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Mobile health clinic, nurses give health care in Maungtau to Muslim villagers

Muslim residents from northern Rakhine are received by a nurse at a mobile clinic in Maungtau to receive medical care as they are gathering at the border with Bangladesh before leaving for the neighbouring country. **PHOTO: HAN LIN NAING**

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12th meeting of UPDJC continues

The 12th meeting of the Union Peace Dialogue Joint Committee-UPDJC continued yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw, with a decision over the peace process to be moved forward in accordance with the plans for the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement.

The second day of the meeting held at the National Reconciliation and Peace Centre was attended by State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

The discussion at the meeting focused on frameworks for the political dialogue and Terms of Reference (ToRs), Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), the CSO Forum and the UPDJC Proposal Drafting process.

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“We’re ready to accept refugees after scrutinisation”

By Myo Myint and Mi Mi Phyo (MNA)

After the meeting of the Union Peace Dialogue Joint Committee (UPDJC), journalists made enquiries concerning the provision of humanitarian aid

in Rakhine State to U Zaw Htay, Director-General of the Ministry of the State Counsellor Office.

U Zaw Htay replied, “We are negotiating with Bangladesh concerning the Rakhine State affairs. What we want to say is that

we have been ready to launch the repatriation process. The State Counsellor herself publicised to the world officially. On our side, we have been ready to accept anytime. Further negotiations must be made. Now we felt con-

cerned for the delayed process. That is because we have said we will accept anytime, and then Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe went to Bangladesh. Then, State Counsellor has said the process will be based on the 1993 agree-

ment. After the Union Minister’s visit, Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Foreign Affairs from Bangladesh were invited to visit Myanmar. The Minister for Home Affairs alone came.

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw puts new financial year debate on record

By Aung Ye Thwin
Aye Aye Thant

Mahn Win Khaing Than, the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, announced a bill that would change Myanmar's financial year calendar, a move that would facilitate development, officials said, at the 4th day meeting of 2nd Pyidaungsu Hluttaw 6th regular session held in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Concerning "the Bill on Division and Appropriation of Additional Budget of the Union for FY 2017-2018," report on the legally made conclusion and report on the financially made conclusion, Dr Myat Nyana Soe, secretary of Joint Bill Committee and U Aung Min, vice-chairman (2) of public accounts Joint committee read out respectively.

Afterward, the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw announced that any interested parliamentarians who would like to discuss concerning the policy and principles of the bill, credits and debits, can enroll their names.

And, U Maung Maung Win, Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance clarified, "The major cause of changing Myanmar's financial year is that now is the



U Maung Maung Win, Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance. **PHOTO: MNA**

time when the country needs to vigorously build infrastructure in the country. It is needed to carry out socio-economic development of the people, hence the need to acquire open season closely related in performing the tasks of purchasing and building of the Union, Region and State Governments. In changing financial years, conditions likely to occur at the very early stage will be able to be solved in many ways. But in the long run, it will result in sustainable good effects. As regards to the change of the financial year, process to be performed will be carried out between the Union Government and Hluttaw. There will be occur-



U Kyaw Myo, Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications. **PHOTO: MNA**

rence of potential expenses to some extent, at the early stage only whenever changes and reforms are made. Later, expenses will never come when it goes normal."

The Deputy Minister added, "As lending agricultural loans is destined for farmers to get loans on time, there is no plan to change the lending period though the financial year will be changed and it will be done as usual.

The Union Government will re-designate the financial year from 1st October to 30th September with a view to carrying out more effectively the performances of the government which

will support the socio-economic development of the people and for the effective implementation of useful budget earning and appropriation. The President of the State sent the message to put on record the matter of changing financial year. So, the ministry submitted the matter to be put on record to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw."

Following that, Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw announced that the change of financial year will be introduced with effect from FY 2018-2019 and discussions of parliamentarians and clarifications of respective Union-level organizations' members were put on record.

With regard to signing in BIMSTEC Convention on legal aid and legal relation in civil family and criminal cases, as for Myanmar, sent from the President of the State, Maj Gen Aung Soe, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs said, "Myanmar had already enacted rules and regulations on helping aid between countries in criminal cases in 2014. And, Myanmar had signed in the agreement on helping aids between ASEAN countries in criminal cases and the President urged member

countries at the 3rd BIMSTEC Convention hosted by Myanmar. So it is necessary for Myanmar to lead the signing. BIMSTEC's cooperation is the part of great importance in the Asia-Pacific regional countries' trade, eradication of drug problems, across-the-border crimes prevention. And, Myanmar has cooperated in accordance with duties and responsibilities included in BIMSTEC convention, and had promulgated our laws and rules. So, Myanmar is ready to sign the agreement, now it is put forward to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for its approval."

Regarding the matter, Hluttaw approved it.

U Kyaw Myo, Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications clarified the matters for signing ASEAN MoU on Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation between ASEAN authorities and PRC Civil Aviation Authority.

Concerning the matter, Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw announced that interested parliamentarian can enroll their names to discuss the matter.

The 5th day meeting of 2nd Pyidaungsu Hluttaw 6th regular session will be held on 7 November, it was learnt. ■

Deputy Minister for SRR U Soe Aung receives Mr. Simon Henshaw and party

DEPUTY Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Soe Aung received Mr. Simon Henshaw, the Acting Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration from the United States at the ministry yesterday afternoon.

During the meeting, they discussed humanitarian aid, the cooperative conditions for the Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine (UEHRD) project, which includes enhancing humanitarian aid, resettlement and development, the condition of negotiations between the governments of Myanmar and Bangladesh on four points of the 1992-93 agreement for receiving the refugees, the updated situation of receiving camps, temporary relief camps for re-



Deputy Minister U Soe Aung meets with a delegation led by the United State Acting Assistant Secretary Mr. Simon Henshaw. **PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**

ceiving refugees and ministries' cooperation for resettlement, the distribution agreement of World Food Programme (WFP) via Red Cross Movement, the negotiation situation for taking assistance from UN-Habitat - United Nations Human

Settlements Programme, holding a workshop by the UNHCR for receiving refugees and negotiating matters for the Rakhine case between the governments of Bangladesh and Myanmar. — Myanmar News Agency ■

Authorities set up NV Card and National ID process in Maungdaw

THE Deputy Director of the Rakhine State Immigration and Population Department led staff members from his department on a site visit to a post-primary school compound in Shwezar Village, Maungdaw Township, one of the places where national identification processing work and National Verification card issuing were performed on 30 October; Deputy head of State Immigration and Population Department U San Wai provided mosquito nets and foods for resident villagers who made NV Cards.

This work was already being conducted, but was delayed due to the ARSA extremist terrorist attacks of 25 August and was restarted in Maungdaw Township, Shwezar village tract on 12 October.

As of that date, 110 men and 34 women have been issued an NV card after biometric records for the National ID process were taken. A total of 33 people, 18 men and 15 women, were being specially recorded with the biometric system for the National ID process, it is learnt.

Biometric record collection of local villagers who wish to receive an NV card and for the National ID process will be conducted continuously through site visits, and only those who can be confirmed as nationals in Rakhine State will be recognised. Work programmes were drawn for the National Verification Process to be conducted with promptness. — Myanmar News Agency ■



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi welcomes Ms. Ulha Toernaes, Minister for Development Cooperation of Denmark. **PHOTO: MNA**

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi receives Minister for Development Cooperation of Denmark

STATE Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs Daw Aung San Suu Kyi received a delegation led by H.E. Ms. Ulha Toernaes, Minister for Development Cooperation of Denmark at 2:00 pm on 31 October 2017 at the Ministry of

Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw. During the meeting, they exchanged views on matters relating to Denmark's assistance to Myanmar as well as challenges and needs occurring in Rakhine State.—Myanmar News Agency ■



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi arrives to attend the 12th meeting of the Union Peace Dialogue Joint Committee in Nay Pyi Taw, on 31 October 2017. **PHOTO: MNA**

Consensus reached in peace process with NCA road map

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Dr. Salai Lian Hmon Sak-hong, leader of the representatives of ethnic armed organizations EAO-UPDJC, expressed thanks for reaching consensus for keeping the peace process on track, in accordance with the NCA road map.

Vice Chairman of the UPDJC Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe said the Union Government's commitment to holding

the third meeting of the Union Peace Conference-21st Century Panglong, expressing his hope that the ethnic armed groups, political parties and the Tatmadaw would support and assist the meeting.

The Union Minister also requested them to cooperate and assist the Union Government in its efforts for resettlement and rehabilitation in Rakhine State.

"The Union Government

considers the Rakhine issue the union's issue. The State Counsellor leads the Union project for Rakhine State with the use of people's power," he said.

Regarding implementing the decisions of the meeting, U Thu Wai, Vice-Chairman of the UPDJC, urged all stakeholders to work together in unity for implementation of the decisions of the 12th meeting in order to reach the goal as soon as possible.—GNLM

Efforts for delivering aid to Maungtaw to be stepped up: MRCS

By Maw Si

Aid from the Myanmar Red Cross Society, the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent Movement has reached the people affected by the terrorist attacks in August. The following is an interview with the members of the organisations.

U Aung Thaung Shwe, Deputy Director of Myanmar Red Cross Society, Disaster Management Department

Q: May I know your duty with the Red Cross movement and your voluntary works in Maungtaw?

A: I am currently staying in Maungtaw and in charge of the Red Cross Association. Together with the Myanmar Red Cross Society, International Committee of the Red Cross, and other Inter-

national Red Cross and the Red Crescent Association, we are providing aid to the people affected by the conflict in Rakhine State.

Q: How about your plan to deliver aid from the ship which is now at the Kanyinchaung Jetty?

A: The ship has brought the Red Cross Movement's aid which includes rice, beans, pulses, salt, oil and nourishing food for the babies, things for personal hygiene, blankets, mosquito nets and so on.

To be exact, 250 tons of rice, 60 tons of beans, 10.5 tons of oil, 2.5 tons of salt, 1.5 tons of nourishing food, blankets, mosquito nets, toothpaste, shampoo, hammers, ropes, clothing for both men and women, school uniforms and things for family and personal hygiene are to be distributed with the help of voluntary workers and local NGOs.

The aid will be delivered to



U Aung Thaung Shwe, Deputy Director of Myanmar Red Cross Society, Disaster Management Department speaks during the interview. **PHOTO: MAW SI**

to those who are really in need of help.

Q: How about the achievements of the Red Cross Movement so far regarding the supply of aid to the people?

A: There are mainly two parts in the process of providing assistance. We have provided cash assistance individually to

those who return to their homes in conflict areas. Meanwhile, we have also provided aid to the families. The government gives Ks9,000 each to the villagers for ferry fee from Sittway to their native village and an extra Ks20,000. Under the Red Cross Movement, we provide Ks45,000 each to the villagers. Our Red Cross Movement set a target of 180,000 people to be provided with our aid by December 2017. So far, our aid has reached more than 10,000 people and our aid is also flowing into villages.

Q: Let me know your next plan?

A: The ship which has arrived just now is the first batch of aid. A further 400 tons of aid will come. The second batch includes basic needs such as food, safe drinking water, rice, sardines, and other items for the local families. We will step up our efforts for sup-

plying aid to the people. We also have organised mobile teams and sent them to the conflict areas since 2014.

Q: What is the purpose of your Red Cross Movement and how would you perform to be effective?

A: We provide assistance regardless of race, religion and colour, which are the seven points of basic principles. We focus on their needs equally and try to console their feelings.

Q: Do you supply the assistance equally and what are the criterion to be made in the long run?

A: We provide the assistance depending on the needs of the families and individuals. We also make a thorough plan to do in the long run. To help them physically and mentally is of vital importance in order to alleviate their suffering. ■

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Seven injured in hot air balloon accident in Taunggyi Tazaungdaing

SEVEN persons were injured, one of them in critical condition, in a crash of a hot air balloon during the celebration of Taunggyi's Tazaungdaing lighting festival in Shan State on 30 October.

The injured persons included a man, four women and two children. One of the women was listed in critical condition, officials said. All were undergoing medical treatment as in-patients at Sao San Tun General Hospital

A hot air balloon from the Tu Khin Tee (Twantay) team that was aloft on the fifth day of the festival at about 8:30pm apparently became damaged, possibly by the nightly fireworks display, causing the balloon to crash into a roadside shop that sells food and beverages. None of the people on board the balloon were hurt. All seven injured people were in the roadside shop, officials said.

Taunggyi's popular annual balloon festival and



Seven injured people due to a falling balloon during Taunggyi balloon festival. **PHOTO: MAUNG MAUNG THAN (TAUNGGYI)**

competition draws thousands of spectators. Previous reports, however, have questioned the safety of hot-air balloons in the sky when fireworks are being launched.

The Tazaungdaing Festival, also known as the Festival of Lights, which falls on the day of the full moon in the eighth month according to the Myanmar calendar, is celebrated as a public hol-

iday in Myanmar and marks the end of the rainy season. People usually fly sky lanterns and hold fireworks competitions as part of the festival celebration.—Maung Maung Than (Taunggyi)■

Community-based tourism (CBT) in Dala Township

TOURISTS are flocking to Dala Township in the southern district of Yangon to observe the livelihoods of local residents along the Dala Port and explore the heritage and ancient buildings in the townships.

They enjoy riding trishaws to tour the wards in Dala Township across from downtown Yangon, using Pathein parasols (Myanmar's traditional umbrella) to shield themselves from the sun.

They ride Cherry ferries between Pansoedan Port and Dala Port, with a ferry ride costing Ks2,000 for a foreigner, said an official from Inland Water Transport.

Day-trippers from Europe, South Korea and Japan mostly visit Dala Township.

When many tourists come to Dala in the



open season, trishaw men are earning good wages, said a trishaw man. Community-based tourism (CBT) helps improve their livelihood.

Businessmen are thus eyeing Dala Township for investment, said a real estate agent.—Naing Lin Kyaw (Dala)■

Road signs in Yangon Region to be standardized

YANGON City Development Committee (YCDC) will repair road signs in Yangon Region to be bound to international standards, according to Myawady Daily.

Signs will be used with background color blue and white text in both English and Myanmar to keep up with international standardization.

In addition to Myanmar text, English language will be mentioned in signs so that tourists can read them.

We will repair the road signboards in Yangon Region. Also, traffic signs and warning signs will be maintained. Road signs and traffic signs will be erected in the places which need, said an official from YCDC.

Drivers in Yangon Region are faced with difficulties due to damaged road signs.—GNLM■

2018 vehicle import policy changes prompt China's automobile manufactures to enter domestic market

CHINA'S automobile manufacturers are under negotiation to set up automobile production factories, following announcement of 2018 vehicle import policy by which only vehicles with left-hand drive are allowed for import, according to Myawady Daily.

At present, China's au-

tomobile company which are reputed in production of vehicles with left-hand drive are discussing with the related ministries to establish factories in Myanmar. About three automobile manufactures from China will come to Myanmar to manufacture vehicles for family use or industrial use next

year, Dr Soe Tun, the chairman of Myanmar Automobile Manufacturers and Distributors Association told Myawady Daily.

Since they manufacture vehicles domestically, they can offer more reasonable price. Those companies are expected to thrive, he continued.—GNLM■

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CBM continues to set a dollar exchange rate at Ks1,366



Dollar exchange rate increased over Ks100 in the set rate of the CBM compared to October last year. **PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE**

THE Central Bank of Myanmar continues to set the dollar exchange rate at a high of Ks1,366, and kyat depreciation has resulted in higher price for import such as consumer products and raw industrial goods.

The FX rate is Ks1,356 in the local currency market. The American dollar appreciated

markedly last Friday, as the dollar price hit a three-month record high.

The US dollar exchange rate is on the rise in the market. The rate set by the CBM was up by four kyats against that of last week. This increased over Ks100 in the set rate of the CBM compared to October last year. On 30

October, the global gold price decreased to under \$1,270 per tical, but increased to \$1,277 per tical of pure-gold yesterday. Similarly, domestic gold fetched under Ks930,000 a tical on 30 October, but it was up to Ks930,500 yesterday evening, according to Aung Thamardi Gold and Jewellery Shop and Gold Refinery.—City News

UMFCCI, Myanmar pulses association request Ks50 billion loan

THE Myanmar Pulses, Beans and Sesame Seed Merchants Association has requested a Ks50 billion zero-interest loan from the government to help control the price of pulses, according to yesterday's report of Myawady Daily.

India's restriction on the import of pulses caused chaos in the pulses market in August, prompting a group comprised of 48 members of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) and the Myanmar Pulses, Beans and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association to launch an investment fund of Ks50 billion in an effort to make the price of pulses stable. But this amount could purchase only 100,000 tons, so the request to provide a zero-interest loan has been submitted to the government to make more purchases, said U Min Ko Oo, the secretary of the Myanmar Pulses, Beans and Sesame Seed Merchants



Various kinds of pulses are displayed in the market. **PHOTO: MNA**

Association.

The loan will be spent on purchases from pulses growers. The pulses will then be stockpiled and they will accept liability for any loss. If the deal makes profit, the government will enjoy part of it, U Min Ko Oo said. About 38,000 tons of mung bean and 10,000 tons of pigeon peas have been purchased with investment funds from the association.

Growers and merchants from towns other than Yangon

come to the commodity depot and directly sell mung beans and pigeon peas.

The purchase of the pulses raises foreign demand, and the demand increases the price of mung beans and pigeon peas, said U Min Ko Oo.

Recently in the purchase depot, the pulses price increased a bit from Ks425,000 to Ks490,000 per ton of mung bean and from Ks310,000 tons to Ks335,000 per ton of pigeon peas. —GNLM

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10th offering ceremony of Kathina robe held in Bodh Gaya

An offering ceremony of Kathina robes was held at the Bodh Gaya Myanmar monastery in Gaya City, Bihar in India on 26 October, with the coordinating donation conducted by the Government, the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, the Theravada Myanmar Buddhist Society, the Myanmar Border and Hilly Regions Sasana Nuggaha Association and the Bodh Gaya Pilgrimage sending executive committee.

In the offering ceremony, 267 monks and 16 nuns from 32 Myanmar monasteries, 499 scholar monks and 3 scholar nuns in India took part. A total of 766 monks and 19 nuns were

donated US\$3,350, 469,200 rupees and Ks26 million.

The Myanmar Ambassador to India, the Director-General from the Religious Affairs Department, the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, the Chairperson of the Theravada Myanmar Buddhist Society and the Myanmar Border and Hilly Regions Sasana Nuggaha Association, the Consulate General of Myanmar in Kolkata, India, members of Sasana Nuggaha Association, officials from Bodh Gaya Pilgrimage sending executive committee, Bodh Gaya Pilgrimage groups and donors attended the ceremony. —Myanmar News Agency ■



Kathina robes offering ceremony held in Bodh Gaya Myanmar monastery in India on 26 October. **PHOTO: MNA**

Man who allegedly stole Ks141 mn arrested in Yangon



Photos show suspect Kyaw Zin Oo and relevant money. **PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**

IT has been learnt that Yangon Region Police Force has arrested Kyaw Zin Oo, a driver who allegedly stole Ks141.5 million from Diamond Dragon Co., yesterday in a hotel in northern Yangon.

At 1 pm on 24 October, Ma Yun Phyu and Ma Zin Mar Lwin, cashiers of Diamond Dragon Co., went into the KBZ Bank 1 in Mayangone township to withdraw money. While inside, the company driver drove away with Ks141.5 million withdrawn from other banks on board.

In response to instructions from the Yangon Region Police Force to respective district and township police stations, a region-wide search for the culprit was launched. The car driven by Kyaw Zin Oo was

found in front of the Mya Ayar Housing Estate near Shwe Pyi Tha Bridge in Insein Township. The driver and the money could not be found. Authorities intensified their search, sending police to locations that he often frequented and sending his photo to police stations.

Kyaw Zin Oo was learnt to have hired a room in Daw Mya Mya Oo's hostel situated on Bhamo Atwinwun Lane, Industrial Zone 3, Yay Okkan village-tract in Hlinethaya Township. At about 5 am yesterday, he was arrested by police while returning to his room. A search of his room revealed Ks129.1 million and other goods packed in a bag and box. Police will take effective action after the investigation is completed, it was learnt. —MNA ■

“We’re ready to accept refugees after scrutinisation”

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Last week the ministerial meeting was held in Nay Pyi Taw, signing an MoU from both sides. But concerning the acceptance, we did not reach an agreement yet. We are ready to start, but the other side did not agree yet, and the process was delayed. This is the No. 1 fact. Secondly, acceptance of people under the 1993 agreement was managed successfully two times. Believing that this will work, we approached in this way, but we did not get the nod from Bangladesh. Only if the first step had been successful, can successive approaches be made.”

The Director General added, “The cause of the delay is attributed to the matter of building the world’s biggest refugee camps. And, in Geneva, Switzerland several hundred millions of dollars has been donated. Currently they have got nearly US\$400 million. Over their receipt of this



U Zaw Htay, Director-General of the Ministry of the State Counsellor Office. **PHOTO: MNA**

amount, we are now afraid of delaying the programme of deporting the refugees. They have got international subsidies. We are now afraid that they would have another consideration as to repatriation. Yet, we will continue to negotiate and accept as soon as possible. In accepting them, we have designated two places for acceptance and for scrutiny. Based on the 1993 agreement as agreed by Bangladesh and My-

anmar, we will accept. Under the investigation, if they are found to be true that they have lived on our side, they will be sent to their original places. Construction of villages is under way. For now, it was started at Khonedine where the Mro nationals had fled and their houses were burnt down. But safer places were arranged for them.”

people who had been in Bangladesh during the Bangladesh’s Minister for Home during his visit, but until now we did not get the list. They replied they will send the list by e-mail. That is of great importance. That is because we have had actual amount lists. According to the news media, the amount reached nearly one million. This is completely impossible. If it will have been received, it will be more convenient for us to deal with. We have evidence enough at our immigration department. First we felt worried it will delay. Secondly we haven’t received the list we demanded. We will accept at Taungpyo Letwe and Ngakhura. We have three major processes as formed by the Union Project. One for acceptance under the principle of humanitarianism. Two for resettlement and rehabilitation and Three for regional development and freedom from conflicts forever. We will implement the three processes, inviting international communities that would like to help. ■

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“Now we will implement for the third time based on negotiation results between the two countries and rules and regulations. We will make non-stop. As it is, we are concerned that the process would delay. If the delay lasts long, we are afraid, we are intentionally making as we would not like to accept them. Here what we want to emphasise is that Myanmar Police Maj General demanded the list of the

Thousands turn out to pray in 4th interfaith rally

For peace and harmony in Myanmar, a fourth interfaith rally was held yesterday in front of City Hall, Yangon, conducted by the National League for Democracy.

Thousands of people participated as women representatives from different faiths kicked off the prayer service by lighting candles.

Buddhists, Christians, Hindus and Muslims prayed for peace and song the Dhamma songs. Singers from all religious societies performed in the ceremony.

"We all show our wishes by praying as we wish we would like to build a peaceful Union and to live peacefully and in unity. If we all will have the same desire, praying will be strength for us. We have hopes to be peaceful and to have a pleasant life. So we struggle altogether for the situation. Under the leadership of State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, it is sure that we can reach our goals successfully. Our unity and trust upon the State Counsellor are showing today. So, we should unite for our goals", said Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein in his speech.

Officials and representatives from all religions held candles, and prayed for peace.



Muslim residents in Yangon hold portraits of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi as they participate in the interfaith rally. **PHOTO: ZAW MIN LAT**

"These interfaith prayers can stop the unnecessary problems between religions and give hope for the future with friendliness and trust with each other, showing the world that our country is struggling for peace with unity of all religions," said Ko Soe Min Htike, a Muslim from

Thingungyan Township.

"We must participate in the interfaith rally as nationals. Their friendship and love for each other may feel all pleasant. From our faith, we can achieve trust with each other more and more without misunderstanding. Let's be aware of a world

with love and unity regardless of race and religion, and that will support the peace process, which is the way of the State Counsellor", said Daw War War Tun, a participant.

The interfaith rallies have been held in Yangon at Aung San Stadium on 10 October, at Inya

Lake in Hline Township on 17 October and at Thuwunnabumi Event Park in Thingangyun on 24 October, in which leaders from all religions and people overwhelmingly prayed for peace. Cities in states and regions have held the interfaith prayer ceremonies.— Myanmar News Agency ■

Workshop on success of UEHRD projects and voluntary repatriation to original locations held

Dr. Win Myat Aye, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, gave an opening address at the Workshop on voluntary repatriation to their original locations for those who had been residing in north Rakhine, which is one of the objectives of the Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine (UEHRD), co-sponsored by the Ministry and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) held at the Sofitel Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning, with a view to helping in carrying out the tasks of accepting Muslim resident in Rakhine who fled to Bangladesh after the terrorist attacks of the Arakan Rohingya

Salvation Army (ARSA) on 25 August.

"The State Government is performing the tasks of national affairs and national peace, national reconciliation, emergence of a management system which governs in accordance with rules and laws and development of the whole populace in free and secure ways. In Rakhine State affairs as well, performances of the ministries as well as all-inclusive Union Project are being implemented. In our country there are both emigrants and immigrants for various reasons. Those who had been in Thailand and India on various reasons were accepted under a bilateral co-operation programme. Likewise, those who returned from Bangladesh were



Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye gives the opening address at the Workshop on Voluntary Repatriation in Nay Pyi Taw on 31 October 2017. **PHOTO: MNA**

accepted under the 1993 Myanmar-Bangladesh Agreement. In the process of calling them back, UNHCR is an organisation which took part in helping. Provided that anyone who had been in foreign countries on various reasons would like to come back home of their own accord, they must be accepted", the Union Minister said.

"Simultaneously, some returned home out of a desire to take part in national development projects. Accordingly,

an acceptance process must be carried out in accord with international rules and laws, frameworks and standards and fundamental principles and regulations. Moreover, it needs to comply with rules and laws of the country. The present workshop is a part of all-inclusive concerted effort on the nationwide scale, hoping for potential good results for the success of UEHRD Project the State is implementing", the Union Minister added.

In addition, Mr. Indrika Ratwatte of UNHCR and Josephphal DeVincentis, Regional Representative, clarified the processes which are being co-operated with Myanmar.

Present at the meeting were Union Minister U Thein Swe, Deputy Minister U Soe Aung, Major General Than Htut, Dr Aung Tun Thet, Chief Co-ordinator of UEHRD Project and responsible officials, it was learnt.— Myanmar News Agency ■

No one can reach the destination without a first step

Khin Maung Oo

RAKHINE State Immigration and National Registration Department is issuing “Identity Cards for National Verification,” which we call “NVC” colloquially, free of charge, by making on-the-ground-trips. The said NVCs are being issued to people holding temporary verification certificates which had been given out during the last 20 years, with a view to assuring themselves of citizenship status that they deserve and eligible citizen rights to the full after undergoing national scrutiny in accord with the existing rules and laws.

The initiative for issuing NVCs in Rakhine State had been delayed by threats, naivety and being easy prey

to false statements. In fact, temporary verification certificates issued since 1995 were in Regions and States. Within two months from 1st April to 31st May 2015, those certificates were supposed to be returned for scrutiny at 570 acceptance camps. It was launched not only for the people in Maungdaw district and in Rakhine State but also for those holding temporary certificates across the nation, with the aim of scrutinizing whether certificate holders are citizens or eligible citizens in accordance with the 1982 Myanmar Citizenship Law and recognizing as residents living in Myanmar during the scrutiny period. Status of NVC is similar to that of National Registration Card. But as there

is still a necessity left to scrutinize in accord with the prescriptions included in the 1982 Myanmar Citizenship Law, it is slightly different from rights of people holding NRCs.

Each NVC holder has 7 rights namely —1/ it assures that the person holding NVC is a resident living in the Nation. 2/ The holder is eligible to apply for citizenship and they must hold NVC during scrutiny period. 3/ A determination needs to be made whether an applicant is a citizen or eligible to become a citizen. 4/ Offspring born to parents holding NVCs as well can apply for citizenship. 5/ They must have rights to travel in accordance with the instructions and by-laws issued by respective Re-

gion or State Governments. 6/ NVC holders in Rakhine State have rights to go into Bangladesh by courtesy of border pass through legally opened border gates. 7/ NVC holders in Rakhine State have rights to freely travel in the townships they live, having rights to travel in accordance with the instructions and by-laws issued by Rakhine State Government.

Holding NVCs is the first initiative/step for successful scrutiny in accordance with the 1982 Myanmar Citizenship Law. Without a first step, no one will reach the destination of acquisition of NVCs and or be eligible for citizenship. Without any documentary evidence, no one can stay anywhere in the world. ■

FINE particulates have numerous sources – not only traffic, which is currently under particular scrutiny. Reducing agricultural emissions could also considerably reduce the particulate levels that are hazardous to health, concludes a study by researchers at the Max Planck Institute for Chemistry in Mainz, Germany. The scientists calculated that especially in Europe and North America, the atmospheric fine particle concentration would decrease substantially by reducing ammonia (NH₃) emissions by fertilizer use and animal husbandry. If agricultural emissions were 50 percent lower, more than 250,000 deaths per year, caused by air pollution, could be avoided globally. The results are published in *Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics*, a journal of the European Geosciences Union.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), fine particulate matter with a diameter less than 2.5 micrometers (PM_{2.5}) is particularly harmful to health, because the particles penetrate deep into the lungs and can cause cardiovascular and respiratory diseases. This significantly reduces life expectancy in many regions of the world. According to the “Global Burden of Disease”, a study that assesses mortality and disability from major diseases, injuries, and risk factors, outdoor air pollution is the fifth-ranked risk factor of global total mortality. ‘Currently, the public debate primarily focusses on the particulate load from traffic, while other sources such as agriculture are neglected’, says Jos Lelieveld, Director of the Atmospheric Chemistry Department at the Institute in Mainz. Particulate emissions from motor vehicles can make a critical contribution to local air pollution in urban areas, especially near roads with heavy traffic. However, most fine particulates (PM_{2.5}) are the result of chemical processes in the air during

Reducing manure and fertilizers decreases atmospheric fine particles

Max Planck Society



A farmer walks past the harvester in a paddy field in Kangyidauk, Ayeyawady. **PHOTO-PHOE KHWA**

transport by the wind. ‘The concentration of fine particulates in the atmosphere could be drastically reduced by preventing the release of ammonia from agriculture’, says Lelieveld, which is underpinned with recent calculations of his research team.

Ammonia reacts to form the salts that make particulates

In an earlier study, the Max Planck researchers pointed out that 3.3 million people around the globe died in

the year 2010 as a consequence of air pollution. Meanwhile the estimates for recent years have increased significantly. The scientists emphasize that in many regions of the world industry and traffic are not the leading sources of air pollution, which is generally assumed, but that agriculture can play an important role, in addition to residential energy use for heating and cooking. The scientists have identified the release of ammonia from animal husbandry and

fertilizer use as a leading cause of air pollution, especially in large parts of Europe. Ammonia contains nitrogen which is an important nutrient for plants, but it escapes to the atmosphere from manure and by fertilizing agricultural crops. It reacts with other substances, such as sulphuric and nitric acid, to form ammonium sulphate and nitrate salts that make up the particulates.

50 percent less NH₃ would avoid 250,000 deaths per year globally

In their present study, the scientists concentrate on four regions where particulate air quality limits are frequently exceeded: North America, Europe, South and East Asia. Their calculations show that a 50 percent reduction of agricultural emissions would lead to a global decrease in deaths attributable to air pollution of around eight percent. This figure corresponds to a mortality rate of 250,000 people per year. If ammonia emissions could be fully excluded, about 800,000 deaths from air pollution related diseases would be avoided globally.

‘The effect of ammonia reduction on particulate formation is non-linear. Air quality improvement is most efficient after certain reductions have been realized. ‘From this point on, however, the effect is exponential’, explains Andrea Pozzer, Group Leader at the Max Planck Institute for Chemistry and leading author of the study. A reduction in ammonia emissions of more than 50 percent would, therefore, be highly effective and desirable, Pozzer adds.

Europe, especially, would profit from lower ammonia emissions

The scientists determined mortality rates in two stages: first, with the aid of an atmospheric chemistry model, they calculated how strongly fine particulates would be reduced by decreasing ammonia emissions.

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Over 50 per cent of bridge's construction completed



The construction of Kyetsin river bridge seen in Rakhine State. **PHOTO: TUN WIN NAING**

FIFTY-FOUR per cent of the Kyetsin River Bridge construction that began in 2014 is complete, officials said yesterday.

The construction of the bridge began on 1 July 2014 and is planned to be completed in the 2017-2018 fiscal year. The bridge is located between mile posts (22/4) and (23/1) on the road to Myebon from Minbya in Rakhine State, crossing over the Kyetsin River.

Local people currently use boats and other vessels to travel to Minbya and Myebon towns.

It makes crossing the river dangerous and expensive for the local residents.

When the bridge is finished, the flow of trade will be easy and quick, and living standards will be higher, officials said.

Moreover, locals and visitors can cross the river an-

ytime without waiting for a scheduled crossing or negotiating a price on a boat, said a responsible official.

The bridge will be 1,920 feet long and 24 feet wide, and will include a 3-feet wide path. The cost of the bridge is estimated at Ks10.4 billion. A trip to Myebon from Minbya is currently only possible by boat, and is impossible at night, it was learnt. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Reducing manure and fertilizers decreases atmospheric fine particles

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The results show that by cutting the global source by half, in Europe 11 percent less PM2.5 particulates would result, in the USA 19 percent and in China 34 percent. In Germany, the average level of fine particulates in the year 2015 was around 14 micrograms per cubic meter of air, meaning that in the 50 percent reduction scenario it would drop to about 12.5 micrograms per cubic meter.

Based on an additional model, which describes the public health impacts that occur for a given particulate exposure, the researchers calculated the influence on mortality by lung cancer,

cardiovascular and respiratory diseases. In particular Europe would profit from a reduction in ammonia emissions and the consequent decrease of fine particulates: for example, a Europe-wide NH3 reduction of 50 percent would decrease mortality from PM2.5 by almost 20 percent, meaning that about 50,000 deaths per year could be avoided.

Andrea Pozzer and colleagues calculated that an ammonia reduction of this magnitude in the USA would lead to a 30 percent drop in the air pollution related mortality rate. In contrast, the computer models indicate smaller improvements for the same reduction in East Asia, about eight percent, and only three

percent in South Asia.

Based on these results, Jos Lelieveld concludes: 'Emission policies, in particular in North America and Europe, should impose more stringent ammonia controls to effectively reduce fine particulate concentrations.' Sulphur dioxide (SO2) and nitrogen oxide (NOx) reduction measures are critically important for clean air, but should be complemented by a reduction of ammonia from agriculture, which can be implemented relatively efficiently and economically.

This article is originally appeared in the Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics Journal.

Invitation to young writers for Sunday section

The Global New Light of Myanmar is accepting submissions of poetry, opinion, articles, essays and short stories from young people for its weekly Sunday Next Generation Platform. Interested candidates can send their works to the Global New Light of Myanmar at No. 150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon or by email to dce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com with the following information: (1) Sector you wish to be included in (poetry, opinion, etc.), (2) Real name and (if different) your penname, (3) Your level of education, (4) Name of your School/College/University, (5) A written note of declaration that the submitted piece is your original work and has not been submitted to any other news or magazine publishing houses, (6) A color photo of the submitter, (7) Copy of your NRC card, (8) Contact information (email address, mobile number, etc.).— Editorial Department, The Global New Light of Myanmar news office

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Resignation of Justice of Taninthayi Region's Judge of the High Court approved

In accordance with the provisions stated in article 312 (a) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and section 49 (a) of Union Justice Law, Judge Daw Khin Mar Htay, Justice of the Taninthayi Region Judge of the High Court, has been permitted to resign in accordance with her own wish with effect from 1st November 2017.

Sd/ Htin Kyaw
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

U Kyaw Zeya appointed as Ambassador of Myanmar to France

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Kyaw Zeya, Permanent Secretary/ Director-General of the Political Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the French Republic.—Ministry of Foreign Affairs

U Han Thu appointed as Ambassador of Myanmar to Sri Lanka

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Han Thu, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the French Republic, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.—Ministry of Foreign Affairs

PRESS RELEASE

Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

THE Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of H.E. Mr. Tom D. Kijiner as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, with residence in Tokyo.

H.E. Mr. Tom D. Kijiner was born on 29 August 1945 in Likiep, Marshall Island's and studied General Education at the University of Hawaii from 1965 to 1973. He served as Member of Parliament (Nitijela), Minister for Edu-

cation, Minister for Finance, Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Minister for Health and Environment and Ambassador-at-Large from 1974 to 2009. Currently, H.E. Mr. Tom D. Kijiner is accredited as the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Marshall Islands to Japan since 2012 and concurrently accredited to Vietnam, Singapore, Brunei, the Philippines, India, Thailand, Mongolia and Indonesia. He speaks Marshallese, English and is married with seven children.—Ministry of Foreign Affairs



Japanese Emperor Akihito (L), Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte (3rd from L), Duterte's partner Cielito Avancena (2nd from R) and Japanese Empress Michiko meet at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo on 31 October, 2017. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**

Duterte discusses history with Japanese emperor, empress

TOKYO — Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte and his partner Cielito Avancena met Japan's Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko on Tuesday at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo, discussing the at times strained history of relations between their countries.

According to the Imperial Household Agency, the meeting went on for around 25 minutes, during which the emperor noted that many local people lost

their lives in World War II, when Japan occupied the Philippines for more than three years.

Duterte replied that the two countries have overcome their past to build cooperative ties, and expressed his gratitude for Japan's continued assistance in the postwar period.

A government source said the inclusion of a meeting with the imperial couple on Duterte's itinerary raised concerns among some in the

Japanese government due to his history of controversial remarks.

But according to the agency, Duterte holds great respect for the imperial family and appeared nervous at the outset of his meeting with the emperor and empress, bowing to them as they came out to meet him.

Duterte had been tipped to meet the imperial couple for the first time during his visit to Japan in October last year,

but the meeting was canceled following the death of Prince Mikasa, an uncle of Emperor Akihito. On Monday, Duterte and Prime Minister Shinzo Abe held talks at which they affirmed their cooperation on regional issues, including North Korea and the South China Sea. They also released a joint statement laying out Japan's support for development projects in the Philippines over the next five years.—Kyodo News ■

World set to bust global warming goal, but UN cool on threat from Trump

GENEVA— Greenhouse gas emissions are on course to be about 30 per cent above the 2030 global target, but there are signs of a move away from fossil fuels that not even US President Donald Trump can stop, the United Nations said on Tuesday.

Trump has announced he will pull out of the Paris climate agreement under which 195 countries pledged to try to keep global warming to "well below" 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) above pre-industrial times. An annual UN audit of progress towards that goal showed emissions are likely to be 53.0-55.5 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent per year by 2030, far above the 42

billion tonne threshold for averting the 2 degree rise. But UN Environment chief Erik Solheim hailed signs of progress, with an apparent three-year plateau in carbon dioxide emissions from fossil fuels, cement production and other industrial processes, largely due to slower growth in coal use in China and the United States.

"We all know the bad news. In my view however we are at a turning point where the good news is taking precedence from the bad news," he told an event to launch the report in Geneva.

"We are at a watershed moment where we have stopped the rise in CO2 emissions, there is every reason to believe we can

bring them down, and we see great news coming from all over the world every day," Solheim said by video link from Nairobi.

He said the question he was asked wherever he went was: "What about Donald Trump?", to which he answered that the momentum was now with private sector efforts to combat climate change which Trump would not be able to stop. "In all likelihood the United States of America will live up to its commitments not because of the White House but because of the private sector," he said. "The train is on the right track, but our duty is to speed it up." The UN says greater efforts will be needed because temperatures are set to rise by 3.0-3.2

degrees Celsius this century. Ministers will work on guidelines for the Paris agreement in Bonn next month. Jennifer Morgan, executive director of Greenpeace International, said climate-fuelled hurricanes, floods and drought would rapidly worsen unless ministers committed to keep fossil fuels in the ground. "Paris was just the starting point," she said.

"Faster, bolder action is needed. Leaders must emerge in Bonn and use the platform to take stronger action and hold others to account if they fail to live up to their obligations. We can still achieve 1.5 degrees Celsius if we all work together."—Reuters ■

WORLD BRIEFS

Kremlin notes US case against ex-Trump aides does not accuse Russia

MOSCOW — The Kremlin said on Tuesday it had noted that US charges against President Donald Trump's former campaign manager Paul Manafort and another aide, Rick Gates, did not point the finger at Russia over alleged meddling in US politics. Federal investigators probing alleged Russian interference in the 2016 US election, something Moscow denies, charged Manafort and Gates with money laundering on Monday.—Reuters ■

British government extends northern Ireland talks deadline

BELFAST — The British government on Monday extended by 24 hours a deadline for Northern Ireland's main political parties to reach agreement on re-establishing a devolved regional executive and avoid London setting the region's annual budget directly.

The pro-British Democratic Unionist Party and Irish nationalists Sinn Fein will continue talks on Tuesday aimed at restoring a power-sharing government, the British government's minister for Northern Ireland James Brokenshire said in a statement.

He said progress had been made in talks on Monday and that he would reassess the position on Tuesday evening before deciding if London would move to impose a budget for the first time in a decade.—Reuters ■

Spain's Supreme Court begins rebellion proceedings against Catalan lawmakers

MADRID — Spain's Supreme court has begun processing rebellion charges raised against Catalonia's parliament speaker Carme Forcadell as well as other senior lawmakers from the region, a court spokesman said on Tuesday. Spain's state prosecutor on Monday called for rebellion and sedition charges to be brought against Catalan leaders over their push to separate from Spain.—Reuters ■

German police arrest Syrian suspected of planning bomb attack

BERLIN — German police arrested a 19-year-old Syrian suspected of planning an Islamist-motivated bomb attack in Germany with the aim of killing as many people as possible, the federal prosecutor's office said on Tuesday.

The man, whose name was given as Yamen A, was arrested in the early hours in the north-eastern town of Schwerin. Police searched his home and also those of other people not suspected of being directly involved.

"According to the findings so far, Yamen A made the decision no later than July 2017 to detonate an explosive device in Germany in order to kill and injure as many people as possible," the prosecutor's office said in a statement. "As a result, he began to procure components and chemicals needed to make an explosive device. Whether the



Police in front of a residential building in Schwerin, Germany on 31 October, 2017, after German police arrested a 19-year-old Syrian suspected of planning an Islamist-motivated bomb attack in Germany. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

suspect had already envisaged a specific target for his bomb attack is still unclear," the office added.

There were no indications that he was a member of a terrorist organization, it said. It did not say when he arrived in Germany.

Chancellor Angela Merkel, who is trying to form a new coalition government after elections last month, has come under fire for allowing more than one million people to enter Germany over the past two years — many of them refugees from Syria.

Her 'open door' refugee policy saw her conservatives bleed support in the election to the anti-immigration Alternative for Germany (AfD), which won seats in the national parliament for the first time.

The prosecutor's office said it would give an update on the investigation at 2 pm (1300 GMT). — Reuters ■

Indonesian police kill two "terrorists" on eastern island

JAKARTA — Indonesian counter-terrorism police killed two militants suspected of having links with a pro-Islamic State network in a shootout on the eastern island of Sumbawa, officials said on Tuesday.

Authorities in the country with the world's largest Muslim population are trying to stamp out the spread of radical Islamist ideologies.

Its elite counter-terrorism unit, Detachment 88 or 'Densus 88', has notched a string of recent successes against Jemaah Ansharut Daulah (JAD) network, a loose organisation of radicals loyal to Islamic State.

The two militants killed on Sumbawa were suspected members of JAD. Police said the shootout occurred when counter-terrorism forces ran into a group of four militants while conducting a surveillance operation in a mountainous area near the city

of Bima. The two other militants managed to escape.

"They had several weapons, different caliber bullets and survival gear," said national police spokesman Setyo Wasisto.

Militants have been travelling between Bima and Poso, on Sulawesi island. Counter-terrorism operations have decimated the militant group on Sulawesi, and police said there were signs that the militants were turning their attention to Bima.

"There is a strong link between the radical group in Poso and Bima. People have been going back and forth and people have received orders to carry out actions in Bima," Wasisto said. Last week police said eight men were arrested in Riau province, on the central eastern coast of Sumatra, and one man in South Sulawesi province — all of them were suspected of having links to JAD.— Reuters ■

Man seized over Benghazi attack is Syrian linked to suspected ringleader — Libyan officials

BENGHAZI (Libya) — A man seized by US forces in Libya accused of involvement in an attack that killed the US Ambassador in Benghazi in 2012 is a Syrian who had links to the suspected ringleader, Libyan military officials said on Tuesday.

US special forces captured Mustafa al-Imam in the past few days and he is being transported to the United States, US officials said on Monday, without giving more details.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, eastern-based military officials told Reuters Imam was believed to be a Syrian national aged between 35 and 40.

He had lived in the Benghazi district of Laithi where he frequented the same Al-Awza'i mosque as suspected ringleader Ahmed Abu Khatallah who was snatched by US forces in 2014, the officials said.

US prosecutors opened their case against Abu Khatallah this month. Imam has been charged with "killing a person in the course of an attack on a federal facility" and providing "material support to terrorists resulting in death," the US Justice Department said.

He will appear before a federal judge in Washington when he arrives in the United States. Laithi was an Islamist stronghold that saw some of the heaviest fighting in a battle for control of Benghazi that began in 2014. In July, eastern-based military commander Khalifa Haftar announced victory in the campaign, which pitted his Libyan National Army (LNA) against Islamists and other opponents.

Officials at the UN-backed government in Tripoli could not be reached for comment. The country has rival governments:

one in the capital and another in the east allied to Haftar.

An eastern news agency backing the LNA published what it said was a picture of Imam standing in front of the Benghazi barracks of an armed group before it was taken by Haftar's forces. It said he had been captured by US forces in the western city of Misrata.

The Benghazi attack, which killed Ambassador Christopher Stevens and three other Americans, was the topic of numerous congressional hearings, with Republican lawmakers critical of the way in which then-secretary of state Hillary Clinton handled the attack.

Libya has been mired in conflict since the 2011 overthrow of Muammar Gaddafi, with Islamists militants gaining ground as fighting between rival factions created a security void.— Reuters ■

Iraqi authorities take control of main border crossing with Turkey: customs official

BAGHDAD/ERBIL — Iraqi authorities have taken control of the main land crossing with Turkey from the autonomous Kurdish Regional Government (KRG), three Iraqi officials said on Tuesday.

One of the officials showed

Reuters pictures of the Iraqi flag being raised at the border gate, where Iraqi and Turkish soldiers were deployed and Turkish flags also hoisted.

"We have raised the Iraqi flag over the border crossing with Turkey today and it is officially

under the full control of the Iraqi government," said one of the officials, border police captain Ali Abdul Ilah. However, Kurdish regional authorities denied the crossing had been handed over. "Negotiations are still ongoing," said a Kurdish official in the Kurd-

istan regional capital Erbil. Iraq's entire Turkish border is located within the autonomous Kurdish region. Iraq has demanded control of all border crossings since the Kurds staged an independence referendum last month, which Baghdad considers illegal.

In the past two weeks, Iraqi forces retaliating for the secession vote have also recaptured most disputed territory held by the Kurds outside their autonomous region, including the oil city of Kirkuk, which Kurds had held since 2014.— Reuters ■

Fourth Borei-class submarine to be floated out in November

MOSCOW — The first advanced version of the nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine Project 955A Borei-class (North Wind) — the Knyaz Vladimir (Prince Vladimir) — will be floated out this coming November, Commander-in-Chief of the Russian Navy, Admiral Vladimir Korolev, said in an interview with the Krasnaya Zvezda newspaper.

“In the near future, the Severodvinsk-based Sevmash Shipyard will float out a new nuclear powered missile under-

water cruiser, the Knyaz Vladimir, from the slipway. The event will take place in November,” he said.

Korolev earlier said that the fourth Borei-class boomer was supposed to have been floated out in August.

The Knyaz Vladimir was laid down in 2012 and will become the fourth submarine in the series of eight Borei-class underwater cruisers and the first submarine of the advanced Borei-A Project.

Three subs of this class have already been delivered to the Navy. In

2014, two submarines — the Knyaz Oleg (Prince Oleg) and the Generalissimus Suvorov — were laid down. In 2015, the submarine Emperor Alexander III was laid down and in 2016 the keel of the submarine Knyaz Pozharsky (Prince Pozharsky) was laid. Each of these submarines carry 16 Bulava intercontinental ballistic missiles. Deputy head of the Russian Navy, Viktor Bursuk, said earlier that the Knyaz Vladimir underwater cruiser is to be delivered to the fleet in 2018.—Tass ■



Three subs of this class have already been delivered to the Navy. **PHOTO: TASS**

One killed in shooting near University of Utah in western US: police

LOS ANGELES — At least one person was killed in a shooting incident on Monday night near University of Utah in the western United States, police said.

The victim was killed in a vehicle and multiple gunshots were heard, according to Salt Lake City Police Department.

Authorities have been searching for a 24-year-old male suspect identified as Austin Boutain who was “considered armed and dangerous,” the department posted on its twitter account. The university, located in Salt Lake City, issued an alert to students at about 8:30 pm (0230 GMT

Tuesday), saying “Shots fired. Red Butte Canyon. Shelter in Place.”

About half an hour later, the university tweeted: “CAMPUS ALERT: Suspect male, white adult. Black clothing, beanie with cross, tear-drop tatoo on face.”

The east part of the campus was still in an active shooting situation and remained on lockdown three hours after the initial alert. Facebook Live from the scene showed heavy police presence and armed Special Weapons And Tactics teams searching buildings along a street. —Reuters ■

New Zealand PM says ban on foreign home buyers to start early 2018

WELLINGTON — New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said on Tuesday a ban on foreigners buying existing homes would begin in early 2018, but the restrictions would not apply to Australians.

Ardern campaigned in the recent New Zealand election to restrict foreign buyers to reduce demand, while the country tackles what her Labour party says is a housing crisis left unresolved by the previous National administration. “We are determined to make it easier for Kiwis to buy their first home so we are stopping foreign speculators buying houses and driving up prices.

Kiwis should not be outbid like this,” said Ardern in an emailed statement, using the colloquial term for New Zealanders.

The politically sensitive housing crunch has seen prices rise more than 50 percent nationally in the last decade. In the city of Auckland, prices have almost doubled in that period. The central bank sees fast-rising prices as a major economic risk.

The ban would not apply to Australians, Ardern said, given New Zealanders are exempt from home ownership restrictions in neighbouring Australia, where many New Zealanders live. Ardern told

reporters that legislation would be introduced in parliament by 25 December. The restrictions were being fast-tracked so that Labour would not have to renegotiate foreign investment provisions in the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) deal, after a long series of talks to revive the agreement since the United States pulled out in January. The TPP currently requires its 11 member states to give foreign investors equal treatment to locals unless there are specific exemptions.

New Zealand had no such grounds for an outright ban on overseas investment in housing, but

its Overseas Investment Act is exempted from the trade deal. By adding housing to that legislation, Labour will be able to go ahead with the ban without having to request any changes to the TPP when ministers meet on the sidelines of Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation meeting in Viet Nam next week to finalise the agreement. Ardern said that New Zealand would instead focus on renegotiating rules allowing investors to sue member countries included in the TPP, though she acknowledged it would be difficult to get large changes so late in negotiations.—Reuters ■

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S Korea, China agree to normalise relations after THAAD fallout

SEOUL/BEIJING— Seoul and Beijing have agreed to work swiftly to get their relations back on track following a year-long standoff over the deployment of a US anti-missile system in South Korea which hurt trade and South Korean business interests in China.

The installation of the US Terminal High Altitude Area Defence (THAAD) system in South Korea had angered China, which believed its powerful radar could be used to look inside its territory. South Korea and the United States have repeatedly said THAAD only serves to defend against the growing missile threat from North Korea.

“Both sides shared the view that the strengthening of exchange and cooperation between Korea and

China serves their common interests and agreed to expeditiously bring exchange and cooperation in all areas back on a normal development track,” South Korea’s foreign ministry said in a statement on Tuesday.

South Korea’s President Moon Jae-in will hold a summit meeting with China’s President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of an upcoming summit of Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) countries in Viet Nam on 10-11 November, a Blue House official said in a separate briefing on Tuesday. In a coordinated statement, China’s foreign ministry said the two countries have agreed to get their relations back onto a normal track “at an early date”. South Korea recognises China’s concerns on the



Terminal High Altitude Area Defence (THAAD) interceptors are seen as they arrive at Seongju, South Korea on 7 September, 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

THAAD issue and made it clear that the deployment was not aimed at any third country and did not harm China’s strategic security interests, China’s foreign ministry said. China reiterated its opposition to the deployment of THAAD, but took note of South Korea’s position and hopes South

Korea can appropriately handle the issue, it added. South Korean companies operating in China have suffered since the spat erupted last year, although Beijing has never specifically linked its actions to the THAAD deployment. Lotte Group, which provided the land where THAAD

was installed, has suffered most. It faces a costly overhaul and is expected to sell its Chinese hypermarket stores for a fraction of what it invested. Hopes have been growing for a thaw in the frosty bilateral ties following China’s all-important Congress Party conclave, during which

President Xi Jinping cemented his status as China’s most powerful leader after Mao Zedong. Earlier this month, South Korea and China agreed to renew a \$56 billion currency swap agreement while Chinese airlines are reportedly planning to restore flight routes to South Korea.

As part of efforts to restore the relations, the two countries recently held high-level talks, led by Nam Gwan-pyo, deputy director of national security of the Blue House, and Kong Xuanyou, assistant foreign minister of China, leading to Tuesday’s agreement. The sides agreed to enhance strategic communication and cooperation in the face of North Korea’s accelerating nuclear and missile programme, the statements said. —Reuters ■

Nine dismembered bodies found in man’s apartment near Tokyo

TOKYO — Nine dismembered bodies have been found in a man’s apartment southwest of Tokyo after it was searched by police who suspected his involvement in the disappearance of a 23-year-old woman in Tokyo, police said on Tuesday.

Police arrested 27-year-old Takahiro Shiraishi the same day on suspicion of body disposal. Police suspect that the bodies found at the apartment in Zama, Kanagawa Prefecture, include the body of the missing woman, who may have become acquainted with Shiraishi on an internet site for people with suicidal feelings.

The apartment is located near the US Army’s Camp Zama.

According to the Metropolitan Police Department, Shiraishi told investigators he killed the woman soon after they first met. The body parts, found inside cold-storage containers and tool boxes, apparently belonged



Reporters gather in front of an apartment house in Zama, Kanagawa Prefecture on 31 October, 2017 where police found nine bodies in one of its units. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**

to eight women and one man. The police are expected to file murder charges later.

A saw, believed to have been used to dismember the bodies, was also found in his apartment. Shiraishi allegedly told the police he cut up the bodies up in the bath, disposing of some body parts in the garbage.

Police conducted the search after security camera footage showed Shiraishi walking with the woman, who has been missing from her Hachioji home since earlier this month, near JR Hachioji Station and near the Odakyu Line’s Sobudaimae Station near his home on 23 October.

A message was

posted on the woman’s Twitter account on 20 September saying she was “looking for someone who will die with me.” The message said she “wants to die, but is scared of dying alone.”

Her brother contacted the police on 24 October, saying she had been missing since 21 October. The brother later used her Twitter account password and found that she had been exchanging messages with Shiraishi, investigative sources said.

Shiraishi’s neighbours expressed shock and disbelief at the news that nine bodies had been discovered in his apartment. One neighbour described the suspect as “a cheerful, kind and polite man. I cannot believe this.”

Some residents living in the same building as Shiraishi said they noticed a foul smell coming from his room from around August. —Kyodo News ■



Request for Proposal (RFP)
for provision of Fuel to all UN agencies
on Long Term Agreement
Reference No.: LRFP-2017-9130792 (Re-Advertisement)

UNICEF is inviting sealed Request for Proposal(RFP) to enter into Long Term Agreement with one or more qualified suppliers for provision of fuel to all UN agencies in Myanmar.

Interested companies who have valid business registration and a minimum of two years’ experience with reputable clients are invited to collect RFP document at UNICEF Office, 23-A, Inya Myaing Road, Yangon. Companies are requested to bring the copy of business registration certificate when they collect the RFP at the UNICEF office. Last date for collection of RFP is 17 November 2017.

Moreover, interested companies are invited for the Pre Bid Meeting at UNICEF Office on 13 Nov 2017 (2:00 PM). Please register to Ye Htut, yhtut@unicef.org in advance before mentioned date for confirmation.

The deadline for submission of bid to UNICEF is 2:00 pm, 22 November 2017.

For any clarification, please contact Ms. Ei Cho Nyunt, Supply Officer, Supply & Logistics Section, UNICEF Myanmar. Tel: +95 1 2305960-69 (Ext. 1563). E-mail enyunt@unicef.org.

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Kelly Clarkson will offer constructive criticism on The Voice

LONDON — Grammy-winning singer Kelly Clarkson says she will guide the contestants on the upcoming reality TV singing series “The Voice” by offering constructive criticism.

The 33-year-old singer says she believes she is a blend of her “American Idol” mentor Simon Cowell and “The Voice” co-judge Blake Shelton, reported FemaleFirst.

“I feel like I’m a mix of Simon and Blake. I’m constructive because it would be impossible

for me not to be, if you know my mother. I grew up with constructive criticism.

“And it made me a better human... I’m just saying I think that I’m incapable of not giving criticism constructively. So I think that’s like Simon,” says Clarkson.

The musician will debut as a judge on the season 14 of the talent show. Adam Levine and Alicia Keys are also on the judging panel.

—PTI ■



Netflix pulls plug on ‘House Of Cards’ amid Spacey claims

NEW YORK — Popular political drama “House of Cards” will end after its upcoming season six, Netflix has confirmed.

The news come after the show’s lead actor and executive producer Kevin Spacey was accused by “Star Trek: Discovery” actor Anthony Rapp of making an unwanted sexual advance towards him when he was 14-years-old.

A representative for Netflix, however, confirmed to The Times that the decision to pull the plug on the acclaimed series is not because of the recent sexual assault allegations against Spacey, 58.

The streaming giant and company Media Rights Capital that produces the show issued a joint statement, saying they were “deeply troubled” after Rapp went public with the claims for the first time in decades. “In response to last night’s revelations, executives from both of our companies arrived in Baltimore this afternoon to meet with our cast and crew to ensure that they continue to feel safe and supported,” the statement read.

They added that Spacey was “not working on set at this time.”

The production of “House of Cards” kicked off earlier this month. The news that the sixth installment was on its way never announced. Rapp, 46, had told BuzzFeed News that he attended Spacey’s party on his own after befriending the veteran actor and was the only non-adult there. After getting bored, Rapp went into a bedroom and watched TV until wee hours, when he realised no one else was left in the apartment. The actor claims Spacey soon entered the bedroom, picked him up, and climbed on top of him in a sexual advance. Following Rapp’s statement, the “House of Cards” star issued an apology and also came out as a gay man, saying he does not remember the incident and that it “would have been deeply inappropriate drunken behaviour”.

Spacey, however, earned flak on social media for revealing his sexual orientation amid the claims of abuse.—PTI ■

Horror film ‘Jigsaw’ wins N American box office in pre-Halloween weekend

LOS ANGELES — Lionsgate’s horror film “Jigsaw” topped North American box office in pre-Halloween weekend with an estimated 16.25 million US dollars debut, demonstrating the latest success of horror genre this year.

Directed by Australian directors — the Spierig brothers — with a production budget of only 10 million US dollars, “Jigsaw” is the eighth film in the “Saw” franchise that has earned nearly 900 million dollars globally.

It’s set a decade after the death of the eponymous Jigsaw killer, during the police investigation of a new succession of murders that fit his modus operandi.

“One of the lowest grossing weekends of the year was led by yet another horror movie as ‘Jigsaw’ was perfectly timed to take advantage of the Halloween spirit and follows in a long line of successful modestly budgeted hits from the massively popular genre in 2017,” wrote movie analyst Paul Dergarabedian at

comScore in an email to Xinhua.

Another Lionsgate’s low-budget Halloween offering “Boo! A Madea Halloween” took the second place with an estimated 10 million dollars in its second weekend, pushing its total to 35.52 million dollars through Sunday after 10 days in North American theaters.

Directed by and starring Tyler Perry, the comedy horror film is the sequel to “Boo! A Madea Halloween” and the 10th film in the Madea series. Perry created and performs

the Madea character, a tough elderly black woman.

Warner Bros.’ environmental disaster thriller “Geostorm” came in third with an estimated 5.67 million dollars in its second weekend. Universal’s release of Blumhouse’s slasher film “Happy Death Day” landed in the fourth place with an estimated 5.09 million dollars in its third weekend. Warner Bros.’ science fiction film “Blade Runner 2049” finished fifth with an estimated 3.96 million dollars in its fourth weekend.—Xinhua ■

Niall Horan lands first solo No 1 album on Billboard

LOS ANGELES — Niall Horan scored his first chart-topping album as a solo artist on Monday, the third member of boy band One Direction to achieve the feat.

Horan’s album “Flicker” sold 152,000 album units in its first week from music sales and streaming activity, according to figures from Nielsen SoundScan.

It follows on the heels of Harry Styles’ self-titled solo album debut in May and Zayn Malik’s “Mind of Mine” debut last year, both of which opened at

No 1 on the Billboard 200 chart.

After Malik left One Direction in 2015, the band went on hiatus and each of its remaining members released solo music.

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).

New debuts in the top ten of the Billboard 200 album chart this week included rappers Future and Young Thug’s collaborative album “Super Slimey” at No



Niall Horan performs during the iHeartRadio Music Festival at T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas, Nevada US on 23 September, 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

2, country singer Chris Young’s “Losing Sleep” at No 5 and country singer Darius Rucker at No 8 with “When Was The Last Time.”

On the Digital Songs chart,

which measures online single sales, Taylor Swift’s latest single “Gorgeous” from her upcoming album debuted at No 1 with 68,000 copies sold.—Reuters ■



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Picture

Employees of Swensen's ice cream shop in Tamwe got into the Halloween spirit yesterday with face makeup and pumpkins. The celebration of Halloween started in Europe thousands of year ago and is celebrated on 31 October, a day on which it is believed that ghosts of the dead returned to earth. **PHOTO: MARK ANGELES**



A child looks at a skeleton themed lantern during a Halloween lantern carnival in Liverpool, Britain, on 29 October 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**



Participants in costumes pose during a Halloween event in Kawasaki, south of Tokyo, Japan on 29 October 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

HKUST develops Hong Kong's first unmanned car

HONG KONG — The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) announced on Monday that its research team has developed Hong Kong's first unmanned car with a host of innovative functions, including the ability to avoid obstacles as it travels on its planned route.

The team from the Robotics Institute at the HKUST was led by Ming Liu, assistant professor in the Department of Electronic and Computer Engineering of the university. It has developed an advanced unmanned passenger vehicle system comprising multiple subsystems, ranging from the sensor systems to the dynamic modelling.

The perception of the obstacles is achieved by LiDAR (laser range finders), which can measure the surroundings 100 times per second. The three-dimensional perception system generates over 100,000 points per second, indicating the pose of the vehicle to the surroundings.

"We believe this is the starting point for a new generation of unmanned vehicles

that saves manpower on the one hand, and enhances safety, on the other," Liu said.

This invention was one of the projects showcased on the HKUST Robotics Day on Monday.

The other projects included an autonomous drone and an autonomous boat, both of which utilize similarly advanced navigation systems.

Michael Wang, director of the HKUST Robotics Institute, said the biggest challenge for robotics development at present is the availability of critical mass and skills to tackle the key problems, including external funding, facilities, and industry involvement.

"We at the Robotics Institute have made a very promising start, and we look forward to continued support from the government and the private sector," Wang said.

The HKUST Robotics Institute is a multidisciplinary platform for integrating, facilitating and enabling university-wide programs in robotics-related research, development and education.—Xinhua ■

Standby for polka dots and pumpkins

LOS ANGELES — Outside The Broad contemporary museum in downtown Los Angeles, a line of people stretched down an entire block, nearly a week after the sold-out Yayoi Kusama: Infinity Mirrors exhibition opened on 21 October.

Each day the museum sells a limited number of same-day standby tickets, and during a week in which the city experienced a record-breaking heat wave with temperatures topping 100 F, people had been willing to wait outside for hours in the blistering sun for a chance to enter the Japanese octogenar-

ian artist's polka dot-filled world.

Ali Lange, 31, of North Dakota was one of thousands that unsuccessfully attempted to purchase some of the 50,000 tickets when they went on sale online on 1 September.

"The LA Times had published a link that was supposed to be a short-cut to buying tickets," Lange said. The link, it turned out, was faulty, and bumped thousands of people out of the cue. "I had to pull the car over to the side of the road when that happened. I just couldn't believe it."

It was not the first time she

had missed out on seeing the Kusama exhibit. "I waited in Washington, DC, for about four hours in the rain when it was there and didn't get in."

The Broad subsequently released 40,000 additional tickets on 2 October. Those also sold out within hours. The museum then announced that about 50,000 standby tickets would be made available throughout the entire exhibit's run. Admission to The Broad's permanent galleries is free. But for this special exhibit, advance tickets sold for \$25, while standby tickets are \$30.—Kyodo News ■



People wait in line on 27 October for the exhibition Yayoi Kusama: Infinity Mirrors, which runs through 1 January at The Broad contemporary museum in Los Angeles. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**



Myanmar futsal player, captain Aung Aung (red) and Viet Nam futsal player Duc Hoa (white) are seen in the match of Myanmar played against Viet Nam on 30 October. **PHOTO: MFF**

Last year's top AFF Futsal Championship scorer Pyae Phyo Maung could repeat the feat

Kyaw Zin Tun

So far, Myanmar futsal forward Pyae Phyo Maung is the best goal scorer at the 2017 ASEAN Football Federation (AFF) Futsal Championship, having garnered 11 goals.

Thailand's Muhammad Osamanmusa and Viet Nam futsal player Phùng Trong Luân are in second place, earning 10 goals each. In third place is Phùng Trong Luân from Viet Nam, with eight goals so far.

Myanmar's Pyae Phyo Aung was the top scorer at last year's championship, and audiences are waiting to see if he can repeat the feat.

In the 2015 AFF Futsal

Championship, Thailand player Jetsada Chudech was the top scorer place together with Australian player Daniel Fogarty. In the 2014 AFF Futsal Championship, Jetsada Chudech was the most prolific scorer. This year, Jetsada Chudech is at the fifth place with five goals. After playing group stage matches, Viet Nam and Myanmar from Group A and Thailand and Malaysia from Group B advanced to semi-final matches that will be played today. At the seminal final matches today, Myanmar plays against Thailand while Viet Nam matches up against Malaysia. Final and third place matches will be on Friday. ■

Bagan fight to be held on full-moon holiday

Kyaw Zin Tun

BAGAN lethwei fight which is held annually will be held this Friday, the full moon of Tazaungmon, under the supervision of the Ministry of Health and Sports and the Myanmar Lethwei Federation.

The fight was sponsored by UMEHL, Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings and organised by Myanmar Media Group.

The Bagan fight will in-

clude five men's matches and one women's match. The men's fights are Nay Ruby (S.T.L) against Lanmaru (Yamanya Arman), Sein Lone Chaw (Burma Thway) against Thway Thit Maung (A Phyu Yaung Thway Thit), Thar Nge (Yarmanya Arman) against Zaw Chit Aung (Burma Thway), Sit Min (Yarmanya Arman) against Kabar Ma Kyae (Burma Thway) and Thura Lake (Burma Thway)

against Soe Linn Aung (S.T.L).

The women's fight is Lin Yone May (Lin Yone) against Shwe Ko Lay (Bago). Local residents' new generation lethwei fights will also be included in the event. Entry to the event is free of charge and will start at 6pm. The venue for the event is in front of old bus station, at the compound of Shwezigon Pagoda, NyaungU Town, Mandalay Region. ■

Liverpool's Sturridge keen to make his mark in Champions League

LONDON — Liverpool striker Daniel Sturridge is eager to make a big impact in the Champions League as he hopes to get his first start in the competition for the Merseyside club when they host Serbian side Maribor on Wednesday.

Sturridge joined Liverpool in 2013 and the club have since qualified for the Champions League twice, starting with the 2014-15 season when the 28-year-old failed to recover from his injuries before Brendan Rodgers' side dropped into the Europa League.

Juergen Klopp has led the side back into Europe's elite com-

petition and Sturridge, who won the competition with Chelsea in 2012, is raring to go.

"We've been in the Champions League two times since I've been at the club," Sturridge told the Liverpool Echo. "Obviously I missed out the first time but hopefully I can be a big part of this European campaign."

"I played in the competition many times for Chelsea and we won it when I was there. It's nothing new to me. You want to be playing at this level."

I am ready for when the opportunity comes.

"The manager picks the

team. From my perspective, I'm feeling good. I want to stay healthy and I want to keep scoring goals for the team."

Sturridge has made substitute appearances in each of Liverpool's three opening Champions League games but is yet to score as the club top Group E on goal difference with one win and two draws.

The England international has started four out of 10 league matches this campaign and has scored twice with Liverpool in sixth position ahead of Saturday's match at 16th-placed West Ham United.—Reuters ■

'Happy' Gray ready to sign new Leicester deal

LONDON — Winger Demarai Gray is content at Leicester City and says he is ready to commit his future to the Premier League club by signing a new contract.

Former Leicester manager Craig Shakespeare said the 21-year-old was close to signing a new deal in September after prolonged talks but the 54-year-old was sacked earlier this month and replaced by Claude Puel.

The England under-21 international started his first Premier League match this campaign under Puel in last Saturday's 2-0 win over Everton, where he created the first goal and scored the second.

"We obviously wanted to see who the new manager was... but I'm happy playing football

here and let my representatives deal with that side of it. When they give me the phone call we'll get it sorted," Gray told British media.

"It's for my representative and the backroom staff to deal with. All I can do is what I've done (against Everton) and when it comes to getting sorted out we'll get to it."

Gray, who joined from Birmingham City in January 2016, had previously bemoaned his lack of playing time under Leicester's former managers, Shakespeare and Claudio Ranieri, as 21 of his 30 league appearances last season were as a substitute. Leicester will be keen to extend their two-match winning streak in the league when they travel to Stoke City on Saturday.—Reuters ■



Leicester City's Demarai Gray in action with Everton's Tom Davies at King Power Stadium in Leicester, Britain on 29 October, 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**