living with diabetes, but have not yet presented to the health services and therefore, do not even know that they have the condition," the minister was quoted as saying on Monday.

"Brunei Darussalam together with other countries and the World Health Organisation (WHO) commemorate World Diabetes Day on 14 November to raise awareness on the disease, encourage those battling the challenges and complexity of living with it and to give assurance to those affected by diabetes, both patients and families, that they are not alone in the

fight," the minister added in his World Diabetes Day message.

According to the minister, nearly 50,000 of people in Brunei are living with diabetes and the number is growing. If untreated, diabetes can cause diabetic comas.

The impact of diabetes goes beyond just high sugar in the blood. Among adults in Brunei, diabetes is the leading cause of blindness, kidney disease, and amputations. Further, people with diabetes are also two to four times more likely to experience heart attacks and strokes, the minister said in his message.

"This is why, in the fight against diabetes, the Ministry of Health focuses in particular on the prevention and early detection of the disease, in line with the theme of this year's World Diabetes Day 2016, 'Eyes on Diabetes'."

"The focus is on promoting the importance of screening to ensure early diagnosis of type 2 diabetes and treatment to reduce the risk of serious complications," the minister added.—Xinhua

Mexico declares public health emergency over obesity, diabetes

MEXICO CITY — Mexico on Monday marked World Diabetes Day by declaring a public health emergency over the rapid rise in obesity and diabetes.

"The decision was made after the National Institute of Statistics and Geography confirmed that between 2014 and 2015 the number of people who died of diabetes rose by more than 4,000," the daily La Jornada reported.

In that period, diabetes-related deaths increased from 94,000 to 98,450, according to the Health Ministry.

At a press conference, Deputy Minister of Health Pablo

Kuri said the statistics led officials to take the unprecedented measure.

"It is the first time we have declared a health emergency over a disease that is not contagious, and we declared two, one for obesity and excess weight, and another for diabetes," said Kuri.

In 1980, 14,626 people in Mexico died of diabetes, showing the ailment spiked in the past 35 years, with more than 7 million Mexicans, or about 9 per cent of the population, now suffering from the affliction.

Health Minister Jose Narro, who was on a working visit to

the western city of Guadalajara, blamed a change in the Mexican diet and lack of exercise for the country's obesity and diabetes epidemics.

"In 35 years, genetics did not change. What changed was the lifestyle of Mexicans," Narro told reporters.

The health emergency calls for local, state and federal governments to work together to design and launch more effective prevention measures and awareness campaigns, among other steps. "We shouldn't get used to diabetes existing and people dying. We can prevent that," Kuri said.—Xinhua

Satellite centre to support New Zealand's nascent space industry

WELLINGTON — The New Zealand government Tuesday announced it was backing a satellite development centre as another key stepping stone in building a national space economy.

The Centre for Space Science Technology (CSST) would establish an international satellite data exchange and collaborate with leading researchers and businesses, in New Zealand and abroad, to design, build and launch New Zealand's first fleet of cube satellites, said Science and Innovation Minister Steven Joyce.

The CSST would be based in Alexandra, in the South Island's Otago region and undertake research to explore the use of space-based measurements and satellite imagery unique to New Zealand to meet the specific needs of regional industries, Joyce said in a statement.

The government would provide funding of up to 14.7 million NZ dollars (10.46 million US dollars) over four years for the new institute with additional funding from industry, and it would operate as a private, independently governed organisation.

It would support the development and growth of New

Zealand's space economy by filling critical gaps in the collection and processing of New Zealand's satellite data, he said.

In September, Joyce opened New Zealand's first space launch site, the privately run Rocket Lab Launch Complex 1, on the Mahia Peninsula on the North Island's east coast.

The US-owned Rocket Lab is a commercial space launch operator using technology developed in New Zealand.

The government tabled the Outer Space and High Altitude Activities Bill in Parliament the same month and it is intended to become law by mid-2017.

It would enable the development of a space industry in New Zealand, and enable regulators to manage risks and implement certain international obligations relating to space activities and space technology.

The Bill would also ensure the country's space industry met its international obligations, including the Technology Safeguards Agreement, recently signed with the United States.

Rocket Lab plans to begin space launches from New Zealand this year and is expected to start taking commercial payloads next year.—Xinhua

Chinese scientist Zhao Dongyuan wins TWAS-Lenovo Prize

KIGALI — Chinese scientist Zhao Dongyuan scooped the 2016 TWAS-Lenovo Science Prize for his works on nano materials.

The award, one of the most prestigious honours given to scientists in the developing world, was announced Monday at the ongoing 27th The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) general meeting in the Rwandan capital Kigali.

Zhao is credited for devel-

oping innovative nano-sized materials that can be used to clean water, deliver medicine and improve batteries.

The chemistry professor at Fudan University in Shanghai, China, focuses on mesoporous materials — structures that feature tiny, microscopic holes.

The annual prize including 100,000 US dollars is provided by China's largest computer maker Lenovo.

The TWAS-Lenovo Prize

focuses on recognising outstanding work in basic sciences, with the subject area changing each year — Physics and Astronomy in 2013, Biological Sciences in 2014, Mathematics in 2015 and Chemical Sciences in 2016.

Each year the Academy also awards individual prizes of 15,000 dollars to scientists who have been working and living in a developing country for at least 10 years.—Xinhua

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES-Individual Consultants)

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar Agricultural Development Support Project (ADSP) Credit No. : 5624 MM

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar is in the process of receiving funds from the World Bank toward the cost of the ADSP Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

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

1. National Finance Officer (Ref # SC-15)
2. National Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist (Ref # SC-13)
3. National Environmental Safeguards Specialist (Ref # SC-11)

The Services are expected to be carried out over a period of 12 months with the possibility of extension depending on the performance. The location of work will be the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) Loans and International Development Association (IDA) Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers dated July 2014 ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with procedures set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information and a copy of the detailed Terms of Reference (TORs) can be obtained at the address below during working days from 10:00 to 15:00 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail, or by Fax) not later than November 30, 2016.

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 Phone: +95-67 -4100 19, Fax: +95-67 -410102
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Dakota Access pipeline protests planned across United States

HOUSTON — Demonstrators across US cities will gather outside offices of the Army Corps of Engineers, banks and energy companies on Tuesday in the largest protest against the Dakota Access Pipeline since the US government halted the project in September.

More than 200 protests are set to take place in a "Day of Action" called for by indigenous leaders in support of the Standing Rock Sioux tribe and in an effort to urge the Army Corps of Engineers and US government to stop the pipeline, according to Dallas Goldtooth, a spokesman for Indigenous Environmental Network, one of the organisers.

The \$3.7 billion Dakota Access project has drawn steady opposition since last summer from the tribe, along with environmental activists, who claim it could pollute nearby water supplies and destroy sacred historical sites. "The purpose is to el-



People march past the North Dakota State Capitol building during a protest in Bismarck against plans to pass the Dakota Access pipeline under Lake Oahe and near the Standing Rock Indian Reservation, North Dakota, US on 14 November, 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

evate the issue and to encourage the Army Corps to exert its power to stop this pipeline," Goldtooth said of Tuesday's protests in which more than 30 groups, including Greenpeace and CREDO Action, are participating.

The Army Corps and Department of Interior on Monday delayed a decision on whether to grant an easement to Energy Trans-

fer Partners, the main company behind the pipeline, for an easement to tunnel under Lake Oahe, the water source that is the focus of protests.

Construction of the 1,172-mile (1,885-km) pipeline is about 85 per cent complete, Phillips 66, one of the pipeline's investors, said last week. The only outstanding construction work to be done in

North Dakota is the segment of the line that would run under the lake, Energy Transfer said last week.

Energy Transfer has said the pipeline would be a more efficient and safer way to transport oil from the Bakken shale of North Dakota to the Midwest and onto the US Gulf Coast. The company last week said it was confident the Army Corps would grant the easement, allowing it to begin drilling under the lake about two weeks later.

Tuesday's protests will be focused outside Army Corps offices throughout the country, and at major banks financing construction of the pipeline. Norwegian bank DNB this month said it would reconsider financing the project if the concerns of the Standing Rock Sioux were not addressed. In Houston, Texas, demonstrators will gather outside Energy Transfer Partners' office.— Reuters

Canada airliner swerves to avoid object near Toronto; two hurt

OTTAWA/MONTREAL — A Canadian airliner with 54 passengers on board had to swerve to avoid an unmanned flying object near Toronto early on Monday, slightly injuring two cabin crew, in the most serious case of its kind in Canada, officials said.

The Porter Airlines Bombardier Q400 plane, which took off from Ottawa, was at 9,000 feet (2,750 metres), descending into the city's Billy Bishop waterfront airport, when the pilots saw an unmanned aerial vehicle.

"Two crew members performed an evasive maneuver to avoid the unidentified object," said Genevieve Corbin, a spokeswoman for the Transportation Safety Board of Canada (TSB). Corbin said the object was most likely a drone.

Two cabin crew suffered slight injuries during the incident, Porter said.

"The pilots' initial assessment was that it looked like a balloon. After debriefing, there is potential that the object was a drone," said Porter Airlines spokesman Brad

Cicero.

The plane landed at about 7:30 a.m. ET. The TSB has now launched an investigation, the first time it has done so for such an incident, said Corbin.

Dan Adamus, president of the Air Line Pilots Association International's Canada Board, said by phone that he had never heard of a plane swerving to avoid a drone in the country before.

"This is a big concern for pilots," he said.

In June, Canada's Transport Ministry launched a campaign in-

tended to deter people from flying drones near airports or aircraft.

In Canada, users operating drones weighing less than 35 kg (77 lbs) for recreational purposes do not need a permit.

Transport Canada, however, is now proposing to end the distinction between flying drones for recreational and commercial purposes, and would instead regulate the use of UAVs based on risk by looking at factors like the size of the drone and whether they are flown in the line of sight.— Reuters

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Austria doesn't need emergency cap on refugees now: minister

LUCERNE, (Switzerland) — Austria does not need to implement an emergency cap on asylum seekers at the moment because the number of refugees entering the country has waned, Interior Minister Wolfgang Sobotka said on Monday.

Sobotka was a vocal champion of the introduction this year of a cap of 37,500 asylum seekers coming into Austria, which was one of the main recipients of a mass wave of migrants last year.

“At the moment we have a declining (number of people) springing up and being detained so we don't see the need at the moment to put the emergency decree into gear,” he told a Swiss panel discussion on labor markets and immigration.

“We just wanted to have finished negotiating it. You don't buy a fire engine when the blaze has broken out,” he added.

The flow of migrants into Austria has slowed



Migrants arrive at the Austrian train station of Nickelsdorf to board trains to Germany, on 5 September, 2015. PHOTO: REUTERS

since last year's surge, in which hundreds of thousands of people, many fleeing war and poverty in the Middle East, headed through the Balkans and toward Germany.

Neighbouring Hungary has since built a fence along its border with Serbia, and Balkan countries have introduced border

restrictions of their own, in coordination with Austria, largely shutting down that route into the heart of Europe.

After last year's influx, in which Austria took in about 90,000 asylum seekers, more than 1 per cent of its population, the government said it would only let 37,500 people ap-

ply for asylum this year.

Around 30,000 applications had been filed so far. Austria built a 4 km barrier with a managed entry point on its border with Slovenia when the flow of migrants shifted toward that frontier, and it has said it will erect one at the Brenner crossing with Italy if needed.—Reuters

Poland re-examines remains of president killed in 2010 plane crash

KRAKOW, (Poland) — Polish prosecutors on Monday began the exhumation of President Lech Kaczynski, who died in a plane crash in Russia in 2010, to examine his remains as part of an investigation into the tragedy likely to deepen political divisions in Poland.

The crash near Smolensk in western Russia, which killed 96 people including Kaczynski's wife, top army brass and the central bank governor, has become one of the most fraught public issues in Poland, with some claim-

ing foul play. An inquiry by Poland's previous, centrist government ruled pilot error caused the government's Soviet-made TU-154 to crash into the ground in heavy fog during an attempt to land.

But Kaczynski's twin brother Jaroslaw, whose nationalist-minded Law and Justice party (PiS) unseated the centrists in an election last year, has said an onboard explosion could have caused the crash.

Prosecutors want to determine whether there was no mix-up of remains

during burial, as well as whether damage to the bodies had been described correctly in previous inquiries, arguing that Russia's refusal to return the plane's wreckage was a critical obstacle.

“The crucial evidence remains in Russia and I don't expect to have access to it any time soon,” Marek Pasionek, a deputy prosecutor general, was quoted saying by Rzeczpospolita daily last week.

“We need to have the wreckage in order to reconstruct the flight. “And however brutal this may

sound, the bodies are practically the only piece of evidence which we can have access to, through exhumations.”

Russia has said the wreckage cannot be returned until its own criminal inquiry is concluded.

The remains of Kaczynski and his wife Maria will be removed from their crypt in the Wawel cathedral in Krakow in southern Poland after it closed for tourists at 6 p.m. local time (12 p.m ET). Other exhumations will follow in coming months.—Reuters

EIA submitted for drilling program in offshore Block A-6

Woodside Energy (Myanmar) Pte Ltd (Woodside) proposes to undertake a drilling program in Block A-6, located offshore Ayeyarwady Region, Myanmar. This is scheduled to commence in early 2017 using a dynamically positioned Mobile Offshore Drilling Unit. The area in which the wells will be drilled in located at least 21 miles from the nearest coastline.

Under the Environmental Conservation Law and Environmental Conservation Rules of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Woodside is required to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the proposed activity. An EIA study has been conducted by Environmental Resources Management (ERM) and E Guard Environmental Services (E Guard), on behalf of Woodside, in accordance with the Myanmar EIA Procedure (2015). Associated stakeholder engagement has been undertaken at the national and local levels in Yangon, Naypyidaw and Ayeyarwady Region.

More information about the proposed activity and a copy of the EIA report can be found on Woodside's webpage woodside.com.au/myanmar-consultation. Any queries, comments or suggestions on the Project on the report can be provided in writing to feedback@woodside.com.au or info@eguardservices.com.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR MINISTRY OF ELECTRICITY AND ENERGY NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT Invitation for Bids

Date: 14th November, 2016
SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE
IDA Credit No. : 5727-MM

Contract Title: Distribution Transformer for National Electrification Project
Reference No. : C1-G1

1. The Ministry of Electricity and Energy has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the National Electrification Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds towards payments under the contract for Distribution Transformer for National Electrification Project.

2. The Ministry of Electricity and Energy now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for supply of 11/0.4 kV-50 kVA, 100 kVA, 200 kVA, 315 kVA and 33/0.4 kV-100 kVA, 200 kVA and 315 kVA distribution transformer, for the total quantities of 5,389 transformers to be delivered in 2017 and 2018 to multiple destinations in all Regions and States of Myanmar. Domestic preference with the margin of 15% will apply. The goods will be grouped into 10 lots and bidders may submit bid for any one or more lots. Evaluation and award of contract will be on a lot-wise basis.

3. Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding procedures as specified in the World Bank's [Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers](#) [edition of January 2011 revised in July 2014] (“Procurement Guidelines”), and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Procurement Guidelines. In addition, please refer to the paragraphs 1.6 and 1.7 setting for the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Project Manager, Office No(27), Ministry of Electricity and Energy, nep.pmomoep@gmail.com and inspect the bidding documents during office hours 10:00 to 16:00 hours at the address given below.

5. A complete set of bidding documents in CD with English language may be purchased by interested eligible bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of Myanmar Kyats 100,000. The method of payment will be transferred to the following account:

Electricity Supply Enterprise, account no. SEE 10316 at Myanma Economic Bank in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar. The transferred slip shall be submitted with the above application. Once the application and the transferred slip received the bidding documents will be provided in the CD.

In case of any difficulty in purchasing the bidding documents, interested parties may contact in writing:

1. Director General
Department of Electric Power Planning
Ministry of Electricity and Energy
City: Nay Pyi Taw
Country: The Republic of the Union of Myanmar
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2. Ms. Xiaoping Wang, Task Team Leader
The World Bank
Address: 30th Floor, Siam Tower,
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Thailand
Email: xwang3@worldbank.org

6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 10:00 am, 30th December, 2016. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives at the address below at 10:00 am, 30th December, 2016.

Director General Office, Department of Electric Power Planning
Office No (27), Ministry of Electricity and Energy, Nay Pyi Taw
The Republic of the Union of Myanmar

7. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security as described in the bidding document.

8. The address referred to above para 4 and 5 are :
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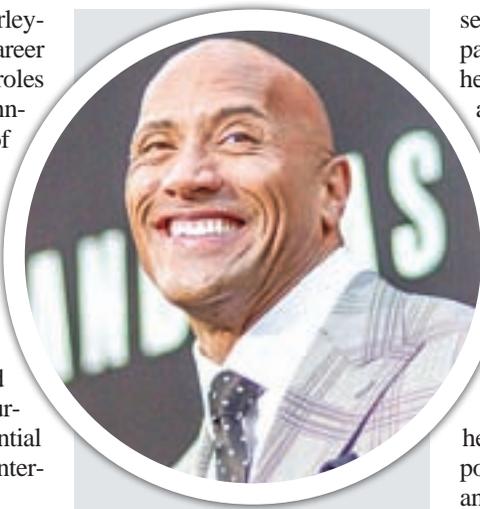
'The Rock' talks a future in politics, including potential White House run

LOS ANGELES — After parlaying a professional wrestling career as "The Rock" into leading roles in Hollywood, Dwayne Johnson is entertaining the idea of jumping into the political ring, including perhaps even a run for the White House someday.

Johnson, 44, who stars in the upcoming Disney animated film "Moana" as the voice of demigod Maui, told Reuters the excitement surrounding last week's presidential election had renewed public interest in him running for office.

"I love my country, I'm extremely patriotic and I also feel, especially now, leadership is so important, great leadership is so important, respected leadership is so important," said Johnson, star of "The Fast and the Furious" franchise. Asked specifically about a potential White House run, Johnson replied: "If I felt like I could be an effective leader for us, and surround myself with really high-quality leaders, then sure, I would."

It is not the first time John-



Actor Dwayne Johnson.
PHOTO: REUTERS

son's name has been mentioned in political circles.

Earlier this year, Johnson took to Instagram to thank a Washington Post journalist who said he had a "weirdly plausible path to a political career" as a mixed-race registered Republican from Florida, a swing state in the presidential election. While Johnson did not specify which office he might

seek, when he might run or which party he would represent, he said he thought that running a business as a producer in Hollywood had given him a discipline he hoped he could apply to politics.

"I've found really good success in being able to galvanize people in a positive way and continued to push them, as I've pushed myself along the way too, because I walk what I talk, daily, which I think is an important quality," he said. If Johnson does take on politics, he would be following another pro wrestler, Jesse 'The Body' Ventura, who served as governor of Minnesota, and body builder-turned-action star Arnold Schwarzenegger, who served two terms as Republican governor of California.

Known for his catchphrase: "Can you smell what The Rock is cooking," Johnson still participates in occasional World Wrestling Entertainment matches, alongside producing and starring in HBO's sports dramedy "Ballers" and the upcoming "Baywatch" film reboot.—Reuters



Recording artist Jon Bon Jovi performs during a campaign event for US Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, US, on 7 November 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Bon Jovi takes Billboard's No 1 album spot for sixth time

NEW YORK — New albums from rockers Bon Jovi and R&B singer Alicia Keys took the two top spots on the US Billboard 200 chart on Monday, while the soundtrack for kids movie "Trolls" moved in to third place.

Bon Jovi's "This House Is Not For Sale" sold 129,000 units to give the New Jersey band its sixth No. 1 album, according to figures from Nielsen SoundScan.

Keys, whose career is enjoying a boost thanks to her appearances as a judge on the television show "The Voice," saw her studio album "Here" reach second place with sales of 50,000 units.

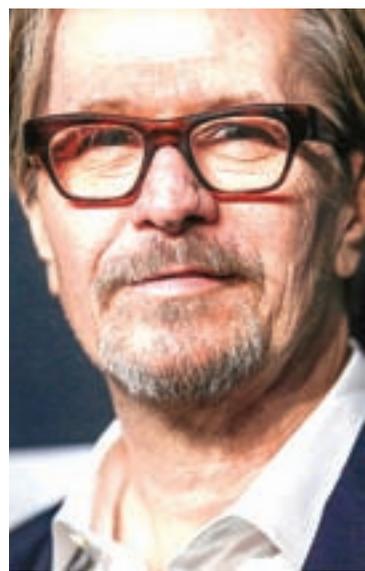
The Billboard 200 album chart tallies units from album sales, song sales (10 songs equal one album) and streaming activity (1,500 streams equal one album).

The soundtrack from the animated movie "Trolls" rose from 39th on the Bill-

board 200 last week to No. 3, with some 46,000 units sold in the week. It features contributions from Justin Timberlake, Ariana Grande, Gwen Stefani and Anna Kendrick.

Movie soundtracks for "Suicide Squad" and "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" also have made the top 10 of the Billboard 200 this year.

On the digital songs chart, which measures online singles sales, Rae Sremmurd's September release "Black Beatles" took the top spot, rising 16 places from last week due largely to the viral success of the "mannequin challenge" fad in which the hip-hop duo's music often as a backdrop. People taking the challenge pose frozen in action while a music video is recorded, and post the video on social media. Those taking part have ranged from Adele and Beyonce to Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton.—Reuters



Actor Gary Oldman. PHOTO: REUTERS

'Bowie music, Bowie style' London concert to celebrate late singer

LONDON — Friends and musicians who played with David Bowie are to gather in London for a concert in January marking what would have been his 70th birthday, organisers announced on Monday.

Called "Celebrating David Bowie," the concert is organised by Gary Oldman, a British actor and close Bowie friend, and will take place in Bowie's Brixton, London birthplace on 8 January, according to the late singer's website.

The show will come almost a year after Bowie's death from cancer on 10 January. Proceeds will go

to the Children & the Arts charity.

Organisers said the concert will feature some 30 musicians who played on Bowie's various albums and world tours over the years. They will play "Bowie music, Bowie style."

"This is the first and last time this inner circle will do anything like this and these shows are likely to be the last time that they perform his music together; sadly, this may be the closest anyone will come to a David Bowie live experience ever again," the announcement said.—Reuters

A Minute With: 'Fantastic' Newt Scamander (aka Eddie Redmayne)

NEW YORK — With his peacock-blue coat, bow tie and battered suitcase, Eddie Redmayne stars as J.K. Rowling's latest magical hero in "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them."

Redmayne spoke with Reuters ahead of the movie opening on Friday about his favorite beasts and his hopes for his character, Newt Scamander. The following are edited excerpts.

Q: How much of Newt came from you and how much from J.K. Rowling?

A: Newt was wonderfully well defined on the page and then it was about hearing where Newt came from in her imagination. She wrote that Newt walks his own walk and that he has a Buster Keaton-esque quality. So I met a man who tracks animals for a living, and he said that if you are trying to be absolutely silent, you turn your feet out. So I brought in that open-toed stance, which was

great until I had to do stunts running like that and I kept pulling muscles.

Q: Do you know if you're going to be in all five of the "Beasts" movies?

A: No, I don't. The whole production is so top-secret that at nights our scripts would get locked up and put in a safe. Jo has kept the story very close to her.

Q: How do you feel about becoming a young adult icon, like Daniel Radcliffe's Harry Potter?

A: I don't really know. How does one prepare for that? There's nothing you can do really. A few more people ask for selfies and that's about it. I think?

Q: What was it like acting against the computer-generated beasts?

A: With the erumpent, we had some of the guys who worked on "War Horse" make a huge puppet that I rehearsed with for a few weeks. Then when it came to shooting, it

would go away and I would have the sense memory.

Q: Did you have a favourite beast?

A: I think Pickett was my favorite. He has got attachment issues and he just wants a bit of a hug. He is bullied by the other bowtruckles.

Q: Where would you like Newt's character to go in the second film?

A: You get a sense when you see Leda Lestrange's photograph that this girl has clearly had an effect on him, so that would be interesting to see. Also you hear that Newt has spent a year out in the field in Equatorial Guinea. I would love to see him out with his sleeves rolled up, wrangling some of these extraordinary creatures.—Reuters



PHOTO: REUTERS

Supermoon delights world's star gazers in full moon, eclipse combination

SYDNEY — From Beijing to Berlin, star gazers around the world admired the supermoon — the largest, brightest full moon in nearly seven decades — as it made its way across the skies on Sunday and Monday.

In Australia, some sky-watchers climbed to the top of the Sydney Harbour Bridge to get a closer view of the moon as it ducked between the clouds over the city. Astronomers said it was closer to Earth than at any time since 1948.

The supermoon, also known as a blood moon, was produced when the shadow of Earth cast a reddish glow on the moon, the result of a rare combination of an eclipse with the closest full moon of the year.

For more than an hour on Sunday night and early on Monday morning, Earth's shadow blanketed the full moon as the planet passed between the sun and the moon.

The brilliant white glow of the moon slowly transformed into a dim red, a colouring caused by Earth's atmosphere scattering sunlight into the shadow.

"I think the last time I can remember this sort of (activity) is when I was very small, when Hale-Bopp came. Back then my parents took me (to watch)," said Hsieh Wei-Ting, 36, who lined up with scores of people in Taipei to look at the moon through telescopes in the Taiwanese capital. "It was like climbing a mountain to look at the stars."

In New York City, the Chrysler Building lit up when the supermoon set behind the Art Deco-style skyscraper, and photographers captured the moon rising over the US Capitol dome in Washington DC.

In Boston, real estate agent Jamie Iacoi filmed video from his roof deck on Sunday.

"At one point, the planes were flying right



An aeroplane flies past the London Eye wheel, and moon, a day before the 'supermoon' spectacle in London, Britain.

PHOTO: REUTERS

through the middle of the moon. It was so cool to see in person," Iacoi said.

Spectators lined up in France, Israel and Germa-

ny to watch the moon rise behind famous monuments like the Eiffel Tower, Dormition Abbey, and the Brandenburg Gate.

The full moon also shone over Jakarta in Indonesia and Thailand's Bangkok while in the Philippines, park-goers watched

the spectacle in Manila.

The next supermoon-lunar eclipse combination will not happen until 2033.—Reuters

Aerosmith to say 'Aero-Vederci' with 2017 European tour



Vocalist Steven Tyler (L) and guitarist Joe Perry of Aerosmith perform during their 'Aerosmith: Let Rock Rule' tour at The Forum in Inglewood, California in 2014. PHOTO: REUTERS

LONDON — US rockers Aerosmith, together for some 45 years, will embark on a "farewell" European tour next year, the group said on Monday, kicking off the series of

shows in Israel.

One of the biggest rock bands in the United States, the award-winning group, often called "The Bad Boys from Boston" in reference to the city where

they formed in 1970, is known for songs like "Back in the Saddle" and "Walk This Way".

The group consists of lead singer Steven Tyler, guitarists Joe Perry and Brad Whitford, drummer Joey Kramer and bassist Tom Hamilton.

"Aerosmith will return across the Atlantic with one of the greatest rock shows ever seen and will undoubtedly be the ultimate must see event of 2017 as the band embark upon this, their 'farewell' tour, saying 'Aero-Vederci Baby!'," a statement from the group said.

In a spoof news sketch video posted on the band's Twitter feed, Tyler and Perry announced the Eu-

ropean tour, with Tyler asking "Any truth to the rumours that this could be the last hurrah?" to which Perry replies: "Who the hell knows".

The tour will kick off in Tel Aviv in May, with the band then heading to Georgia, Russia, Germany and performing across Europe until early July.

During the tour, Aerosmith will also play music festivals such as Sweden Rock, France's Hellfest and the Download Festival in Britain. There were no immediate details for dates outside Europe.

Aerosmith recently played a series of concerts in Latin America.—Reuters

Yangtze River cable car riding key part of Chongqing culture

BEIJING — Despite the ticket price hike, riding a cable car crossing the mighty Yangtze River in southwest China's Chongqing Municipality remains a significant part of local culture. The ticket price of a Yangtze River cable car riding has now risen to 20 yuan from 0.8 yuan charged just before the National Day holiday in October.

However, the number of riders keeps going up to hit a record of 18,000 in a single day last month.

According to the local residents, from six o'clock in the morning, riders speaking dialects of Beijing, Guangdong, and other places would queue up for over two hundred meters to buy the tickets.

For one thing, it is a unique way to see the gor-

geous scenery on the two sides of the river in daytime, and the night view of illuminating neon and twinkling stars.

Besides, riders could also feel the imposing rush and hear the thunderous roar of the Yangtze River from high above in the cable car.

For another, unforgettable scenes in the famous Chinese movies like Crazy Stone, Chongqing Blues and Door were shot here, which further give food for their imagination.

The cable car was put into service in 1987, as a primary commuting tool for locals, taking them four to five minutes to cross the river. Nicknamed "airbus" of the city, the cable car is China's first large cross-river passenger cableway.—Xinhua



Photo taken by the author shows a cable car crossing the Yangtze River in Chongqing Municipality, southwest China, on 3 November 2016. PHOTO: XINHUA

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Returning hero Murray masters Cilic, Nishikori wins

LONDON — If Andy Murray was grateful to Marin Cilic for facilitating his rise to the summit this month it was not evident as he added the Croatian to his lengthening list of victims at the ATP World Tour Finals on Monday.

It was Cilic's defeat of Novak Djokovic at the Paris Masters that opened the door for Murray to seize the number one ranking he had spent his whole career pursuing.

Murray repaid the favour with a 6-3, 6-2 win — his 20th in succession — although it was far from a drubbing as Cilic tried his utmost to ruin the Scot's homecoming.

Four more performances like that at the O2 Arena this week should guarantee the 29-year-old will end 2016 leading the pack.

Murray had lost his most recent meeting with Cilic, the Cincinnati Masters final in August, and on Wednesday he will face Japan's Kei Nishikori who stopped him in the US Open quar-

ter-finals — Murray's last Tour level defeat.

Nishikori had earlier beaten Swiss Stan Wawrinka 6-2, 6-3 in the John McEnroe group — although that match was as one-sided as the scoreline suggested with Wawrinka badly off key.

Murray has been handed a tougher-looking group than Novak Djokovic, the man he deposed and who could still snatch back the top ranking, but he cleared the first hurdle in style in front of a near full house who welcomed him home like a returning hero.

"It was a great reception," Murray, Britain's first ATP singles world number one, told reporters.

"After a long kind of few months, it's nice to know that I'm going to be finishing the year playing in that sort of atmosphere. It helps you get up for the matches a bit more."

Murray served four double faults in the early stages and came

under a fierce assault by Cilic.

But in his first match since officially taking over at the top, he showed all the attributes that have made him all but unbeatable since his French Open final loss to Djokovic.

Even when Cilic cancelled out an early break Murray responded immediately to move 3-1 ahead.

He conjured an ace to stave off a break point in the next game and eventually took a high-quality opener in 45 minutes.

Cilic had chances again at the start of the second set but it was Murray who struck in the fifth game with a blistering forehand winner. Murray then put the hammer down.

"A little bit unfortunate to go 6-3, 6-2, it felt it was much, much closer in the first set, beginning of the second," Cilic, who will play Wawrinka on Wednesday, told reporters.—*Reuters*

Wawrinka will have to improve considerably.



Great Britain's Andy Murray celebrates during his round robin match against Croatia's Marin Cilic during Barclays ATP World Tour Finals at O2 Arena, London on 14 November 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

South Korea snatch late win over Uzbekistan

SEOUL — South Korea gave coach Uli Stielike the perfect birthday gift with a 2-1 win over Uzbekistan on Tuesday that breathed new life into their World Cup qualifying campaign.

The victory lifted South Korea above the Uzbeks into second spot in Group A at the midway point of Asia's final qualifying round, level on 10 points with Iran, who play Syria later on Tuesday.

The top two sides in Group A and B qualify automatically for the 2018 World Cup in Russia while the third-placed teams meet to decide who goes into a CONCACAF-Asian Zone playoff for a place at

the finals.

The Koreans have looked a shadow of the side that reached last year's Asian Cup final and went in at halftime trailing 1-0 after Marat Bikmaev pounced on goalkeeper Kim Seung-gyu's poor clearance to curl the ball into an empty net from 25 metres. The hosts had dominated possession in the opening 45 minutes without looking remotely dangerous but showed greater urgency after the break and equalised in the 67th minute.

Defender Park Joo-ho dashed down to the line and his looping cross arced to the far post

where Nam Tae-hee crashed home a header. Stielike, celebrating his 62nd birthday, sent on towering target man Kim Shinwook and defender Hong Chul and the substitutes combined to set up the winner.

Hong crossed deep from the left, Kim held off a defender to nod the ball back across goal and Koo Ja-cheol raced in behind the defence to slam home five minutes from time. After losing 1-0 to Iran in their last qualifier, Stielike was delighted his side had managed to break down the stingy Uzbek defence, which had conceded just two goals over their last seven matches.—*Reuters*



Koo Jae-cheol of South Korea in action with Egor Krimets and Aleksandr Lobanov of Uzbekistan. PHOTO: REUTERS

Japan beat Saudi Arabia in make-or-break World Cup qualifier

SAITAMA — Genki Haraguchi became the first Japanese to score in four successive World Cup final qualifiers and Hiroshi Kiyotake struck from the spot as Japan defeated Saudi Arabia 2-1 on Tuesday.

Haraguchi netted a crucial second for Vahid Halilhodzic's side in the 80th minute after Kiyotake converted a controversial penalty in the final minute of the opening half. Captain Osama Hawsawi pulled one back for Saudi Arabia in the dying minutes.

Japan moved level on points (10) with the Saudis, who had led Group B going into the day.

"I want to congratulate the players first," Halilhodzic said. "Saudi Arabia are a good team, this is a huge win for us. It was a team victory. Things have been tough for us, but our courage and determination brought us the win."

Halilhodzic had hinted on Monday he may not start Keisuke Honda and Shinji Kagawa and the former Algeria boss followed through, leaving Japan's two household names on the bench, as well as Shinji Okazaki.

Kiyotake was assigned to run the show again, while Yuya Kubo, who only made his debut in Friday's win over Oman, replaced Honda on the

right wing. Yuya Osako, who scored two of Japan's four goals against Oman, kept his place up front ahead of Okazaki.

Japan came out roaring, completely suppressing Saudi Arabia for the first 20 minutes. The Saudis were quick in transition, scaring the hosts with the occasional counterattack, but largely suffocated in the face of relentless pressure from the four-time Asian champions. It appeared, though, Japan would not be rewarded for their first-half domination as the clock ticked away toward the break.

But just minutes before the half, Kiyotake's shot went off Abdulmalek Al Khaibri in the area, forcing the referee to point to the spot. Kiyotake struck for the second straight game to open the scoring.

Japan stayed in control in the second half, when Haraguchi doubled their lead with 10 minutes to go. Hawsawi made it 2-1 in the 90th minute before being sent off for a second yellow three minutes later, but Japan hung on to take all three points to wrap up the year.

"It was a difficult game, but we kept our balance throughout the game, I thought," Kiyotake said. "But we keep playing next year so we can't let up." —*Kyodo News*

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