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Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye consoles the families of the Hindu victims killed by ARSA extremist terrorists in Rakhine State. **PHOTO: MNA**

17 more bodies of Hindus found in N. Rakhine State

A day after the bodies of 28 Hindu villagers were discovered, 17 more bodies of Hindus were unearthed yesterday about 200 yards from the graves where 28 bodies were found in Yebawkya

Village in Maungtaw on Sunday.

The search was carried out following information given by Hindu villagers who managed to flee the massacre and fled to Sittway.

“The bodies were found with their throats slits while their hands were tied and were blindfolded. Some bodies had cuts in hands and feet,” said Dr Kyaw Maung Maung Thein,

Maungtaw People’s Hospital Superintendent, who conducted the autopsy yesterday.

The evidences pointed to a massacre by ARSA terrorists, he added. **SEE PAGE-6**



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Union Chief Justice U Htun Htun Oo poses for a documentary photo with other Chief Justices after attending 17th Conference of the Chief Justices of Asia and Pacific in Tokyo, Japan from 19 to 21 Sept 2017. **PHOTO: MNA**

Union Chief Justice attends 17th Conference of the Chief Justices of Asia and Pacific

UNION Chief Justice U Htun Htun Oo attended the 17th Conference of the Chief Justices of Asia and Pacific held in Tokyo, Japan from 19 to 21 September.

The conference was attended by Asia and Pacific region chief justices and representatives and matters relating to progress of regional judiciary works, increasing

trust of the people in judiciary works, increasing the capacity of the judiciary, judiciary sector in family disagreement, human resources development and role of chief justices in future judiciary sector were discussed.

The Union Chief Justice discussed Myanmar's efforts for human resources development in the

judiciary sector.

During the trip, the Union Chief Justice met separately with Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Japan The Hon. Itsuro Terada and Japan Minister of Justice H.E. Yoko Kamikawa and discussed current and continued cooperation in judiciary was discussed. — Myanmar News Agency ■

Rakhine State Chief Minister meets Myanmar National Human Rights Commission's secretary and members

RAKHINE State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu met secretary of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission (MNHRC) U Phone Kywe and party yesterday morning in state chief minister office meeting room.

In the meeting, the commission explained about conducting a field visit to Maungdaw area to study the situation of the region after the terrorist attacks.

The Chief Minister and officials in return explained

about the discovery of remains of Hindus near Yebawka Village. The search came after local Hindus reported the authorities on the massacre by ARSA terrorists and evidences.

Rakhine State Chief Minister and officials then accepted Ks 1.5 million donated to Rakhine State Government committee to accept and distribute donations by MNHRC for ethnic nationals in temporary relief camps.

— Tin Tun (IPRD) ■



Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu holds talks with MNHRC secretary at the State Chief Minister's Office. **PHOTO: MNA**

Myanmar Engineering Council signs MoU with Guangxi Association for Science and Technology

A ceremony to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between MEngC and Guangxi Association for Science and Technology was held yesterday at the Myanmar Engineering Council (MEngC).

The MoU was signed with an aim to distribute knowledge and skills for development of science, technology and engineering sector and improving bilateral relations.

MEngC Chairman Dr. Charlie Than first explained about the reasons for signing the MoU with Guangxi Association for Science and Technology.

Next, MEngC Chairman Dr. Charlie Than and Guangxi Association for Science and Technology Vice President Ms. Liang Chunhua signed the MoU in the presence of Union Minister for Construction and Electricity and Energy U Win Khaing and Ambassador of China to Myanmar.



Singing ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding between the MEngC and the GAST held at the Myanmar Engineering Council yesterday. **PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**

Afterwards, Guangxi Association for Science and Technology Vice President Ms. Liang Chunhua gave a Power Point presentation on cooperation with MEngC.

The ceremony ended with concluding remarks by Union Minister for Construction and

Electricity and Energy U Win Khaing and Ambassador of China to Myanmar Mr. Hong Liang.

Upon the conclusion of the event, the Union Minister, the Ambassador and guests visited the library opened in MEngC office. — Myanmar News Agency ■

“Tamway Non-Revenue Water Management Project” between YCDC and AFD signed

The French Development Agency (AFD) and the Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC) signed on Friday a 1,25 M€ grant agreement that aims at financing the improvement of water service management in Tamway Township, in Yangon.

The project seeks to implement a technical and commercial management model for the municipality's water service in the pilot district of Tamway in order to address the issue of “non-revenue water” that refers to water that is lost before reaching the customer (physical losses) or unaccounted for (commercial losses).

The project has three components: (i) equipping the pilot district with the neces-

sary measurement tools for water service management; (ii) strengthening the district water service capacities; and (iii) providing management tools that allow the replication of such model in other districts of the city.

Yangon City Development Committee will implement the project with the support of a technical operator to be selected through a tendering procedure.

The grant agreement was signed at the Yangon City Hall by U Maung Maung Soe, Mayor of Yangon, Mr. Olivier Richard, the French Ambassador to Myanmar and Mrs Ariane Ducreux, AFD regional director for Thailand, Laos and Myanmar. —GNLM ■



People gather in downtown Yangon on Sunday in support of State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's efforts for solving Rakhine issue.

PHOTO: ZAW MIN LATT

People voices their solidarity with State Counsellor

By Zaw Gyi (Panita)

A mass rally was held in front of the City Hall nearby the Maha Bandoola Park at 4 pm on 24 September, to show people's solidarity with State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's endeavors towards peace and harmony in Rakhine State.

People depicted their whole-hearted supports toward State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's efforts over Rakhine State Affairs and peace process being implemented, by holding vinyl posters portraying large photos of State Counsellor. Then, a communiqué consisting of four points issued by civilian societies of Myanmar citizens of Muslim extraction was read out, saying it has wholeheartedly supported towards Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's national address made on 19 September.

Here are some excerpts from the voices of artists, film stars, vocalists, men of letters and persons from political sphere present at the rally.

U Mya Aye (88 Generation, Peace and Open Society)

I assume that there must be solidarity to liberate a country out of a crisis. The current problems cannot be solved overnight. And, several countries are fighting and blaming against Daw Aung San Suu Kyi too excessively for us to tolerate these criticisms. So, we cannot sit still with our mouths closed, to come here now.

We have moved toward for the democratic transition, just now reaching nearly two years only. Such a rally is meant for sharing the message that all of the difficulties the incumbent government is experiencing presently cannot be solved with a great momentum. We want our people to rightfully review all the problems. We all would like to proceed to the stage of assuring every individual of equal rights, as would Daw Aung San Suu Kyi herself. It can be vividly in her speech. We firmly believe that the right of dealing with all the problems will have to be entrusted to her. Failing that, people are worried about the country will be in for, as the pressure is increasingly amounted on the government. Accordingly, now people are willingly coming to join the government's endeavors. As a result, it is evident that people are not speaking aloud, in a carefree way that they stand altogether with the incumbent government.

It will take us time, to some extent in transforming a country into a new state. Here, in my opinion, it is of great essentiality for the whole populace to build up the solidarity among us, regardless of race and religion. It is none other than the fact that we need to encourage and support the endeavours the government had dealt with, simultaneously hence the need to cooperate by criticizing weak points found out in constructive way. The most important thing is for us to firmly stand on the stance that we all are Myanmar citizens, though being different races and religions.



U Thar Htwe (Pann-Ye-Lann Music Band)

We see Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, people's leader dealing with the country's current affairs in best ways. So, we came here in support of her efforts for the country. We firmly believe that our supports will help her reduce the impact of current problems. And similar rallies are being found to have been held in many countries. By doing so, the remaining parts of the world will be convinced of actualities of our country. In other word, I assume that they will alleviate international pressure. With regard to the current Rakhine State Affairs, the international communities will conceive similar ideas and trusts like us towards our leader.

Mone San Nyunt Oo (the Poet)

I came here of my own accord. As for me, I wholly support every effort of Mom Su, our leader, including the Rakhine State Affairs and peace process being solved by Mom Su. Being the government elected by ourselves, the government led by Mom Su is dealing with all the problems in unbiased ways. Such a support shows the whole world that we always stand with our Mom Su. We assume that the international community will come to know the endeavours of our leader via media, acknowledging the actualities in our country to the full.



Daw Moe Moe Su Kyi (Yangon Region Parliamentarian)

As our State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is always standing with the whole populace, we took active participation in the support rally. As known by all, not only in Yangon but also in many countries, our Myanmar Brethren are making rallies in support for the State Counsellor. We all know that she had made her concerted effort for the country. As far as I know, today's event was held under the leadership of youths. In such a campaign led by youths, I believe that we should stand with the people. So, to become good followers of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and to exactly follow the path our leader is leading, we took part in the rally.

Ma Darli Myint (Social Alliance)

We want national peace. Simultaneously, being well convinced that Auntie Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is making efforts for peace and stability of the country, we came here. We always stand with our Nation. Regarding former events, we released statements with a view to depicting that we always stand with the country. We regard all the individuals living in Myanmar as a human being. We never thought of races and religions. We hope for the best for we firmly stand on our own stance.

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Myanmar to manufacture detoxification elixir for the first time

THE Ministry of Industry will manufacture the detoxification elixir for the first time in this fiscal, according to a report in the Myawady Daily yesterday.

Previously, Myanmar used the detoxification medicines imported from abroad. Now, Myanmar will manufacture the detoxification elixir for the first time in Myanma Pharmaceutical Factory (MPF) (Insein)

under the Ministry of Industry.

The detoxification elixir will be manufactured to meet the demand of the Ministry of Health and Sports. The medicine will reduce the withdrawal symptoms in people addicted to heroin or other narcotic drugs.

"The Ministry of Health and Sports have also ordered the methadome worth Ks 20 billion. Previously, the methadome was

ordered from abroad. Now, we don't need to order from abroad and can save the government spending. The medicine is liquid type. Upon completion of manufacturing medicine, we will sell the medicine to the Ministry of Health and Sports" said U Ko Ko Lwin, the permanent secretary of the Ministry of Industry.

To be able to manufacture the medicine, the raw materi-

als of the medicine have been ordered from abroad especially from India, China and Germany.

Currently, Myanma Pharmaceutical Factory (MPF) (Insein) has submitted a proposal to manufacture the medicine. MPF (Insein) has planned to sell the detox elixir in the market upon getting permission from the Food and Drugs Administration (FDA).—GNLM■

Myanmar plans to boost bamboo production with foreign technology

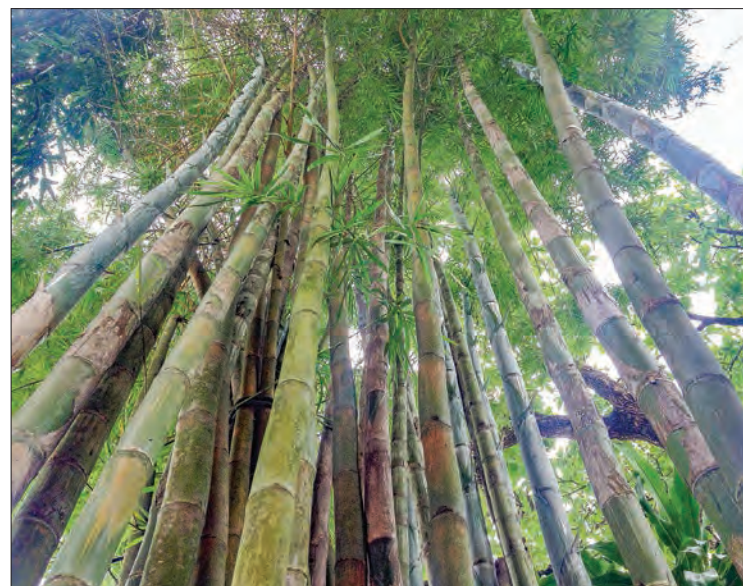
PLANS are underway to develop bamboo plantations in three areas of the country on a commercial scale, according to those from bamboo industry.

Plantations will be set up in Bago Yoma Mountain Range, Rakhine Yoma Mountain Range and Taninthayi Region. China, Thailand and Viet Nam pledged to cooperate with the country to fulfill technical needs for planting.

Bamboo exporters say that both domestic and foreign demands for locally made bamboo-based products, including handicrafts as well as person-

al and household goods, have gradually been increased. The neighbouring Bangladesh is a major bamboo importer for Myanmar. Singapore and Korea also import the country's bamboo-based products such as furniture and household utensils.

Myanmar has a great future for bamboo-based handicrafts. Sometimes, demand exceeds supply. According to trade record, the country annually earns about US\$5 million from the export of bamboo-based products to abroad.—Kyaw Kyaw■



Bamboo plants. PHOTO: NYI ZAW MOE

Housing project for squatters in satellite towns

YANGON Region government is planning to draw a housing project for the squatters in satellite towns, according to a report in the Myawady Daily yesterday.

There are over 150,000 squatter households in Yangon Region. The housing project for squatters will be implemented

within three years.

The low-cost and affordable housing project for squatters will be implemented in all four townships in Dagon Myothit, Hlinethaya township and Shwe Pyi Thar township, which are satellite townships of Greater Yangon.

Yangon Region government has conducted a squatter population survey in 2016 and issued the slips to the squatters.

The issuing of slips is almost finished across the nation. Most of the squatters are living in the industrial zones.

Though Yangon Region

government is planning to start building the housing estates for squatters in October, we don't know the location of the construction site exactly yet, said U Nyi Nyi, Yangon Region Hluttaw representative for South Dagon Township Constituency -1.—GNLM■

Myanmar-S. Korea plan to manufacture five-in-one pentavalent vaccine

Myanma Pharmaceutical Factory (Ywa Tha Gyi Branch) and South Korea are planning to manufacture the five-in-one pentavalent vaccine, according to a report in the Myawady Daily yesterday.

Currently, Myanma Pharmaceutical Factory (Ywa Tha Gyi Branch) is manufacturing two types of hepatitis-B vac-

cines for adults and children. The Myanma Pharmaceutical Factory (Ywa Tha Gyi Branch) is manufacturing between 200,000 or 300,000 of vials annually.

Moreover, the Ministry of Health and Sports has also received around 4 million anti hepatitis-B vials donated by China. The Ministry has dis-

tributed the vaccine to the government-owned and private-owned hospitals and clinics.

Currently, Myanma Pharmaceutical Factory (MPF) (Insein) under the Ministry of Industry can manufacture only 10 per cent of the requirement. Nevertheless, MPF expects to manufacture 50 per cent of

medical consumption in 2020.

Currently, MPF is producing over 180 kinds of pharmacy including tablets, intravenous, injections, intramuscular, ointment and creams. MPF is producing to fulfill the needs of pharmacy for the Defence, Labour and Health Ministries as well as the local market.—GNLM■

Domestic fuel price on the rise in market

THE fuel prices continue to rise in the domestic market and market experts predict that the fuel prices are likely to increase in the future on account of unstable global fuel prices.

According to filling stations in Yangon, the prices of a gallon of 92 Octane in the last week of this month reached around Ks3,420 in retail market while one gallon of diesel was sold for Ks3,200 and high-quality diesel for Ks3,290 per gallon.

The fuel prices this month is about Ks600 more than that of last September. However, the current prices decreased by Ks1,000 compared with 2014.

World crude oil prices have jumped up after Hurricane Harvey hit beyond US's gulf. Myanmar also suffers the tropical

storm Harvey's impact on the energy sector. The fuel prices reached its record high in February of this year while the global crude oil prices were about US\$50 per barrel. The local fuel prices then gradually decreased in the market before June.

The current fuel prices in the world market have increased to \$57 per barrel.

Myanmar imports about 600,000 gallons of fuels mainly from Singapore.

There are 12 state-owned fuel stations across the country. The government handed over a total of 261 state-owned filling stations to private enterprises to promote role of private sector. The ministry has already granted licenses to over 2,000 private filling stations.—Shwe Khine ■



A worker fills a car with petrol at a fuel station in Yangon on 19 August. **PHOTO: KAUNG HTET**

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Vice President U Henry Van Thio returns from UNGA

After attending the 72nd United Nations General Assembly in New York Vice President U Henry Van Thio and party left New York John F Kennedy International Airport by Korea Airlines on 24 September 2 p.m. local standard time and landed at Seoul, Republic of Korea (ROK) on 25 September 5:20 p.m. local standard time.

The Vice President and party were welcomed by Myanmar Ambassador to ROK Thura U Thet Oo Maung and Embassy staff at Incheon International Airport.

The Vice President and party then departed by Korea Airlines at local standard time 6:45 p.m. and arrived in Yangon later in the evening. The Vice

President and party were welcomed by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, Yangon Mayor U Maung Maung Soe, US Embassy Deputy Chief of Mission Mr. George Neil Sibley and UN Resident Coordinator Ms Renata Nicola at Yangon International Airport.

During the trip, the Vice President delivered a speech at the 72nd United Nations General Assembly opening ceremony held at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 20 September.

The Vice President also met with staff and family members of the Myanmar Permanent Mission to the UN at the residence of the Permanent Representatives. —Myanmar News Agency ■



Vice President U Henry Van Thio (centre) welcomed back by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein (right) and officials at the Yangon International Airport on 25 September. **PHOTO: MNA**

Border trade with Thailand slightly decreases in current FY

MYANMAR-Thailand border trade showed a small decline of US\$0.727 million over the past five and a half months of current fiscal year, according to the official statistic of the Ministry of Commerce.

Between 1 April and 15 September of this year, the trade between the two countries totalled \$570.542 million. This time last year, the bilateral trade was \$571.269 million in total. Myanmar and Thailand continue to conduct trade through seven cross-border points of entry being opened in Tachilek, Myawady, Kawthoung, Myeik, Hteekhee, Maese and Mawtaung.

Border trades of the two nations through Myawady gate decreased by more than \$12

million against the similar point of last year. Tachilek, Myeik and Hteekhee gates also saw a slight decrease in trade value against last year.

The bilateral trade as of 15 September of this year valued US\$385.642 million in Myawady, US\$77.588 million in Myeik, US\$69.310 million in Kawthoung and US\$32.913 million in Tachilek. The border trade value of both countries from Hteekhee and Mawtaung were fewer than \$3 million each. Trade through Maese gate amounted to \$0.277 million.

The total border trade value in over 5.5 months of this FY reached \$3.280 billion, an increase of \$8.335 million than that of 2016-17 FY.—Khine Khant ■

17 more bodies of Hindus found

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Hindu families who were present at the site where the bodies were unearthed confirmed that all bodies including children were from Khamaung-seik Village.

Hindu villagers from the area told the journalists in the recent trip to conflict areas that Muslim militants stormed into their communities on 25 August 25, killing many, robbed their properties and fled to the forests..

Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye flew to the sites by helicopter yesterday and comforted the families of the victims who were killed by ARSA extremist terrorists.

Maungtau District People's Hospital superintendent Dr. Kyaw Maung Maung Thein, and Criminal Investigation De-

The evidences pointed to a massacre by ARSA terrorists.

partment Police Major Ye Aung and party who were along with the Union Minister and Chief Minister of Rakhine State U Nyi Pu took measures for criminal investigation and for DNA test.

The Union Minister also told the families of the victims that the remains of Hindu villagers would be given a proper Hindu traditional burial.

While the Union Minister, Chief Minister and party viewed the exhuming of the 17 bodies, they told the officials to conduct matters according to the law and

to provide proper burial in accordance with Hindu tradition.

Next, the Union Minister provided Ks 2 million to Tatmadaw, border police personnel and local ethnic nationals who helped in exhuming the remains.

In the evening, the Union Minister, Chief Minister and party went to Pazunchau Ywathit village, Buthidaung Township and met with Muslim villagers, enquired about their present living condition and provided Ks. 50,000 per household to 21 households.

Northern Rakhine was plunged into a serious and dangerous crisis after ARSA terrorists raided police posts last month, unleashing an army crackdown that has displaced hundreds of thousands of civilians.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Myanmar-Viet Nam trade reaches \$260m in first 4 months

MYANMAR'S trade with Viet Nam, an ASEAN member country, reached almost US\$260 million in the first four month of the current fiscal year, according to a report of the Commerce Ministry.

From April through July, the import of goods from the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

amounted to over \$194 million, while exports reached \$64 million in total.

Bilateral trade was \$143.380 million in FY2011-12. The figure increased to nearly \$156 million in FY2012-13. In 2013-14 FY, the trade with Viet Nam exceeded \$280 million. It continued to increase to over \$300 million in

FY2014-15 and FY2015-16. The trade between the two countries hit a record high of \$494.036 million in 2016-17 FY.

The trade between Myanmar and ASEAN countries exceeded \$3.4 billion at the end of this July, including more than \$2.2 billion from the import and \$1.2 billion from export.

Thailand is ranked first in the list of top five ASEAN traders with \$1.470 billion, followed by Singapore with \$1.045 billion, Malaysia with \$353 million and Indonesia with \$284 million.

Viet Nam is the last country in the list of top five ASEAN trade partners with \$259.659 million in total.

Myanmar monthly exports a wide variety of agricultural products, dried and fresh marine products, minerals and industrial finished goods. The major imported products include consumer goods, electronic devices, capital goods, automobile and accessories, and intermediate goods.—Swe Nyein ■

Abe to dissolve lower house Thursday for general election

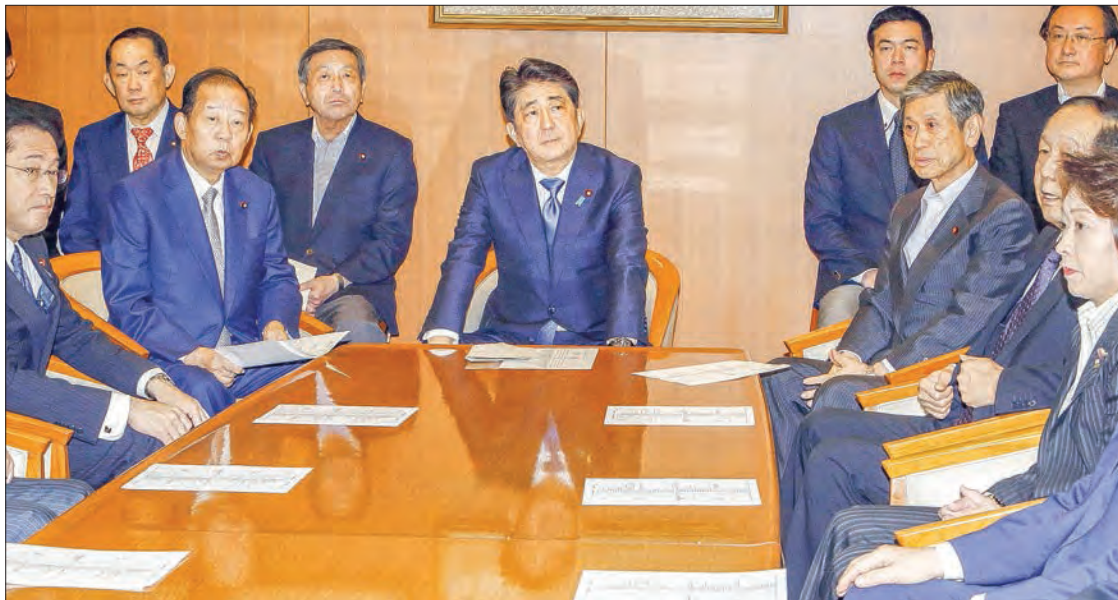
TOKYO—Prime Minister Shinzo Abe told a meeting of his Liberal Democratic Party on Monday that he will dissolve the House of Representatives when it convenes on Thursday, a senior LDP member said, paving the way for a general election expected in late October.

The prime minister is scheduled to hold a press conference at 6 pm, at which he is expected to formally announce the dissolution.

Abe, who is the president of the ruling LDP, will seek a fresh mandate on his security policies amid growing North Korean threats as well as on welfare, pledging to review how to spend revenue from a consumption tax hike in 2019 for expanding child support and slow down the pace of paying down government debt.

The election is to be held on 22 October with official campaigning beginning 10 October. Natsuo Yamaguchi, leader of the LDP's junior coalition partner Komeito, told reporters after a meeting with Abe on Monday afternoon.

Yamaguchi said he had not discussed with Abe a specific goal for the election, but they "would need to at least secure a majority as the ruling coalition



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (C) attends an ad hoc meeting with senior members of his Liberal Democratic Party at its headquarters in Tokyo on 25 September, 2017. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

in order to maintain this administration."

Before speaking to LDP executives and Yamaguchi, Abe told a meeting of the Council on Economic and Fiscal Policy he plans to launch a 2 trillion yen (\$17.8 billion) economic plan, centering on free preschool education and other social support.

Abe said the tax hike revenue will be used to fund that plan, but insisted the government will look to rebuild the country's finances at the same time.

Opposition parties have crit-

icized Abe's expected decision, arguing there is no reason for an early dissolution of the lower chamber before the current term expires in December 2018 and describing the move as an attempt to avoid grilling over cronyism allegations leveled at the prime minister in Diet deliberations.

But Komeito's Yamaguchi defended the call, saying after his meeting with Abe that the decision to use the consumption tax hike revenue in a different way than originally promised justifies renewing the administration's

mandate from the public.

The Democratic Party and other opposition parties have started advancing their preparation for the election, exploring the possibility of promoting electoral cooperation to counter the ruling bloc.

Shortly before Abe told LDP members of his dissolution plan, Tokyo Governor Yuriko Koike said she is establishing a new national-level political party called the "Kibo" (Hope) party.

Her announcement put an end to weeks of speculation about the outcome of negotia-

tions between Masaru Wakasa, an independent lower house lawmaker and ally to Koike, and defectors from other parties, including Goshi Hosono, a former environment minister who recently left the Democratic Party.

Koike, who was herself a Diet member with the LDP before running for governor, indicated the new party will field candidates nationwide. She said she will continue her gubernatorial duties alongside the party's activities.

Japanese voters will be given two ballots: one for a candidate in their electoral district, and one proportional representation vote with which parties elect members off lists divided into regional blocks.

Asked in a Kyodo News nationwide poll over the weekend which party would get their proportional representation vote, 27.0 per cent said the LDP, 8.0 per cent said the Democratic Party and 4.6 per cent said Komeito.

Some 42.2 per cent said they have yet to decide which party to vote for, while 6.2 per cent said they would support the new party being organized by the Koike camp – although this was before she announced that she would be its leader.—Kyodo News

N Korea opens international trade fair amid new UN sanctions

PYONGYANG —North Korea opened an annual international trade fair Monday involving over 250 companies, amid toughened UN sanctions and growing calls in the United States to tighten the screws on its economy.

The four-day event to run through Thursday, intended by North Korea to increase its trade with the outside world, has attracted about 80 foreign entities from 14 countries, including China, Indonesia and Viet Nam, as well as Taiwan, to set up booths.

"The fair will create opportunities for the development of friendship and external economic relations," O Ryong Chol, a vice minister of external economic relations, said at the opening ceremony at an exhibition hall in Pyongyang. He also stressed that North Korea, united around leader Kim Jong Un, is accelerating its production and innovation power, regardless of intensifying economic sanctions driven by the United States and



A booth set up by a North Korean company displays computers and televisions at the 13th annual Pyongyang Autumn International Trade Fair on 25 September, 2017. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

other "hostile forces."

The number of participating companies is more or less the same as last year.

The 13th Pyongyang Autumn International Trade Fair, featuring items ranging from electric appliances and machinery to food and health products, comes as many countries try to clamp down on trade and reinforce the implementation of

UN sanctions to compel North Korea to alter its behaviour.

The United Nations imposed fresh sanctions on North Korea in August and September in response to its continued nuclear and missile tests.

The sanctions now ban 90 per cent of North Korea's publicly-reported exports and limit the amount of energy sources it can import.—Kyodo News

Viet Nam uses water cannon to disperse protest at global fashion brands supplier

HANOI—Vietnamese authorities on Monday used water cannon and electric rods to end a five-month long protest by villagers blockading a textile plant that serves global fashion brands, an official and a villager said.

The blockade represents another challenge to the communist nation's government over industrial pollution woes, at a time when Viet Nam seeks more foreign investors to keep up one of the highest rates of growth in Southeast Asia.

Hundreds of people from the northern province of Hai Duong have maintained watch in shifts day and night since April to stop work at the Pacific Crystal Textiles mill, operated by Hong Kong-based Pacific Textiles.

Japanese clothing giant UNIQLO is among those affected by the stoppage, which has led Pacific Textiles to report a "significant financial impact" from the disruption. On Monday, about

500 policemen used water cannons and electric rods to disperse around 200 villagers, said villager Bui Van Nguyet, who was one of the protesters. Two people were injured as the policemen beat protesters and set on fire a field tent pitched in front of the plant, he added. "It's unimaginably evil," Nguyet, who vowed to keep fighting, told Reuters.

Talks with protesters had proved unsuccessful, said a local official, adding that Pacific Textiles had promised to ensure better environmental standards.

"The villagers have set up the tent for several months already," said Truong Van Hon, head of the people's committee office of Hai Duong province. "The investor (Pacific Textiles) has invested a lot and the environment ministry had done examinations and allowed the company to overcome the incident and invest more to ensure all environmental standards," he added.—Reuters

We need to help the government implement well-organized and systematic programmes

Khin Maung Oo

NOW, northern Rakhine State has started to regain some measure of peace and stability after the outbreaks of extremist terrorist attacks in the area. In this regard, people from different quarters are piling blames and allegations on Myanmar. Yet, Myanmar is promptly providing humanitarian aid to all communities who have suffered a lot, without discrimination, simultaneously launching programmes for rehabilitation of local residents at their former locations, systematically.

In rehabilitating them, it is of great importance for the country to arrange for the rehabilitation of those who fled to Bangladesh and it needs to perform the task in accordance with the law systematically. The State Counselor herself

has instructed government officials to scrutinize the returnees in accordance with an MOU reached between the two countries in 1993.

In rehabilitating those who fled to Bangladesh, it may be clearly seen that Myanmar will be performing the task of accepting the returnees, out of her genuine willingness under the government's own programme. So as to resolve this very complex situation, it needs to perform the task of scrutiny and reception of returnees according to mutual agreement.

The tasks are to be performed by members of the Implementation Committee based on recommendations made by the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State and detailed instructions have already been issued, for the respective processes—scrutiny board,

designation of location to receive, formation of reception committee, program for conventional accommodation and rehabilitation plan.

In doing so, it will be carried out as decided to give the lists of persons involved in the attacks to the Bangladesh Government, the Interpol and the United Nations as well as to negotiate with the Bangladesh Government for taking legal actions against those involved, as the very nature of these terrorist attacks are not as simple as they seem to be.

As the events unfolded, the complexity and wide-ranging ramifications revealed themselves to trained observers.

Implementing in such a way is the best and most suitable solution because any kind of problems that exist between the two countries should be solved through diplomatic channels at the

highest level by well-trained diplomats given the urgency of the situation. This is certainly not the time to lay blame or point fingers but to work together to find a just and durable solution acceptable to both sides. Terrorists or terrorism will never be accepted by any nation or any community. Legal actions are to be taken against those who commit terrorism under anti-terrorism laws. Failing that, it will be tantamount to encouraging terrorism.

To sum it up, it is a noble deed to rescue and care for those who are suffering greatly due to inhumane actions of extremist terrorists, regardless of race or religion. We firmly believe that we will all be able to join with genuine "Cetana" (good intentions) wholeheartedly in the activities implemented promptly by the Myanmar Government.

Alarm as 'Super Malaria' spreads in South East Asia

The first choice treatment for malaria is artemisinin in combination with piperaquine. But as artemisinin has become less effective, the parasite has now evolved to resist piperaquine too, researchers said.

(Press Trust of India and Hindustan Times)

THE rapid spread of "super malaria" in the South East Asia is an alarming global threat and there is an urgent need to eliminate it before the drug-resistant strain of malaria becomes untreatable again, scientists have warned.

The dangerous form of the malaria parasite which cannot be killed with the main anti-malaria drugs emerged in Cambodia but has since spread through parts of Thailand, Laos and has arrived in southern Vietnam.

Researchers at Oxford Tropical Medicine Research Unit in Bangkok in a letter, published in The Lancet Infectious Diseases, detail the "recent sinister development" that has seen resistance to the drug artemisinin emerge.

"We think it is a serious threat. It is alarming that this strain is spreading so quickly through the whole region and we fear it can spread further and eventually jump to Africa," Arjen Dondorp, professor at Oxford Tropical Medicine Research Unit was quoted as saying by the BBC.

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There have now been alarming rates of failure. The treatment was fail-



Scientists say the spread of super malaria is a serious threat. **(FILE PHOTO)**

ing around a third of the time in Vietnam while in some regions of Cambodia the failure rate was closer to 60 per cent, Dondorp said.

Resistance to the drugs would be catastrophic in Africa, where 92 per cent of all malaria cases happen, researchers warn.

About 212 million people are infected with malaria each year. It is caused by a parasite that is spread by blood-sucking mosquitoes and is a major killer of children.

Which mosquitoes spread malaria?

The Anopheles mosquito, which bites between dusk and dawn, spreads the infection caused by single-celled Plasmodium parasites, with P. falciparum and P. vivax between them causing

most infections in India.

P. Falciparum, which accounts for 99% deaths worldwide, has become the dominant malaria-causing parasite in India. The An. culicifacies is the principal vector of rural malaria and accounts for 60-70% of annual cases, while the An. stephensi is dominant in urban areas. Irrespective of the type of mosquito spreading infection, the disease remains the same.

How does malaria spread?

Parasites cause infection between persons through mosquito bites, which it uses to invade the liver and then the red blood cells. At first, the symptoms are generic—fever, headache, sweats, chills and vomiting—and at this stage, the immune system usually manages to

control the infection. In severe malaria, the parasite disrupts blood supply to the vital organs, including the brain, causing seizures and death.

What are the symptoms?

Malaria is marked by high fever with chills followed by profuse sweating, occurring at intervals of 48 to 72 hours. Since the symptoms are very similar to influenza, misdiagnosis of malaria is common and most people begin treatment a week or so after they fall ill.

Symptoms include:

- * Fever (100° to 102° F) and chills
- * Headache
- * Nausea
- * Muscle pains
- * Fatigue

How do I prevent malaria?

Anti-malarial tablets containing a combination of atovaquone and proguanil is used to prevent and treat P Falciparum malaria, which accounts for 99% deaths worldwide. **Half of all malaria cases in India are caused by the P Falciparum parasite.**

Travellers to malaria prone areas should take one tablet daily, starting one or two days before travel and continuing till a week after return. Atovaquone and proguanil tablets are available in two combination strengths: 250/100 mg (adults) and 62.5/25 mg (paediatric).

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Hluttaw meetings to be resumed on 17th October

PARLIAMENTARY meetings will be resumed on 17th October 2017, according to an announcement of the parliament (Hluttaw) yesterday.

The statement signed by Mahn Win Khaing Than, Speaker of the first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, which is made up of Pyithu Hluttaw, and Amyotha Hluttaw, said that Pyidaungsu Hluttaw will hold its 6th regular meeting at 1:30 pm in Nay Pyi Taw.

Meanwhile, the Pyithu Hluttaw will hold its 6th regular meeting at 10am in Nay Pyi Taw on 17th October, according to the announcement

of Pyithu Hluttaw signed by its Speaker U Win Myint.

The Amyotha Hluttaw will also hold its 6th regular meeting at 10 am in Nay Pyi Taw on the same day, according to the announcement of Amyotha Hluttaw signed by its Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Course in Diplomacy (6/2017) inaugurated

THE Course on Diplomacy (CID – 6/2017), conducted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, was inaugurated at Law Ka Nat Hall of the Ministry in Nay Pyi Taw at 10:00 a.m. yesterday. U Kyaw Zeya, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry, gave an opening remark there.

Present at the ceremony were Directors-General and

responsible officials of the departments under the Ministry and lecturers from relevant Ministries and the trainees.

The 12-week course, aimed at the capacity building and enhances their skills, will cover subjects related to Foreign Policy, diplomacy, contemporary international affairs, diplomatic correspondences, media rela-

tions, climate change, translation and interpretation, English language proficiency skills, negotiation skills, international law, international conferencing, international relations and economics. The 51 of newly recruited officers and junior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will attend the course.—Myanmar News Agency ■



Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Zeya delivers an opening speech at the opening of course on Diplomacy in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MYANAMAR NEWS AGENCY

Collection of tolls to stop beginning from April 2018

THE Ministry of Construction will stop collecting of tolls for crossing the nine bridges and the town entrance gates in Yangon Region beginning from April 2018, according to a report in the Myawady Daily yesterday.

“Currently, some of the entry gates are still collecting the tolls by private companies because their contract does not expire yet. The collection of the

tolls has been granted only for the short-term period.

The private companies are collecting the tolls between Ks 300 and Ks 500 depending on the vehicle tonnage.

Previously, the roads and bridges were under Myanma Railways (MR). MR has invited the private companies to bid tender to construct the roads and bridges. Upon completion of

the project, the private companies who have won the tenders have been permitted to collect the tolls.

MR handed over the roads and bridges to the Ministry of Construction in April 2017. The Ministry of Construction has already announced that they will not collect the tolls for crossing the bridges and gates within the region.—GNLM ■

Appointment of Heads of Service Departments

1. The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed U Maung Pe, Director-General of the Information and Public Relations Department, the Ministry of Information on expire of the one-year probation period.
2. The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Khin Thet, Chief Engineer (Civil), Road Department under the Ministry of Construction as the Director-General of Department of Rural Road Development on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duty.—Myanmar News Agency

PRESS RELEASE

Appointment of Ambassador agreed

THE Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the proposed appointment of Ms. Rezina Ahmed as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Ms. Rezina Ahmed was born in 1965. She earned degrees of B.S.S in 1988 and M.S.S in 1990 specializing International Relations from the University of Dhaka. She joined the Foreign Service of Bangladesh in 1994. She served at the Headquarters as Assistant Secretary, Director and Deputy Chief of Protocol of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

She was assigned in Bangladesh High Commissions in Canberra (2001-2004), in Moscow (2004-2009) and in Yangon (2011-2014) in various capacities. She has been serving as the Consul-General of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the Italian Republic in Milan since July 2014. She is married.—Myanmar News Agency

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How can I protect myself?

- * **Cover up** and wear loose clothes with long sleeves and bottoms that cover you up
- * **Use mechanical barriers** such as bed nets and meshes and screens on windows and doors
- * **Repellents** such as DEET (N,N-diethyl-3-methylbenzamide), permethrin and citronella keep mosquitoes away
- * **Use insecticides** such as aerosol sprays with allethrin,

resmethrin, malathion or carbaryl methoprene

- * **Mechanical mosquito zappers** work

- * **Insect traps** that emit a plume of CO₂, sometimes mixed with octonol, attract and trap insects

- * **Destroy potential breeding sites** such as old tires, desert-coolers, birdbaths, pots, etc. where water can accumulate

- * **Cull excess vegetation** that could become a resting place for mosquitoes ■

Correction

Please read “convert” and “Bangladesh” in the story entitled “Remains of Hindus found” on the front page of the 25 September issue of the Global New Light of Myanmar.—Ed



Christian Democratic Union CDU party leader and German Chancellor Angela Merkel receives applause from Julia Kloeckner (R) and CDU secretary general Peter Tauber (L) on arrival at the CDU party headquarters, the day after the general election (Bundestagswahl) in Berlin, Germany on 25 September, 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

Chastened Merkel braces for coalition tussle after vote

BERLIN — Germany's Angela Merkel turns to the complex task of sounding out partners in a potentially fragile coalition after securing a fourth term as chancellor in Sunday's election even though her conservatives bled support to the far-right.

Damaged by her handling of the 2015 migrant crisis, Merkel's conservative bloc won 32.9 per cent of the vote, down 8.6 points from the 2013 election and hitting its lowest level since 1949.

However, hers was still the biggest parliamentary bloc and Europe's most powerful leader stressed that as the strongest party, her conservatives have the mandate to form the next government.

"There cannot be a coalition government built against us," she said, adding she was

sure there would be a stable government by Christmas.

However, a complicated and potentially unstable three-way coalition with the pro-business Free Democrats (FDP) and Greens, untested at the national level, with a weaker Merkel could unsettle investors.

The euro slipped in early Asian trading on Monday trading down 0.4 per cent at \$1.1006, with the prospect of months of uncertainty in Europe's biggest economy looming.

One of the biggest shocks was the strength of the Alternative for Germany (AfD) which won 13.0 per cent of the vote. It was the first time a far-right party entered the German parliament in more than half a century.

Some business leaders

were alarmed, saying a party likened by the foreign minister to Nazis could hurt Germany.

"The AfD in the German Bundestag (parliament) is damaging our country," employers' association BDA leader Ingo Kramer said. "The other parties now have the task of cornering the AfD in direct parliamentary debate."

One of the AfD's leading candidates, Alexander Gauland, gave a foretaste of what is to come, vowing to "hound" Merkel and "get our country and our people back".

Industry leaders urged Merkel to move fast.

"Our companies need clear signals. Now it's all about averting damage to Germany as a place of business," Dieter Kempf, president of the BDI industry association, said.

After her current Social Democrat (SPD) coalition partner, said it would go into opposition after slumping to a post-war low of 20.6 per cent, Merkel's main option is to pursue a three-way partnership.

A "Jamaica" alliance of her conservative bloc, the FDP, on 10.6 per cent, and the Greens, on 8.9 per cent, could be fragile due to fundamental differences on issues from migrants to tax and Europe.

In particular, a weakened Merkel who has to share power with the FDP is likely to create problems for deeper integration of the euro zone as suggested by French President Emmanuel Macron.

Final results are due early on Monday and during the day, parties will meet and hold news conferences. —Reuters ■

WORLD BRIEFS

China jails former Tianjin mayor for 12 years over graft

BEIJING — A Chinese court on Monday sentenced former Tianjin mayor Huang Xingguo to 12 years in jail for accepting bribes, the official People's Daily said.

Huang, who was also acting chief of the Communist Party in the northern port city, became its mayor in 2008, before being investigated on suspicion of corruption in September last year. —Reuters ■

Russia denies it bombed US-backed militias in Syria — RIA

MOSCOW — The Russian Defence Ministry on Monday denied its planes had bombed US-backed militias in Syria's Deir al-Zor province earlier in the day, saying it was always careful to ensure its air strikes were accurate, the RIA news agency reported.

RIA cited Major-General Igor Konashenkov as issuing the denial which followed allegations from the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), an alliance of Kurdish and Arab militias fighting with the US-led coalition, that Russia had killed one of its fighters and injured two others in the air strike. —Reuters ■

Authorities arrest person with guns near White House

WASHINGTON — The US Secret Service arrested a person with firearms near the White House on Sunday morning, the agency said in a statement on Monday.

Uniformed Secret Service officers were approached by the person at an intersection close to the White House, the statement said.

"The encounter with the individual resulted in Secret Service Officers taking investigative action.

The individual was arrested for possession of several firearms," the statement said. No further details were provided. —Reuters ■

Damascus rejects Iraqi Kurdish independence referendum

BEIRUT — The Syrian government rejects the independence referendum organized by the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) in northern Iraq, Syria's foreign minister has said.

Voting started on Monday in northern Iraq despite intense international and regional pressure to call the vote off.

"We in Syria only recognise a united Iraq and reject any procedure that leads to the fragmentation of Iraq," Foreign Minister Walid al-Moualem was cited as saying by Syrian state news agency SANA.

"This step is rejected and we do not recognise it and yesterday I informed the Iraqi foreign minister of this stance."

An assistant to the Syrian foreign minister told the pro-government Syrian newspaper al-Watan that what is happening in Iraq "is a product of American policies that aim to fragment the region's countries and create conflict between its parts."

The referendum "harms Iraq and harms our Kurdish brothers," Ayman Soussan added in the comments published on Monday.



Kurds celebrate during their independence referendum in Kirkuk, Iraq on 25 September, 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

The Shi'ite-led government in Baghdad has maintained relations with Damascus throughout the country's war, even as other Arab states cut ties with President Bashar al-Assad's administration.

Iraqi Shi'ite militias have fought on Assad's side against Syrian rebels and Islamic State.

The Syrian government, which is regaining territory with Iranian and Russian military backing, also opposes steps taken by Syrian Kurds towards autonomy in northern Syria since the start of the country's civil war in 2011.

Kurdish-led regions in Syria held elections for com-

munity leaders on Friday, the first in a three-phase vote that will culminate in the election of a parliament and the establishment of a federal system of government. Syrian Kurds insist independence is not their aim and they want to remain part of a decentralised Syria. —Reuters ■

Iraq hangs 42 Sunni militants convicted of terrorism

BAGHDAD — Iraq on Monday executed 42 Sunni Muslim militants convicted on terrorism charges ranging from killing members of security forces to detonating car bombs.

The biggest mass execution this year in Iraq came after the government came after Sunni suicide attacks killed at least 60 people near the southern city of Nassiriya, a Shi'ite area, on 14 September, prompting Shi'ite demands for tougher judicial action.

The Justice Ministry said on Sunday the 42 had been hanged at a prison in Nassiriya, three months after 14 other militants were executed following convictions for terrorism.

Islamic State claimed responsibility for three suicide attacks targeting restaurants and a security checkpoint near Nassiriya. Relatives of victims were invited to witness Sunday's executions, the justice ministry said.

"Despite all the pain inside me after losing my two brothers in the suicide attacks, when I saw the terrorists dangling from the rope I felt relief," said Fadhil Abdul Ameer from Nassiriya. —Reuters ■

Swedish court sentences Syrian asylum seeker to prison for posing with war dead

STOCKHOLM — A Swedish court on Monday sentenced a Syrian asylum seeker to eight months in prison after he posed for photos with dead bodies during the conflict in his home country.

The man admitted to posing with dead or severely injured people while fighting for the Syri-

an army in 2014 and that he knew the pictures would be used for propaganda, the district court said.

He denied wrongdoing, however, saying he was following orders.

"The man has by his actions exposed the five persons, all of whom were protected under in-

ternational humanitarian law in armed conflicts, for humiliating or degrading treatment aimed at seriously violating their personal dignity," the court said.

The man sought asylum in Sweden in 2015 and was detained this year after a member of the public sent the photo to the police. —Reuters ■

French unions block fuel depots in protest against labour reforms

PARIS — French trade unionists blocked access on Monday to several fuel depots in protest against an overhaul of employment laws, seeking to test the government's will to reform the economy.

In southern France, protesters' unions set up a roadblock in front of Total's La Mede refinery, while in western France fuel depots were blocked near Bordeaux and the coastal city of La Rochelle. Union members also held go-slow operations on highways near Paris and in northern France.

"We're determined. We're going to stay as long as possible while hoping that other blockades take place elsewhere, maybe that'll make Mr Macron move," Force Ouvriere union official Pascal Favre told Reuters.

Eager to avoid fuel shortages, centrist President Em-

manuel Macron's government deployed police at some sites before dawn to ensure by force that protesters could not block access.

"It's not in blockading the country's economy and by preventing people from working, that one best defends one's cause," junior economy minister Benjamin Griveaux told RTL radio.

The labour reform is due to become law in the coming days after Macron formally signed five labour form decrees on Friday, in the first major economic reforms since he took power in May.

The new rules, discussed at length in advance with unions, will cap payouts on dismissals that are judged unfair, while also giving companies greater freedom to hire and fire employees and to agree working conditions. —Reuters ■

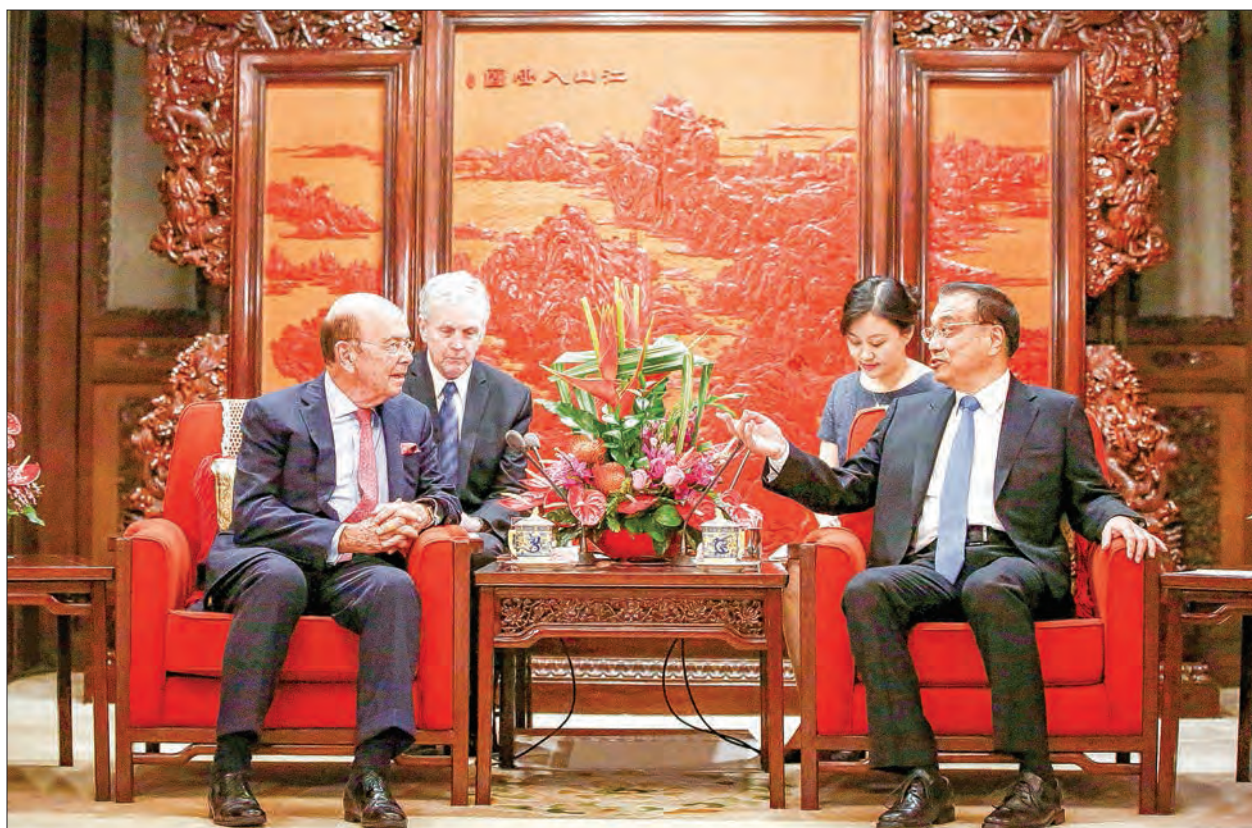
Solar power plant project inaugurated in Afghan southern province

KABUL — Work for building a 10-megawatt solar power plant has started in Afghanistan's southern province of Kandahar on Sunday, Afghan power supply company the Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat said in a statement released here on Monday.

The project costs about 20

million US dollars, with 10 million dollars provided by United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the remaining by an Indian firm. The construction will take 12 months, the statement added. Afghanistan Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah, during his one-day visit to

Kandahar province, inaugurated the project on Sunday. According to the statement, the Indian firm, under the agreement, is committed to selling 1 Kilowatt for 3.7 US cents to the Breshna Sherkat, and after 15 years would hand over the solar power plant to Afghan government. —Xinhua ■



US Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross meets Chinese Premier Li Keqiang at the Zhongnanhai state guesthouse in Beijing, China on 25 September, 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

US hopes for "good deliverables" during Trump's China visit

BEIJING — The United States hopes there will be some "very good deliverables" when President Donald Trump visits China, US Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said on Monday, striking an upbeat tone amid trade tensions between the two countries.

Trump will likely visit China in November as part of a trip that will take him to an Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) summit in the Philippines and an Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit in Vietnam.

China's relationship with the United States has been strained by the Trump administration's

criticism of China's trade practices and by demands that Beijing do more to pressure North Korea to halt its nuclear weapons and missiles programmes.

Meeting in Beijing, Ross told Chinese Premier Li Keqiang he and his delegation had been greeted very warmly which augurs well for Trump's forthcoming trip to meet Chinese President Xi Jinping.

"We are looking forward to a very good session including a lot of American CEOs and we hope there will be some very good deliverables," Ross said, in comments in front of reporters.

Li told Ross that the two countries' common

interests far outweighed their differences and their economic and trade relationship had enormously benefited both countries and the world.

"China is the world's largest developing country while the United States is the world's biggest developed country," Li said.

"In addition to that, China and the United States are the largest trading partners with each other, so I think it is fair to say that our common interests far outweigh our differences and divergences," he added.

"Over the years, economic and trade relations between our two countries have always served as a

ballast for our overall bilateral relationship and also these important trade and economic relations have benefited enormously our two peoples as well as the whole world."

Xi and Trump met for the first time in person at Trump's Mar-A-Lago estate in Florida in April. Trump has since played up his personal relationship with Xi, even when criticising China over North Korea and trade. The two sides launched a 100-day economic plan at that meeting, including some industry-specific announcements such as the resumption of American beef sales in China. —Reuters ■

Masked gunman kills woman, wounds several others at Nashville church

NEW YORK— A masked gunman killed a woman in the parking lot of a Tennessee church on Sunday morning and wounded six worshippers inside the building before shooting himself in a scuffle with an usher who rushed to stop the attack.

The shooter, identified as Emanuel Kidega Samson, 25, walked into Nashville's Burnette Chapel Church of Christ wearing a ski mask and opened fire, Metropolitan Nashville Police spokesman Don Aaron told reporters.

As the church usher grappled with the suspect, he was struck in the head with the gunman's weapon before the suspect fired and wounded himself in the chest, police said.

Although injured, the usher, 22-year-old Robert Engle, then retrieved a gun from his vehicle, re-entered the sanctuary and held the suspect at bay until police arrived.

"This is an exceptionally brave individual," Aaron said of the usher during a briefing outside the church in Antioch, about 10 miles (16 km) southeast of downtown Nashville.

About 50 people were worshipping at the church when the gunman entered. Samson was armed with two pistols and had another handgun and a rifle in his sport utility ve-

hicle, according to a police statement.

Police had not determined the motive behind the shooting, but the spokesman said evidence was found that might establish why the man opened fire.

Church members told investigators Samson attended the church in the past, but not recently, Nashville police said in a statement.

Samson was charged with murder, and authorities planned to bring other charges against him, police said.

A churchgoer, Melanie Smith, 39, of Smyrna, Tennessee, was fatally shot in the parking lot, where she was found lying next to the suspect's blue SUV.

All but one of the six people wounded by gunfire were 60 or older and were taken to nearby hospitals, said Nashville Fire Department spokesman Joseph Pleasant. At least some of the wounded were in critical condition, he said. The church's pastor, Joey Spann, was shot in the chest and was being treated at a hospital, WKRN television news channel reported, citing the pastor's son. The Nashville Christian School, where Spann is a coach and Bible teacher, said Spann's wife also was injured. —Reuters ■

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MV KUO HSIUNG VOY. NO ()

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KUO HSIUNG VOY. NO () are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 25.9.2017 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

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A police officer practices disposing of a bag supposedly containing an explosive during an antiterror drill at Prince Chichibu Memorial Rugby Ground in Tokyo on 25 September, 2017. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**

Antiterror drill held in Tokyo ahead of Rugby World Cup, Olympics

TOKYO — Police conducted an antiterror drill Monday at a sports arena in central Tokyo based on a scenario of terrorists launching a chemical attack during big sports events such as the Rugby World Cup 2019 and the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

About 1,000 people including riot squad personnel joined the drill at Prince Chichibu Memorial Rugby Ground, located close to the main stadium for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics, as part of efforts to deal with terrorist attacks ahead of the events. The drill was based on the assumption that a bomb had been planted in a nearby office building with around 800 workers and terrorists had

dispersed sarin, a deadly nerve gas, over spectator seats at the stadium.

A bomb disposal team moved a bag supposedly containing the explosive with a robot arm from the building to a safer place, while a special police unit tasked with countering nuclear, biological and chemical terror attacks disposed of the sarin gas and decontaminated surrounding areas. Tokyo police have been beefing up security at “soft targets,” or civilian sites including sporting arenas, schools, movie theaters and shopping centres that draw many people but are relatively vulnerable to terror attacks without stringent security measures. —Kyodo News ■

Bali’s rumbling volcano spurs travel warnings from Australia, Singapore

KARANGASEM, INDONESIA— Fears that a volcano could erupt imminently on the holiday island of Bali prompted several countries to issue travel warnings, while Indonesian authorities raced to evacuate tens of thousands of people living in the “danger zone”.

Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, the United States and the UK issued advisories on Monday and at the weekend warning that increased volcanic activity at Mount Agung in eastern Bali could disrupt flights at one of the world’s most popular tourist destinations.

“Given the possible eruption of Mount Agung, Singaporeans should defer non-essential travel to the affected areas at this juncture,” the foreign ministry said in an online statement.

Bali’s international airport was operating normally on Monday, as were tourist spots across the island.

Indonesian authorities have imposed a 12-km (7.5 miles) exclusion zone around the crater.

The National Disaster Management Agency (BNPB) said on Monday that around 62,000 people

lived within the “danger zone” around the volcano and that they all needed to evacuate, though so far only 50,00 had moved to the temporary shelters provided in neighbouring villages.

“There are some who are staying behind because the volcano hasn’t erupted yet or because of religious beliefs,” said BNPB spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho.

“Our staff are combing the area and urging everyone to evacuate,” he

said, speaking at a news conference in the Indonesian capital Jakarta.

Nugroho said Mount Agung has entered a “critical phase”, meaning magma has risen closer to the surface, as indicated by hundreds of shallow volcanic tremors that have rattled the area in recent days. Evacuees are being housed in makeshift shelters like town halls and school gyms. Host communities were providing food and water, while the central and local govern-

ments were providing tents, blankets and other relief.

Officials have urged the public to remain calm amid false reports and videos circulating online of an eruption. Indonesia, which sits on the so-called Pacific Ring of Fire, has nearly 130 active volcanoes, more than any other country. Many Indonesians live near volcanoes because lava flows can make the surrounding soil and land fertile for farming. —Reuters ■



The sun sets behind Mount Agung, a volcano on the highest alert level, from Amed on the resort island of Bali, Indonesia on 25 September, 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

Technical fault grounds flights at Sydney airport

SYDNEY — Flights were briefly prevented from taking off and landing at Sydney Airport’s domestic terminal on Monday during the peak morning travel period due to a technical fault with an air traffic control system.

The issue had been resolved, the airport said on its official Twitter feed, but officials said travellers faced delays as a result of the outage. Government air traffic controller Airservices Australia said in a statement that it had experienced a “technical issue which is affecting arriving and departing aircraft at

Sydney Airport”.

ASA gave no further details but boards at the airport listed flights as “delayed due to ATC radar failure.” “Our technicians are currently working to rectify the situation,” ASA said. Qantas Airways Ltd, the country’s biggest carrier, said in a statement posted on its website that there were “significant delays at Sydney Airport affecting all airlines” without giving more detail.

A spokesman later said in an email that “things are starting to flow again but still some delays”. —Reuters ■

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Dolce & Gabbana play their trump card with queen of hearts collection

MILAN — Dolce & Gabbana, fashion's most famous duo, played their trump card on Sunday with their spring summer 2018 collection themed around the queen of hearts in one of the final shows at Milan's Fashion Week.

Wearing glittered, embroidered or chiffon dresses, with eye-catching crowns on their heads or red roses in their hair, Dolce & Gabbana's queens of hearts came in all colours, shapes and textures.

Models opened the show posing on a stage, with moving playing cards as a backdrop, all wearing black creations on the notes of Pietro Mascagni's *Cavalleria Rusticana* opera.

But that gave way to more colourful designs which carried all of the brand's signature traits of abundance, such as lace, gems, flowers, sequins, gold, embroidery as well as references to Sicily and its traditions, culture and food.

They walked along a runway that mimicked a long red carpet with young fashion advocates — so-called influencers key to many of Dolce & Gabbana's collections and campaigns — sitting in the front row of the Milan show, held in a former cinema.

The queen of hearts theme



A model displays a creation from the Dolce&Gabbana Spring/Summer 2018 show at the Milan Fashion Week in Milan, Italy on 24 September, 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

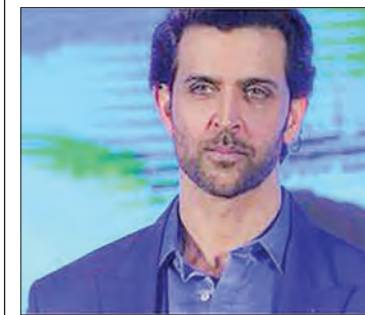
was at points interrupted with opulent clothes and accessories with vegetable print or shapes. Models wore big dresses with pea and cabbage prints, carrot hats and aubergine-shaped glitter earrings. One also showed off

a dress with a pattern of Sicily's famous Cannoli pastries.

"Love is beauty" read a t-shirt carried over an Andy Warhol inspired fuchsia pink skirt with jars labelled "Amore", love. But simplicity was prized at the

show's finale as the Italian fashion house sent all the models back on the runway, stripped of the intricate designs and simply wearing black underwear, as to convey the importance of love over possessions.—Reuters ■

Hrithik to play mathematician Anand Kumar in 'Super 30'



Actor Hrithik Roshan.
PHOTO: PTI

MUMBAI—Actor Hrithik Roshan has been confirmed to play the role of mathematician Anand Kumar in his biopic "Super 30".

Directed by Vikas Bahl, the film will showcase the life of the Patna-based scholar, who trains 30 deserving, economically-backward students for IIT-JEE entrance exams every year with commendable success rate.

Kumar said he trusts Bahl with his life story and believes he will "make a heartfelt film".

Talking about Hrithik being chosen to play him onscreen, the maths genius said the actor is the perfect choice to essay him on celluloid.

"I am very happy because he (Hrithik) is the best choice for the role. I've seen his work and the kind of versatility and range that he exhibits as an actor is very strong.—PTI ■

Shooting in full swing for Aanand L Rai's film: Shah Rukh Khan

MUMBAI — Superstar Shah Rukh Khan said the shooting of his film, directed by Aanand L Rai, is going on well and Anushka Sharma is set to join the team soon.

The as-of-yet-untitled movie reunites the cast of "Jab Tak Hai Jaan" — Shah Rukh, Anushka and Katrina Kaif.

"The shooting is going on. Katrina has joined us, Anushka will join in a day or two. The shoot is going on at various places and it's going well," Shah Rukh told reporters.

Shah Rukh, 51, plays a vertically-challenged person in the film. In the past, he has said the film will require extensive use of VFX to make the look convincing.

The title is scheduled to release in December next year.



Superstar Shah Rukh Khan. **PHOTO: PTI**

The actor was speaking at Vogue Women of the Year Awards here last night.

Shah Rukh said it is nice to organise awards night, especially for women to honour their hard work.

Asked about the most im-

portant women in his life, he said, "All the women in my life, starting from my mother, wife, daughter, sister and all the ladies who work with me.

There is a big list. Even some who are not directly related to my work.—PTI ■

"Kingsman: The Golden Circle" tops North American box office in opening weekend

LOS ANGELES— 20th Century Fox's action spy film "Kingsman: The Golden Circle" brought in an estimated 39 million US dollars in its opening weekend, dethroning Stephen King's horror film "It" from the top spot at the North American box office.

Directed by Matthew Vaughn, "Kingsman: The Golden Circle" is a sequel to "Kingsman: The Secret Service" released in 2015. The film franchise is based on the "Kingsman" comic book series.

It tells the story of survivors of a secret British spy agency teaming up with their American counterparts after the world is held hostage by a new threat.

"Kingsman: The Golden Circle" currently has a 51 per cent on Rotten Tomatoes and a B+

CinemaScore.

The sequel scored the fifth best September opening ever at the North American box office and earned 61 million US dollars from overseas markets for a global total of 100 million US dollars.

"September 2017 is turning out to be a hit-making machine as the month is poised for all-time box office greatness with less than a week to go as the dollars continue to roll in," wrote movie analyst Paul Dergarabedian at comScore in an email to Xinhua.

Warner Bros.' horror film "It" moved to the second place this weekend with an estimated 30 million US dollars, pushing it's total to 266.4 million US dollars after 17 days in North American theaters.—Xinhua ■

Tokyo's dementia restaurant serves up "unforgettable" experience

TOKYO — Imagine ordering a hamburger and getting served dumplings instead. Or being escorted to your seat by a waitress, only to end up having to take the order yourself. Chances are such mix-ups might leave a customer bewildered or even irked.

But not so in this Tokyo pop-up restaurant, where waiters and waitresses, all of whom have dementia, have the customers' blessing to make mistakes. Instead of a frown or rant, the servers are greeted with smiles and laughter.

"The Restaurant of Order Mistakes" is the brainchild of Shiro Oguni, a Japanese TV director, whose aim is to deepen awareness of dementia and change perceptions about the condition.

The pop-up first opened in June, and had a second run for three days from 16 September.

For Japan, with its rapidly aging population and a growing number of dementia sufferers, taking a leading role in confronting the problem seems only natural.

Oguni said the idea behind the restaurant is for people to learn more about the condition and reflect on it. For his part, he knew little about dementia until he started researching it for work.

"More than the image that dementia is scary, worrisome and dangerous, the words I often hear from diners are positive — 'cute,'



Waitresses serve a meal to customers at "The Restaurant of Order Mistakes" in Roppongi, central Tokyo on 16 September, 2017. The pop-up restaurant, where waiters and waitresses have dementia, aims to deepen awareness of dementia and change perceptions about the condition. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**

'funny,' 'happy to be with,' and 'comfortable,'" Oguni, 38, said in a recent interview.

He said that while "dementia is an extremely grave issue," he finds it reassuring to hear such positive comments.

Dementia refers to a broad category of symptoms affecting the brain, including memory loss and impaired judgment caused by damage to nerve cells. While slowing the progress of the condition is possible, there is no known cure or established treatment to address the root causes. The

most common type of dementia is Alzheimer's disease.

As the country thought to have the largest aging population, the Japanese government and private sector are stepping up efforts to deal with the soaring costs of providing medical and nursing care to people with dementia. They are also beefing up measures to prevent traffic accidents involving elderly drivers with dementia and trying to keep tabs on people with the affliction who go missing.

Government statistics show

that the number of people over 65 with dementia is expected to jump from roughly 4.62 million in 2012 to 7 million by 2025.

Yoko Kono, 78, and Hideko Maruyama, 82 were among the 17 male and female waiters and waitresses on rotation on 16 September. "It was fun," Maruyama said during a break at the restaurant, which opened at 11 am. By the afternoon, she seemed to have forgotten about the waitressing she had done that morning, but she was eager and willing once called upon to serve again.

Echoing her "co-worker," Kono was all smiles when asked about her tasks. The two women said they would want to come to the restaurant as customers.

The pair, who volunteered to serve at the restaurant, are from a facility run by Daiki Angel Help Co, which provides nursing care for the elderly.

"I am just happy if they feel the experience is somehow rewarding," Oguni said, adding he hopes the restaurant can be opened annually, perhaps coinciding with World Alzheimer's Day on 21 September.

The three-day run in September was made possible thanks to the roughly 12.9 million yen (about \$115,000) that was collected through crowdfunding.

Almost 300 people came, mainly those who helped in the crowdfunding campaign, and the restaurant was sold out every day. The restaurant, whose name is a play on the title of a Japanese book, "A Restaurant of Many Orders," was inspired by Oguni's experience of being served a dumpling instead of a hamburger one day at a nursing care facility.

Recounting the story, he said he was about to point out the error but stopped himself and thought, "This is the world people with dementia live in. It's no big deal. It's OK to make mistakes." —Kyodo News ■

Frida the rescue dog emerges as hero of Mexican earthquake

MEXICO CITY — For a country still in mourning and counting its dead from Tuesday's devastating earthquake, Frida the Navy rescue dog has emerged as a source of inspiration and pride in the search for survivors.

Known for her custom-made doggy goggles and boots, the 7-year-old yellow Labrador has become a social media star, appearing on one man's tattoo and the unofficial image of a 500-peso note. Some posts have wildly exaggerated her feats.

In her career, Frida has located 12 people alive beneath the rubble plus more than 40 others dead, more than any other Mexican rescue dog, the Navy said. She has put her nose to work in disasters such as an earthquake in Ecuador last year, another one

in southern Mexico two weeks ago, a landslide in Guatemala in 2015 and a Mexico City gas explosion in 2013.

Her credits for the most recent disaster has not been tallied yet, said Navy Captain Armando

Segura, because she is still busy trying to save lives. The 7.1-magnitude quake has killed nearly 300 people, and rescuers were still digging through some of the 52 buildings that collapsed in Mexico City alone. —Reuters ■



Rescue dog Frida looks on while working after an earthquake in Mexico City, Mexico on 22 September, 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

Tattoos move into cultural mainstream

LONDON — Mothers shopping with teenage children and parents pushing baby buggies joined the crowds of body art enthusiasts at this weekend's annual London Tattoo Convention, underscoring the increasing acceptance of tattoos in mainstream culture.

The London convention, one of Europe's biggest tattoo events, saw over 400 artists from around the world converge on an east London convention centre, which organisers expect will host over 20,000 people during the three-day event.

"There's been a total global shift in attitude," Marcus Beriman, organiser of the London Tattoo Convention told Reuters, of the British public's attitude towards ink.

"Once upon a time, people associated it with criminals and bikers and punks, but now it's mainstream really," he said, adding "it's on a completely different level to where it was 10 years ago."

With a 2015 YouGov poll suggesting that almost one fifth of British adults have tattoos, and other research suggests that visible body art may be becoming less of a barrier to employment — a longstanding problem for tattoo enthusiasts.

A 2016 survey carried out by Ipsos MORI for Britain's Police Federation found that 81 per cent of respondents said that a police officer having visible tattoos would make no difference to their confidence in their ability to do their job. —Reuters ■



China and Myanmar footballers vie for the ball in yesterday match at Thuwunna Stadium. **PHOTO:MFF**

Myanmar lost China 1-2 in AFC U-16 Qualification

Kyaw Zin Lin

As an opening day of AFC U-16 Group H qualification, Myanmar U-16 national football team played against China U-16 team at the Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon, Myanmar yesterday evening.

Host Myanmar was defeated by China by 2-1 margin after launching several attacks on China side but to no avail to hit home.

The first half finished with 0-0 result.

Myanmar played aggressively from the beginning of the match with gaining many opportunities but could not convert the opportunities to goals.

Myanmar seemed a bit worn out in the second half and China could dominate the match and turned it into goal at 58 minutes by Subi Abulimiti.

The goal made Myanmar lose more confidence and had to allow the second goal at 76 minutes mark made by Aifeierding Aisikaer

Myanmar got a consol-

ation goal at 87 minute by Shwe Ko with his strong heading through the keeper.

"Myanmar strikers did brilliant tactics but need some skills and experience to catch the golden opportunities" said a Myanmar football fan.

As Myanmar lost this match, Myanmar will be in struggling position to proceed to the next step of the qualification that will host in Malaysia.

Myanmar will next play with South Korea tomorrow at the Thuwunna Stadium. ■

Dembele a doubt for Spurs' Champions League trip to Nicosia

LONDON — Tottenham Hotspur midfielder Mousa Dembele could miss Tuesday's Champions League match against Apoel Nicosia due to a persistent foot injury, manager Mauricio Pochettino has said.

Dembele, who underwent an operation on his foot earlier this year, was left out of Spurs' 3-2 win over West Ham United on Saturday and has played a limited role this season.

Pochettino said he did not believe Dembele will need another operation but was unsure how long the 30-year-old would be out of action.

"We need to assess in the next few days. We don't know if it's possible for him to be available to go to Cyprus," Pochet-

tino told reporters.

"And then we'll see about Huddersfield (on Saturday). We need to check him every day."

Pochettino saw several positives in the performance of Dembele's replacement Moussa Sissoko, who has featured in midfield alongside Christian Eriksen and Eric Dier.

"Sissoko and Dembele have different characteristics," Pochettino added. "We had Christian and Sissoko, who can go forward on the right side to stretch the opponents. I feel happy in the way we changed and played. I think Sissoko was fantastic (against West Ham)."

Spurs next travel to Huddersfield Town in the league on Saturday. —Reuters ■



Tottenham Hotspur's Mousa Dembele. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

South Korea trounce the Philippines in AFF U16 Qualification

Kyaw Zin Lin

Korea Republic's start in Group H was a big win match as they beat the Philippines 8-0 yesterday at the Thuwunna Stadium.

Korea footballers dominated the whole match with accurate football skills.

At 11 minutes, Kim Donghyeon scored an opening goal for South Korea.

The game was becoming hotter after getting the starter and South Korea strikers attacked more towards the Philippines defense line.

The second goal was easily scored by Lee Taeseok for South Korea at 27 minute. During the second half South Korea scored six consecutive goals at 65, 67, 73, 74, 85 and 89 respectively.

The Philippines will next



South Korea and the Philippine team competing in yesterday match at Thuwunna Stadium. **PHOTO:MFF**

play against China tomorrow at the Thuwunna Stadium.

Australia, DPR Korea, Japan, Jordan, Iraq, Indonesia,

Islamic Republic of Iran, Tajikistan and Yemen also confirmed their spots by winning their respective groups. ■

Villarreal sack coach Escribe

MADRID — Spanish club Villarreal have sacked coach Fran Escribe after a poor start to the season including a 4-0 defeat by Getafe on Sunday.

Escribe was dismissed on Monday with Villarreal 14th in the La Liga standings after six games in which they also lost to Levante and Real Sociedad, drew with Espanyol and beat

Real Betis and Alaves.

"Villarreal have decided to terminate the contract of Fran Escribe as first-team coach," the club said in a statement. "In the coming hours, the club will name who the new Villarreal coach will be." Villarreal were promoted to Spain's top flight in 1998 and 10 years later finished runners-up to Real Madrid in

their best league campaign.

The team nicknamed "Yellow Submarine" suffered a shock relegation in 2012 but were immediately promoted the following year and have played in the Europa League each season since. Escribe was appointed in August, 2016 and in May renewed his contract to the end of this season. —Reuters ■