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## In Hlaing Tharyar, illegal residents face hard choices

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THE concrete road beside the huge factory compound is silent on this early Monday morning, empty save for a few pedestrians and bicycles.

Beside the road are the small bamboo huts that are so ubiquitous in Yangon's Hlaing Tharyar township. In one of the huts, Ma Yi Yi Myint, 31, prepares fruit to sell at bus stops in the township. Her tiny home is barely large enough for three people to stay at one time.

"I couldn't sleep for a week when I got that piece of paper," she said, her gaze lowered as she peels the fruit.

The piece of paper is an eviction notice dated August 8.

"I got a second notice on September 8. And the authorities also told us to come to a meeting," she said.

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Photo: Kaung Htet

## For former leprosy sufferers, stigma is a battle with no end

Crumbling and neglected, Yangon's Myitta Parahita does not look like a home – but for scores of former leprosy sufferers it is a haven from the discrimination and ostracism they face, even decades after being cured of the disease.

## Call to speed up FDI proposals

Prominent businessman U Serge Pun urges the investment commission to speed up the process of approving proposals for investment in manufacturing in order to create the "millions" of jobs Myanmar needs to reduce poverty. **BUSINESS 22**

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## THE INSIDER: The local lowdown & best of the web

### Move over, 007: Number 91 is the new face of international diplomacy

Thanks to NBA hall of famer Dennis Rodman and his increasingly bizarre friendship with North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un, the world has learned Kim's baby is called Ju-ae. Speaking with *The Guardian*, Rodman described Kim as "an awesome guy" and "a good dad", following his second visit to the reclusive nation. His trip was sponsored by Irish book-making firm Paddy Power.

"The Marshal Kim and I had a relaxing time by the sea with his family," Rodman said of his recent visit to the world's most isolated country. "We shared many meals and drinks where we discussed our plans to play a historic friendship basketball game between North Korea and the US as well as ways to develop their basketball team."

Rodman said he plans to organise a basketball game between American and Korean teams, and that he intends to return to North Korea in December.

"Kim is a great guy, he loves basketball, and he's interested in building trust and understanding through sport and cultural exchanges," Rodman said. "I know in time Americans will see I'm just trying to help us all get along and see eye to eye through basketball, and with my friendship with Kim I know this will happen."

### Every picture tells a story - and sometimes it's the wrong one

*Esquire* magazine's website produced an embarrassing error last week, when the now-iconic image of a man falling from the World Trade Center on 9/11 was attached to an article called "Making your commute more stylish: look good on your way to work".

The thumbnail was supposed to have been assigned to the award-winning 2003 essay "The Falling Man" by Tom Junod, which was re-posted as the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11 approached.

The magazine's staff moved quickly to correct and acknowledge the error,

tweeting, "Relax, everybody. There was a stupid technical glitch on our 'Falling Man' story and it was fixed asap. We're sorry for the confusion."

### Tape recorder? Check. Angry tiger? Check...

Good news for upper Myanmar villages afflicted by nighttime elephant attacks: A new study from the University of California, Davis, reports crop-raiding pachyderms are significantly deterred by the sound of a tiger's growl.

In what it called "the first formal study investigating night-time antipredator behaviour", researchers set up elephant-triggered playbacks of leopard and tiger vocalisations. They found elephants reacted with extreme caution at the sound of a tiger, retreating silently. When they heard the sound of a leopard, they were more likely to move away - but not before making a series of aggressive vocalisations such as trumpets and grunts.

### Call the bucket brigade!

Shortly after a Thai Airways plane carrying more than 180 people skidded off the runway during landing at Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi airport last week, workers immediately set about covering up the airline's logo.

In a move intended to protect the company's reputation, workers on a crane applied black paint over the distinctive purple and gold logo. Concealing the logo may seem a somewhat futile move, considering the plane spent the morning resting in the grass next to the runway with evacuation slides hanging out, but it is thought to have been a damage limitation move by the airline.

A Thai Airways official, Smud Poom-on, said the move was a recommendation from Star Alliance known as the "crisis communication rule", meant to protect the image of both the airline and other members of Star Alliance.

The director of Alitalia, an airline that made headlines when its ATR-72 plane veered off the runway in Rome in February this year, told *The Daily Telegraph* that blacking out the airline logo is "routine practice all over the world" - something that, perhaps, Air Bagan is yet to learn.

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# General fires back over gun allegations

Major General Soe Shein’s associates insist he never threatened to shoot farmers in Lewe township, saying accusers are trying to extort him

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ASSOCIATES of Major General Soe Shein have refuted allegations that he pointed a gun at farmers over a land dispute in Nay Pyi Taw and have accused them of making the story up in an attempt to extort money from him.

Ko Nay Win Soe, who works on Maj Gen Soe Shein’s Lewe township plantation, said the allegations made by farmer Ko Aung Than Oo were motivated by greed.

“Maj Gen [Soe Shein] has negotiated this issue with locals fairly but Ko Aung Than Oo’s side has spread the lie that Maj Gen Soe Shein pointed a gun at his head because he wants money from us,” Ko Nay Win Soe said.

“On July 5 [Ko Aung Than Oo] claimed that he was on his land but he ran away when the major general asked him to show his ownership documents. Then he went to Aye Lar police station the following day and gave a false statement, saying the major general threatened to shoot him,” he said.

“Actually, Maj Gen [Soe Shein] didn’t have gun at that time – he had a pair of binoculars ... I was there and can

guarantee what I have just said is true.”

A number of Maj Gen Soe Shein’s workers also accused Ko Aung Than Oo of damaging trees on his land and threatening workers with a knife.

As *The Myanmar Times* has previously reported, farmers in Lewe’s Htone Pho village allege that Maj Gen Soe Shein, who was previously a personal staff officer of former Senior General Than Shwe, threatened to shoot them during a confrontation on July 5. Township police are investigating the allegations but have not filed any

**‘Ko Aung Than Oo’s side has spread the lie that Maj Gen Soe Shein pointed a gun at [him] because he wants money.’**

**Ko Nay Win Soe**  
Employee of Maj Gen Soe Shein

charges over the incident, in which one of Maj Gen Soe Shein’s associates was also accused of assault.

Immediately after the incident Maj Gen Soe Shein admitted to *The Myanmar Times* that he had pulled a gun on the farmers.

“I’m always warning them not to [cultivate that land],” he said. “I own that land officially. But they kept doing it so we wanted to intimidate them a little bit.”

However, sources close to Maj Gen Soe Shein – who could not be contacted directly for comment last week – maintain that he “never said that ... He did not intimidate them [even] a little bit.”

Ko Aung Min, a labourer on Maj Gen Soe Shein’s plum and tamarind plantation, also disputed the farmers’ version of events.

“When it happened I was planting plum trees. I didn’t see Maj Gen Soe Shein make any threatening gestures. I saw him questioning [Ko Aung Than Oo],” he said.

The dispute dates back to 2010, when the general was awarded 160 acres of vacant land in Lewe for 30 years by Mandalay’s Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Lands Management Committee.

Local farmers say he acquired the land illegally because he did not declare they were already cultivating it.

Since then he has planted plum and tamarind trees on about 100 acres of the land.

To defuse the prospect of further disputes, the general has already negotiated compensation with eight farmers for about 60 of the 160 acres. Most recently, Ko Nay Win Soe said, he paid K250,000 an acre to Ko Kyaw San in July for 14 acres.

“We can make deals for that land without any problems. The farmers have even offered to sell their lands,” he said.

It is unclear, however, whether the farmers were cultivating the land that they are now claiming ownership of, said Ko Htay Zaw Oo, assistant head of Lewe’s Settlements and Land Records Department.

“The farmer said his lands are within the area granted to Maj Gen Soe Shein. On the other side, Maj Gen Soe Shein has applied to work vacant land. If the farmers never used the land before they can’t claim ownership – it would instead be state land,” Ko Htay Zaw Oo said.

Ko Hlaing Phyto Win, a retired major who was accused of assaulting Ma Khin Tint during the July 5 confrontation, said he was not even present when the alleged incident took place.

“I was in Nay Pyi Taw at the time,” he said. “I am not Maj Gen Soe Shein’s subordinate but I help him sometimes because we both run agriculture businesses.”

“In this case, Ko Aung Than Oo cut down trees that were being grown on land that was formerly vacant and is now owned by Maj Gen Soe Shein. I think he accused Maj Gen Soe Shein because he wants money from him. His accusations have caused political damage to Maj Gen Soe Shein.”

But Ko Aung Than Oo said last week his version of events was accurate. He said the comments from Maj Gen Soe Shein’s associates come after talks to settle the dispute amicably failed.

“Maj Gen Soe Shein’s workers negotiated with me on September 6 but we could not agree so now I am waiting for the police to open a case against him,” he said.

A police spokesperson said an investigation into the incident is ongoing.

– Translated by Thiri Min Htun

## Shan party reps meet to discuss changes to constitution

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MPs from the Shan Nationalities Democratic Party have held a meeting in Taunggyi to discuss potential changes to the constitution – including one that would strip the military of its “leadership” role in politics.

The September 9 to 11 meeting was attended by many of the party’s Amyotha Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw and regional hluttaw representatives.

“There was no exact result about the changes we want to make to the constitution. We just discussed some ideas,” Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Sai San Min said last week.

The meeting comes after the parliament formed a 109-member committee, including five members of the SNDP, to review the constitution. The committee has until December 31 to submit a report recommending changes.

U Ye Tun, the party’s Pyithu Hluttaw representative for Hsipaw, said the SNDP will mainly focus on section 6(f), which affirms the Tatmadaw’s role in “the national political leadership role of the state.”

“However, we don’t expect that we will be successful,” he said.

U Ye Tun said they had separated the discussion into two sections: sections of the constitution that are not in accord with democracy and changes that would bring practical benefit to citizens’ democratic rights.

The sharing of power, resources and revenue between the central and state governments was discussed, and delegates agreed that state and region chief ministers should be elected by state and region hluttaw representatives rather than appointed by the president as under the current system.

– Translated by Zar Zar Soe

## I can’t stop violence alone, says NLD leader

NATIONAL League for Democracy leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi said last week that she alone could not stop the anti-Muslim violence that has shaken the country and that the solution was to install rule of law.

“It’s not something that I could learn to do, but I think what this whole society has to strive to do,” the democracy icon told reporters in Warsaw on September 12, during a tour of central Europe.

“We need rule of law in order that our people may feel secure and only secure people can talk to one another and try to establish the kind of relationship that will assure harmony for the future of our nation.”

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was answering a question from a reporter who asked if she personally could do anything to stop the sectarian violence.

While she is venerated for her struggle for democracy, some international human rights activists have accused the Nobel Peace laureate of failing to clearly condemn anti-Muslim violence in Buddhist-majority Myanmar.

Sectarian clashes in Rakhine State last year left about 200 people dead, mostly Rohingya Muslims.

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, 68, was speaking after having lunch with Polish



Daw Aung San Suu Kyi speaks during a joint press conference with former Polish President Lech Walesa on September 12 in Warsaw, Poland. Photo: AFP

anti-communist firebrand Lech Walesa.

Her fellow Nobel Peace laureate was leader of the Solidarity trade union, which negotiated a bloodless end to communism in Poland in 1989.

The following year he became Poland’s first democratically elected president since World War II.

Walesa, 69, said he thought Myanmar would one day achieve

democracy like Poland.

“Before we achieved success, we lost a couple battles,” he said.

“They are in a similar situation: They’re losing some battles. But on balance they will probably win the war.”

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi also stressed the need to amend Myanmar’s current constitution, which she said “is against all democratic values”.

The document was crafted under the former military regime and blocks anyone with a spouse or children who are foreign nationals from leading the country.

Warsaw’s mayor announced she was making Daw Aung San Suu Kyi an honorary citizen of the city, a distinction only offered to one other foreigner, the Dalai Lama.

Earlier on September 12, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi met with Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk and President Bronislaw Komorowski. The democracy icon will complete her tour with visits to Hungary and the Czech Republic. – AFP

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# West to push for another UN resolution

The government's hopes that the 2012 General Assembly would be the last with a resolution on its human rights record set to be dashed

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THE international community appears almost certain to adopt a human rights resolution against Myanmar at the United Nations General Assembly, which opens this week in New York, despite government expectations that the resolution would be dropped this year for the first time in two decades.

Several sources told *The Myanmar Times* that a new resolution is likely because the international community believes the government has not taken sufficient action to address key issues in last year's resolution, particularly steps towards reconciliation in Rakhine State and increased cooperation with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).

Sources have also confirmed that the United States in recent weeks sent a démarche to the European Union, the main sponsor of last year's resolution, urging the EU to begin drafting a new resolution. Neither the US nor EU embassies in Yangon responded to a request for confirmation that the démarche had been sent by deadline.

In Rakhine State an estimated 140,000 people, mostly Muslims, remain displaced as a result of violence last year, while three separate clashes between security officials and Rohingya Muslims in July and August left several people dead.

Elsewhere in Myanmar relations between Buddhists and Muslims are also strained, with violence spreading since last year's resolution from Rakhine State to Meiktila in Mandalay Region, Okkan in Yangon Region, Lashio in Shan State and Kanbalu in Sagaing Region.

Brianna Oliver, a spokesperson for the US Campaign for Burma, said the outbreaks of violence had dispelled any notion that a resolution would not be put forward at this year's General Assembly, which is scheduled to open on September 17, with a resolution

likely to be finalised by November.

"The serious human rights abuses committed by security forces, anti-Muslim violence, lack of justice and accountability, breakdown of cease-fires, and ethnic cleansing of the Rohingya have led countries that normally support a resolution on Burma to continue their support," Ms Oliver said.

Ms Oliver said the continued violence has even prompted member countries of the Organisation for Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to consider supporting this year's resolution.

An OIC spokesperson said the group would comment on how its members planned to approach the Myanmar resolution at the General Assembly but did not respond to questions submitted to its offices at the UN in New York or Geneva. Multiple phone calls to the group's headquarters in Saudi Arabia were not returned.

The resolution does not hinge on concerns over anti-Muslim violence alone, however. It also "urges the government to intensify its cooperation with [OHCHR] with a view to continuing and consolidating human rights reform in Myanmar".

This would include the establishment of an OHCHR representative office in Myanmar - another area where critics say President U Thein Sein's government has failed to deliver.

Matilda Bogner, regional representative for OHCHR's Southeast Asia office, said that the agency is in discussions with the government about opening a representative office but did not provide any further details.

Ms Bogner said having an OHCHR office within Myanmar would "provide more systematic and focused support to the government in addressing human rights challenges".

Given these concerns, and the continuing conflict in Kachin State, which has also displaced tens of thousands, several observers said a resolution is almost certain.

"The motivation to pass another resolution remains," said Rachel Calvert, a senior consultant on economics and country risk at IHS consultancy in Singapore.

The UN General Assembly has



President U Thein Sein addresses the United Nations General Assembly on September 27, 2012. Photo: AFP

adopted resolutions against Myanmar over its human rights record every year since 1992. Last year's resolution was formally adopted by the General Assembly on December 24, with the European Union acting as the main sponsor. The Myanmar government assisted in the writing of the resolution's text, in the apparent belief that doing so would persuade the EU to not table a resolution in 2013.

Despite the input from Myanmar, the country's delegation at the UN still criticised some language in the resolution as "sweeping" and objected to the use of the word "Rohingya" before ultimately allowing it to be used.

A new resolution will not be welcomed by the government, which believes it has done enough on human rights to justify an end to the annual criticism in the General Assembly. However, it will also be aware that the international community is not satisfied with the progress made to date, said Trevor Wilson, a visiting fellow at the Australian National University in Canberra.

"Myanmar governments have always defended themselves against the criticisms contained in these resolutions, and the current government will be no different," said Mr Wilson, who is also a former Australian ambassador to Myanmar. "But the Thein Sein government has been told very directly in recent weeks how seriously these ongoing problems are regarded by countries such as the UK, France and Australia."

Government spokesperson U Ye

Htut did not respond to requests for comment.

Ms Calvert said she believed that the government wants the focus on Myanmar to shift to development.

"I think the Myanmar government would very much like to move the focus of the dialogue on Myanmar at the UN to development rather than

**'The Thein Sein government has been told very directly how serious these ongoing problems are regarded.'**

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human rights, looking at other issues on their agreed agenda with the UN, like the census and the Global Compact on CSR," said Ms Calvert.

Another resolution could give further momentum to the view in Nay Pyi Taw that the UN's reporting on human rights in Myanmar is biased and the UN is unable to properly assess the situation because of its perceived foreignness.

"UN representatives have come

to Myanmar several times but they couldn't understand the real situation," said U Khine Maung Yi, a Pyithu Hluttaw representative for Ahlone.

He said the lack of understanding of Myanmar language and the national "temperament", as well as the lack of cooperation from "locals", had contributed to skewed reports on human rights conditions.


"They can't know the real situation if they aren't able to reach all the necessary places and meet the people they should meet."

But Myanmar advocacy groups say that the UN General Assembly resolutions remain an important tool for pushing for more reform.

"The resolution is one of the remaining points of leverage available to the international community as regards to Myanmar," said Daw Khin Ohmar from Burma Partnership, a network of organisations advocating for improved human rights and democracy in Myanmar.


Not adopting a resolution this year would "send a signal to the government that it has reached an acceptable level of human rights violations and that it has a carte blanche from the international community to leave off making further improvements".

"[I]t is more crucial than ever to maintain these resolutions," Daw Khin Ohmar said. "They serve to remind the government of Myanmar that they must prioritise the human rights agenda if they are genuinely pursuing democratic reform." - *Additional reporting by Thomas Kean*



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A woman sits in a house built illegally on government land on the outskirts of Yangon. Photo: Kaung Htet

# In Hlaing Tharyar, illegal residents face tough decisions

Almost 1000 households are facing eviction but rising rents mean they have nowhere else to go

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The September 9 meeting was arranged by Hlaing Tharyar township administrators, township lawyers, police and Yangon City Development Committee officials to explain the laws and punishment that squatters who refuse to abide by eviction notices can expect to face. Officials plan to evict more than 300 homes built on YCDC land and another 600 households on Ministry of Construction land in Hlaing Tharyar, a sprawling township of several hundred thousand people on Yangon's western fringe.

Ma Yi Yi Myint was one of hundreds of glum-faced residents who sat through the meeting, leaving despondent and worried about their future.

She and her husband, also 31, and their daughter left their hometown of Kyaukse in Ayeayawady Region just six months ago.

"If you're in a rural area it is even more difficult to make money ... so we came to Yangon. But when we got here, we found that rents are so high, even for a small room. We couldn't afford anything so we built this hut beside the road. Many other people were already doing it so we didn't think we were breaking any laws," she said.

She makes anywhere from K3000 to K5000 a day selling fruit to bus passengers, while her husband can

make K3000 a day as a labourer.

"I can only get that much if I start working very early in the morning. I have to walk along the road, back and forth, all day," she said. "And even if we get K7000 or K8000 a day, it is not really enough to cover our expenses."

Daw Myint Myint Than, a noodle salad vendor in her 50s, runs her business from a hut made out of tarpaulins. Her home-cum-shop

**'Even if we get K7000 or K8000 a day, it is not really enough to cover our expenses.'**

**Ma Yi Yi Myint**  
Hlaing Tharyar resident

consists of a bench, a few items on the ground and a small table.

It is virtually all she owns but with the K3000 or K4000 profit she makes a day she manages to send her two children to middle school.

"The room I rent is not big enough for a family but I can't afford anything bigger. I let my children stay in there because they are students and

they need a space to study well and I stay outside," she said.

She pays K15,000 a month for the room, which is in one of the township's many slum areas. It is virtually the cheapest room available - but she too faces eviction now.

"I have to move my shop but I have no idea what to do," Daw Myint Myint Than said.

These stories are all too familiar to township administrator U Htein Soe, who addressed the September 9 meeting.

He said migration, high rent and low wages have encouraged many people to build homes illegally on state or privately owned land.

"I think there would be about 50,000 squatters in Hlaing Tharyar township," he said.

"There are more and more after Nargis [in May 2008] because many people moved here from Ayeayawady Region after the cyclone."

While agreeing that squatters have few other housing options, U Htein Soe said he is concerned about safety aspects of illegal communities, such as residents cooking beside gas pipelines, and the impact on property owners. He said some squatters target privately owned land that is not being used and try to extort money from the owners.

"We plan to give them five eviction notices. Those who do not move from the area after five warnings will face legal action," he said.

At the September 9 meeting, the squatters had asked to be allowed to stay until after the end of the school year in February. Some asked to be resettled elsewhere.

"We won't ignore their difficulties. We will tell higher-level officials about them and we will do what we can," U Htein Soe said.

Township lawyer Daw Thanda Aung said she explained the law to the squatters at the meeting.

"Though we feel sorry for them, we are civil servants and we have to do our job. But we are afraid of getting into an argument with them," she said.

She has some justification for being afraid: In February, squatters chased off YCDC workers with bamboo sticks when they tried to evict them from a disused Ministry of Construction site in Hlaing Tharyar.

Whether officials are likely to face a similar confrontation with the 900 households slated for eviction is unclear. For now, residents are just waiting for the fifth eviction notice.

"We haven't done anything wrong except live here illegally. But we do this because we are too poor to rent a room for a family," said U Aung Zaw, a squatter who came to the September 9 meeting. "I have no plan to move because we have nowhere to go. My family and I will live here until the officials come to kick us out."

# Hopes fade for national ceasefire in October

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THE government says it is determined to go ahead with plans to sign a ceasefire agreement with ethnic armed groups in October despite indications that some groups are not ready.

Last week the government proposed to the United Nationalities Federal Council (UNFC), an umbrella organisation comprising 11 armed groups, that the signing ceremony should go ahead but the UNFC has yet to agree.

"We are still thinking seriously about whether to accept," said Padoh Mahn Mahn, joint secretary of the Karen National Union (KNU), a member organisation of the UNFC.

The government delegation, led by chief peace negotiator U Aung Min, a minister in the President's Office, met UNFC members in Chiang Mai, Thailand, on September 7-8 for "political dialogue". At the meeting, the government set out its plans on the signing of the ceasefire agreement, as well as a framework for political dialogue and a timeframe for the process.

**'Why would we need to sign [a ceasefire] again?'**

**Padoh Mahn Mahn**  
Karen National Union

But some UNFC members questioned whether the national ceasefire is needed given they have already signed agreements at the state level, and others at the union level.

"Why would we need to sign again?" said Padoh Mahn Mahn.

The signing ceremony has already been postponed from July because of a lack of agreement with ethnic groups. The UNFC wants more political dialogue based on agreements reached so far before a date for the signing ceremony is set, Padoh Mahn Mahn said.

"Fighting has continued in some regions despite the ceasefire agreements reached because there was no specific agreement between the Tatmadaw and ethnic armed groups," Padoh Mahn Mahn said.

U Hla Maung Shwe, peace facilitator of the Myanmar Peace Centre (MPC), confirmed that the government wanted to press ahead with plans to hold the event in October.

"We will try our best to succeed," he said.

Negotiations are continuing on a range of topics, including the framework for political dialogue.

UNFC joint secretary U Khun Okkar, from the Pa-O National Liberation Organisation, which reached a nine-point agreement with the government in March, said he believed the government should take more time to conduct dialogue and build solid foundations for future talks.

"The government says it will hold other meetings to discuss political dialogue after the nationwide ceasefire agreement is signed," he said. "But we don't want to accept their offer easily - we are very cautious about what they have proposed."

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# Health officials reject link between deaths, vaccination campaign

Week-long elephantiasis immunisation campaign hits hurdles when three people die shortly after taking medicine and others subsequently refuse it



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A GOVERNMENT vaccination program that aims to reach 1.6 million people has concluded amid concerns over possible links to three recent deaths and reports of many people refusing to take the medicine.

The week-long government campaign urging tens of millions of people in 200 townships to take the vaccine against the disease elephantiasis, a parasitical disorder that can lead to grotesque swelling of the limbs, concluded on September 15.

The medicine was distributed by social workers, volunteer, non-government organisation staff, and members of the Myanmar Red Cross Society, the Myanmar Women's Association, and the Maternal and Child Welfare Association.

had absolutely no connection with the vaccine because our campaign workers had not visited that area. In the second case, we found a box of the vaccine near the victim. She had taken the medicine at 5pm and died the following morning at 5am. But she also suffered from heart disease," he said.

On September 14, a 69-year-old man from Yangon's Mingalardon township died of a heart attack eight hours after taking the medicine, according to a police report seen by *The Myanmar Times*.

Department of Health chief Dr Min Than Nyunt dismissed any connection between the vaccine and the deaths, saying the medicine's potential side effects include dizziness but it cannot kill people.

In a bid to boost public confidence in the program following reports of the deaths, the department tried to include more health workers alongside volunteers who were distributing medicine. However, residents in Yangon said many people refused to either accept or take it.

"The local leader gave us medicine for my brother and husband but when they came home from work they don't dare to drink this medicine," she said. "They don't plan to take it but we kept it anyway."

Others, while concerned, said they figured that the benefits outweighed any risk. Dr Thi Ha from Bahan township said that while elephantiasis is not common "we should take the medicine if the opportunity comes because we don't live in a mosquito-free area."

"These side effects are not lethal but the elephantiasis is so, in my opinion, everyone in an area with mosquitos should take it."

Similarly, U Thein Win, 45, from Sit Twin village in Bago Region, said he took the medicine on September 11.

"The healthcare team came to our village two days ago and they gave the vaccine to everyone. I did not feel dizziness after taking it but some villagers were dizzy and vomiting," he said.

Dr Min Than Nyunt said the department is aware that many people have refused to take the medicine and it is planning an information campaign to reassure the public that the vaccine is safe.

The ministry says elephantiasis is found in nine Southeast Asian countries, and about 200 townships in Myanmar have been affected. The vaccination campaign has been conducted annually for 10 years, with the vaccine to be taken once a year for five consecutive years.

WHO Neglected Tropical Diseases national technical officer U Myo Lwin said the medicine can cause dizziness, drowsiness, nausea and vomiting.

It should be avoided by "people with high blood pressure, diabetes or asthma ... pregnant women, lactating mothers, infants and people with chronic diseases such as liver infections, kidney problems and heart diseases", he said.



A Thanlyin resident wears a free helmet given to him by the traffic police force on September 11. Photo: Boothee

## Traffic police hand out helmets in Thanlyin

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YANGON traffic police have distributed 100 motorcycle helmets free of charge in an effort to keep the region's riders safe.

The helmets were distributed on September 11 in Thanlyin township, one of 14 in Yangon Region where motorbikes are permitted.

While motorbikes are banned in most urban areas, they are widely used in the region's rural and outskirt townships, with more than 58,000 registered motorbikes. But Police Lieutenant Win Lwin from Thanlyin said many riders fail to wear a helmet, a decision that greatly increases their chances of being seriously injured or killed on the road.

"Of all vehicles, motorcycles are the least safe and most dangerous for users. People carry extra goods, three passengers, use their phone while riding and don't wear a helmet. People can afford to buy a motorcycle but they don't want to spend even K1500 on a helmet," he said.

"We are not saying that wearing a helmet means nobody will

die. But a helmet can protect the head from injury."

The helmet distribution event also included talks from officials on traffic rules and road safety.

Police Lieutenant Colonel Linn Htut said the traffic police force hoped to expand the free helmet program with help from donors. Each helmet costs K1000.

"In 31 townships it is not permitted to use motorcycles but in Dala, Thanlyin, Kyauktan and Thongwa townships, for example, many are using them and most of the time they do not used a helmet," he said.

"We want people to know they must wear helmets when riding a motorcycle. Later, we will give out more helmets free of charge but we will also take action against those who don't wear them."

Police Lieutenant Zaw Myo Tun said most people also believe that the smaller vehicle on the road is always in the right and this encourages motorcycle riders to be less careful.

"This thinking is wrong. Traffic police do not care whether a vehicle is small or big - we will take action against those which break the rules."

**'I read that two children were hospitalised and some people have even died after taking this medicine so I didn't dare take it.'**

Ma Khine  
Sanchaung township resident

Critics, however, said that those distributing the medicine provided insufficient advice as to the possible side effects, concerns that were highlighted by the deaths of three people shortly after they took the vaccine.

The Mon State regional health department reported the two deaths to the health ministry on September 11, a ministry spokesperson said. On September 9, the first day of the campaign, a 29-year-old woman in Ye township's Than Chaung village and a 70-year-old woman in Bilin township died, apparently after taking the immunisation medicine.

Residents feared the deaths were related to the elephantiasis vaccine, Dr Nyan Sint, a malaria specialist with Mon State's health department told *The Myanmar Times*.

"We investigated the two cases. In the first case, we found that this

"I read that two children have been hospitalised and some people have even died after taking this medicine so I didn't dare take it," said Ma Khine from Sanchaung township, who got the vaccine for her family from the regional health office on September 13.

Ma Khine said a doctor at the regional health office had tried to allay her fears, telling her that the deaths were not linked to the medicine and the deceased had pre-existing conditions.

"I'm still concerned about this disease so I think I will wait a while to see if there are more reports of problems. In our quarter there are other people who, like me, haven't taken the medicine because they are afraid," she said.

One woman from North Dagon township said her relatives had refused to take the vaccine.

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# Continuity and change: Myanmar's foreign policy

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NAPOLEON once said that in international affairs, a state must seek to define the diplomacy determined by its own geography. The political geography that post-independence Myanmar inherited from the British certainly presented some formidable strategic challenges. Early on, the country's authorities acknowledged that their approach to foreign policy had to reckon with Myanmar's peculiar geostrategic position between India, China, Southeast Asia and the Indian Ocean. In particular, Myanmar could not avoid dealing with its two powerful neighbours, with their increasing regional interests and global ambitions. Myanmar was "hemmed in like a tender gourd among the cactus", Prime Minister U Nu once lamented in front of parliamentary delegates. Coping with this geography was, and still is, a security imperative.

But over the past seven decades, there have been other obvious elements of continuity in Myanmar's foreign policy as a result of government perceptions of its security. For instance, the country has long had to cope with the management of its border areas. Most are inhabited by ethnic nationalities, which have long contested the legitimacy of the central state and established vital economic and political connections across official borders toward Thailand, China or India. These separatist tendencies along the borders have also generated a great deal of concern in neighbouring capitals, which has compelled Myanmar to be more pragmatic in its policy toward its neighbours. The fact that the 2008 constitution gives the Tatmadaw sway over the Ministry of Border Affairs in is an indication of how critical border areas and neighborhood diplomacy remain in the eyes of those in Nay Pyi Taw.

A third essential element of continuity in postcolonial foreign policy is the overall leverage of the Myanmar military. Since the 1950s, the Tatmadaw leadership has asserted itself as a key foreign policy actor, with generals often serving as ambassadors and foreign ministers. The 2008 constitution maintains the importance of the armed forces in matters of foreign affairs. The approval of the national legislature – where the army has 25 percent of the seats – is needed to establish and sever diplomatic relations. The defence and border affairs ministries, which are fully controlled by the army, are responsible for formulating defence policies and maintaining security in border areas.

**Myanmar will certainly take great care not to become overly close to one powerful state.**

To get a better understanding of how Myanmar's defence and foreign policy will develop in the near future, it is therefore critical to understand where the Tatmadaw leadership's strategic interests lie and how it has developed its particular visions for national security. Formulating foreign policies based less on national security imperatives, which soldiers traditionally tend to favour, will likely require greater civilianisation and professionalisation of Myanmar's foreign service. In recent years, India and members of ASEAN have trained Myanmar civilian diplomats and these efforts should be expanded.

The last element of continuity is the lure of Myanmar's vast natural resources. These have shaped the country's colonial and postcolonial economic developments and will continue to do so in ways that will prove both positive – modernisation and growth – and negative, such as the resource curse, limited creation of jobs in extractive industries and the fear of foreign economic domination. Control of resources has always

been a matter of national security. In the current transitional context, the way resources are managed and exploited – especially by foreigners – will continue to have a strong impact on Myanmar's relations with the outside world.

But there have also been some elements of change in Myanmar's diplomacy over the years. The most evident reflects the dramatic evolution in the global order. Despite a "go-it-alone" diplomatic stance long-favoured by Myanmar leaders since the 1960s, major events in international and regional politics, such as the end of the Cold War and the rise of China since the 1990s, have unavoidably had an impact on the country. Globalisation is also generating

some noticeable effects on Myanmar, its people and overall state policymaking. One example is the tangible impact that the development of the economies of Thailand and Yunnan Province in China has had on corresponding border areas in Myanmar.

Since 2011, foreign investors have been prospecting in a much-fantasised "gold rush". If this is not properly regulated, their thrusts may once more generate anxiety and fear in a society bruised by decades of xenophobia, particularly among Myanmar elites who have long been reluctant to embrace economic liberalism. Historically, free market and capitalistic views of the economy have almost always been brought into Myanmar by foreigners – Chinese and Indians in particular. Furthermore, about 4 million Myanmar people are forced to search for jobs and other opportunities abroad because they still cannot find them inside their own country. All remain much connected to their homeland and impact social and economic developments through

financial and social remittances. Myanmar should look to the Philippines and Bangladesh for pointers on how to maximise the benefits from this valuable source of revenue and knowledge.

Finally, as many seasoned scholars have demonstrated at length, power in Myanmar has always been highly personalised and, therefore, quite unpredictable. Personalised policies have traditionally been more important than institutional practices. This dependence on personalities – including those within the military – makes it difficult for Myanmar to enjoy the rational stability a modern state and its bureaucracy normally desire. This can bring a high degree of volatility into foreign and security policymaking.

These continuities and changes highlight how challenging it has become for Myanmar's leaders to articulate a sensible foreign policy. Carefully non-aligned, equidistant and probably reactive diplomacy might suit the country best in these times of transition. Myanmar will certainly take great care not to become overly close to one powerful state alone, whether it is a regional one, such as China, or one coming from beyond the Pacific Ocean. But it will not revert to the proactive diplomacy of seduction and vibrant engagement that was observed during the Asian Solidarity moment in the 1950s. The country today simply does not have the capacity to emulate the buoyant foreign policies that U Nu and former deputy prime minister U Kyaw Nyein once vocally promoted. As Myanmar chooses the pace and path of its own political transition, it will also choose the way it wants to rejoin the international community.

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Our region’s endangered species

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SEPTEMBER 7 was Threatened Species Day in Australia. Held every year, it commemorates the death of the last thylacine at Hobart Zoo in 1936.

Better known as the Tasmanian tiger because of the stripes along its rear back, the creature still adorns that island state’s coat of arms.

Its demise is blamed on a combination of bounty hunters, disease and the spread of that most destructive group, married white folks with kids and pet dogs.

To this day, however, there are alleged sightings of the elusive marsupial and most of us cherish the notion that there may indeed be a few still prowling at night in Tasmania’s foothills and scrubland.

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Well, it’s quite simple. Last week’s commemoration reminds us that this region has a growing number of threatened species, some of which are already on life support.

In fact, Kevin Rudd is already toast. The Australian PM was rendered extinct on Threatened Species Day due to smarmy arrogance, internal feuding and political cannibalism.

Other leaders who may also expire soon include the premiers of Cambodia, Malaysia and Vietnam, and their opposition counterparts in Indonesia and Thailand.

They have all experienced degrading electoral blows and, not possessing protective pouches for their vital areas, now look hobbled and unlikely to recover their full potency.

Consider former Thai PM Abhisit Vejjajiva, whose ascent, as *Foreign Affairs* editor Jonathan Tepperman recently wrote, came after “the military, in connivance with royalists and the courts, overthrew the populist prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra”.

Two years later, after those same Yellow Shirt royalists had stormed Government House and occupied the nation’s airports, their puppet Abhisit was ushered into power.

But lacking popular support, he was soon booted out when the Pheu Thai Party, run by the now-exiled Thaksin, won a handsome victory under the leadership of the former PM’s sister Yingluck.

Since then, much like Rudd’s Labor Party, Abhisit’s Democrats have been torn by infighting and strategic squabbling, while seeking to foment more anti-government street protests.

It is not working. And despite having a reputation for reasoned policies and civilised behaviour, its members have now stooped to thuggish volatility, as shown by their recent fisticuffs in parliament.

Earlier this month, Democrat MP Chen Thaugsuban went amok and threw chairs at the Speaker, while days earlier his colleagues totally lost the plot and brutally attacked parliamentary guards.

As the *Bangkok Post* reported, “Jeering, interrupting and filthy language escalated into pushing, shoving, even grappling with police.”

A front-page photo showed one of

Abhisit’s MPs trying to strangle a security officer.

As if that were not bad enough, Abhisit stumbled again when he tried to burnish his fading image by writing a book called *The Simple Truth*, in which he blamed the Thaksin-aligned Red Shirts for Bangkok’s lethal riots in 2010.

“I saw everything that happened,” he wrote in an English edition published last month. “And I can confidently say that the true murderers were the same people who had earlier unleashed terror on our city.”

But of course he could not, and did not, see everything. And the ones who first started to unleash terror on the city were the Yellow Shirts, whose violent acts eventually led to his assumption of the premiership.

Reviewing the book, academic Chris Baker wrote, “It offers no new information that is attested and reliable. The self-righteousness makes it hard to imagine Abhisit acting as a force for peace and unity in Thai politics.”

That is undeniable. In fact, Abhisit now appears destined for the same fate as the Tassie tiger. But we shall mourn the latter far more.



Ready for the axe? Former Thai Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva. Photo: AFP



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# For Hlegu community, a battle with no end

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WHEN volunteer carer Daw Yee Nwe arrives at Myitta Parahita Shelter for Leprosy to check on 87-year-old Daw Aye May, she is confronted with a scene that would disturb even the most experienced health professionals.

Daw Aye May's feet lack sensation because of the leprosy she contracted at the age of seven. In September last year she was left unattended in her sparse room and mice gnawed at her feet while she slept. Little of her toes remains. Rust-coloured droplets of dried blood stain her simple wooden bed.

Even by the abject standards of Myitta Parahita, it is a disturbing example of the conditions its residents endure.

The Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement runs the dilapidated centre in Hlegu township, north-east of Yangon. The centre houses about 65 inpatients in two simple dormitories, one for men and another for women. About 45 outpatients live in the nearby village of Mayan Chaung.

## .02%

The Ministry of Social Welfare's budget as a percentage of GDP

The rooms are stifling. The windows and doors are unprotected by screens, making flies and mosquitoes a constant menace. Patients regularly contract malaria. A generator sputters noisily in a crudely constructed shack outside, struggling to compensate for the chronic power failures.

The centre also supports 11 children from the village. They do not have

leprosy but their families are too poor to support them. They arrive at meal-times, some teetering precariously on adult-sized bicycles while others trudge up the driveway by foot. In return for their meal they wash dishes and provide a youthful if at times overactive helping hand to elderly inpatients.

The majority of patients have been cured of leprosy, also known as Hansen's disease, through effective multi-drug therapy at one of Myanmar's two leprosy clinics.

Inpatients still require constant care. The disease has left many with limited mobility because of amputations and physical deformities related to untreated secondary infections. They are also more susceptible to other illnesses.

However, the centre receives just K200 a day per person from the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement - better than the K50 received until August 2012 but just one-fifth of what centre president U Hla Htay believes is required to provide basic meals and care. "It is not enough, but people have to tolerate," he said.

The gaunt patients subsist on a diet of rice, beans, fish paste and occasionally some type of meat.

Apart from the one full-time worker employed by the ministry, the centre depends on volunteers to provide basic services. Donors give food, medical supplies and money for operations.

There is no on-site doctor but a volunteer, Dr Aung Ye Kyaw, visits twice a month. The medical equipment is rudimentary: A number of the centre's wheelchairs have been created from spare wheels and salvaged parts.

Myitta Parahita is a reminder that while leprosy has been relegated to dusty colonial-era medical books in most of the developed world, it remains a visible presence in Myanmar.

The number of new cases is falling steadily, from 3365 in 2008 to 2936 in 2010, according to the World Health Organization (WHO), but the number living with lasting impairments is many times higher.

Dr Zaw Moe Aung, country leader for The Leprosy Mission Myanmar, a branch of UK-based The Leprosy



A former leprosy sufferer at the Myitta Parahita Shelter for Leprosy in Hlegu township. Photo: Kaung Htet

Mission International, says about 100,000 people in Myanmar suffer from grade two disabilities due to the disease.

According to WHO, those with a grade two disability have "moderate disability; therapeutic action [is] needed to prevent severe disability". Foot drop, mobile claw hand and blurred vision are all considered grade two disabilities.

One of those 100,000 is Ko Ko Oo. At 27, he is the youngest resident at Myitta Parahita. Severe scarring covers his face, neck and arms, disfiguring an orange and red tribal-style tattoo on his upper right shoulder. Despite the age gap between Ko Ko Oo and most of the centre's other residents, he tells a familiar story of discrimination and fear.

Before contracting the disease in 2009, he scraped by in Yangon collecting and selling used newspapers with his friends. He was diagnosed at Yangon General Hospital, where he was marked as an outcast. Other patients refused to sleep near him and rarely spoke to him.

He was transferred to the Mawlamyine Christian Leprosy Hospital before seeking refuge at Myitta Parahita.

Though his treatment cycle has ended, he doubts that he will ever return to his former life in Yangon. His friends no longer keep in contact with him, nor does his stepsister. His ailments have made him both a patient and a pariah.

"There is no place for me to live," he says.

At Myitta Parahita he has found acceptance, although not much more. The deplorable conditions mean there is not much to look forward to besides the company of fellow sufferers.

Since it relocated to Hlegu in 1989, the centre has also seen attitudes in Mayan Chaung village change toward leprosy sufferers. Daw Win May, 75, said this is what encouraged her to live in the village as an outpatient.

"Outside of the village there is discrimination. Inside the village people do not discriminate," she said.

It is a rare safe haven from ridicule, where outpatients can enjoy the semblance of a normal life. However, there are few jobs and most struggle financially.

Dr Zaw Moe Aung said the stigma of leprosy can continue for generations; a woman can find it difficult to marry if her father has suffered from the disease, he said. The difficulty former sufferers face in getting on with their lives was highlighted by a tragic case in 2009 where a patient set himself alight after being forced from his home.

"It is a very deep-rooted issue," Dr Zaw Moe Aung said of the stigma attached to leprosy in Myanmar.

As in the rest of the country, a degree of positive change appears to be coming to Myitta Parahita. The government has made improving social

services one of its major priorities. The health budget for 2013-14 is more than K400 billion (US\$414 million), or 3.21 percent of the overall budget - a rise of about K130 billion (\$135 million) on the previous year.

Though the rise represents a small step forward, it still falls drastically short of what is needed.

Smaller still though is the budget for the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, which, at K10.9 billion (\$11.3 million), constitutes a paltry 0.02pc of GDP, according to deputy director general U Aung Tun Khaing.

When discussing the centre, U Aung Tun Khaing laughs nervously and flashes an uncomfortable smile. He admits conditions are not good but blames the glaring shortfalls in care on the ministry's lack of resources.

"We have a very limited budget, limited funding and limited human resources," he said.

Pressed on when tangible improvements will come to Myitta Parahita, he said the ministry is crafting a development plan to expand the department of social welfare. The timeline however, remains unclear.

For those at Myitta Parahita - and countless others whose needs have been forgotten by the system - the wait for reforms that bring tangible improvements to their lives could be agonisingly long.

## Police arrest one after stun gun abduction in Pyinmana township

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ONE man has been arrested and police are hunting four more after they allegedly used a stun gun to attack and abduct another man and steal his car in Pyinmana township on September 7.

Witnesses say Ko Lin Htain, 29, was working in an auto repair shop at about 2pm when five men drove up in a Toyota Mark II and two motorcycles. The men wore camouflage uniforms, carried handguns, handcuffs and a stun gun, and said they were from a Kayan armed rebel group.

"They touched him with a stun

gun. They mentioned the group's name, pointed guns at him and forced him to follow them [to the car]," an eyewitness said, adding that one of the men drove off in Ko Lin Htain's Pajero. "[Ko Lin Htain] looked like he was in pain and very afraid."

He was later released and is recovering at home. Police say the group comprised two men, aged 50 and 30, from Bago Region's Yeni township and three men, aged 28, 30 and 50, from Kayah State's Loi-kaw township.

"We were able to arrest [one of the men] on September 9 at Bawdigone village in Lewe township and are searching for the others,"

Sergeant Soe Win from Pyinmana Police Station said, adding that they were also investigating the whereabouts of Ko Lin Htain's car.

One of the five is believed to be a former official with the Kayan New Land Party, an armed group from Kayah State that is thought to have several hundred soldiers.

"We haven't yet had the chance to interrogate them and find out why they said they are from the Kayan group," the police sergeant said.

Ma Aye Aye Tun, Ko Lin Htain's wife, said the incident may have been money-related because the man who has been arrested owes her husband K8 million.

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# MPs ready for debates on budget, law reform

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THE eighth parliament session starting on October 1 is expected to focus on supplementary budgets and proposed amendments to the peaceful protest, election and party registration laws, MPs say.

The hluttaw speakers announced on September 9 that the sessions would resume at the start of October, barely a month after the seventh session ended.

"We expect to hold discussion about the budget," said U Sai Thiha Kyaw, secretary of Pyithu Hluttaw's Public

Accounts Committee. "Our committee will review whether some of the budgets approved before [the start of the financial year in] April were not enough."

The Rakhine Nationalities Development Party is expected to submit an amendment to the election law, after the party proposed during the seventh session to change the party registration law so that only full citizens can vote.

"We can't say yet what changes we will propose to the election law," RNDP chairman U Aye Maung said last week.

The NLD has already signalled its intention to push for an amendment to the peaceful protest law that would abolish the punishments set out in section 18, which have resulted in scores of activists being arrested and jailed over the past year.

Shan Nationalities Democratic Party Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Ye Tun said electronics law amendments and the farmer protection law will likely be passed during the eighth session.

He said the suspended discussion on the bill to recall an MP is also likely to resume at the behest of the Union Election Commission.

"The bill should be discussed. It is in accord with the constitution," U Ye Tun said.

U Aye Maung said that while he did not agree with the bill he also believed discussion would resume next month.

MPs say that the threshold for constituents to start the process of removing their MP, which is set at 1 percent in both the bill and constitution, is too low and could create instability. —

*Translated by Zar Zar Soe*



A Pyithu Hluttaw MP walks through the chamber on April 23, 2012. Photo: AFP

## Ministry to update dietary guidelines

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GUIDELINES on healthy eating are to be updated, the health ministry has announced.

The guidelines, last published in 2003, include 14 recommendations covering breastfeeding, nutrition for children and adolescents, pregnant and lactating women, elderly people, the consumption of fruit and vegetables, fats, salts, water and so on.

"As the guidelines were made 10 years ago, we need to explore whether it is time to update them," said Dr Kyaw Zin Thant, director general of the Department of Medical Research (Lower Myanmar).

"It's time to provide correct information based on the culture and situation of our country," he said.

Experts from the ministry's nutrition and medical research departments, and UN and WHO nutritionists, held a workshop on September 9 and 10 to update the guidelines.

An official from the ministry's public health unit said the new guidelines would cover fast foods and preserved foods. "Non-communicable diseases have increased

along with changes in lifestyle and eating style. We should inform people how to eat to ensure adequate nutrition," the official said.

"Dietary guidelines based on the common diseases in Myanmar will also be included," she added.

The food-based dietary guidelines aim to help people choose a nutritious diet, consume a variety of foods to avoid malnutrition and over-nutrition, choose clean and safe food, and practise healthy and nutritious diet patterns.

"The Ministry of Health is on the way to reducing under-five mortality and to improving the average lifespan of the citizens. I think these nutrition guidelines can help people to live healthily," Dr Kyaw Zin Thant said.

"Our country is still facing the five nutrition problems, protein deficiency syndrome, iron deficiency syndrome, vitamin A deficiency syndrome, iodine deficiency syndrome and vitamin B1 deficiency syndrome," he said.

According to the UNICEF's multiple indicator cluster survey in 2010, about 5.6 percent of under-five children in Myanmar are severely underweight, 12.7pc are severely stunted and 2.1pc are severely wasted.

## BRIEFS

### Thousands sign pipeline petition

A students' group in northern Shan State has started the first formal petition against the Shwe gas pipeline, protesting what they say is unfair land compensation and the destruction of crops along the pipeline route.

The Ta'aung Students and Youth Association started the petition in July and had collected about 4000 of the 5000 signatures needed as of September 12.

The group set the target of 5000 signatures because that is the number of people that it believes will be directly affected by the pipeline.

Once the group has all the signatures, it will take the petition to President U Thein Sein to formally address the issue, said Mai Myo Aung, secretary of the organisation.

"The reason we launched the petition is to draw attention to the impact the construction of the pipeline has had on communities and to press the government to take responsibility," Mai Myo Aung said.

He said the project had resulted in thousands of acres of agriculture land

and waterways being damaged or destroyed.

He said the group plans to send copies of the petition to the chief minister of Shan State, parliamentarians in the Palaung Self-administered Zone and the project's operator, Southeast Asia Gas Pipeline Company Limited.

The gas pipeline links Rakhine State with China's Yunnan Province and officially opened on July 28. — *Than Naing Soe, translated by Zar Zar Soe*

### Court charges 23 with murder

The Yangon Northern District Court has charged 23 men with murder over the death of a man in a gang clash.

The judge filed the charges on September 10. All of the defendants have pleaded not guilty and have also indicated they will submit an appeal to the Yangon Region High Court, asking it to dismiss the case.

Three witnesses will be examined at the next sitting date, on September 17.

The men were arrested after U Kyaw Min died in an alcohol shop in North Okkalapa township after being stabbed in a fight. — *Aung Kyaw Min*

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# Govt warns on sales of state-owned land



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MANDALAY City Development Committee is warning property brokers not to deal in government-owned property after sales in two townships were later found to be unlawful.

MCDC filed a notice in the *Mandalay* daily newspaper on September 4 saying dealers looking into plots in Chan Mya Tharsi township should consult its Department of Civil Planning and Land Management to ensure they are not already government-owned. MCDC also said that it would take action under "the current law" if it found any more cases of illegal purchasing.

The warning comes after reports that 2400-square-foot plots near the old Chan Mya Tharsi airport have been selling for about K2 million. The farmland was confiscated by the state for national projects but has never been developed.

Property broker U Win Hlaing of Aung Thara Phu real estate agency in Pyigyitagon township said that the situation was complicated because some farmers have been allowed to continue working land after it is confiscated and they have received compensation.

Buying and selling confiscated land is a "risky business", he said.

"From what I understand some farmers have told buyers openly that they have already received compensation from the government and are continuing to farm there because the land has not been used for any state projects," he said. "Some purchasers took the risk and bought the land anyway, either as an investment or to live there."

Large areas of land were confiscated by authorities under the military regime but never developed. However, the regional government and MCDC have made clear that it considers them to be state owned.

In September 2012, MCDC removed trespassers from Mya Yi Nandar ward in Chan Mya Tharsi township and Zee Oak village and Kan Gyi Kone village in Pyigyitagon township who were living illegally on municipal land. In many cases they had bought plots for well below market rates.

MCDC issued a public notice stating that when the government took over the land in 1991, it gave K4000 an acre to farmers as compensation. In 1998 it also gave them a 2400-square-foot plot if they lost fewer than 3 acres, or two plots if they lost more than 3 acres.



A Mandalay City Development Committee official looks on as a bulldozer destroys a home built illegally on state-owned land in September 2012. Photo: Phyto Wai Kyaw

## Seven-month deadline set for low-cost housing

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MANDALAY City Development Committee says it expects to complete 1300 low-cost apartments in about seven months, under a controversial project marred by evictions and debate over what really constitutes "low-cost".

The development will contain more than 50 four-storey apartment blocks and community amenities, including a monastery, school, market, medical clinic, police station and even a bus stop, MCDC says.

Construction is under way on the buildings in Chan Mya Tharsi township's Myayinandar and Aungtharyar wards, said U Myo Aung, associate

secretary of the housing project and head of MCDC's Department of Engineering and Warehouse.

Tenders were issued in February, with 88 construction companies bidding and 37 chosen for contracts. The apartments will be ready in about April 2014 with other buildings to follow later. The completed project will also include a fire station and ward administration office.

The development is part of government plans to address shortages of low-cost, quality housing in urban areas.

While the price of the apartments will vary between developers and won't be set until after construction is finished, it will be "less than K10 million", U Myo Aung said.

Land for the development was made available by evicting people living illegally in the wards in September 2012 - a move that sparked clashes between residents and municipal officials.

MCDC demolished the homes, including those still occupied by residents who had refused to leave within the allotted timeframe, but said their occupants - many of whom had bought fake deeds to live in the area - would get priority in purchasing apartments.

Controversy over the eviction, however, has now turned into controversy over the cost of the replacement apartments for former residents.

"K10 million may be a fair price for the wealthy," Ko Soe Aung said. "But

we are the poor and we borrowed money to buy the land plots for cheap prices here. Whether they give us priority or not, we can hardly buy a flat for K10 million."

MCDC said it plans to call a meeting to discuss the low-cost housing development with evicted residents. It also said second priority for any rooms not purchased by the evicted residents will go to civil servants.

The Department of City Planning and Land Administration said it kept a list of those who were evicted last year but added those not included in its survey can notify officials if they are able to provide documentation showing they had lost their homes.

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## Archaeologist calls for restoration of two damaged Bagan-era pagodas

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TWO of the nine pagodas built by King Anawrahta on the Panlaung River in Kyaukse township during the Bagan period are in dire need of repair, a leading architect has told *The Myanmar Times*.

Architect Tampawaddy U Win Maung said Magyitaw Shwegugyi Pagoda in Magyitaw village and Sawyel Shwegugyi Pagoda near Saw Yel village could soon be beyond repair unless urgent measures are taken.

The Sawyel Shwegugyi should be given first priority, he said, as it still has original craftsmanship from the Bagan period. The pagoda, which is situated in a forest and is not well known, still has its original walls but 20 percent of the concrete floral designs on its roof have collapsed, he said.

He stressed the importance of ensuring that the original designs are preserved rather than replaced.

The other pagoda, Magyitaw Shwegugyi, has suffered damage because the Panlaung River has eroded the riverbank on which it was built, U Win Maung said.

He said that unless measures are



The restored Tamoat Shinbin Shwegugyi Pagoda in Mandalay Region's Kyaukse township, which is located on the bank of Panlaung River. Photo: Supplied

taken to strengthen the bank, about half the pagoda will be lost into the river.

There is always debate over how pagodas should be restored, U Win Maung said, and for the most part religious concerns have trumped preservation of original designs.

"When repairing pagodas, people mostly consider it from a religious perspective. When the concrete is damaged, they never try to repair

it - they just peel it off and put new concrete on.

"This perspective focuses on renewal, while the cultural perspective is focused on preserving old things as they are.

"Tamoat Shinbin Shwegugyi is the only one of the nine pagodas built by King Anawrahta in the Kyaukse area that has been maintained with a focus on preserving its original style."

## Foreign experts to give advice on health insurance expansion

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FOREIGN experts are to be drafted in to advise the government on setting up, for the first time, a system of national health insurance. The Ministry of Health, medical professions, private insurance agencies, hospitals and clinics will join in the discussion.

Deputy Minister for Revenue U Maung Maung Thein - a former general manager of state-run Myanma Insurance - said the government would be seeking advice from "about three" international insurance professionals because of the paucity of domestic experts in the sector.

There are currently 13 insurance firms in Myanmar, including Myanma Insurance.

"We will also send some locals abroad to study health insurance," U Maung Maung Thein added, admitting that it would "take time" to develop a system here.

The foreign experts are expected to take part in a nationwide seminar on the issue, along with the local medical professions, the

Ministry of Health, private insurance companies, the insured, hospitals and clinics.

The deputy minister said Myanmar should have a "sustainable" health insurance industry up and running by 2015.

"Our department alone can't implement it. We need the active participation of all related sectors to create a sustainable system. Before we set a health insurance policy, we will gather suggestions from the relevant stakeholders," he said.

Life insurance is also rare, with only about 200,000 to 300,000 insured out of a national population of 60 million. "Most of these are government employees, for whom it is compulsory. Otherwise people don't have life insurance," said U Maung Maung Thein.

"The government will try to increase the number of people with life insurance. Rates should be affordable, and the system must be available in the countryside," added the deputy minister, stressing the need to modernise government policy.

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# Preventative measures help to stem erosion

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RIVERBANK erosion is posing less of a threat to communities in Mandalay Region this year because of increased investment in preventative measures, the regional government says.

The Mandalay Region government office said it expects to spend K1.4 billion on erosion prevention in 2013-14. It is the first time the regional government, which was formed in 2011, has allocated funding to erosion prevention.

"This year communities have had to move only a small number of houses because of the threat of the riverbank collapsing, after a large number of houses moved last year," Mandalay Region Minister for Transportation U Kyaw San U Kyaw San told *The Myanmar Times* last week.

"We have undertaken a range of preventive measures ... to redirect water before the river level rose, so overall there is much less anxiety in the villages than last year," he said.

"We are using sand pumps to dig out sandbanks to redirect the water. It will relieve erosion to an extent if we pile the sands on the



Villagers and authorities undertake erosion prevention measures on the Ayeyarwady River bank in Singu township in late July. Photo: Si Thu Lwin

riverbank. And then we will start work on gabions [a cage filled with rocks or concrete] when the water level drops."

The government plans to reinforce riverbanks near nine villages in five townships that are affected by erosion and flooding each year. Of these, work is already under way in five villages and will begin at the four other villages when the water level declines.

Ko Min Ko from Htee Kone village in Singu township, about 65 kilometres (40 miles) north of Man-

dalay, said the government's efforts have had a noticeable impact in his village.

"As a result of this year's preventive measures, just three houses had to move this year compared to 30 houses last year. We don't need to worry about our village this year," he said.

So far this year 25 houses in three Singu township villages have been forced to relocate because of erosion, along with 11 houses in three villages of Madaya township.

- Translated by Zar Zar Soe

## BRIEFS

**Thieves target journal offices**

Mandalay's media outlets have taken a hit in recent months - from burglars.

The most recent burglary occurred last week at the Mandalay office of *The Voice Daily*, where more than K900,000 (US\$900) was stolen, a spokesperson from the journal said.

A security camera fixed at the house next door to the office recorded the September 5 burglary, which occurred around early dawn.

The break-in was one of several to target media offices in recent months. On May 7, an Acer laptop and K1 million (\$1000) in cash was stolen from the Mandalay-based *Myanandar* journal, while in early June a branch of Asia Fame Media Group, publisher of *Popular News*, was also burgled.

Two Nikon cameras and a pair of Ray-Ban sunglasses were stolen, said Ko Than Soe.

All three of the burglaries have been reported to police but no one has yet been arrested or charged.

"We already know that we won't be receiving back what we lost," said Ko Than Soe. "Even large [theft] cases often go unsolved, so small cases like this case won't be closed."

A police spokesperson declined to comment because the investigations are still ongoing. - Si Thu Lwin, translated by Zar Zar Soe

**Government triples grants to non-government groups**

Ministry grants to local NGOs have more than tripled since last year, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement says.

The grants issued in 2012-13 totalled just over K1.7 billion (\$1.76 million), the statement said, more than three times

the K547.8 million issued the previous financial year.

The funds were divided among 1184 non-profit groups, including 735 pre-schools; 217 youth development centres; 82 free primary schools; 69 youth centres; 61 old-age homes; 10 women's centres; nine centres for the disabled; and the Mayanchaung Welfare Centre outside Yangon, a home for former leprosy patients.

"The department [of social welfare] is offering a helping hand in poverty alleviation and rural developments," said Union Minister Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin.

The ministry said that during the final 30 months of the current government's term it will provide special grants for projects across eight areas, including children, adolescents, women, the elderly, the disabled, drug addicts, non-profit groups and social welfare projects. - Hsu Hlaing Htun, translated by Kyaw Lin Khine

**MAI offers Gulfstream charters**

Myanmar Airways International plans to offer charter flights using an eight-seat Gulfstream jet, a spokesperson says.

It will also help Myanmar companies or individuals buy similar aircraft, said marketing manager Daw Aye Mra Tha.

"We are introducing this aircraft to Myanmar people who are interested in buying or hiring them," she said.

Companies can engage MAI to buy planes from Gulfstream Aerospace for them and the airline will train their pilots and cabin crew, she said.

"Myanmar people are very interested," she said. "We have also had enquiries from embassies that are interested in chartering the aircraft."

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A peace activist takes part in a protest in Yangon to mark International Day of Peace on September 21, 2012. Photo: Kaung Htet

# One year on, no respite for peace march organisers



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ACTIVISTS charged over a peace march through Yangon almost a year ago say they believe the government is deliberately stalling their trials to stop them from undertaking other peace activities.

The nine activists were each charged with 10 offences under section 18 of the Law on Peaceful Assembly and Peaceful Procession for organising a peace march through Yangon in September 2012 without official permission. While they have appeared in court dozens of times, the cases against the nine activists have stalled because of the large number of witnesses called by the police.

"The trials themselves are a real burden for us. It is like a string that restricts our freedom ... It hinders our daily life," said one of the accused, Ko Jaw Gun from the Kachin Peace Network. "I think I appeared in court more than 100 times over the past year. How am I meant to get anything else done?"

"It just takes so long. It

makes me so angry."

The activists were charged in each of the 10 townships that the march passed through because they did not seek prior permission from the township police station, as required under the peaceful protest law. They face two years' jail for each alleged offence.

Hundreds of people calling for the end to the conflict in Kachin State and elsewhere in Myanmar joined the march, which was held on September 21, 2012, as part of events held throughout the country to mark the International Day of Peace.

Judges have agreed to combine the charges so that they are now heard in Botahtaung and Bahan township courts, rather than 10 courts separately.

U Aung Myo Oo of the Lawyers' Network, who is representing four of the peace activists, said the trials have been regularly delayed because prosecution witnesses have failed to appear in court.

"For a normal case, the trial has to end within six months. But as each was charged 10 times there are many plaintiffs [police]. But then the police could not find some of their witnesses when they were summoned by the judge to appear at the trial."

He said most of the witnesses had also been unable to clearly describe what happened during the protest.

"I can't accuse exactly [that they are not real witnesses] because there were many people present at that time. We cannot know whether those [witnesses] were in that place or not."

**'I appeared in court more than 100 times over the past year. How am I meant to get anything else done?'**

**Ko Jaw Gun**  
Kachin Peace Network

U Aung Myo Oo said it was "difficult" to predict when the trials would conclude. "At the moment we're just at the stage of questioning the plaintiffs' witnesses. Many witnesses are still yet to be called and we haven't even started on the defendants' witnesses yet."

The peace activists are by no means the only protesters to fall foul of the peaceful protest law, which, as *The Myanmar Times* reported, MPs are set to review during the eighth session of parliament.

Generation Wave leader Ko Moe Thway is also facing 10 charges at two courts for alleged violations of the peaceful protest law.

"I have appeared in court more than 130 times but nothing has been resolved yet and no decision has been made," he said.

The activists say the peaceful protest law is unjust and violates their rights under section 354 of the constitution, which they say gives them the right to gather peacefully with or without government approval.

Ko Moe Thway said he would keep demonstrating despite the threat of more charges and has applied for permission to celebrate International Day of Peace on September 21 in co-operation with other civil society groups.

"We believe that we are conducting these campaigns using the rights given to citizens by the 2008 constitution," he said. "So we don't feel like we violated the law as they have accused us."

## NPT car co-op sells out on first day

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A COOPERATIVE set up to sell taxis on instalment in Nay Pyi Taw's Zabuthiri township shifted all 20 of the cars allocated by the Ministry of Cooperatives on its first day of operation, its chairman said.

The ministry approved an application from private company Kaung Myat Automobile Service Industry to set up Kaung Myat Cooperative Automobile Service in Zabuthiri township on September 8. The same day the cooperative's 33 members elected U Zaw Zaw Win Tun as chairperson.

The Cooperatives Department has allocated 20 taxis - a combination of Toyota Probox and Nissan AD vans - to each of the eight townships in Nay Pyi Taw. The Kaung Myat cooperative is the first to be established under the program and sold its entire 20-taxi allocation to members on its first day of operation, said U Zaw Zaw Win Tun.

"We will also sell motorcycles and sewing machines on instalment in future," he said.

The cars are sold for K12 million, with a 20 percent down payment and the rest paid back over three years, with interest set at 0.75pc a month.

Cooperative member Ko Maung Maung said the low interest rate meant ordinary people could afford to buy a car. "I'm very grateful that because of this program I'm going to be a car owner in just three years," he said.

Members can buy up to 100 shares at K10,000 each in the cooperative. Elections for the association chair will be held every four years.

"I think this a good move as it means drivers can have the opportunity to own their own car. The constitution of this automobile cooperative ensures transparency from the top to the bottom and every

member has the right to speak up. I think it will definitely be a success," said U Myint Aung, a businessman from nearby Pyinmana township.

As of early August, 487 cooperative associations had been formed in Nay Pyi Taw since 2012. About half of the associations focus on the agriculture sector and Kaung Myat is the first to sell cars.

"This car cooperative is more prominent than the others so it is important that members work properly to make it a success," said U Khin Maung Win, a deputy director of the Cooperatives Department.

- Translated by Zar Zar Soe





A boy draws water from a village pond in the dry zone. Photo: Si Thu Lwin

# Great Wall partners with govt on water project

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A MYANMAR company plans to work with the government to provide safe drinking water to nearly 24,500 people in the Central Dry Zone.

Great Wall Company will work with government departments in 28 Mandalay and Magwe region villages on the project, said spokesperson U Tin Maung Ohn.

The villagers face a “chronic struggle” to access safe drinking water, he said.

The company plans to spend K150 million (US\$150,000) to dig artesian wells in 17 villages in Mandalay and

11 villages in Magwe. Each well costs from K3 million (\$3000) to K8 million (\$8000). The villages are home to about 24,450 people in 4752 households.

“These villages are listed as having insufficient purified drinking water when surveyed by local municipalities,” said U Tin Maung Ohn.

Great Wall owns and operates several sugar refinery plants in Sagaing Region, which is north of the proposed project area. It also runs Great Wall Hotel in Mandalay.

The company has future plans to provide similar artesian wells in 10 villages in Sagaing Region and 14 villages in Shan State, U Tin Maung Ohn said.

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# Experts report sharp rise in alcohol-related mental disorders



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ALCOHOL-RELATED mental health disorders are on the rise, experts warn. The number of patients admitted to Yangon Mental Health Hospital has risen more than 60 percent – from 1600 to 2600 a year – since 2008, says the hospital’s medical superintendent Dr Kyaw Soe.

And already this year the hospital has received about 2500 patients, he said. “The number increased by about 1000 patients during these past five years,” he said.

Problems associated with heavy drinking include dependence, withdrawal symptoms, derangement, depression, brain damage and serious memory loss.

Some experts say alcohol-related disorders are rising because people have easier access to booze.

“In our society, social drinking seems to have become normal. This, I think, could develop into daily drinking and drinking-related problems,” Dr Soe Min, a senior consultant

psychiatrist, told *The Myanmar Times*. “Some people drink alcohol if they have social stress or other problems. This also could develop [into problem] drinking.”

A 2009 WHO survey of the risk factors for chronic diseases in Myanmar showed that about 12.9pc of the population drink alcohol, including

**2500**

The number of people treated at the Yangon Mental Health Hospital for alcohol-related issues so far this year

31.2pc of men and 1.5pc of women. Among the drinkers, about 15.7pc consumed alcohol on a daily basis and 35.9pc drank alcohol less than once a month.

The survey was conducted on more than 7000 people between 15 and 64 years of age, and represents an increase on 2005, when the WHO put the percentage of drinkers in

Myanmar at 7.2-7.4pc of men and 4.4pc of women.

Experts said that because of this growing consumption they anticipate further increases in alcohol-related mental disorders in coming years.

“For this year until the end of August, we have nearly 2500 patients with alcohol-related disorders. We think this rate will break the previous year’s record,” said Dr Kyaw Soe.

“We receive at least 300 alcohol-related patients per month,” he said. “Patients with alcohol-related disorders are much more numerous than other patients with mental disorders.”

Calling for an immediate response to the problem, Dr Soe Min said, “The best way to prevent these problems is to abstain from alcohol. Drinkers should monitor themselves for the onset of problems so that they can detect it early and seek treatment.”

Preventing alcohol-related problems is a multi-sectoral task, he said.

“The authorities should monitor the situation and take action on alcohol imports, production, selling and increased taxation,” he said.

“Health education programs are also important to prevent people from heavy drinking, to have early detection and treatment, and to provide effective mental health care.”



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# NLD could join govt, says new deputy minister

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A SHAN MP elevated to U Thein Sein's government says members of the National League for Democracy are likely to soon follow suit.

Shan Nationalities Democratic Party (SNDP) member U Sai Kyaw Ohn, the Pyithu Hluttaw representative for Namhkam in northern Shan State, was appointed deputy minister for hotels and tourism by the President's Office on September 9.

He is the second opposition MP to be appointed to a post in government, joining U Tin Shwe from the National Democratic Force, who became a deputy minister for hotels and tourism in February.

And U Sai Kyaw Ohn said he expected more to be appointed, including MPs from the NLD.

"In future, MPs from the NLD will probably be appointed to the government. Their party is powerful so they

may even be appointed as union ministers," he said.

In early June, rumours emerged that NLD Pyithu Hluttaw representative for Kyautpadaung U Zaw Myint Maung would be appointed deputy minister for health. However, he dismissed the reports and has not been brought in to the government.

U Sai Kyaw Ohn, who is also a member of the Pyithu Hluttaw Banking and Financial Development Committee, said he believed the reason he was selected for the post is his previous experience as managing director of a travel company.

The same day the President's Office also appointed Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Tin Ngwe as deputy minister for livestock, fisheries and rural development, while U Phone Zaw Han, a minister for finance and revenue in Mandalay Region, replaced him on Nay Pyi Taw Council.

The President's Office also appointed Pyithu Hluttaw representatives U Mann Maung Maung Nyan of the National Unity Party and U Ngon Maun of the Chin National Party to the Union Civil Service Board.

— Translated by Zar Zar Soe



## IN PICTURES

The Shwe Ngar Family company from Mandalay Region's Myittha township marked 10 years of annual rice donations on September 7, distributing three baskets of rice each to more than 3000 households. "We conduct a rice donation every year to ease the difficulties of poor families," said U Myint Wai from Shwe Ngar Family. — *Si Thu Lwin*



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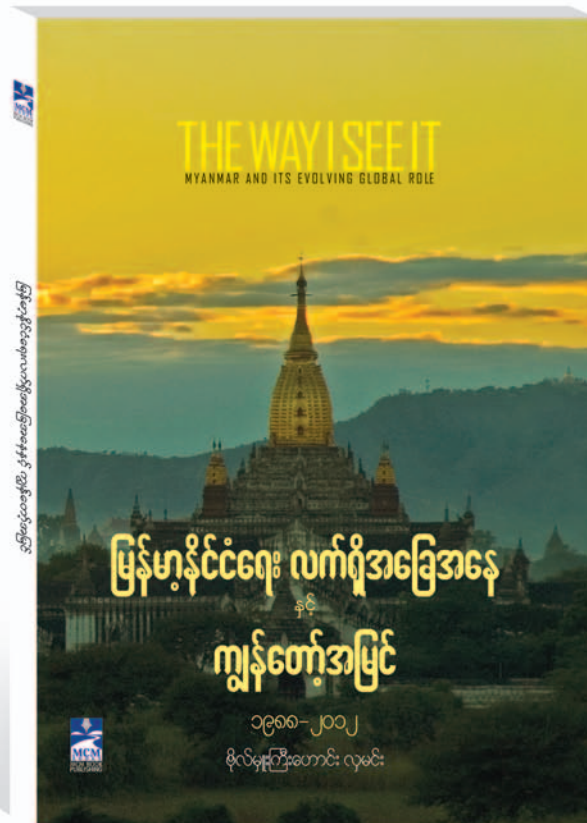
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## TB project receives four rapid detection machines

MYANMAR's tuberculosis project received four state-of-the-art machines on September 10 to enable rapid detection of drug-resistant TB.

The machines will be deployed in Yangon, Magwe, Taunggyi and Lashio to help diagnose more than 22,000 patients over the next three years, a project spokesperson said.

UNITAID, a global health initiative launched by the governments of Brazil, Chile, France, Norway and the United Kingdom, donated the machines as part of a global TB project conducted in 21 countries in Africa, Eastern Europe and Asia.

The GeneXpert machines will allow health workers to quickly diagnose drug-resistant TB at an early stage, Dr Denis Broun, executive director of UNITAID, announced at the launching ceremony on September 10 at Yangon's Aung San TB hospital.

The machines are recommended by WHO as highly accurate, UNITAID said.

Dr Tin Mi Mi Khaing, a TB expert from Yangon, said the machines will make TB diagnosis easier and faster.

"In the past, diagnosing drug-resistant TB could take nearly two months and was not accurate. Now, we can know the result within two hours," she told *The Myanmar Times*.

"The diagnosis tasks are easier. So we should try our best to provide treatment as quickly as possible," she added. Myanmar is among 22 countries with the highest TB burden in the world and the WHO estimates that about 8900 people are newly infected with MDR-TB every year. However, only 800 patients were receiving treatment as of the end of 2012.

— Yamon Phu Thit



## INTERVIEW

# Loosening Nay Pyi Taw's grip



Momentum is growing for state and region governments to be given a greater share of the budget but President U Thein Sein's economic adviser, U Zaw Oo, urges a cautious approach, arguing that the lack of accurate data means the process cannot yet be undertaken in an equitable way

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**In a recent speech, President U Thein Sein said he would allocate a greater share of the budget to states and regions. Campaigns are also underway for states and regions to get a fairer share of profits from natural resources. As an economic adviser to the president, how do you think the issue should be approached?**

We still need to learn more from what has happened in other countries. We can see from the decentralisation experiences of about 10 countries presented at this [Good Local Governance and People-Centred Services] workshop that allocating a greater share of the budget to local governments does not necessarily improve their performance. For example, China allocates a very large amount [about 60 percent of the total budget] but there are many governance problems at the local level,

while Thailand uses just 10pc but the quality of local governance is relatively high. We expect that by learning more about international experiences we will be in a better position to decide on the most suitable path for our country.

**What is your view on the financial decentralisation in the 2008 constitution?**

The constitution outlines many basic principles on decentralisation, such as which taxes have to be collected by the central government, which can be collected by local governments and what activities self-administered zones are entitled to undertake. Previously, however, all of these tasks were controlled by the central government so to be able to follow these constitutional principles many legal adjustments need to be made. New laws, then by-laws and other rules based on these constitutional principles need to be enacted. But a more important task is to improve the capacity of the public servants who will have to undertake these activities. Only when [both of these] have been completed can financial decentralisation be practised.

**How should income be split between the central government, the 14 states and regions and six self-administered zones?**

In other countries it is rare to see a federal structure based on ethnicity; usually it is based on area. [But our constitution recognises] that many diverse ethnic groups are residing in our country, and as recognition of the racial identity of these ethnic groups, states and regions are organised along ethnic lines. Other groups that also have significant populations ... are granted self-administration. But it becomes more complicated when you consider the detailed procedures needed to practise what is prescribed in the constitution.

Other countries usually develop a formula ... based on exact data and statistics so that the process is fair and transparent ... but developing this kind of formula for our country is difficult at the moment. I believe we need to do much more preparation so that we have exact data and statistics. We haven't even begun to gather exact statistics on religious and ethnic diversity, even though everybody is talking

about them. After the national census, we should have more exact statistics and can then calculate [financial allocations] more precisely.

**The results of the census will not be released until the end of 2015. Does that mean we should just wait until then?**

The discussion process should start now. The process is likely to take a long time so we should not wait [for the census results] to start. We need to consider both the basic principles [of financial decentralisation] and the practical needs as well.

For example, Indonesia undertook decentralisation very quickly - they even called it a big bang approach - while Cambodia did it very gradually. Today, the results in these two countries are not very different ... In Indonesia, local governments get 40pc while it is 30pc in Cambodia. But I think that when we approach these issues it is important to establish a model that is suited to the practical situation in our country. It will not work if we just stick to a certain ideology.

**The government also needs to consider what ethnic minority groups want, and many have clearly stated that they want greater autonomy - a genuine federal system - and also a greater share of money from resources. How should these demands be managed?**

Well, first we should work out what we want. After that, we have to negotiate. I think we need to find out more widely what the people at the grassroots level want, such as through the local governance mapping discussed at this workshop.

If we look at the experience of China, it is a unitary state in structure and also has different ethnic groups but it can undertake beneficial measures for its grassroots communities and ethnic groups more than some federated countries. I think we still need to learn more about international experiences so we can decide whether it is more important to focus on, for example, providing efficient public services or creating a genuine federal system through constitutional amendments.

## Airlines still in infancy as tougher competition looms

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THOUGH state-run Myanmar Airways is celebrating its 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary this week, the country's aviation industry is still at the "kindergarten stage", an expert has warned.

Founded as the Union of Burma Airways on September 15, 1948, the airline was a trail-blazer in the South-east Asia of the 1950s. But then decades of isolation and sanctions devastated the country's airline industry.

While the opening up of the country is good news for national airlines, the likely increased competition also carries serious threats.

"The next 12-18 months will be a testing time for Myanmar-based airlines as they will have to learn quickly or risk being marginalised by foreign carriers," said Stuart Barwood, an aviation expert from Brolin Consulting in the UK.

"Sanctions ... led to a gap in commercial knowledge and experience in the airline sector which needs to be addressed quickly in order to give airlines the ability to compete with international

companies," said Mr Barwood.

Myanmar is set to join the rest of ASEAN in adopting the "Open Skies Policy" in 2015, which would allow foreign airlines greater access to Myanmar's skies - and even allow foreign carriers to fly on domestic routes, which are currently restricted to companies that are majority or wholly Myanmar owned.

Dominique Savariau, an aviation expert at Myanmar Carlton Consulting in Yangon, said that while sanctions have played a role in stunting the industry's growth, the Ministry of Transport has not done enough to develop the industry.

"[The Ministry of Transport] has missed the global view. They have not answered questions like: What kind of development do they need? What role do they want aviation to play in the next ten years?"

He said the industry has been too focused around the "prestige" of owning airlines and not on making it profitable and sustainable.

While Myanmar companies dominate the domestic market, Myanmar Carlton's estimates that only 20 percent of international flights to and



A Union of Burma Airways Boeing 727 taxis at Hong Kong's Kai Tak International Airport in 1974. Photo: Wikimedia Commons

from Myanmar were operated by local airlines, while the other 80pc went to about 24 foreign carriers.

One of those two local airlines is Golden Myanmar Airlines. Managing director U Aung Gyi told Channel News Asia earlier this year that the industry was in the "kindergarten stage".

He said that most operators have a

"bad reputation" but it can recover "in [a] very short period of time".

"The people who are operating, they have to absorb and they have to [adopt] the modern, latest technology," he said.

In the lead-up to Open Skies, Mr Barwood said it would be wise for Myanmar to protect local carriers, at

least at first. "Without some degree of protection, local airlines will face strong competition on key routes from international carriers ... although any protection should only be short-term to enable the airlines to find their feet after years of isolation.

"The most important thing [to develop] is the human resources."



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# Asylum seekers land in Thailand

MORE than 200 Muslim Rohingya boat people have landed in southern Thailand, authorities said on September 12, a sign that vessels from Myanmar may be risking the journey before the end of the monsoon season.

The group, believed to be fleeing sectarian violence in unrest-torn Rakhine State, landed on a remote beach during a storm in southern Satun province on September 11, an official said.

"We gave them water, food and fixed their boat," said the official from the local Internal Security Operation Command, who did not want to be named. He added that the group then returned to the boat and set sail.

"We want them to go away out of the country ... They do not want to stay here and authorities here do not want to take them," he said, adding that the Rohingya normally want to head to neighbouring Muslim countries.

While he did not mention any countries by name, the Rohingya generally prefer Malaysia or Indonesia.

Thousands of Muslim Rohingya boat people - including

women and children - have fled Myanmar since Buddhist-Muslim clashes a year ago in Rakhine.

But most make the perilous journey after the monsoon has waned in October when high seas calm.

A local village official confirmed late on September 11

**'They looked skinny. They had no energy - some could not even walk.'**

**Somnuk Khunsuek**  
Village official, Satun Province

that the group had made land in Satun province, after a 15-day voyage through rough seas.

"They are all men - aged between 15 and 45 years old ... They looked skinny. They had no energy - some could not even walk," Somnuk Khunsuek said, adding they said they

wanted to reach Malaysia.

Thailand has faced criticism from rights groups for detaining hundreds of Rohingya boat people in overcrowded and insanitary facilities while it waits for a "third country" to offer to take them.

But overseas help has not been forthcoming so far, leaving the refugees in limbo, and separated from their families.

The kingdom initially said the asylum seekers would be allowed to stay for six months while the government worked with the UN refugee agency, the UNHCR, to try to find other countries willing to accept them.

It has extended the deadline to early next year, but rights groups say the Rohingya remain vulnerable to exploitation while they do not have full legal status in the kingdom.

In January Thai authorities opened an investigation into allegations that army officials were involved in trafficking Rohingya.

A spokeswoman for the UN's refugee arm said boat people should never be "pushed on", adding those fleeing unrest "must be able to access asylum where they arrive". - AFP

## State-run ethnic news, culture channel begins test broadcasts

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A TELEVISION channel focusing on ethnic minorities will be added to the country's growing broadcasting lineup over the weekend. However, there are already concerns that programming may mimic state views on minority groups and not the views of the groups themselves.

Content on the National Races Channel will include news broadcasts in eight ethnic languages and cultural programs focusing on lifestyles of different groups, traditional foods and prominent historical places.

The channel will initially broadcast in Kachin, Kayah, Mon, Rakhine, Shan and Wa languages, while two Chin languages and three Kayin languages will also have their own programs. Test transmissions are to be launched on September 15 and over the next month an hour of programming will be broadcast in each language, with programs run twice a day.

Deputy Minister for Information U Ye Htut said the channel was established through an agreement between the Ministry of Information and Myanmar Radio and Television (MRTV) and will be broadcast through pay television packages sold by both Family Entertainment Group and Skynet.

If test transmissions are successful the channel will be made available to all households in Yangon, Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw from April 2014.

Initially the ministry and MRTV will share the costs of establishing and operating the channel but he said a planned



A Wa presenter on the National Races Channel conducts a test broadcast last week. Photo: Pyae Thet Phyo

broadcasting law would see a dedicated budget line set up for the channel.

The passage of the broadcasting bill will also pave the way for the government to set up FM radio stations broadcasting in ethnic minority languages, he said.

U Zaw Aye Maung, a minister for Rakhine affairs in the Yangon Region government, said the introduction of broadcasts in minority languages was an important step forward for the government.

However, he expressed concern that programming would be too closely aligned with government policy and not properly reflect the reality on the ground.

"Ethnic minorities will more easily be able to understand and learn from programs

broadcast in their native languages. But it must be a public-oriented channel ... If it only airs government policy, it will be boring ... and nobody will want to watch it, so it will just be a waste of money," he said.

But at a launch ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw on September 7, Minister for Information U Aung Kyi said the ministry is committed to ensuring programming offers a balanced depiction of life in ethnic minority communities. He encouraged ethnic communities to inform the ministry if broadcasts on the channel are inaccurate.

"People living around the country should be able to see the faces of children who are collecting firewood in the furthest, most remote areas of the country," he said. - Translated by Zar Zar Soe

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# Investors battle over liquidated firm

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SHAREHOLDERS in a liquidated firm who say they received just one dividend in 16 years are pushing for an audit of the company, the return of their initial investment and any dividends they may have missed out on.

The shareholders' call was prompted by the revelation that the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development had liquidated Central Medical Service in July 2012 for failing to follow Myanmar company procedures.

The group of shareholders, led by U Maung Maung Lay and Daw Mayri Khin, said a "minority" group had gained control of the company

at its annual general meeting in 2004 and since then had refused to release financial information to them.

U Maung Maung Lay and Daw Mayri Khin say they are part of a six-member faction that possesses 59.2 percent of the company's shares, while managing director U Htin Pawl and six others hold 40.8pc.

U Maung Maung Lay said the dispute arose after U Htin Pawl's group called the meeting and dumped him from its board without his knowledge.

He and other members of the group of disaffected shareholders have stayed away from the firm since the dispute, he said.

"For 16 years we've been waiting for a return on our investment. The only time I got anything was in 2004, when

I received K100,000," said U Maung Maung Lay.

"We have no idea whether the company was growing or profitable or even how many shareholders there are. But after we found out that the company

**'For 16 years we've been waiting for a return on our investment.'**

U Maung Maung Lay  
Shareholder  
Central Medical Service

was liquidated we decided to try and get back our initial investment."

Central Medical Services was established on June 27, 1997. Its main business is Academy Medical Service, which is still operating.

*The Myanmar Times* contacted Academy Medical Service several times for comment but was told that the "manager or authorised person has gone out and we have no right to give their contact details".

After the 2004 dispute, the disaffected shareholders submitted an appeal to the Yangon Region Supreme Court, which ruled that the meeting had breached the company's rules because it was not attended by people holding at least 50pc of the company's shares.

It ordered that the meeting be held again but this appears not to have happened, which prompted the government's decision to liquidate.

A spokesperson for the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration said it was aware of the dispute.

"The notice from the Ministry of National Planning and Development was sent four times to the company's office and members of the board of directors," the spokesperson said.

U Maung Maung Lay and Daw Mayri Khin said they had not raised the issue publicly until now because there was previously no transparency in government and judicial decision-making and strict censorship meant the media could not report on the case.

# Possible site for dog sanctuary identified in Mandalay Region

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MANDALAY residents concerned about the fate of stray dogs in the city – and the threat of rabies – have identified a possible site for a sanctuary and are seeking government permission to open the facility.

The group's members say they have been forced to act because of the growing export of dogs from Myanmar to China, where they are sold for up to K20,000 to hungry buyers.

Veterinary surgeon Dr Khin Maung Yi, a member of the Stray Dogs Rescue Group, said last week that he has asked the regional government for permission to reopen a dog sanctuary on 66<sup>th</sup> Street, north-east of Mandalay Hill.

The sanctuary was closed in the mid-1990s because of a lack of funding, he said.

If approved, stray dogs would be removed from urban streets and villages in the area and taken to the sanctuary, Dr Khin Maung Yi said.

The sanctuary would be supported by donors and would not be a burden on state finances, he said.

Opening the sanctuary would help prevent the spread of rabies, which has increased four-fold in the region since 2011, and would also prevent stray dogs from mistreatment.

"If there is a dog sanctuary, people can leave unwanted dogs there," he said. "It can also protect against the export of dogs to other countries. Currently, there are some cases of people catching and selling dogs [to China]. People are also holding dogs for ransom and ... selling them [back to the owners] for K7000 so these are also reasons why we want the regional government to let us open the sanctuary again."

If the dog sanctuary is approved, Dr Khin Maung Yi said, the dogs will be given food and health care. There are also many people ready to help maintain the sanctuary, with donors already lining up to provide funding. A number of veterinarians have offered to help look after dogs at the sanctuary.

U Soe Tint Aung, deputy head of Mandalay City Development Committee's Cleaning Department, said he had not heard about the proposal but believes it is a worthy idea. He confirmed that the sanctuary is closed and said some Cleaning Department workers live on the site.

MCDC figures show that the Cleaning Department destroyed 3900 stray dogs in the 2012-13 financial year.

Group member and beauty salon owner Ma Saw Yu Aye from Maha Aung Myay township said recent media coverage about Myanmar dogs



A stray dog sleeps on the steps of a colonial-era building on Pansodan Road in downtown Yangon. Photo: Christopher Davy

being sold to China has drawn further attention to the issue and prompted members of the public to come up with solutions to protect dogs.

She became interested in the issue after her dog was caught by a private poacher and she had to buy it back so it would not be sold in China.

"I felt so sorry when I saw a lot of

dogs being caught," she said. "So we dog lovers have formed a group and are seeking a place to make a dog sanctuary. We are trying to register our organisation so it is legal."

Dog lover U Thant said he became interested in the issue after he saw the harsh methods private dog catchers use to round up the

region's stray dogs.

"I saw a dog hunter with a horse cart catching dogs with a slingshot," he said. "I told them to stop it, but I failed because they also shot me with a slingshot. Dogs are being tortured. So, I'm going to ask for a dog sanctuary."

– Translated by Thiri Min Htun

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# Dredging tests begin on Ayeyarwady River

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DREDGING equipment imported from China is being tested at two points on the lower reaches of Ayeyarwady River with assistance from Chinese engineers, the government says.

Workers started using 19 watercraft to dredge sand from Yangon Region's Kathwe Kway sandbank and Ayeyarwady Region's Nyaungdon Set Kaw on September 11, according to U

Thaung Lwin, director of the Department of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems.

The 19 watercraft were purchased from the China National Aero-Technology Import & Export Corporation (CATIC) for US\$24 million under a December 2009 memorandum of understanding. They were built between December 2011 and June of this year, and arrived in Myanmar between the end of July and the start of August.

"By conducting this test dredging we can find out the capacity of these watercraft while the sandbanks are being cleared," U Thaung Lwin told *The Myanmar Times*.

"At the same time, the staff who have been training to use the dredgers can gain practical experience while the Chinese engineers are here. They can learn the weaknesses of these watercraft now."

After testing is complete, he said, five of the 19 watercraft will be kept in Yangon

Region, while the rest will be sent to other areas of the river, including Sagaing, Monywa, Mandalay, Magwe and Pyaw.

Mandalay and Magwe are particularly in need of dredging but U Thaung Lwin said he is unsure when work will start there.

"We have to plan which craft will be suitable for which area [of the river] based on the results of the current test run," he said. - *Translated by Thiri Min Htun*



The house in Katha where British writer George Orwell is thought to have lived in the 1920s. Photo: AFP

# Fight begins to save George Orwell's Burmese inspiration

COBWEBS cover its furniture and its rooms are long deserted but a crumbling house in Katha township is at the centre of a conservation battle by locals who say it was once home to George Orwell.

The remote trading post on the banks of the Ayeyarwady in Sagaing Region - and the house lived in by Orwell in the 1920s - were immortalised in the acclaimed British author's first novel, *Burmese Days*.

Decades later, as the country emerges from nearly half a century of harsh military rule, a group of artists has launched a campaign to protect the legacy of one of literature's most scathing critics of dictatorship.

"I am trying to do what I can to restore all the buildings in the book and to attract attention to the country and to the town," said artist and Orwell fan U Nyo Ko Naing.

The two-storey house stands abandoned in an overgrown tropical garden in the remote town which lies about 250 kilometres (155 miles) north of Mandalay.

The campaigners want the home and nearby European country club turned into a museum, in a country where many colonial-era buildings have already fallen victim to the wrecking ball as investors flock to what they hope will be the region's next hottest economy.

A young Orwell, then known as Eric Blair, arrived in Burma, as the country was then known,

in 1922 and stayed for five years, working as a policeman.

In the novel, Katha is called Kyauktada, but everything else is the same.

"The tennis court, British Club, jail, the police station and the military cemetery are in the book and really exist in the town," said U Nyo Ko Naing.

The wooden and brick house has been empty for 16 years.

Some old pot plants have withered and died and the upstairs balconies are too unstable to stand on. The empty rooms echo with U Nyo Ko Naing's footsteps, which leave prints in the dust that has built up over the years.

"Orwell took many raw materials for his book *Burmese Days* from here," Nyo Ko Naing said. "I think this house and all the other places in Orwell's book should be turned into a museum."

*Burmese Days* is a scathing critique of British colonial rule, with the European characters' constant drinking and poor treatment of the Burmese locals a running theme.

The Myanmar characters also come in for harsh criticism, with the magistrate portrayed as scheming, obese and corrupt.

Myanmar is now opening up and over the past couple of years more and more tourists have come to Katha, on the trail of Orwell.

"The country is open now.

It is no longer isolated," said U Khin Maung Lwin, the headmaster of the local school. "I will teach my students so that they know more about George Orwell."

Although long thought to be Orwell's home, there is some doubt whether a policeman would have lived in such a grand house.

Across the road from the house lies the tennis court, and beyond that the European club.

In *Burmese Days*, the club is described as "the real centre of the town ... the spiritual citadel, the real seat of the British power".

Today it is the offices for a local business cooperative, and the bar where the Europeans would have spent most of their time has closed.

The local Anglican church, the setting for the climax of the book, still stands and is in use. The local priest points where the book's protagonist, John Flory, would have sat.

"People come here from Germany, Sweden, America," Reverend Daniel Say Htan said. "They come here to see the real places in the novel."

Orwell's time in Burma helped shape his future career - he became one of the 20<sup>th</sup> century's most important writers, with novels such as *Animal Farm* and *1984* providing some of literature's most biting criticism of authoritarianism.

But those who met him when he was in Burma would

not have guessed at those feelings.

"The few accounts of people who met him whilst he was in Burma suggest he was a perfectly conventional policeman," said DJ Taylor, who wrote the award-winning biography, *Orwell: The Life*.

"He actually went out to the East with standard beliefs. Half of him believed in the rights of the Burmese and the other half didn't as he was often so sick of them," he said.

But his time serving in the British Raj did begin a slow change in perspective.

"Burma provided the raw material for plenty of thoughts later," Taylor said. "It is a crucial early step in his political development."

The work of Orwell, who died in 1950, still resonates with readers today. When the recent National Security Agency scandal broke after revelations by fugitive former US intelligence contractor Edward Snowden, sales of his novels raced up the bestseller charts.

Artist Nyo Ko Naing has read the book five times, in both English and Burmese, and says he will carry on doing all he can to preserve the places that form the basis for Orwell's long road to greatness.

"We are trying collectively to maintain and restore everything related to George Orwell, *Burmese Days* and Katha town as we regard it as a precious legacy." - *AFP*



# Suspended cyber city university students call for reinstatement

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ALMOST 180 students from Yadanarpon Cyber City's University of Technology suspended for not meeting attendance requirements have called on school authorities to let them return to class.

The Pyin Oo Lwin township school suspended 178 of its approximately 2000 students for one academic year earlier this month because they failed to attend at least 75 percent of classes.

The suspension is a double blow for the students, as not only will they have to sit out the 2013-14 academic year, which begins in December, they will also not be able to take their exams later this month.

But the students have asked the school to review the suspension on compassion grounds.

"We want the suspension to be revised. There are many outstanding students among them so it will be a great loss if they are suspended for one year," said second-year Information and Communication Technology student Khun Naing Pyae Tun, who is among those suspended.

"And parents spend a great deal of money to support their children so we

think the officials should think about it one more time," he said.

Second-year student Ko Lin Htet Win, who was also suspended, said some students had asked to see their attendance record but were not allowed.

"Class attendance records can be looked at with a recommendation from the head of the [university] department. So we went together with the official to the student affairs office but the staff said our class attendance was 60pc and refused to show us the documents," he said. "Students do not even have the right to look their own attendance record. It shows there is no transparency at this school."

The students have already got about 350 signatures for a petition that they plan to file to the parliamentary education committee.

"Other students want to sign it but are afraid," said one second-year student.

Ko Khun Naing Pyae Tun, chairman of Yadanarpon Cyber City's student union, said there was confusion over whether the suspensions were related to a new attendance system introduced this year.

"In previous academic years, attendance was checked through one



Suspended students from the University of Technology in Pyin Oo Lwin township speak at a press conference last week. Photo: Si Thu Lwin

roll-call for the day but this year a roll-call was done for each subject. We would like to know whether the new rule was ordered by the Ministry of Education or the university," he said.

The Myanmar Times was unable to reach the university's headmaster U Aung Win for comment. But he told local television recently that the school had given students adequate warning that the 75pc attendance rule would be enforced.

"Since the beginning of this academic year we put warnings on the noticeboard that students have to attend 75pc of classes or they will not be allowed to sit their exams. The registrar already explained the rule to students and their parents when they enrolled," he said.

University of Technology at Yadanarpon Cyber City in Mandalay's Pyin Oo Lwin township opened in 2011.

– Translated by Zar Zar Soe

# Restaurant association wins Games food tender

ATHLETES competing in the 27<sup>th</sup> Southeast Asia Games in Nay Pyi Taw will be served the finest food Myanmar has to offer. U Khin Aung Htun, vice chairman of the Myanmar Restaurant Association, made the pledge at a press conference called to announce MRA's selection as the caterer for the December event.

Vegetables from Shan State and halal meat from Yangon will be used in the traditional Myanmar snacks to be offered to the 3500 athletes who will take part in the games.

A press conference at Yangon's at Sein Lan So Pyay Garden heard on September 7 that the ministries of sport and hotels and tourism had decided to award the tender for catering and housekeeping services to MRA.

"About 600 MRA staff will be on hand to serve the athletes," association vice chairman U Nay Lin told *The Myanmar Times*.

"At the last SEA Games, in Indonesia, traditional snacks were served, and we will do the same."

The food will rival that of a four-star hotel, he said. "The MRA is glad and proud to have been selected ... We are looking forward to a great experience." – *Ei Ei Thu*

# Tour guide association sets day rate

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THE Myanmar Tourist Guide Association has set a standard fee for guides of US\$35 a day, with effect from October 1.

Association communications officer U Tun Myat said all travel agencies would be required to follow the order but did not explain how it could be enforced.

"We have just set an industry standard based on what is happening at the moment in our country," he said.

Asked why a rate needed to be set, U Tun Myat responded, "There's no reason to ask that question. We did what should be done."

He said travel agencies should follow the rate because it is reasonable and "it shows that [agencies] respect the association and have dignity and ethics".

He said the association will try to resolve any disputes that arise over the rate. But any contracts already made for less than \$35 a day must be renegotiated, he said.

Tour guide U Myo Thant said this rate could create problems for some travel companies as they have already agreed a price for the package with clients.

A spokesperson for the Union of Myanmar Travel Association said the fixed rate was higher than the current market price. English-speaking guides currently get \$20 to \$25 a day, he said, while guides fluent in other languages can get \$30 to \$35.

"We will not pay that much for a guide if they don't have the right experience and skills," the spokesperson said. "I think it's better for guides and travel companies to work it out themselves, unless there is actually a problem."

But Daw Sabei Aung, managing director of the Nature Dream agency, said she thought the rate was "fair".

"It will not be harmful for agencies," she said. "It's actually pretty much the standard fee for tour guides already."

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# Business

## Ease industrial approvals to hasten employment growth

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PROMINENT entrepreneur U Serge Pun has called for streamlined procedures for industries planning to set up shop in Myanmar, claiming a simplified approvals process would assist in attracting factories to provide much-needed employment.

U Serge Pun pointed to China where he said the barriers to establishing a factory were lower, with no need to see a multitude of high-ranking government officials before investing.

"The rules are so transparent, so clear, that if you invest in [a specific] sector you know you can do this, you can do that, you cannot do that," he told the Myanmar Global Investment Forum in Nay Pyi Taw last week.

He said a similar approach could work in Myanmar.

Coca-Cola's entry to Myanmar came with plenty of PR and hype, and it was good for the country, said U Serge Pun. "But we cannot thrive on one Coca-Cola that employs a few thousand people.

**'We need millions of people to be employed, which means we need 10,000 or 20,000 factories.'**

U Serge Pun

Leading entrepreneur



President U Thein Sein enters the Myanmar Global Investment Forum with other government officials in Nay Pyi Taw last week. Photo: Aung Htay Hlaing

We need millions of people to be employed, which means we need 10,000 or 20,000 factories," he said, while adding foreign investors had to visit the chairman of the Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) first.

U Aung Naing Oo, director general of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA) and MIC board member, downplayed the need for investors to visit the MIC, claiming it is "especially investors with huge capital who are required to meet the chairman".

However, he said, the MIC met

with a large number of foreign visitors daily following the implementation of the Foreign Investment Law in November 2012.

"Before, we received foreign investment guests only once a month. Now we see seven or eight international delegates every day in our MIC office," he said.

MIC chairman and minister of finance U Win Shein told *the Myanmar Times* on the event sidelines that there was still work to be done to improve the investment climate for foreign businesses.

McKinsey senior partner Doan Nguyen Hansen said that clear

strategies in areas such as skills training and infrastructure will assist with long-term development.

"Industries cannot run with only four hours of electricity a day," she said during a conference discussion.

Experts pointed to a surge in FDI following the passing of the new Foreign Investment Law in November 2012. FDI has reached \$1.8 billion in 2013 to the end of August, with some 50 percent in the manufacturing sector, with inflows set to dwarf the \$1.4 billion received during the entirety of last year.

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#### Foreign company change considered

Myanmar is considering two options as it redefines what constitutes a foreign company in its planned Companies Act, according to U Aung Naing Oo, director general of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration.

The first option is that a company must be majority-owned by foreigners to be considered a foreign company, while the second option is to remove the distinction between foreign and local companies, but require each locally registered firm to have a Myanmar citizen sit on its board, he said.

Currently a single foreign shareholder means a local company's status changes to a foreign company.

U Aung Naing Oo said last week the revised Act would likely not come into play until December 2014, adding it is better to do it correctly than to rush. — Jeremy Mullins

#### Draft construction code released

The Ministry of Construction has released a draft version of the National Building Code, though it is not expected to be implemented until 2015, said a spokesperson with the Myanmar Engineering Society (MES), which consulted on the draft.

The code aims to provide a pan-Myanmar standard for building construction, in keeping with practices in neighbouring countries, said former MES President U Than Myint, who assisted with the draft.

"One we have a national code, the quality of construction will improve nationwide," he said. "A lot of current construction is at a high quality, but it is not systemic."

— Myat Nyein Aye

#### Peanut oil now worth peanuts

Peanut oil prices have declined some 18 percent this year as consumers increasingly turn to cheaper palm oil and peanut prices face a bumper crop, said traders.

A kilogram fetched some K3500 wholesale in September, from K4300 in the same month last year, said Summit Peanut Oil trader U Saw Hla Myint.

Ngwe Thazin Min peanut oil company owner U Aung Shwe said the market is in ill health compared with last year.

"People are beginning to talk about palm oil all the time, not peanut oil," he said.

He added one downside is although peanut and sesame oils are domestically produced, palm oil is generally imported.

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# Arbitration on tap for Myanmar Brewery owner



A man pouring a Myanmar beer last week. The two owners of the brewery are headed to arbitration that may see the Singaporean partner forced to sell its shares. Photo: Zarni Phyo

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THE Myanmar Brewery ownership dispute has further escalated after Singaporean company Fraser and Neave said it received a Notice of Arbitration from its local partner last week.

Military-owned partner Union of Myanma Economic Holdings Limited (UMEHL) is seeking to force the foreign firm to sell its majority stake to UMEHL over an alleged breach of contract regarding a share sale.

The dispute stems from an alleged violation of a right of first

refusal for partners to purchase each others' shares in the venture before offering them to a third party, a condition that 45 percent owner UMEHL claims Fraser and Neave breached, according to media reports.

Fraser and Neave was formerly a partner of Dutch firm Heineken in Southeast Asia breweries until last year, and also had a longstanding partnership with UMEHL in Myanmar. In 2012 control of Fraser and Neave was bought for US\$2.2 billion by Billionaire Charoen Sirivadhanabhakdi's ThaiBev company.

Fraser and Neave subsequently sold its other beer production investments to Heineken, but the Dutch firm did not take on the Myanmar stake and the now Thai-majority owned Fraser and

Neave retained its 55pc share in Myanmar Brewery.

As they seek to force Fraser and Neave to sell its stake, UMEHL claims the sale of Fraser and Neave to ThaiBev violated the Myanmar Brewery joint venture agreement, media reports said.

Although Fraser and Neave officials declined to confirm where the pending arbitration would take place, a source with knowledge of the situation said it should be held in Myanmar using Myanmar arbitration.

Edwin Vanderbruggen, a partner with Myanmar law firm VDB Loi which is not connected to the dispute, said it is common for Myanmar parties to a contract to insist any arbitration should take place in Myanmar.

In theory this makes the enforcement of an arbitration award

within Myanmar easier, he said.

"In most deals that I see with a Myanmar party, such party would bring up their preferences for arbitration in Myanmar," he said, adding foreigners are wary of this and prefer an international arbitration set of rules and foreign venue.

While in theory arbitration could be quicker than litigation, such proceedings often turn out to be "long, protracted, exhausting battles that hurt both parties involved with huge legal costs, loss of focus and reputational damage," said Mr Vanderbruggen.

He added most arbitration cases result in some kind of a settlement.

Both Fraser and Neave and UMEHL officials declined to comment on the dispute.

## High rates slow down growth

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DOMESTIC interest rates are out of step with regional neighbours, and lending rates need to be reduced to unlock domestic economic potential, according to economists.

With lending rates from commercial banks sitting as high as 13 percent for a loan with collateral, rates are often too high for domestic enterprises to stomach, said economist U Aung Htun Thet.

It also is much higher than the rates of 8pc commercial banks pay its depositors, he added.

"At the moment, money is dead as it can't flow easily to support businesses like manufacturing. People just keep their money in the bank, or invest in real estate," he said, calling for the government to increase liquidity and create business opportunities for investors.

Central Bank deputy chair U Set Aung said the bank is considering options to bring interest rates into line with those of neighbouring countries, but did not say when this might happen.

Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Win Myint, secretary of the Hluttaw's Bank and Finance Development Committee, has said the committee does not want to lower both savings and lending rates. He said that while the 8pc rate for savings is appropriate, 13pc was too high for the lending rate. The 62pc gap between the two rates contrasts sharply with a 20pc gap elsewhere in the region. "Our committee has told the Central Bank that the margin between these two rates is too high," he said.

Private banks defend high lending rates by citing the need to survive before new banking products become more widely popular in Myanmar, and the residual fears caused by the 2003 banking crisis, he said.

A balance must be struck between competing interests: the banks' desire for profits, companies' thirst for new cash to fuel expansion, and savers' demand for high returns on their deposits, he added. "We should compare our rates with those of regional countries, and not with those of Japan or the US," he said.

Matt Davies, IMF deputy division chief for Asia and Pacific, cautioned against pushing for lowered interest rates before assessing the impact on the economy.

A senior official of the Central Bank said interest rates had to reflect the political and economic situation of the country, and could not say when changes might be made. The current inflation rate is about 5pc, compared to a savings rate of about 8pc.

Freeing up funds need not be just a question of lowering the lending rate, said the bank official. Extending the term of the loan from one year to two-to-five years and changing the rules on the valuation of collateral could also help spur business lending.

# MPT to connect with 'a foreign giant' as it plans for competition

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MYANMA Posts and Telecommunications (MPT) is in talks with international telcos including France Telecom to help it expand as future competitors Ooredoo and Telenor move closer to launching services in Myanmar.

Managing director U Aung Maw said MPT would become a corporation separate from the ministry.

"We are now discussing a joint venture agreement with a foreign giant," he told *The Myanmar Times* on the

sidelines of the Myanmar Connect 2013 conference in Nay Pyi Taw last week.

U Aung Maw said MPT had held discussions with firms from France, Singapore, Japan, and other Western countries, though he declined to name the companies.

A bidding process selected Telenor and Ooredoo as the winners for two mobile licences earlier this year, with a consortium of France Telecom and a Japanese firm finishing third. Domestic entities MPT and Yatanarpon Teleport (YTP) also possess licences, while MPT has the sole existing mobile infrastructure and customer base in Myanmar.

France Telecom senior vice president

Dominique Espinasse said that France Telecom - which operates the Orange mobile brand - is in contact with the government over a partnership in MPT.

"MPT is a key asset for [Myanmar]. So we think it's very important for the government to focus on the role of MPT," he said.

Although there is no timeline for signing a deal, Mr Espinasse said it was "urgent" that MPT should conclude a partnership soon, as Telenor and Ooredoo move closer to launching.

France Telecom's executive vice president Alexandre Pèbureau last week announced an agreement with MPT to eventually allow its subscribers

international roaming.

U Aung Maw said MPT welcomed the potential for a foreign partner as it would assist with the challenges of expanding. "Right now MPT has a monopolistic right, but in the future it will not enjoy that right," he said.

He added that capital investment and industry best practices from a partner would assist the industry.

YTP also expects to find a partner to assist it with a planned mobile rollout, said CEO U Tin Win. He said the firm was looking at the possibility of a joint venture, merger, acquisition or strategic alliance with an foreign telecoms firm.

The Union Parliament approved

a new telecommunications law last month, and as of press time it was awaiting final approval from President U Thein Sein. Following the legislation's approval, Telenor and Ooredoo will review the terms of the licences before accepting them, and would be expected to put up a performance bond.

Both Telenor and Ooredoo aim to launch services by next year, as their respective Myanmar heads Petter Furberg and Ross Cormack met for the first time in Nay Pyi Taw last week. Following up Mr Cormack's presentation, Mr Furberg said jokingly, "I will promise pretty much the same [as Ooredoo], but I will do it better."



# Indian foreign trade bank opens in Yangon



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STATE-OWNED Export Import (EXIM) Bank of India set up shop in Yangon last week, though it has already pledged to finance investments of some US\$247 million in Myanmar, company officials said.

The bank's launch is the latest in a series of measures aimed at strengthening ties between the two nations, said Indian ambassador Gautam Mukhopadhyaya. "India is very interested in developing potential opportunities in Myanmar," he said.

EXIM bank provides credit for India's exporters, and also plans to support several Indian investment activities within Myanmar. Some 95 percent of In-

dia's imports from Myanmar are vegetables and forestry products, while pharmaceutical goods, iron, steel, and machinery are the most common products imported by Myanmar from India.

Bilateral trade stood at \$1.8 billion last year, and the aim is \$3 billion by 2015, said Yangon region chief minister U Myint Swe. "It's an achievable target as Myanmar takes promising steps towards a market economy, and opens for investments," he said at the launch event last week.

Trade volumes continue on an upwards trajectory between neighbours India and Myanmar, said EXIM Yangon managing director TCA Ranganathan.

U Myint Swe said Myanmar could serve as the main link between India and Southeast Asia in the years ahead, as a number of transport projects connecting the two neighbouring nations overland and by sea are in the works.

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## The Fine Print Legal & tax insight



# Working with taxation on upstream oil and gas

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AFTER winning a tender to explore for, and produce, oil and gas, a foreign company has to conclude a production sharing contract (PSC) with state-owned Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise (MOGE) and obtain an investment permit from the Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC). The foreign company would traditionally set up a branch in Myanmar, but wording in the new Foreign Investment Law suggests that it now has to set up a subsidiary. If it is an on-shore or shallow water project, the foreign company furthermore has to enter into a joint venture (usually through the conclusion of a joint operating agreement) with a local partner.

Very simply put, the overall repatriable profit consists of the revenue from the sale of the pro-

duced oil and gas minus costs for exploration and production, payments made to MOGE and the Ministry of Energy under the PSC, the share of the production kept by MOGE, taxes payable by the subsidiary and the share of the profit kept by the local joint venture partner.

The standard PSCs contain minimum expenditure commitments on the part of the foreign investor during the production period. Furthermore, the foreign investor, or its subsidiary, are required to make various payments to MOGE, including signature bonus, data fee, annual contributions used to train MOGE staff, production bonus, and funding for research and development activities.

Additionally, the subsidiary pays royalties to the Ministry of Energy at the rate of 12.5 percent of the extracted oil and gas not used for the operation of the site, called "available petroleum".

MOGE keeps between 60

and 90pc of the "profit petroleum". Profit petroleum is what is left of the extracted oil and gas after the amounts necessary to operate the site and to pay the royalties as well as the amount required by the investor or the subsidiary to recover the costs of exploration and production ("cost petroleum") have been deducted.

The idea behind "cost petroleum" is that the foreign oil and gas company should recoup its investment - costs of operation and production - first before the extracted oil and gas is shared with MOGE. However, not all costs are recoverable. Furthermore, the recoverable amount per quarter is capped at 50-70pc of the available petroleum in this quarter. Non-recoverable amounts may be carried forward.

The physical assets acquired by the subsidiary for its operations then become the property of MOGE in exchange for compensation by "cost petroleum".

During the exploration period, the branch does not have to pay income tax as it does not have any income. Furthermore, during the first five years

of production, it should not be obliged to pay income tax either as it should be able to obtain an exemption from the MIC under the Foreign Investment Law. This means that the costs of exploration and of the first five years of production, including payments under the PSC if these payments are made during this period, are not tax-deductible as there is no method to carry them forward to later years.

The income tax rate is 25pc which may be halved under the Foreign Investment Law for profits deriving from the export of oil and gas. According to the standard PSCs, the tax base is the branch's share of the profit petroleum minus business expenses that are not recoverable as cost petroleum. There is no income tax on the distribution of profits to the foreign investor and its local partner.

Commercial tax and import duties are of less importance to the foreign investor as they are usually borne by MOGE according to the standard PSCs.

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# Myanmar should prep for US GSP

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MYANMAR'S exporters ought to be preparing for the country's inclusion into the US Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) list in the near future, said Marideth Sandler, CEO of Sandler Trade LLC.

The US imported some US\$8 million in goods from Myanmar in the first half of 2013, of which some \$400,000 would potentially be GSP-eligible, she said at a Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) seminar last week.

The GSP program allows some exports from Least Developed Countries into the United States duty-free.

Myanmar was one of the first nations to become eligible for US GSP benefits in 1976 but was suspended in 1989. However, reinstatement is currently being considered, she said.

Daw Khine Khine Nwe, joint secretary general of UMFCCI said Myanmar's ascension into the program would increase trade links with the world's largest economy.

"If we want to increase exports we need to study in advance [of receiving GSP benefits] what products they would like to import and export," she said.



# Thai rubber lands a govt subsidy bounce

A NETWORK of Thai rubber farmers said that it had accepted a government subsidy offer aimed at ending recent mass protests that erupted into violence last week.

Thailand is the world's top exporter of natural rubber and anger among the kingdom's rubber farmers over their falling incomes posed a growing challenge to Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra's two-year-old government.

Deputy government spokesperson Sunisa Lertpakawat said the cabinet last Tuesday approved a budget of 21.25 billion baht (US\$660 million) to subsidise rubber farmers.

"[The] decision comes ahead of a mass rally by rubber farmers which could severely affect the economy," Ms Sunisa told a news conference.

An apparent compromise was struck last Tuesday after the government agreed to pay farmers 2520 baht (US\$80) per 0.4 acres of rubber plantation to help with production costs - double its previous offer.

In a statement, a grouping of rubber farmers in 15 provinces accepted the deal in principle and called off their next protest which had been planned for this weekend.

"I can confirm that there will be no rally on September 14," said one of the protest leaders, Karjbandid Ramas.

It was unclear, however, if all of the various factions of rubber farmers would accept the offer to help cope with a plunge in rubber prices, which have roughly halved since 2011.

In recent weeks angry rubber farmers have blocked roads, train lines and even the entrance to an airport in Thailand's south where plunging global prices for the commodity have hit the local economy hard.

The farmers have accused the government of ignoring their plight while spending billions of dollars on a rice price guarantee scheme seen as mainly benefiting ruling party supporters. The government had previously said another generous price guarantee scheme was something it could not afford.

The network urged the government to speed up payments and to send a representative to southern Thailand to sign a formal agreement. - AFP

# Contracts move forward for third 'gigantic' SEZ



November 19 to submit Expression of Interest (EOI) letters for the conduct of a feasibility study for the SEZ. The winning bidder will be announced on November 27.

"Kyaukpyu is strategically located between India and China, the two most populous countries in the world. It has great potential for future economic development, and faces no competition in the region," said U Myint Thein, head of the Kyaukpyu SEZ Management Committee and a deputy railways minister.

"We are going to focus on an environmentally friendly SEZ, starting with light industries to employ local people," he added.

The BEAC was formed on August 17 with a membership consisting of deputy union ministers, high-ranking ministry officials and other experts.

The Kyaukpyu SEZ will be run by a management committee, while there will also be an advisory board of technicians and consultants and a monitoring committee comprising residents and environmentalists, said U Myint Thein.

A total of \$277 million is needed for investment in the first phase of Kyaukpyu for the period 2014-2016, said U Aung Kyaw Than, joint secretary of the bid committee.

A THIRD "gigantic engine for economic development" is about to start up. Work on the 1000-acre Kyaukpyu Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in Rakhine State will be launched in a few months, a member of a committee set up to award contracts at the zone announced on September 8 at Yangon's Inya Lake Hotel.

"We have three gigantic engines for economic development in Myanmar. They are the special economic zones at Dawei, Thilawa and now Kyaukpyu. Kyaukpyu is a very strategic location, a 30-metre deep-sea port with great potential," said Bid Evaluation and Awarding Committee (BEAC) deputy chair U Maung Maung Thein, who is also deputy finance minister.

He said the US\$8 billion new zone will be developed through opening tenders to international firms rather than by the government-to-government approach used at the other SEZs.

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## SHANGHAI

# China free-trade zone spurs hope for reform revival

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A PLANNED free-trade zone in Shanghai is raising hopes that China's new leaders will revive long-stalled economic reforms as they seek to make their mark.

China has become the world's second-largest economy and a driver of global growth thanks to a boom unleashed three decades ago when the Communist Party loosened state control of business and began to embrace the market.

But deep reforms slowed over the past decade under the conservative President Hu Jintao, despite pleas from its trade partners, analysts said.

Some Chinese academics say the free-trade zone (FTZ) is on par with the special economic zones China set up in the 1980s and its commitment to join the World Trade Organization in 2001.

However, foreign businesses are waiting for details to see how far-reaching the changes – initially limited to the FTZ – might be.

"It's a real try to put some of the reforms into place," said Stefan Sack, vice president of the European Union Chamber of Commerce in China.

"We have been lobbying for some of these reforms for a long time. However, this is not going to change the structure of the country."

The FTZ scheme comes as hope for political reform dims and Beijing targets foreign firms across a range of industries for alleged overcharging.

But a draft plan seen by AFP shows it goes beyond trade liberalisation to include investment and financial services, and covers

some 19 distinct sectors.

Chinese Premier Li Keqiang, who took office in March, has seized on the FTZ and made himself its top political patron, seeking to claim it as an achievement of his young administration.

"We will explore new ways to open China to the outside world, and Shanghai's pilot free-trade zone is a case in point," Li wrote in the *Financial Times* last week.

Although the idea for an FTZ was floated under previous premier Wen Jiabao, there was a belief it would be easier to accomplish after the once-in-a-decade power handover within the ruling party, officials say.

One reason was that with Shanghai's Communist Party chief Yu Zhengsheng due for promotion, officials were waiting for the city's new leaders to come in and oversee the project over the longer term.

Analysts said China could be using the zone as a stepping stone towards an investment treaty with the United States and even a relationship with the proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) trading bloc. China was initially hostile to the US-backed TPP but has reversed its course, raising hopes among its trading partners for reform.

Mr Li, speaking at the World Economic Forum's "Summer Davos" meeting, said Beijing had an "open and inclusive" attitude toward the TPP.

But China is not part of the TPP negotiations and high demands for entry raise questions over whether it could join, even if it was allowed, analysts said.

Chinese academics say re-

## Shanghai free trade zone plan



forms successfully piloted in the FTZ – due to be inaugurated this month – can be applied in other cities or even nationwide.

Beijing has repeatedly vowed to make its yuan currency freely convertible, liberalise interest rates, simplify approval processes for businesses and open up more to foreign investment, among other steps.

And Mr Li indicated his desire to nurture change in his speech at the World Economic Forum, saying, "China's modernisation will not be accomplished without reform, nor will it be achieved

without opening up.

"Without structural transformation and upgrading, we will not be able to achieve sustained economic growth."

Letting registered companies freely trade the yuan currency is one of the reforms proposed for the zone. But analysts say the nationwide process will be gradual.

"It's signalling the new government does want to do stuff, does want to experiment, does want to move towards the market – those are all positive," said Stephen Green, researcher at Standard Chartered Bank. – AFP

## Abe juggles taxes and stimulus

KEIKO UJIKANE  
KYOKO SHIMODOI

JAPAN will prepare a stimulus package this month to counter the blow to the world's third-biggest economy from a planned sales tax increase.

"Prime Minister Shinzo Abe ordered that an economic package be compiled by the end of September," Finance Minister Taro Aso said last week. "Sufficient stimulus is needed so that if the tax is increased as planned, it doesn't break the economy."

Mr Abe will decide October 1 whether to go ahead with an increase in the levy, which would help the government

deal with the world's largest debt burden. Increasing the tax could push the economy into contraction, damaging an effort to end 15 years of deflation and strengthening resistance to Mr Abe's plans to boost growth by cutting regulations and opening Japan more to international trade.

"Politically, it's unavoidable to have an economic package to cushion the impact of a sales-tax increase," said Yuichi Kodama, chief economist at Meiji Yasuda Life Insurance Company in Tokyo. "If public support for Abe's Cabinet falls due to a higher sales tax, it would be difficult for the administration to push through the growth strategy."

The government will likely need a supplementary budget of about 4 trillion to 5 trillion yen (US\$50 billion) to pay for the package, Mr Kodama said.

Additional fiscal spending will put at risk Japan's effort to cut its primary budget balance deficit by the fiscal year starting in April 2015 to half the level it was in 2010, said Azusa Kato, economist at BNP Paribas.

"Having said that, we expect the government to prepare as much as 10 trillion yen in such stimulus, half of which will be in public works spending," Kato said. "We expect corporate capital spending tax cuts to be included."

– Bloomberg

## Saudis aim to ensure stable oil prices

SAUDI Arabia will continue to keep the crude market well-supplied as prices are affected by geopolitical events, the country's oil minister said last week.

The biggest member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, is producing this month at the highest level in 32 years as Libya struggles to end protests at oil fields and ports that have reduced exports. US threats to attack Syria over its use of chemical weapons pushed Brent crude to a six-month high of US\$117.34 a barrel on August 28.

"Clearly geopolitics, and speculations about geopolitics, are impacting prices," Saudi Oil Minister Ali Al-Naimi told a conference in Seoul last week. "For the record, the oil market's fundamentals are good and the market is well balanced. Saudi Arabia and other producers remain willing and capable of meeting any additional demands."

Saudi Arabia produced 10.19 million barrels a day of crude in August, a person with direct knowledge of the kingdom's output said last week. That's the highest level since December 1980, according to the US Energy Information Administration.

Protests at oil fields and ports in Libya have reduced supply from the country to the lowest since October 2011. Five of Libya's nine oil export terminals remained shut as of September 10. – Bloomberg



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# HK green spaces squeezed by developers

DENNIS CHONG

AS one of the world's most densely populated cities, Hong Kong is searching for more space to house thousands priced out of its sky-high property market, raising fears for its cherished nature reserves.

A government minister's suggestion this week that developing the city's green spaces should no longer be off limits drew scorn from environmentalists, adding to concerns that Hong Kong's natural habitats are slowly being eroded by developers.

But the comments from development chief Paul Chan also illustrate the problem faced by a city whose 7.1 million inhabitants are squeezed into only 30 percent of its territory. The remaining 70 percent is made up of woodland, wetland, barren land and protected country parks. These parks alone make up 40 percent of the territory.

"Development of country parks has been unmentionable, if not a taboo. But should it be completely untouchable?" Mr Chan wrote on his blog last week.

Hong Kong's unpopular Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying has made adequate affordable homes the central plank of government policy as he attempts to cool a soaring market driven by low interest rates and thin supply in the face of an influx of mainland Chinese immigrants.

Prices have roughly doubled since



High-rise buildings border untouched green space in Hong Kong. The Asian financial hub, ranked among one of the most expensive in the world, has been facing an increasing need for affordable housing. Photo: AFP

2009, putting property ownership out of reach for many. The average price of a small 400-square-foot (37-square-metre) apartment is HK\$4.92 million (US\$635,000).

The government has also sought to address a yawning gap between rich and poor and estimates that nearly

170,000 people are living in subdivided flats – tiny units partitioned off within already cramped residential units.

An official advisory body last week suggested that 470,000 residential units needed to be built in the next 10 years to meet demand, with 60 percent to be earmarked for public housing.

But despite the city's space constraints, the idea of using designated green areas for potential sites for flats has triggered a backlash against what is perceived as an onslaught of development and a disregard for heritage.

"If you are giving away one inch, you will give away one foot later. There will

be serious intrusion [to green areas]. It should not be even thought of," said Lam Chiu-ying, a former senior government official.

Observers also pointed to recent controversies that have sparked debate over how to balance development with nature and heritage protection.

A law limiting the scope of reclamation was enacted in the 1990s following years of protests by conservationists against the shrinking of the renowned Victoria Harbour, with some voicing concern that it would eventually resemble "a river" given the pace of development. Yet the law has not prevented the demolition of heritage sites along the coastline to make way for projects, such as the Queen's Pier in 2008.

Victoria Park is the city's largest urban park, but it has steadily shrunk. The latest portion to be sacrificed will make way for a road.

A plan to convert Hong Kong's northern Fanling golf course into public housing estates has also drawn concerns that removing such a world-class facility would compromise the financial hub's global appeal.

Hong Kong's 24 country parks cover 40 percent of the 1,100-square-kilometre territory, and were set up in the colonial era with laws tracing back to the 1970s. Under the laws, country parks should be reserved for the purposes of education, recreation and nature protection. – AFP

## Australia's Packer in Sri Lanka jackpot

SRI Lanka approved two investments worth around a billion dollars in giant foreign-funded casinos in the capital Colombo last week, including one involving Australian gambling mogul James Packer.

Government spokesperson Keheliya Rambukwella said the cabinet granted the projects a partial 10-year tax holiday and approved the "mixed developments", a euphemism for casino hotels.

A Sri Lankan company set up to build a US\$350-million resort with investments by Mr Packer was given a prime lake-front property in the capital three months ago while the second casino will be built nearby by local firm John Keells Holdings.

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"Both the mixed developments will receive a 10-year tax holiday for the hotel part of the operation," said Mr Rambukwella. "The gaming part is not covered by the tax holiday."

Sri Lanka is banking on high-end casinos to attract high-rollers and boost tourist arrivals to 2.5 million by 2016 from the current level of about a million tourists a year.

The tourism industry on the Indian Ocean island, famed for its beaches and wildlife, has boomed in the last four years after the end of a decades-long civil war in which more than 100,000 people died. – AFP



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HOUSE OF THE WEEK



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Located near the heart of Mingalar Taung Nyunt township, it has a number of amenities such as markets and a bus stop just around the corner.

The penthouse has two bedrooms, one double and one single room. The interior has been entirely redone recently, with eclectic decorations and a vibrant paint job creating a striking interior.

The home is not furnished, though it comes with three air conditioners. Out front is a nice little garden suitable for relaxation. Since the penthouse is for sale, the price may be negotiable.

- Ei Thae Thae Naing

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Putting up with property near the port

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THE world's waterfronts often provide the most attractive, sought-after locations for real estate projects. The cool breezes and pleasant views over the water attract tourists and locals alike, driving up costs and leading to exclusive waterfront developments.

Yet a casual stroll from Yangon's historic downtown to the waterfront along Strand Road does not reveal the sweeping views of the Yangon river one might expect, but instead a functioning commercial port in full operational swing.

Trucks race down a dedicated road parallel to Strand Road, loading and unloading shipping containers onto docked vessels behind view-impairing fencing and buildings.

Some local residents claim the loud noises and unpleasant smells drive them to distraction, though realtors say the complaints have only minimal impact on prices near the port given the sky-high state of the Yangon property market.

Lanmadaw township resident U Aye Chan Win said he wakes almost every night in his waterfront apartment from the noise of ships docking and offloading shipping containers onto the large, smelly trucks.

"It can be unpleasant living next to the port," he said.

The polluted state of the river and its messy shoreline compound the problem, U Aye Chan Win added.

However, the excess demand currently straining Yangon's housing situation means there is little relief to be found in rental prices near the

waterfront, said Myanmar Real Estate general secretary Daw Moh Moh Aung.

"There is very little space all over Yangon, and rates for housing are increasing everywhere in the city," she said.

"Therefore people and investors really have little say in deciding where to live."

Prices in the block nearest the waterfront are generally a little lower than housing in the three blocks to the north, though not by a large amount, she said, adding the port has been operational for so long that most local residents have come to accept its sounds and smells.

Tourists, too, point to Yangon's waterfront as a missed opportunity.

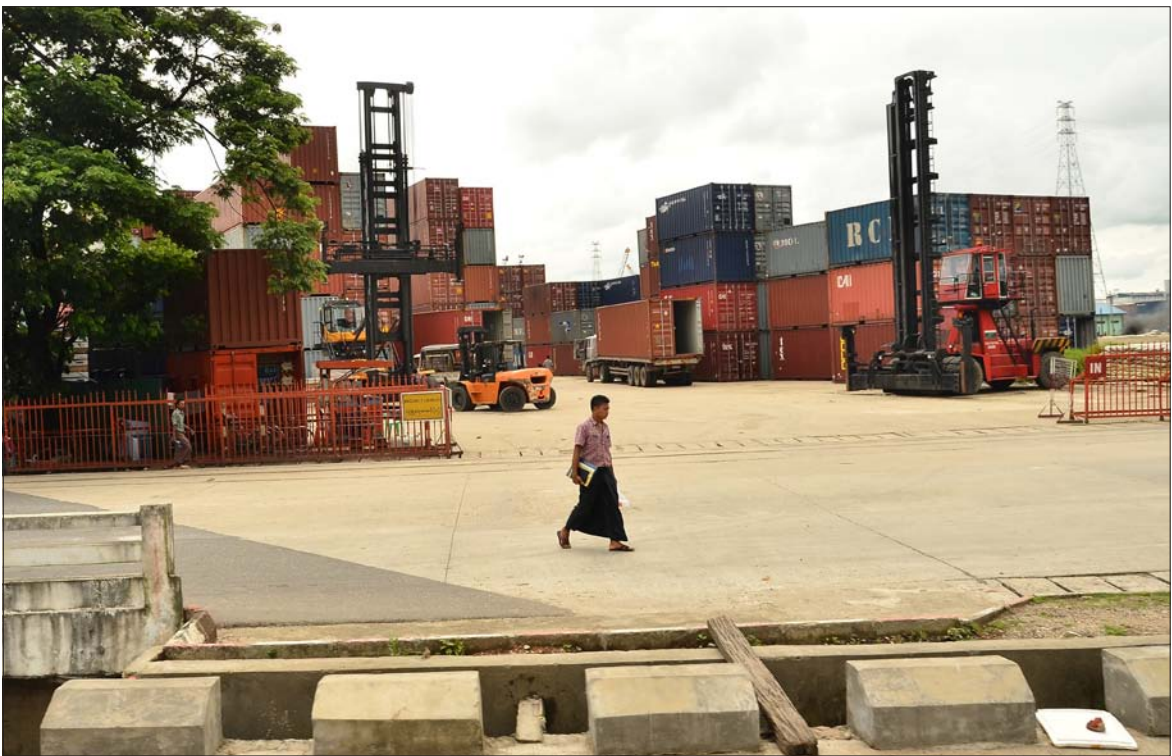
Phillipa, on vacation from England, said she had been impressed by the city's historic downtown, but had not anticipated views of the water would be blocked by the Port of Yangon.

"I was walking to the river and expected a nice view, and then was really surprised to have this huge harbour just a five minute walk from Sule Pagoda and Yangon's downtown," she said.

"In Vientiane for example you can get a really nice river view."

While port officials declined to comment, the port appears unlikely to move for the time being, and experts point to other solutions in the works.

U Phyo Wai Yar Zar, chairman of the Myanmar Marketing Committee and managing director of All Asia Exclusive Travel Company, said bridges could be built linking the downtown core with nearby Dala township.



A pedestrian strolls by shipping containers near Strand Road, which block a view of Yangon River. Photo: Aung Htay Hlaing

"Like in Bangkok, bridges would expand the city and open it to a vast area for development, including tourism," he said.

Although plans have been announced to build bridges to Dala, government officials have said they could be some time away.

U Phyo Wai Yar Zar also raised the possibility the port could eventually transition to accepting cruise liners, delivering passengers right to downtown Yangon, while commercial shipping moves to planned

facilities south of Yangon at Thilawa.

Daw Moh Moh Aung said the port is essential for Yangon's economy and unlikely to be moved, meaning high-end waterfront development projects will spring up in other areas.

She pointed to Thaketa township as an up-and-coming waterfront enclave, with property prices doubling over the past year to K200,000 a square foot, thanks in part to foreign

interest in the area.

Yet many of the waterfront residents downplayed concerns over living near the port. One nearby resident said that although he is not fond of the noise and pollution, it may help keep property prices more affordable.

He claimed to little notice the port anymore, adding, "It's no longer a distraction, because I've lived here so long."

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Downtown apartment buildings overlooking the Port of Yangon. Photo: Paul Scheicher



ISLAMABAD

# Pakistan axes ‘immoral’ cell phone chat

PAKISTAN has cracked down on “immoral” love chat services offered by mobile phone companies, stifling hopes of illicit romance in the conservative Muslim country where dating is frowned upon.

The Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) said the ban was enforced last month due to protests from parents and lawmakers, but critics warn it is the latest attempt at creeping censorship.

The PTA first pulled the plug on dirt-cheap chat rates and late-night discounts in November, but operators simply started offering the services under different names. So the regulator tightened the ban late last month, ordering telecommunication companies to scrap immediately “all kinds of chat services, irrespective of the time of day”.

In a country where parents keep young people on a tight leash and dating is considered inappropriate, late-night chatting over the phone or internet can be a way to find love below the radar.

In Pakistan girls can be beaten or even killed by male relatives if there is any hint they are having a relationship and parents like to strictly control the marriages of their offspring.

## ‘The cruel world has once again conspired against lovers’

Unnamed Pakistani Male

A 20-year-old university student who did not want to give his name told AFP that the ban had hit him hard as he is now unable to chat with random girls and find new dates.

“The cruel world has once again conspired against lovers and made it difficult for them to communicate,” he told AFP.

“It was so inexpensive and an easy way to find a date,” he added.

The 25-year-old manager of a boutique in Islamabad told AFP that he had found the “love of his life” through the service.

“I am going to marry her,” he said.

“We chatted, we exchanged numbers, we started talking and I was surprised to find out that she lived nearby,” he said.

There is no public data about how many people used the romantic chat,

but of the 68.6 percent of the population with access to a mobile phone, it is likely to have been a small number.

Normal call charges are about 2 rupees (US\$0.02) a minute and 1.50 rupees for a text message, but chat services were offered at an hourly rate for a fraction of those rates.

A customer would dial a particular number after which a computer generated voice or text message guided subscribers through various options.

For example, to chat to a girl you would press 1, for a boy press 2, then you select your preferred age group before being connected to another caller by SMS conforming to your criteria.

Two of Pakistan’s five mobile phone companies said they had shut down romantic chat rooms, but would continue to offer calling services that stick to general interests such as hobbies.

Another company said they had shut down all chat rooms and two others were not reachable for comment.

Saeeda Khan, a 45-year-old mother of three, welcomed the ban.

“I am worried as they’re busy all night on the phone with their friends and cousins,” she told AFP.

Ms. Khan said she worried about “what kind of people” are in the chat rooms and that children “are exposed to strangers”. “I would never approve of chatting with unknown people,” she said.

Mobile phone companies have filed petitions in the Supreme Court against the ban, but no date has been set for a hearing.

Pakistan’s oldest English-language newspaper *Dawn* has accused the PTA of acting as an “unwanted morality brigade”.

“The intermingling of young men and women is not a matter that should concern the state which has nothing to gain except opprobrium by acting as self-appointed guardian of society’s morals,” *Dawn* wrote in an editorial earlier this month.

“It [the PTA] should mind its own business.”

The PTA defends the move as a response to public anger, but the ban has raised fears about growing censorship in Pakistan.

The government frequently shuts down mobile networks to prevent militant attacks and access to YouTube has been blocked for a year over a low-budget American film deemed offensive to Islam.

In November 2011, the PTA also tried to ban nearly 1,700 “obscene” words from text messages, which included innocuous terms such as “lotion”, “athlete’s foot” and “idiot”. – *AFP*

## BRIEFS

**eBay? No, it’s eZay, Myanmar’s new online marketplace**

A New website allowing users to buy, sell and trade in either English or Myanmar launched on September 7.

The website – eZay.com.mm – bills itself as “Myanmar’s Online Marketplace”. It’s run by Yangon’s Axiom Company.

U Sai Kham Tun Ohn, Axiom’s general manager, said the site won’t charge fees and will allow people looking to obtain or unload items or even properties to post ads for 90 days, though they’ll be able to renew the post afterward if they wish. It can also be used as a job board, he said, allowing hirers and seekers to connect with one another.

He also said the site is easy to use, particular for Myanmar speakers.

“This website is good because people can use the Myanmar language. People don’t need to have computer skills to use this site. People can use it even if they can barely click,” he said.

He also said the server is local, which will speed up access for those without a good internet connection. – *Aung Kyaw Nyunt*

# Recording Studios Move to Digital Mixers

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With digital and other high-end recording equipment newly available to local audiophiles, recording studios and musicians around Yangon are making the upgrade.

U Ko Sein Linn, owner of Mr. Rock studio in Kyauk Myaung township, recalled having to rely on cassette tapes and analogue equipment only 6 months ago. These decks were often cobbled together from used parts, which often had to be

replaced.

Outside of the studio, musicians are discovering the benefits of the digital world, both in live shows and in their homes.

“After we played a song, we can take the parts we like, remove the other parts...Digital mixers are also better for playing live” because they are smaller and can be set up quickly, said guitarist Ko David in an interview with *The Myanmar Times*.

However, the new demand has given rise to a black market that aspiring musicians must be wary of.

“There are too many kinds of counterfeit branded mixers [that] can be seen in local markets...[They do not] differ in prices [but] customers can’t get after-sale services” if the machine breaks down, said Ko Soe Htut, director of ‘Sound Tech’ pro audio and instruments centre.

Ko Soe Htut went on to say that Analogue mixers are likely not going away any time soon. Many people still use them for karaoke and preaching in the street, and the old models fare better on the country’s still-unstable power grid.

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## NEW DELHI

## India gang rapists sentenced to death

ABHAYA SRIVASTAVA

AN Indian judge on September 13 sentenced to death four men convicted of the fatal gang rape of a student on a New Delhi bus last December, fulfilling the last wish of the 23-year-old victim.

Crowds of onlookers outside the packed courtroom burst into applause after Judge Yogesh Khanna announced his sentence during a short hearing that began at 02:30pm.

The defendants - low-paid migrants to New Delhi, mostly in their 20s - had tears in their eyes and one of them, gym assistant Vinay Sharma, cried loudly as he was led away by police. "Judge sahib, show some mercy!" he shouted.

Ending a seven-month trial in a fast-track court, Mr Khanna said that the case, which sparked widespread anger against the treatment of women in India, fell into the "rarest

of rare category" that justified capital punishment.

"In these times when crimes against women are on the rise, courts cannot turn a blind eye to this gruesome act," he announced, adding in his written statement that the "ghastly" crime had "shocked the collective conscience".

The mother of the victim told reporters she was delighted the men had been ordered to hang after their convictions on September 10 for murder, gang rape, theft, conspiracy and "unnatural acts".

"We are happy that in the end we got justice. My daughter wanted them to be given the death sentence," she told reporters.

There has been a huge clamour for the four rapists - Sharma, Akshay Thakur, Pawan Gupta, and Mukesh Singh - to be executed for their attack on the physiotherapy student and her male companion on December 16.

The victim, who cannot be named for legal reasons, died of grievous internal injuries on December 29 after being lured on to the private bus by the gang following a cinema trip with her companion.

After beating up the friend, the gang brutally assaulted her behind tinted windows for 45 minutes before flinging the bloodied and barely conscious couple onto a road leading to New Delhi's international airport.

Her injuries were so severe that she died nearly a fortnight later in a Singapore hospital. She had only briefly regained consciousness, telling family and friends of her desire to see her attackers burn to death.

Lawyers for the men have already said they will appeal the convictions in the Delhi High Court, which will spell years of argument and delays in India's notoriously slow legal system.

- AFP

## BRIEFS

New York City

### Hurricane-battered New Jersey pier goes up in flames

A stretch of boardwalk in New Jersey was destroyed by a massive blaze on September 12, nearly a year after the area was devastated by Hurricane Sandy.

The fire broke out at a frozen custard shop on the Seaside Park boardwalk at 2:30pm and spread rapidly, engulfing dozens of businesses and sending thick black smoke billowing into the sky. Local television stations reported that parts of the boardwalk destroyed by the fire had been rebuilt after being hit by superstorm Sandy last October.

It was not clear what started the fire, but strong winds were making it more difficult for firefighters to bring under control.

The blaze erupted not far from the site where a popular amusement park

rollercoaster was ripped up by last year's massive storm and deposited into the ocean, becoming a symbol of the hurricane's devastation.

Mexico City

### Three more detained in Mexico mass grave case

Mexican authorities detained three more suspects on September 12 in the killing of 13 young people who were found in a mass grave after their kidnapping from a Mexico City bar.

The bodies were unearthed in a ranch outside the capital in August, three months after a daylight kidnapping just steps from the city's main boulevard in a case that dented the capital's reputation as a relative oasis from the nation's drug-related violence.

Renato Sales, a federal prosecutor, said the three suspects were "probable

culprits" in the kidnapping and murder of the 13 victims. Seven other people have been detained in the case, including two bar owners.

Rome

### Pope says old convents should house refugees

Pope Francis on September 10 called for disused Catholic convents to be used to house asylum-seekers instead of being converted into luxury hotels, speaking during a visit to a refugee centre.

The pope spoke to dozens of African migrants during his visit to the Astalli Centre and also called for greater respect for diversity.

Catholic convents and monasteries in Italy that have been abandoned due to the drop in vocations are often turned into hotels or restaurants - a lucrative and controversial practice. - AFP



## IN PICTURES

A South Korean man eats a live octopus on September 12. *Photo: AFP*

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## MOSCOW

## Russia warns of catastrophe if N Korea restarts

ANNA MALPAS

RUSSIA on September 12 warned of a potential "man-made catastrophe" if North Korea restarts an ageing plutonium reactor to boost its stockpile of nuclear weapons, after US experts spotted steam rising from the Yongbyon facility.

The reactor, which was completed in 1986, is outdated and North Korea could suffer a major disaster if it is restarted, a Russian diplomatic source told the Interfax news agency.

The warning came after researchers at the US-Korea Institute said on September 11 that satellite images taken on August 31 showed plumes of white steam rising from a building next to the reactor.

"Our main concern is linked to a very likely man-made disaster as a consequence. The reactor is in a nightmarish state. It is a design dating back to the 1950s," the Russian source said. "For the Korean peninsula

this could entail terrible consequences, if not a man-made catastrophe."

The US envoy to North Korea meanwhile said the reported restart of the reactor would be "a misstep on the part of North Korea".

"If it turns out that these reports are true that North Korea has restarted the 5-megawatt plutonium reactor, this would be a very serious matter," Glyn Davies told reporters after meeting Japanese foreign ministry officials in Tokyo.

Such a move would "seriously violate the United Nations Security Council resolutions" and North Korea's commitments under a 2005 joint statement after six-party talks, Mr Davies said.

The Russian diplomat speaking to Interfax said he did not know for sure whether North Korea had re-launched the facility mothballed in 2007.

"It is obvious that some works are being conducted,

and for a long time at that. According to some signs, steps were indeed being taken to re-launch it," the diplomat said. "We do not have any information that the reactor has been re-launched."

The image examined by researchers at the US-Korea Institute shows that North Korea "appears to have put the reactor into operation", researchers Nick Hansen and Jeffrey Lewis wrote on the institute's blog, 38 North.

But the white steam "could simply be testing of the generator", the Russian diplomatic source cited by Interfax cautioned.

The Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency said it was unable to verify the claim since North Korea has barred its inspectors since 2009.

"We are aware of the media report," said spokeswoman Gill Tudor. "The agency continues its monitoring of the DPRK's

nuclear activities by available means, such as satellite imagery analysis."

North Korea declared in April that it would restart all facilities at Yongbyon to "bolster the nuclear armed force both in quality and quantity".

The pledge came at a period of high international tension after North Korea defiantly carried out a third nuclear test in February and threatened to attack the United States over its reaction.

Yet Pyongyang has more recently embarked on something

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Number of bombs it is believed North Korea can make with its current store of plutonium





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second woman  
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us during an event to promote a local food festival in Seoul

GENEVA

Prove it, US tells Assad  
on chemical arms vow

JO BIDDLE

PRESIDENT Bashar al-Assad confirmed for the first time that Syria plans to give up its chemical weapons, as the United States urged him and his Russian allies to quickly make good on his promise.

But the long-time Syrian leader cast fresh doubt on September 12 on how committed he was to a hastily hatched plan to secure Syria’s poison gas stocks by demanding that Washington first drop its threat of military action against his regime.

“When we see that the United States truly desires stability in our region and stops threatening and seeking to invade, as well as stops arms supplies to terrorists, then we can believe that we can follow through with the necessary processes,” Mr Assad told Russian television.

“Syria is handing over chemical weapons under international control because of Russia. US threats have not affected the decision.”

Top US and Russian diplomats and weapons experts launched high-stakes talks on September 12 to pore over the details of the Russian plan, but US Secretary of State John Kerry warned Mr Assad that “the words of the Syrian regime in our judgment are simply not enough.”

Any deal to bring Syria’s chemical weapons stockpile under international control “has to be credible. It has to be timely and implemented in a timely fashion,” he said.

In a concrete move toward disarmament, Syria on September 12 filed documents at the United Nations seeking to join the international convention banning chemical weapons.

Damascus said it now considers itself a full member of the convention.

While UN leader Ban Ki-moon welcomed the application, the United Nations would not immediately confirm it had been accepted.

Diplomats said it was possible there were missing elements and the application could be sent back to Mr Assad.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said he believed the “solution” to the issue of Syria’s chemical weapons “makes unnecessary any strikes on Syria”.

‘A strike would increase violence and unleash a new wave of terrorism.’

Vladimir Putin  
Russian president

Pending the talks, US President Barack Obama has put on hold plans for limited military strikes against the Syrian regime to disable its chemical weapons capability, but US officials have repeatedly stressed that the option remains on the table.

Mr Lavrov, speaking through a translator, told Mr Kerry, “I hope we will achieve all the successes.”

But the top US diplomat quipped, “You want me to take your word for it? It’s a little early for that.”

The two men and their delegations met for about an hour before Mr Lavrov and Mr Kerry held a smaller dinner together. US officials

described the talks as “comprehensive” and the atmosphere as “constructive”.

Washington alleges that some 1400 people died in a chemical attack on August 21 and was rallying support for a military response when the Russian proposal emerged.

UN inspectors will point the finger of blame at the Assad regime for the chemical weapons strike, the London *Times* reported on September 13. The inspectors’ report, due to be published on September 16, will include a wealth of evidence that a chemical nerve agent was used in the attack, according to the paper’s sources.

The United States and France, Washington’s main backer of military strikes on Syria, have warned they will not allow the chemical weapons plan to become a delaying tactic in Syria’s brutal war.

“All of this should, if everyone is aware of their responsibilities, allow for the end of chemical weapons in Syria and for us to find a political solution, but France is keeping up pressure,” President Francois Hollande said.

Revealing details of the Russian proposal, the daily *Kommersant* said Moscow had given Washington a four-step plan for the weapons handover. Quoting a Russian diplomatic source, *Kommersant* said the plan would see Damascus join the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), declare the locations of its chemical arms, allow OPCW inspectors access and finally arrange for destruction of the arsenal.

Syria’s opposition has denounced the plan, warning it will only lead to more deaths in a conflict that has already claimed more than 110,000 lives since March 2011. – *AFP*

BANGKOK

Thai court acquits man accused  
by brother of royal slur

A THAI court on September 13 acquitted a man held for nearly a year under controversial royal defamation laws after his own brother accused him of insulting the king in their home.

The unusual case raised concerns among rights activists that a suspect could be held for so long without bail under the *lese-majeste* rules, on the basis of one person’s allegations of remarks made in private.

Bangkok’s Criminal Court dismissed the case against Yuthapoom Martnok, 36, who was accused of defaming the king while watching television at home in 2009, his lawyer Saovalux Pongam said.

“The judge said the brother had serious conflicts with the defendant, therefore the court must treat the plaintiff’s testimony cautiously,” Mr Saovalux said.

The defendant’s wife, Jongkol Khongtin, 36, said the two brothers had a history of feuding.

“Most of the time they barely talked to each other because they do not get along,” she said after the verdict.

Mr Yuthapoom – who denied the charges – had been held in the Bangkok Remand Prison since September 2012. Several requests for bail were denied.

“He should have been granted bail to fight

the case. Putting him in jail for 11 months is like diminishing his rights as a human being,” Ms Jongkol said, adding that she was now struggling with debts.

She said she hoped *lese-majeste* allegations would be examined more carefully in the future before a suspect is indicted.

The royal family is a highly sensitive subject in politically turbulent Thailand, and King Bhumibol Adulyadej, 85, is revered by many Thais. He has suffered from a range of ailments in recent years.

Thai courts have handed down a series of tough sentences for insulting the monarchy in recent times, to the dismay of human rights campaigners.

Under the legislation, anyone convicted of insulting the Thai king, queen, heir or regent faces up to 15 years in prison on each count.

Critics say the *lese-majeste* law has been politicised, noting that many of those charged are linked to the Red Shirt political movement, which is broadly loyal to ousted premier Thaksin Shinawatra.

Thailand has been riven by political divisions since Mr Thaksin was overthrown by royalist generals in a coup in 2006.

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JAKARTA

Farmers sue over haze

INDONESIAN farmers in a province at the centre of Southeast Asia's worst smog outbreak in years have filed a lawsuit against the president in response to the haze crisis, activists said on September 11.

Environmental groups on September 10 filed the class-action lawsuit at the Jakarta High Court on behalf of farmers from five villages in Riau Province on Sumatra Island.

They argue President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono has not done enough to curb activities such as slash-and-burn land clearance and logging that lead to climate change, and that their lives are being deeply affected. In June, raging fires that were set to clear land in Riau cloaked the province and neighbouring Malaysia and Singapore in smog, with the haze hitting the worst levels in more than a decade.

Riau is at the centre of Indonesia's booming palm oil industry, and illegal slash-and-burn clearance is common because it is the quickest and cheapest method for land to be converted for use as plantations.

A coalition of green groups filed the lawsuit, including forest protection group Jikalahari, which said the severe haze this year had "deeply affected the communities".

The lawsuit also targets forestry and environment ministers are accused in the lawsuit. "The president and his ministers have done little to protect communities from the effects of climate change," said Riko Kurniawan, director of Friends of the Earth in Riau. - AFP

HANOI

Democracy activist jailed

VIETNAM has sentenced a former army officer to 15 years in jail for plotting to overthrow the communist regime, a court official said on September 12, in the latest crack-down on dissent.

Ngo Hao, 65, who served under the US-backed regime in South Vietnam during the Vietnam War, was convicted at a trial in Phu Yen Province on September 11, the official said.

He was accused of activities seeking a multiparty political system under the instruction of the Bloc 8406 pro-democracy movement, which is banned in Vietnam, media reports said. According to the *Vietnam News* daily, Mr Hao also "wrote articles and distributed documents that contained distorted information about the regime and defamed leaders" between 2008 and 2012. He was arrested in February this year.

At least 47 activists have been convicted on anti-state charges in communist Vietnam this year.

In February, a court in Phu Yen sentenced 22 activists to jail terms ranging from 10 years to life imprisonment. - AFP

ZAMBOANGA

Philippine leader visits war-torn southern city

TED ALJIBE

PHILIPPINE President Benigno Aquino on September 13 visited the southern city of Zamboanga where government troops are battling followers of a Muslim rebel leader opposed to peace talks.

The presidential palace declined to give details of Mr Aquino's trip, which came on the fifth day of an incursion by up to 180 Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) guerrillas concentrated in six coastal areas.

"We will secure him wherever he wants to go," military spokesman Lieutenant Colonel Ramon Zagala said, downplaying potential threats to Mr Aquino's safety.

"He has arrived there. He flew to Zamboanga," Mr Aquino's spokeswoman, Abigail Valte, said in a statement.

At least 15 people have been killed, and nearly 200 Zamboanga residents are being used as human shields by the gunmen, who have also set parts of the six coastal districts on fire.

Mr Zagala said government forces had moved into those areas to prevent more destruction but would not say how long he expected the fighting to last.

Heavily armed troops on September 13 entered a school and a mosque vacated by MNLF fighters, an AFP photographer said. The corpses of at least two suspected rebels were later brought out by the troops.

Military spokesman Brigadier General Domingo Tutaan said an estimated 183 civilians were still being held hostage as human shields by the armed followers of MNLF founder Nur Misuari.

"We envision that there will be a peaceful result to this with the armed men laying down their arms and releasing the civilians," he said.

The crisis began when the MNLF fighters tried to march on the Zamboanga city hall before dawn on September 7, clashing with government forces.

Since then, the rebels have been pinned down in a few largely Muslim communities in Zamboanga, setting fire to houses while firing at troops to keep them at bay.

There are fears that the fighting may spread after Muslim gunmen attacked army positions on nearby Basilan Island on September 12, killing a pro-government militiaman and wounding four members of the government forces and a civilian. - AFP



A resident is evacuated during a firefight between government forces and Muslim rebels in Zamboanga in the Philippines on September 12. Photo: AFP

PUTRAJAYA

Freed Bird re-arrested

AN Australian man who was acquitted of the capital offence of drug trafficking in Malaysia earlier this month was back in court on September 10 after authorities re-arrested him in hopes of appealing the ruling.

Lawyers for Dominic Bird, 33, told a court that his re-arrest on September 9 was unconstitutional as they mounted a bid for his "unconditional" release. "This is intolerable. It is against the very tenants of acquittal," lawyer Shafee Abdullah told reporters outside a court in the Malaysian administrative capital of Putrajaya.

"They have been abusing the system. If they hadn't been abusing the system, I'm sure Dominic will be in Perth today."

Mr Bird, of Western Australia, was arrested in March last year for alleged possession of 167 grams (5.9 ounces) of methamphetamine.

Anyone caught with 50 grams or more of the drug is considered a trafficker in Muslim-majority Malaysia, which imposes a mandatory sentence of death by hanging upon conviction.

After an 18-month legal fight, a high court freed Mr Bird on September 4, finding him not guilty.

His lawyers had based much of their case on the assertion that a government chemist had erred when analysing the substance found on their client. But Mr Bird was re-arrested on September 9 just as he was to board a flight back to Australia.

Prosecutors are seeking to appeal his acquittal.

In brief comments to reporters, Mr Bird said he had feared he might not be allowed to go home. "I was just a few steps away," he said.

Since 1960, nearly 450 people have been put to death under Malaysia's tough anti-drug laws. Two Australians were executed in 1986 for heroin trafficking. - AFP

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BANGKOK

Thai rubber farmers accept deal with government

A NETWORK of Thai rubber farmers said on September 10 that it had accepted a government subsidy offer aimed at ending recent mass protests that erupted into violence earlier this month.

Thailand is the world's top exporter of natural rubber, and anger among the kingdom's rubber farmers over their falling incomes had posed a growing challenge to Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra's two-year-old government.

Government spokeswoman Sunisa Lertpakawat said the cabinet on September 10 approved a budget of 21.25 billion baht (US\$660 million) to subsidise rubber farmers.

"Today's decision comes ahead of a mass rally by rubber farmers [this weekend], which could severely affect the economy," Ms Sunisa told a news conference.

An apparent compromise was struck after the government agreed to pay farmers 2520 baht (\$80) per *rai* (0.4 acres, or 0.16 hectares) of rubber plantation to help with production costs – double its previous offer.

In a statement, a grouping of rubber farmers in 15 provinces accepted the deal in principle and called off their next protest, which had been planned for the weekend.

"I can confirm that there will be no rally on September 14," said one of the protest leaders, Karjbandid Ramas.

It was unclear, however, if all of the various factions of rubber farmers would accept the offer to help cope with a plunge in rubber prices, which have roughly halved since 2011.

In recent weeks angry rubber farmers have blocked roads, train lines and even the entrance to an airport in Thailand's south where plunging global prices for the commodity have hit the local economy hard.

On September 5, more than two dozen police officers were injured and 11 protest leaders were arrested as a demonstration in one part of southern Thailand turned violent.

The farmers have accused the government of ignoring their plight while spending billions of dollars on a rice price guarantee scheme seen as mainly benefiting ruling party supporters. – *AFP*

MANILA

Philippines mulls removing 'Chinese' blocks at shoal

PHILIPPINE officials are considering removing concrete blocks allegedly installed by China on a disputed shoal in the South China Sea, the Filipino navy chief said on September 10.

Vice Admiral Jose Luis Alano said no further activity had been detected at Scarborough Shoal since the defence department accused China earlier this month of laying 75 concrete blocks on an underwater section of the outcrop. The territory is claimed by both Manila and Beijing.

Discussions were under way about how to address the issue but the final decision on whether or not to remove the blocks rests with the Philippine government and not the military, he said.

"That's being discussed as to how to do it, but I do not like to preempt what the decision will be," said Mr Alano, adding that the military continued to monitor activity at the shoal.

Filipino officials have warned that the block-laying could be a prelude to China building structures on the shoal, which lies just 220 kilometres (135 miles) off the main Philippine island of Luzon.

A Chinese foreign ministry spokesman earlier this month denied that Beijing had laid concrete blocks on the outcrop, while asserting it was part of China's territory.

The shoal is about 650 kilometres from Hainan Island, the nearest major Chinese landmass, but China claims most of the South China Sea, including waters near the coasts of its neighbours.

Brunei, Malaysia, Taiwan and Vietnam also have competing claims to parts of the sea, and the rivalries have been a source of tension for decades.

The Philippines engaged China in a tense standoff at Scarborough Shoal in 2012.

Manila has said the Chinese had effectively taken control of it by stationing vessels there and preventing Filipino fishermen from entering the area.

In January the government asked a United Nations tribunal to rule on the validity of the Chinese claims to most of the sea. China has rejected the move, saying it wants to solve the dispute through bilateral negotiations with concerned parties. – *AFP*

PHNOM PENH

CPP named election winners in Cambodia

SUY SE

CAMBODIA'S election committee handed victory in hotly disputed polls to the ruling party of Prime Minister Hun Sen on September 8, prompting the opposition to say it will boycott parliament and stage further protests over allegations of widespread fraud.

The kingdom has been stuck in a political impasse since the July election, with the premier's Cambodian People's Party (CPP) insisting it secured a legitimate victory despite vociferous calls from Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP) leader Sam Rainsy for a probe into alleged vote rigging.

The CPP took 68 seats to 55 for the opposition CNRP, according to the country's National Election Committee.

The election authority said the CPP won 3.2 million votes to the CNRP's 2.9 million.

It is the ruling party's worst election result since 1998, losing 22 seats since the last polls five years ago.

Analysts say it delivers a significant blow to the CPP and Mr Hun Sen, who has led the country for nearly three decades.

A rare mass rally in the capital on September 7 called for an independent probe into results, but the NEC's announcement ended the legal avenues open to the opposition to contest the poll.

Mr Rainsy, a French-educated former banker, on September 9 moved quickly to reject the NEC's tally, insisting the loss would not blunt his party's efforts to overturn the poll.

"We do not accept results that do not reflect the real will of the people. These are the results of voter fraud," he said.

The CNRP will not join the first meeting of parliament and has no interest in talks with the CPP without an independent investigation first, he told reporters, adding the party planned to hold at least three days of demonstrations from September 15.

The CPP hailed the final results as an end to the political crisis that has gripped the country, saying it will convene parliament with royal assent irrespective of the CNRP's next moves.

The CPP claims that under the constitution it is entitled to convene parliament because it has 50 percent of seats.

Chastened party officials offered an apparent olive branch to the opposition, saying the government was ready to co-operate with them in a new National Assembly and will address voter discontent over corruption and nepotism in the impoverished kingdom.

"We got the message from the people and will act accordingly,"



CNRP leader Sam Rainsy visits a market in Phnom Penh on September 10. Photo: AFP

said government spokesman Khieu Kanharith.

Experts say the NEC's announcement does not extinguish the nation's political turmoil as the CPP and election authorities have failed to dispel fears of poll fraud or appease a public increasingly unhappy with rule by narrow interests.

The results are a "big blow for Hun Sen" and leaves the CPP "badly shaken", according to Cambodian independent analyst Lao Mong Hay.

"We now have a confrontation between those in power and the rest of the population. The people have shown their displeasure with the rulers ... and their misuse and abuse of power for their own interest – for the interest of their party, their clans, their families," he said. – *AFP*

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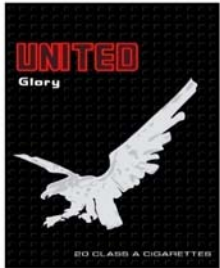
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MOGADISHU

# American Islamist killed in Somalia, witnesses say

A US Islamist fighting in Somalia was killed on September 12 in a shootout with al-Qaeda-linked Shebab militants, former comrades he had fallen out with, witnesses said.

Alabama-born Omar Hammami – better known as al-Amriki or “the American” – was one of the most prominent foreigners fighting in Somalia, and the US State Department had offered a US\$5 million bounty for his capture.

“There was a gun battle between Amriki and his men and other fighters. The reports are that Amriki is among those killed,” said Moalim Ali, a resident in Bardhere, a small settlement in southern Somalia.

In Washington, US State Department deputy spokeswoman Marie Harf said, “We’ve seen the reports that he was killed in Somalia. We’re working to verify them right now.”

Witnesses said two other extremists were also killed in the battle, including one other foreigner.

Extremist websites, including one previously close to Mr Hammami, confirmed his death and said that a Briton known as Osama al-Britani was also killed.

Other reports, however, suggested he was Egyptian or Pakistani.

“Amriki and two other fighters, one of them a foreigner, have been killed near Bardhere,” said Mohamed Wardhere, another resident.

There was no immediate response from the Shebab, but they did claim responsibility for a separate attack that lightly wounded key southern leader Ahmed Madobe, an Islamist and warlord now commanding the port of Kismayo.

Somali government spokesman Ridwan Abdiweli said “several” of Mr Madobe’s bodyguards had been killed in the attack, a signal the Shebab remain a powerful force despite losing a string of key towns to the 17,700-strong African Union force, fighting alongside government troops.

Witnesses said at least six people were killed in the attack in Kismayo, but Mr Madobe later appeared at a press conference vowing revenge on the Shebab.

Mr Hammami, 29, moved to Somalia in 2006 and began to work for Shebab recruiting young trainees through his English-language rap songs and videos.

Jerky videos showed him enthusiastically promoting the Shebab’s battle to overthrow the internationally backed government, but he later fell out with top Shebab leader Ahmed Abdi Godane, for



Omar Hamami speaks at an Islamist gathering in Somalia on May 11, 2011. Photo: AFP

whom the United States has offered \$7 million.

Mr Hammami, who referred to himself as the “former poster boy” of the group, accused Mr Godane of betraying the former presumed chief of al-Qaeda in east Africa, Fazul Abdullah Muhammad, leading to his killing in 2011 in Somalia.

Mr Fazul is thought to have planned the 1998 truck bombings of the US embassies in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam, and had a \$5 million bounty on his head.

MILLION

**\$5**

US bounty for the capture of Omar Hammami

In turn, the Shebab accused him of “spreading discord and disunity” and indulging in a “narcissistic pursuit of fame.”

Mr Hammami had previously warned of assassination attempts against him and

posted forlorn photographs on his Twitter account posing with automatic rifles, his lank hair held back by a checked headscarf.

The death of Mr Hammami makes him the latest extremist to be killed by infighting within the group and is expected to bolster Mr Godane’s control.

Abdi Aynte, head of the Somali think-tank the Heritage Institute for Policy Studies, said that, if confirmed, Mr Hammami’s death would mean the “anti-Godane alliance is almost neutralised”.

In June, Mr Godane’s men killed two co-founders of the group, one with a \$5 million US bounty, Ibrahim Haji Jama Mead, better known by his nickname al-Afghani, or “the Afghan”.

Veteran Islamist leader Hassan Dahir Aweys, allied to the Shebab since 2010, also fled Mr Godane’s purge after criticising his rule and has since been placed under arrest in the capital Mogadishu.

Inside the Shebab, some are more attracted by a nationalist agenda to oust foreign forces from Somalia, while others – including Mr Godane – are seen as having more global jihadist ambitions.

Despite its divisions, analysts say it remains a dangerous and powerful force.

UN Monitoring Group reports in July estimated the Shebab are still some 5000 strong and remain the “principal threat to peace and security [in] Somalia”. – AFP

## The Sindex: Which country is the drunkest of them all? The laziest? The fattest?

**Sloth:** The Dutch work the fewest hours each year (1381 per worker on average), while Mexicans work the most (2226), among OECD countries. The French spend the most time eating and sleeping – snoozing for more than an hour longer each night than South Koreans, who get the least sleep.

**Vanity:** The United States is getting more nips, tucks and Botox injections than any other country, with a whopping 3.1 million procedures performed in 2011 alone, accounting for 21 percent of the world’s total. When it comes to rhinoplasty, China is ahead of Japan by a nose – more than 5000 noses, actually – with 51,680 procedures, or nearly 11pc of the worldwide total.

**Alcohol:** South Koreans drink

the most hard liquor (approximately 24 litres per capita annually); the Cook Islands quaff the most beer (182 litres per capita); and France, no surprise, imbibes the most wine (55 litres per capita).

**Sex:** Americans buy some US\$430 million worth of condoms yearly, but the US market for vibrators is more than twice that, at \$1 billion. The biggest US retailer of sex toys reports that per capita sales are highest in some of the least populous states – Wyoming, Alaska and North Dakota.

**Gambling:** Australia and Singapore annually lose the most money gambling per capita by far – \$1288 and \$1174, respectively – double the nearest competitors.

**Drugs:** Italians, New Zealanders, Americans and Nigerians are most likely to use marijuana, with 14pc or more of adults lighting up. El Salvador leads in meth, with 3.3pc getting high on amphetamine-type stimulants. Scotland had the world’s highest rate of cocaine use in 2011, with 2.4pc using the drug.

**Gluttony:** A body mass index of 30 or above is considered obese; by that measure American Samoa has the planet’s fattest population, with almost three-quarters of adults extremely overweight. Yet Austrians consume the most calories (3800 per day). In fact, nine of the top 10 countries with the highest caloric intake are European – the United States is No 2.

**Luxuries:** The Japanese, it seems, just want to have fun. The country spends more disposable income on recreation – a total of \$339 billion annually – than everywhere except the United States. In contrast, China out-saves the rest of the world, socking away more than half its GDP.

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VIENNA

# Harsh introduction for Iran’s new atomic envoy

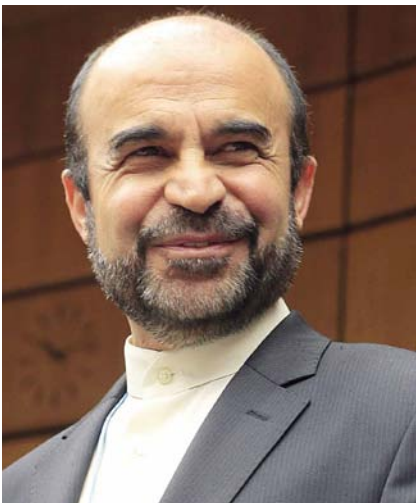
WESTERN envoys gave Iran’s new ambassador to the UN atomic agency a frosty welcome on September 11, saying Tehran’s new government should waste no time proving to the world it does not want the bomb.

Speaking at a meeting of the International Atomic Energy Agency’s board of governors, US envoy Joseph Macmanus said Iran was refusing to comply with UN Security Council and IAEA resolutions demanding it suspend key parts of its nuclear program.

“In fact, Iran continues taking actions in direct contravention of its obligations to expand and deepen these prohibited programs,” Mr Macmanus told the closed-door quarterly gathering in Vienna.

These include uranium enrichment, a process that lies at the heart of the international community’s worries about Iran’s activities since it could provide Tehran with material for the fissile core of a nuclear weapon.

“With a new president in office and a new government in place under his leadership, Iran today has an opportunity to



Iran’s ambassador to the IAEA, Reza Najafi, attends a meeting in Vienna on September 11. Photo: AFP

change its path from intransigence to cooperation, from obfuscation to transparency,”

Mr Macmanus said, according to the text of his remarks.

Lithuania’s IAEA representative said in a statement on behalf of the European Union that the IAEA’s latest regular report on Iran last month that showed a continued expansion “further aggravates our deep concerns”.

Edvilas Raudonikis said the EU wanted a “comprehensive, negotiated, long-term settlement, which would build international confidence in the exclusively peaceful nature of the Iranian nuclear program, while respecting Iran’s legitimate rights to the peaceful uses of nuclear energy”.

Hassan Rowhani’s election in June as Iranian president, replacing hardliner Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, has created some hope of a diplomatic solution to the deadlock after a decade of trying.

Mr Rowhani has given responsibility for upcoming talks with world powers to the foreign ministry under US-educated moderate Mohammad Javad Zarif and has appointed Reza Najafi to the IAEA, replacing the long-serving Ali Asghar Soltanieh.

– AFP

JOHANNESBURG

# Booker novel mourns Zimbabwe’s ‘lost decade’

SUSAN NJANJI

ZIMBABWEAN author NoViolet Bulawayo, who was nominated for the prestigious Man Booker Prize on September 10, called for new leadership in her country where President Robert Mugabe has been returned to power in disputed elections.

“We have been with one set of leadership from right before I was born. That is really not healthy in a democracy,” said the 31-year-old, whose debut novel *We Need New Names* was one of six titles shortlisted for the literary award.

“I feel we need a constant injection of new ideas, as in new personalities. It makes any space richer,” Ms Bulawayo said in an interview in South Africa where she was on tour last week.

“When something is not working, you need to change it. So we need really a new breed, a new culture of politics to carry us to where we need to be,” said the author, whose real name is Elizabeth Zandile Tshele.

Mr Mugabe swept to power in 1980 as an independence hero bringing democracy to millions of black Zimbabweans, and was widely credited with health and education reforms.

He was sworn in for another five years in August.

But in the past decade, the economy has crumbled following the introduction of disastrous land reforms in 2000.

need new ways of living, new ways of imagining ourselves, new ways of leadership, just a revamping of systems, starting from the self to the larger communal.”

‘What happened to my country? It was a shock to the system. The able and beautiful country of my childhood had given way to something so new that I couldn’t relate to.’

NoViolet Bulawayo  
Zimbabwean author

“The book came out of Zimbabwe’s lost decade,” said Ms Bulawayo, who took her pen-name from the country’s second-largest city of Bulawayo, where she grew up before going to study in the United States. “What inspired it is so fresh in people’s imaginations.”

The semi-autobiographical novel sums up her message. “What I was saying was we

Life is a daily struggle for the main character, a 10-year-old girl named Darling, and her friends who live in an slum area named Paradise in Zimbabwe.

Darling is lucky to emigrate to the United States, though there she finds that the grass is not always greener on the other side as she starts to grapple with foreign cultures.

“She really loses a large part of herself,” said Ms Bulawayo, “and the book ends with her still trying to negotiate with the American terrain.”

Ms Bulawayo, who left Zimbabwe 13 years ago, only returned home this year and was shocked.

“What happened to my country? It was a shock to the system. The able and beautiful country of my childhood had given way to something so new that I couldn’t relate to,” she said.

She found herself grappling with realities such as electricity outages or water cuts.

Born in 1981, a year after Zimbabwe gained independence from colonial power Britain, she is part of the so-called born-free generation, and said she yearns for the country to recover its lost glory.

She uses the pen name NoViolet – which means “with Violet” in her native Ndebele – in honour of her mother who died when she was 18 months old.

A fellow at Stanford University in California, Ms Bulawayo authored a short story titled “Hitting Budapest”, which won the 2011 Caine Prize for African Writing. – AFP

## BRIEFS

**Marseille**  
**Historic floating restaurant sinks in Marseille**  
A famous floating restaurant aboard a 1920s schooner in the French city of Marseille sank on September 11 in the historic Vieux Port area after its pump stopped working, firefighters said.

The three-masted Le Marseillois, where celebrities such as Tom Cruise and George Clooney ate, sank about 30 minutes after an employee first sounded the alarm early in the morning.

“The pump in the hold which works around-the-clock to empty water had broken down,” a fire department spokesman said.

Around 25 firefighters and divers were deployed to try and save the boat – a star attraction in the southern city’s old port.

Built in Valencia in Spain, the vessel was used for trading but abandoned after it became obsolete in the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. It was then bought with funds raised by Marseille residents keen to preserve old vessels and anchored off the port in 1977. The boat was turned into a restaurant in the early 1990s.

**Paris**  
**French coq dance ends with 5 African artist in clink**  
An eccentric South African artist has been charged with sexual exhibitionism after a street performance in central Paris in which he tied a rooster to his penis.

Steve Cohen was arrested on September 10 on a busy public square a stone’s throw from the Eiffel Tower. Sporting platform shoes, dressed up as a bird and with a cord wrapped around his penis and attached to the rooster, he was able to dance for around 10 minutes before police stepped in.

He was detained all day and has now been ordered to appear in court on December 16, treatment that has been greeted with outrage by his lawyer, Agnes Tricoire.

She said Mr Cohen was portraying his personal situation “shared between his native South Africa and the France he now lives in”.

“His detention was a disgrace,” she added. “Imagine, France throwing artists in prison!” – AFP

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## MOSCOW

# Putin ally will pay for Moscow poll win: Navalny

## ANNA SMOLCHENKO

RUSSIAN opposition politician Alexei Navalny vowed on September 10 that he would make an ally of Russian President Vladimir Putin pay dearly for beating him in Moscow polls, saying he was preparing to contest the results.

"We will do everything so that Sergei Sobyenin's victory will cost him dearer than any defeat," Mr Navalny said after coming second to the Kremlin-backed incumbent in polls for Moscow mayor on September 8.

"We now have documentary and legal evidence that a second round should have taken place and that the Moscow election commission falsified the poll," the 37-year-old said on popular Moscow Ekho radio.

Earlier on September 10, the Moscow election commission upheld the final result, saying that Sobyenin received 51.3 percent of ballots, just barely enough to avoid a runoff.

Mr Navalny, who polled far more strongly than projected with more than 27.2pc of the vote, has demanded a partial recount, claiming the authorities allowed vote irregularities during at-home voting and at polling stations without observers.

In a blog post, Mr Navalny said Mr Sobyenin avoided a second-round runoff with a margin of just 31,000 votes, accusing the winner of manipulations at the ballot box.

An anti-corruption blogger, Mr Navalny shot to prominence during huge anti-Putin rallies in the winter of 2011-12.

Analysts said Mr Navalny's stronger-than-expected showing propelled him to celebrity status in Russian politics and made him a force to be reckoned with.

On September 10, he called on supporters to submit reports of violations and claimed he would have secured an outright victory if the voter turnout had reached 60pc.



Alexei Navalny speaks at his mayoral campaign headquarters in Moscow on September 9. Photo: AFP

The turnout stood at a meagre 32pc, which apparently reflected Muscovites' apathy and lack of conviction that they can effect change.

Independent vote monitors have said irregularities were registered in the election, although they were not as serious as those witnessed in previous polls.

**'We know how to turn our political machine which we created during this poll into a steamroller which will crush the United Russia.'**

**Alexei Navalny**  
Russian politician

Widespread claims of 2011-12 anti-Putin protests, Mr Navalny vowed to continue his fight for a political voice.

unprecedented protests against Mr Putin's ruling party and against the Russian strongman himself.

Some 10,000 Navalny supporters poured into a central Moscow square on September 9 after the opposition leader beseeched them to turn up.

Speaking at the Bolotnaya Square, the focal point of the

"We know how to turn our political machine which we created during this poll into a steamroller which will crush the United Russia," he said, referring to the ruling party.

He did not rule out that he might one day call for people to turn out for unsanctioned protests and to "overtake cars and light smoke bombs".

"We will show that we are the main leading political opposition force in the country," he said.

Mr Navalny campaigned under the shadow of a five-year prison sentence on controversial fraud charges handed to him in July.

He was arrested in court but then was suddenly released a day later pending an appeal.

Analysts have said the Kremlin will now have to decide whether to send him back to jail or allow him to press ahead with his activism.

- AFP

## BUCHAREST

# Accused thief won't return hidden art

THE accused ringleader of Romanian thieves who stole seven works by artists including Picasso and Matisse won't reveal where five are stashed after his request to be tried in a Dutch court was denied, his lawyer said.

A Bucharest court opened a trial on September 10 in the October 2012 theft of seven artworks, insured for a combined 18 million euros (US\$24 million), from the Kunsthall Museum in Rotterdam. Defendant Radu Dogaru, who admitted stealing them with two accomplices, offered in August to return five of the paintings in exchange for being tried in the Netherlands.

"My client has made a 180-degree turn and is now saying [that] if the Dutch authorities don't want to take me, nobody will ever see those paintings again," Mr Dogaru's lawyer, Catalin Dancu, told reporters in court on September 10. The five artworks are currently abroad and "in the custody" of a Russian, who is trying to sell them, Mr Dancu said.

The theft of works by Pablo Picasso, Claude Monet, Lucian Freud, Henri

Matisse, Paul Gauguin and Meyer de Haan ranks among the most spectacular art heists of the past several decades. The case has turned on whether any of the artworks still survive after Mr Dogaru's mother, Olga Dogaru, confessed to burning all of them in her stove, only to withdraw her statement on July 22. She now claims that none were incinerated.

At an August 13 pretrial hearing in Bucharest, Mr Dogaru's lawyer revealed his client was trying to avoid a more stringent sentence in his homeland by offering to return the five under his "control" in exchange for being transferred to Holland and, if convicted, serving his time there. Mr Dogaru claims that the other two pieces are in Belgium, where he has no control over them.

He is now asking for a simplified legal procedure in Romania, where he could be handed a sentence of 14 years in prison, Mr Dancu said.

Insurer Aon paid 17 million euros to Triton Foundation, which owned the artworks at the time of the theft, according to Mr

Dancu and Maria Vasii, a lawyer for Eugen Darie, who is accused of being the driver in the heist.

A scientific analysis of the ashes in Olga Dogaru's stove showed they contained fragments of oil paintings, according to Ernest Oberlander-Tarnoveanu, the director of the Romanian museum that carried out the tests.

Romanian prosecutors sent the ashes to a museum in the Netherlands to carry out a new forensic analysis because a test conducted by the Romanian museum isn't conclusive, Mr Dancu said.

The thieves stole the paintings in less than three minutes from the Kunsthall after they forced an emergency door open with a set of pliers, according to the prosecution's file obtained by Bloomberg.

The stolen paintings belong to a private collection managed by the Triton Foundation, started by Rotterdam port entrepreneur Willem Cordia. The collection consists of about 250 paintings, drawings and sculptures from the period 1860 to 1970.

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PARIS

# French protest against pension reform plans

TENS of thousands of people took to the streets on September 10 in protest against a proposed overhaul of France's debt-ridden pension system, but no major disruptions were reported over a reform generally regarded as moderate.

Pension overhauls are highly contentious in France – with previous efforts in 1995 and 2010 unleashing mass protests and damaging strikes – but the socialist government's latest reform has not yet met with the same level of resistance.

Four hard-line unions called for protests on September 10 in 180 locations across the country, but moderate unions did not back the call, saying they hoped to seek changes in parliament.

Overall, 360,000 workers, youths and retirees took to the streets across the country, the CGT union said, while police estimated that 155,000 demonstrators turned up in 170 locations.

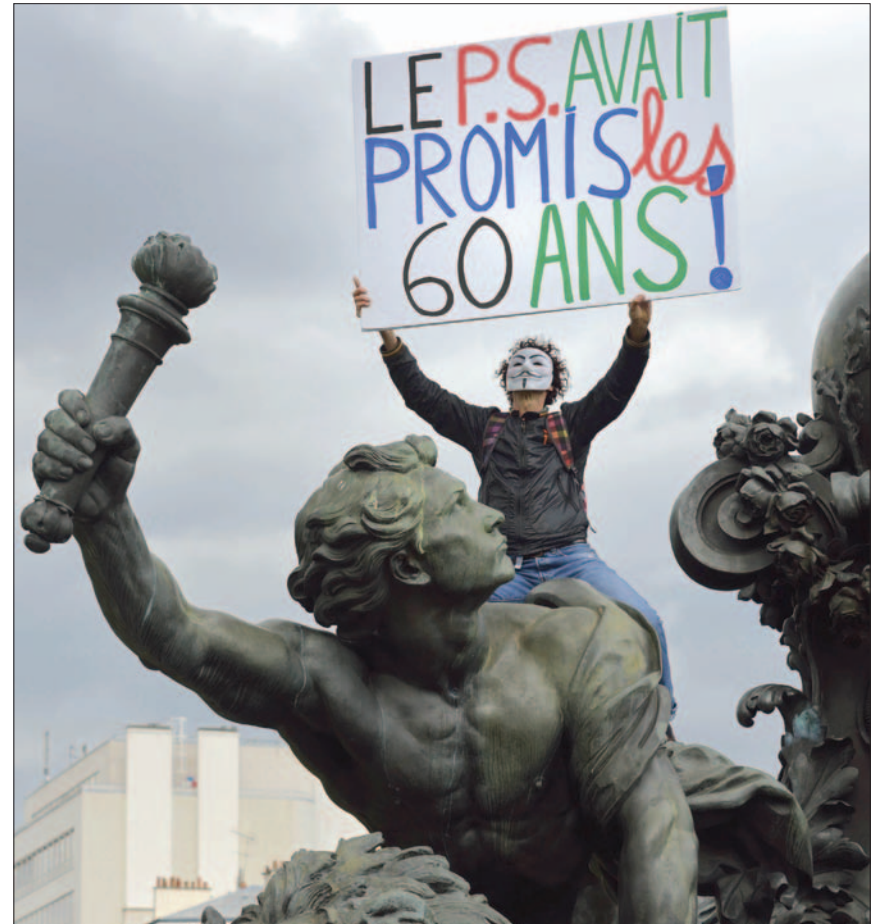
Unions have denounced the reform as “anti-youth” because it will incrementally raise the total contribution period from the current 41.5 years to 43 years by 2035, meaning employees will need to work longer to be eligible for full pensions.

A full package of reforms was officially put forward on September 18 as France, under pressure from the European Union, looked to plug holes that will see the generous state pension scheme fall more than 20 billion euros (US\$26.5 billion) into the red by 2020.

The reform plan also proposed increasing employee and employer contributions to France's retirement system, but avoided more controversial proposals such as raising the official retirement age or slapping a new tax on French retirees.

The French parliament is to consider the measures in October.

The aim of the unions on September 10 was not to have the draft bill abolished, but to have it improved during parliamentary deliberations.



An activist on September 10 protests against the French government's plans to reform the country's pension system. Photo: AFP

The protests' impact was minimal on September 10, with few disruptions reported on train services or at the Paris airports of Orly and Charles de Gaulle.

But Jean-Claude Mailly, head of the FO union – one of the four that called for ac-

tion – warned that there was still widespread discontent.

“It's the image of a volcano. You have a little smoke. The earth doesn't tremble, but it simmers and at some point it has to erupt,” he said. – AFP

WASHINGTON

## US recalls Benghazi dead on 9/11 eve

THE White House on September 10 remembered four Americans, including US ambassador to Libya Chris Stevens, who were killed in an attack in Benghazi a year ago.

On the eve of the anniversary of the attack – and of the 12th anniversary of the September 11 attacks in 2001 – the White House updated Americans on security measures put in place to secure US assets and interests worldwide.

White House spokesman Jay Carney pointedly remembered the Benghazi attack a year ago, which sparked a political furor and Republican claims of a White House cover-up.

“The events of last year, losing four brave Americans – Chris Stevens, Sean Smith, Glen Doherty and Tyrone Woods – brought home the reality of the challenges we face in the world,” Mr Carney said in a written statement.

“As we near this day of remembrance, we continue to mourn the death of our cherished colleagues and honor their dedication to public service. We remain committed to bringing the perpetrators of the Benghazi attacks to justice and to ensuring the safety of our

brave personnel serving overseas.”

Republicans claim that President Barack Obama deliberately downplayed the attack on US diplomatic premises in Benghazi because it contradicted his election-year narrative that al-Qaeda was on the run.

The sacking of the US consulate was initially described by US officials as a reaction to an anti-Muslim video aired in the United States that triggered protests across the Arab world.

But it was later revealed that some of those behind the assault had links to organised extremists.

Mr Carney also said in the statement that Mr Obama met senior officials on September 10 to review worldwide security measures for the September 11 anniversary.

“The President's National Security team is taking measures to prevent 9/11-related attacks and to ensure the protection of US persons and facilities abroad,” the statement said.

“The President reiterated that protecting the American people, both at home and abroad, is the administration's top national security priority.”

– AFP

CARACAS

## Venezuela quits human rights court

VENEZUELA withdrew from a regional human rights court on September 10, fulfilling the wishes of late president Hugo Chavez to the dismay of activists who fear the state may commit abuses.

President Nicolas Maduro wrote on Twitter that the Costa Rica-based Inter-American Court of Human Rights had become “an instrument for the protection of US geopolitical interests in [Latin] America and to persecute progressive governments”.

International and local human rights groups had urged the government to reconsider its decision, which will affect new cases but not those filed prior to Venezuela's withdrawal from the court's jurisdiction.

The withdrawal came one year to the day after Mr Chavez began the process to pull out of the court by formally denouncing the American Convention on Human Rights. The United States, Canada and several Caribbean nations have not ratified the convention.

The convention allows individuals who exhaust all legal avenues in their countries to petition the Washington-based Inter-American Commission on

Human Rights, which then decides whether to refer the case to the court in San Jose, Costa Rica.

Venezuela remains part of the commission, however, because withdrawing from it would require leaving the Organization of American States (OAS). But it has barred the commission from visiting the country since 2002.

“Venezuela's exit from the court is an enormous step backwards,” said opposition leader Henrique Capriles, claiming that the decision violates the country's constitution.

On September 9, the opposition petitioned the commission to review allegations of fraud in the April 14 election to succeed Chavez, which Mr Maduro won by a razor-thin margin against Capriles.

Mr Chavez decided to withdraw from the convention last year after the court condemned the “inhumane and degrading treatment” of one of its nationals, Raul Diaz Pena, who claims that he was tortured during six years' incarceration.

Mr Diaz Pena had been jailed for his alleged role in bomb attacks against diplomatic missions of Spain and Colombia in 2003. – AFP



OSLO

Breivik survivors win seats in parliament

FOUR young Norwegian Labour Party members who survived right-wing extremist Anders Behring Breivik's bloody rampage two years ago have been elected to parliament, the party said on September 10.

They were among 33 Labour Party candidates in the September 9 parliamentary election who had escaped Mr Breivik's bullets on July 22, 2011, according to Anne Odden, spokeswoman for the party's parliamentary group.

The Labour Party lost nine seats in parliament to end up with 55, and is set to be ousted from government after eight years in power.

Mr Breivik deliberately targeted Labour in his rampage, accusing the party of allowing Norway to become a multicultural society.

After setting off a bomb in Oslo's government district, killing eight people, Mr Breivik travelled to a Labour Youth summer camp on the island of Utoeya near the Norwegian capital.

There he opened fire indiscriminately, killing 69 people, mostly adolescents, before being stopped by police.

Mr Breivik was sentenced last year to the maximum penalty of 21 years in prison, a term that can be extended indefinitely if he is still considered a threat to society.

The September 9 elections gave a clear victory to the right, paving the way for a new government that is likely to include the populist, anti-immigrant Progress Party, which once counted Mr Breivik among its members.

The party has clearly distanced itself from Mr Breivik, condemning his attacks, while the extremist has accused the party of being too soft.

Still, the Progress Party remains in favour of very restrictive immigration policies.

With 16.4 percent of the vote, it is down sharply from the record result of 22.9pc earned in the last parliamentary election in 2009.

Nevertheless, the vote is the party's third-best performance ever, and it is also likely to enter government now for the first time since it was formed 40 years ago.

Of the 169 lawmakers in the newly elected parliament, only three are of foreign origin, including one representing the Progress Party. – AFP

TEHRAN

Rowhani taps second woman for cabinet

IRANIAN President Hassan Rowhani added a second woman to his cabinet on September 10, appointing reformist Massoumeh Ebtekar as vice president to lead the environmental protection organisation, media reported.

Ms Ebtekar, an ex-member of Tehran's city council, already headed the organisation during the presidency of reformist Mohammad Khatami from 1997 to 2005.

As such, she became the first female vice president of the Islamic republic.

Ms Ebtekar is perhaps best known for her role as the spokesperson for Islamist students who stormed the US embassy in Tehran in 1979 and took its staff hostage.

She joins Elham Aminzadeh, who was appointed as vice president for legal affairs last month.

Another key woman in the administration is Marzieh Afkham, the first-ever spokeswoman at the foreign ministry.

Although more liberal than those of many Arab countries, Iran's laws since the 1979 Islamic revolution have been criticised as unfair to women in matters of marriage, divorce and inheritance.

While women may hold key posts, including in parliament and the cabinet, they are not allowed to run for the presidency.

Iran's clergy, which still hold sway in the country, defend the laws, saying they are designed to protect against a Western lifestyle they say takes advantage of women.



Massoumeh Ebtekar. Photo: AFP

BRIEFS

**Washington**  
**US allows humanitarian exchanges with Iran**  
The US Treasury announced on September 10 that it would permit private organisations to support humanitarian programs in Iran and allow sports groups to hold exchanges with the country.

Opening up a window of cooperation in its tight sanctions crackdown on Iran, the Treasury issued permits for the two areas of activity. It said this would "encourage humanitarian and goodwill services between the Iranian and American people".

The first licence allows non-government organisations to provide support and funds for humanitarian activities, including those dealing with health services, disaster relief, wildlife conservation, and human rights and promotion of democracy.

The permission will allow any organisation pursuing such activities to transfer up to US\$500,000 a year in funds for them to Iran. But they must report all the details of their activities and the transfers to the Treasury.

The second licence permits exchanges involving professional and amateur sports, including exhibition matches and events, the sponsorship of players, coaching, refereeing and training.

**Santiago**  
**Chileans protest in memory of Pinochet-era missing**  
A thousand people lay on the ground in Chile's capital on September 10 in memory of those still missing from the dictatorship of General Augusto Pinochet.

September 11 was the anniversary of the coup that brought Mr Pinochet to power in 1973. Nearly 1200 remain missing from his war on anything that smacked of leftist dissent against his US-backed military government.

The demonstrators lay face-up on the ground for 11 minutes, in a line stretching for several blocks and starting near the presidential palace. The demonstrators convened via social media.

Rights groups say the Pinochet dictatorship claimed more than 3200 victims including the missing. The 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the coup has brought with it the release of a flood of plays, movies, books and photo exhibits that seek to illustrate the repression- and censorship-induced cultural black hole that Chileans endured during the 17-year Pinochet regime.

Mr Pinochet surrendered power to an elected government in 1990 and died in 2006.

**Geneva**  
**Switzerland ups legal prostitution age**  
The Swiss parliament voted on September 10 to raise the legal prostitution age from 16 to 18, tightening the country's liberal sex-trade laws to bring them in line with European standards.

The lower house of parliament voted to change the Swiss penal code to make it illegal to pay for sex with a minor, following suit after the upper house adopted the bill.

Until now, paying for sex with people above 16 – the legal age of consent in Switzerland – was legal in the small Alpine country.

With the law change, prostitutes between the ages of 16 and 18 will not face penalties, but clients who pay for sex with minors will face up to three years behind bars.

Anyone encouraging prostitution by minors, including pimps and people running brothels or escort services, will face up to 10 years in prison.

The law change also raises the legal age to participate in pornography, making it a crime punishable by up to five years in jail to produce, import, promote, screen or possess pornography featuring minors. – AFP

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**E**VER the purveyors of the “let’s push things forward” ideology, the musical mayhem of ongoing concert series Jam it! returned this month with yet another diverse line-up of Myanmar’s finest. Not satisfied with using familiar venues, organisers brought the bands – and the crowds – to the easy-to-miss location of Right Track Lanes bowling alley in Yangon’s Tarmwe township on September 8.

While a Sunday may seem an odd choice for a blow-out gig, the date was, not by accident, the final day of the third Wathann Film Festival, making the gig a perfect after-party for those looking to unwind after five days of documentary and film.

Kick-starting the evening were Yangon’s crust-punkers Allergic Reaction and pop-rockers The Myth, fronted by the ever-charming Lone Lone. But Jam it! wouldn’t be the event it is without G-Tone and his cyclonic crew. Helping change the pace of the evening’s musical onslaught, Cyclone were sharper and smoother than ever in promoting their new album *Yite Sar*.

For those who braved the sweat and smoke until the end, headliners Side Effect played with their usual die-hard energy. Girls danced, boys screamed and one person even fainted.

The highlight of the evening, however, came in the form of Skunx, who had travelled through the night from Mandalay to deliver their set of punk-metal-hardcore and hip-hop.

Named for the “animal that attacks with

its stink and that all other animals hate”, the band – who aim to avoid following the dictates of tradition – brought further auditory confusion by filling out their sound with a scratch DJ and synth player.

But while the combination of genres would normally sound too divergent, Skunx made it their own. Raucous yet completely in control, they held the crowd’s attention right up until the final note.

“The Skunx philosophy is about and for young men,” explains the band’s frontman and heartthrob Eugene, who formed Skunx from the remnants of two other Mandalay punk bands, Howl and Innocent.

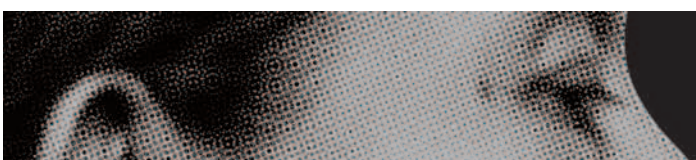
“We want to talk about their hopes. So many people in our country have to do what they don’t want to do. They do not believe in their hopes, and like art, there is no warranty.”

In a country where commercial copies of western pop songs prevail, Skunx write songs about everything around them, from education to sex and politics, subjects which, according to them, affect the whole population whether acknowledged or not. Scheduled to release an album in early 2014, Skunx will be playing more shows in Mandalay and Yangon to sharpen their claws before the sessions, but demos of the songs can be found online at [www.soundcloud.com/skunx-1](http://www.soundcloud.com/skunx-1).

Before he disappeared into the night, Eugene left me with his final pearl of wisdom: “I trust in music.”

With ears ringing, sweat dripping and hangover impending, I decided to follow his lead: The next Jam it! already has precedence in my diary.

# Rock sweat and bowling: Skunx bring trust back to



An intimate glimpse into Daw Aung San Suu Kyi



# Mobile library gets books rolling along to eager readers

Skunx frontman, Eurgene, performs in Yangon on September 8. Photo: Greg Holland Holland



Students delight at the chance to read more with books provided by a mobile library service. Photo: Zarni Phyto

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**T**HE schoolchildren began to fidget, their attention diverted from the blackboard by the sound of an approaching engine.

Only the teacher's raised voice could make them fall silent again. "If you don't keep quiet, I won't let you borrow books."

The children of Kawhmu township, an hour's drive from the southern bank of Yangon river, were about to be visited by a bookmobile – the country's first and only mobile library service.

As the bus rolled to a stop at the gate of the Basic Education High School of Nat Sin Kone Sanpya village, an excited crowd of students had already formed a queue.

"I am very happy on the days when the mobile library comes to school," Ma Khin Ni Tar Bo, a ninth-grade student, told *The Myanmar Times* on September 10. "I have often visited the library in my village, but it offers only time-worn books and periodicals. The mobile library is well stocked and holds recently published books."

The project is the brainchild of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, who recalls mobile libraries from her stay in the UK and knows of their benefits, said U Thant Thaw Kaung, director of the Mobile Library Project, which is also a part of the Daw Khin Kyi Foundation, named for Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's late mother.

"She [Daw Suu] wanted to set up a

mobile library in Myanmar for quite some time," U Thant Thaw Kaung said. "Finally Ms Natsuo Miyashita, an old friend of Daw Suu's from Oxford, was able to find a donor."

On July 29, the first of two buses donated by Hino Motors of Japan started making the rounds of Kawhmu township, which Daw Aung San Suu Kyi represents in parliament and has an estimated population of 127,496. The bus now reaches 21 of the township's 126 villages: The library stops at a village a day, sometimes two if they are close together and the roads allow it, and sets up at a school library and a village library in each place, spending three hours at each. The bus then returns two weeks later to process returns and let members sign out new selections.

So far the Mobile Library Project has collected over 15,000 books from local and foreign donors, with 30 copies of more than 500 titles. Subjects covered include books for children, morality tales, self-help, famous works of fiction, reference books and books on agriculture, livelihood and health education, all in the Myanmar language.

Each student or village resident is entitled to borrow two books at a time for two weeks and they can extend the loan another two weeks if they wish.

Ko Saw Nyi San, operations manager of the Mobile Library Project, commutes from Yangon to Kawhmu township every weekday. He said the public appetite for reading is such that the library can barely keep up with the voracious demand.

"Some villagers say the two weeks takes too long. They finish a book within two days and they want us to come back more often."

Another ninth-grade student, Maung Myo Thiha, said he and his friends trade books around once they've finished them, to tide themselves over until the mobile library returns and they can sign out more.

Asked about the possibility of visiting villages more frequently, Ko Saw Nyi San said that poor road conditions in the township would make that difficult.

"Yesterday we tried to reach another village called War Balauk Thauk and it took almost two hours to get to there. The old road to the village is impassable for a big bus," he said.

As difficult as transportation is, it's the very thing that makes the mobile library so valuable, he said.

"In the past, they went to a library if they wanted to read. Now the library brings the books they want to read to them. It makes a difference to their lives."

Daw Khin Kyi Foundation works closely with the Ministry of Information and the Ministry of Education in arranging the mobile library's field operations.

"Kaw Hmu has 126 villages and 28 villages have self-help libraries. The bus reaches 21 villages. Most have self-help libraries but their libraries aren't well-stocked," said Daw Myint Myint Shwe, head of the township's Department of Public Information.

"Sat Su village doesn't have a library. They want to set up a library so they are saving money and now they have collected K800,000 but it's not enough."

The village is located on the main road to Tha Khut Pin village, which has a library and is visited by the mobile library. Daw Myint Myint said that when villagers in Sat Su saw the mobile library passing, they stopped

the bus and asked it to come to their village as well.

"Since then, the bus visits Sat Su village once every two weeks," Daw Myin Myint Shwe said.

Ko Saw Nyi San said their mobile bus is always warmly welcomed by villagers: "Some villages play music when the bus comes," he said.

*'Some villagers say the two weeks takes too long. They finish a book within two days and they want us to come back more often'*

Ko Nyo Yi San, mobile librarian

U Thant Thaw Kaung said the project members are very glad to see the enthusiasm and interest in the community.

"At present, we are increasing our membership at a rate of 200 members a day. We got 1000 members after our first week of operation," he said, estimating current membership at more than 4000. He added the growth will continue in the future, as there are many students still to register at the schools they have visited.

"In many schools, all the students want to become members of our mobile library. We hope to see hundreds of mobile libraries running around the country successfully in the near future."

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# Sculpting in silence



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**M**ODEL Nan Khin Zayar sat before the sculptor and three artists as a group of schoolchildren, clad in green and white, clustered around chattering excitedly. They discussed the artist's technique and exchanged notes on what interested them.

The scene, at the Mary Chapman School for the Deaf, was completely silent. All the discussions took place in sign language.

The September 9 event was organised by sculptor Kyaw Kyaw

Min and artist Shwe Myint in support of the institution, along with two guest artists, Ko Thar San and U Soe Paing.

The event followed a similar exhibition of paintings and sculptures at Military Hall last June.

"The first time, the children were only interested in paintings, because they liked the colours. They thought the sculpture was dull," Kyaw Kyaw Min told *The Myanmar Times*.

"This time I showed them how I do the nose and ears and attached them to the face. This seemed to interest the children more. I put the eyes on right in front of them," he said.

The children were happy to chat to Nan Khin Zayar, though she did not know the meaning of all the signs.

"The children cannot hear or speak, but they can see. Sculpture



Deaf schoolchildren from the Mary Chapman School study the intricacies of the art of sculpture. Photo: Kaung Htet

informs the sense of vision. There is no barrier to learning for the deaf. The more they see, the more interested they become," said Kyaw Kyaw Min.

"We need to draw their attention to art and make them want to copy

us. Only then we can teach them how to paint or sculpt," he said.

Nan Khin Zayar, a regular contributor and donor to the school, said, "I'm very happy to participate with the children. I enjoy spending time with them."

She said that while it was just her second visit, the children were already getting used to her presence. "And I can understand some of their sign language now. Events like this help strengthen their power of visualisation."

## JAPAN

### No tattoos allowed

A MAORI woman was barred from a public bath in Japan because her traditional face tattoos fell foul of rules intended to keep mobsters away, she said on September 8.

New Zealander Erana Te Haeata Brewerton, who was attending an academic meeting on indigenous languages, said she was refused entry to the bath in Eniwa, northern Hokkaido, because of the spa's ban on people with body art.

"I'm not used to being treated like that," she said via a telephone interview.

Brewerton said Maori people have facial *ta moko* tattoos because they "tell people who the person is and where they are from. My moko tells other Maori people which tribe I am from."

In Japan, tattoos are associated with *yakuza* organised crime syndicates, and many public institutions bar people who have them as a way to keep gangsters out.

The 60-year-old was singled out and told she would not be allowed to bathe because of the tattoo on her lips and chin.

"We protested, saying the tattoo was not anything anti-social and that only respected people are allowed to wear them in her culture," said Kenji Sekine, an Ainu language lecturer.

An official from the public bath told Kyodo News agency the decision had been made to avoid making other guests uncomfortable.

"Even if it is traditional culture, a typical person cannot judge the context behind the tattoos," the official said, according to Kyodo.

The episode came just hours after Japan was awarded the rights to host the 2020 Olympics and as the government readied a campaign to make the capital more welcoming to foreigners.

Relatively few Japanese sport tattoos and many are surprised by their prevalence in Western nations. - *AFP*

### Dancing for peace and prizes in Yangon

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THE traditional dance-and-comedy form of *anyient* will be celebrated this week in Yangon, with the final round scheduled for September 21 to mark International Peace Day.

Spectators will be able to watch five groups compete daily September 16-18, with the top four overall moving on to the final round on Saturday.

Comedian Zarganar suggested the competition to producers Bo Bo Entertainment, with the caveat that performers are asked to keep their jokes to the theme of peace.

Prizes will be awarded in various categories, with K2 million going to the first-place winner.

Spectators are welcome to watch the competitors battle it out - peacefully - for the prizes at the National Theater in Yangon at 5pm. The events will also be broadcast live on Sky Net.

## Incubating young film talent

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TWO young Myanmar movie directors have been selected to visit Thailand as part of an advanced filmmaking course.

The project, run by the ASEAN-ROK Film Leaders Incubator Fly Project 2013, aims to improve young directors' skills and help boost the Asian film industry.

Aung Myat and Ma May Barani will undergo the training in Thailand from November 11 to 24.

"This is the first time I applied for the workshop," Ma May Barani said. "The Busan Film Commission contacted me to say I had been chosen because I'd already been making music videos."

"Last year two directors from

Myanmar were selected and one, Wi Ya, received the Creativity and Artistic Talent Award. This project is good for young directors seeking more knowledge and experience," said U Aye Kyuu Lay, vice president of the Myanmar Motion Picture Organisation.

The training will take place in Huahin, Thailand, for 28 trainees from the 10 ASEAN member countries plus Japan, Jordan, Korea and Taiwan.

Last year, *The Last Samurai* director, Edward Zwick led the training and this year, two directors from Korea and Thailand will head up the master classes.

The project is being supported by AFCNet (Asian Film Commission Network), Thailand Film Office and the Busan Film Commission (Korea).

## The new sound of Paddington Bear

OSCAR-WINNING British actor Colin Firth will provide the voice for Paddington Bear in a new movie about the marmalade-loving children's character, he revealed on Friday.

Firth, who won an Academy Award for his portrayal of Britain's stuttering King George VI in *The King's Speech* told the *Daily Mail* newspaper the Peruvian bear would be computer-generated, with the rest of the characters played by real actors including Nicole Kidman.

"Paddington will be computer-generated, and I will speak his lines with, I suspect, a slight Peruvian flavour," Firth, 53, told the *Mail*.

"Every other character in the film will be real live human beings.

"But the idea is that Paddington will have something of me in his DNA because I'm going to do some sessions wearing one of those helmets with cameras to capture my face muscles, and all that data will somehow be incorporated into Paddington."

Kidman will play the villain in the

movie spearheaded by David Heyman, the producer of the Harry Potter movies.

One of the best-loved characters of classic English children's literature, Paddington is known for his duffle-coat, battered suitcase and love of marmalade sandwiches.

He is unfailingly polite, but has a knack for getting into trouble.

Paddington Bear first appeared in 1958 in Michael Bond's book *A Bear Called Paddington*, in which the Brown family find him sitting in London's Paddington train station, having made his way there from "darkest Peru".

The family adopts the bear - who carries a sign reading "Please Look After This Bear" - and he goes on to have 20 books' worth of adventures.

Heyman had announced last year that he was teaming up with France-based film studio Studiocanal to update Paddington's adventures for the big screen.

Filming starts in September and the results are due in cinemas in November 2014. - *AFP*

## Classic Myanmar encyclopedias to be reissued

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EVEN as Myanmar moves into the online age, another victory for print culture has been announced with the news that a government publisher will reissue a 15-volume set of encyclopedias first published in 1954 and last issued in 1975.

The historic collection, titled *Swe Sone Kyan* (The Encyclopedia) are being published by Sarpay Beik Man Library and Bookshop - formerly the Myanmar Literature Translation Association - part of the Printing and Publishing Enterprise of the Ministry of Information.

Although the publisher has reprinted one or two volumes in the past, this is the first time since the original 21-year run that all 15 will appear together.

The goal is to keep the historic works from falling into oblivion, said the general manager of the Printing and Publishing Enterprise, U Myo Myint Maung.

"As the books were published a long time ago, very few can be found in the market. And several people are asking about this book as they wanted to read it again and want to use it as a references," he said, calling the series "essential" for the development of Myanmar literature.

In all, the volumes cover 4462 subjects, with facts about Myanmar and the rest of the world. At the time they were written, an official from Sarpay Beik Man said, "The public didn't really know what an encyclopedia was. This series of books is very valuable. This is part of world literature ... There are not so many countries that have encyclopedias in the world."

The release will begin with volumes 7, 8 and 14, which were deemed the most popular and sought-after editions. The books will cost K3500 each and will be available at Sarpay Beik Man stores in Yangon, Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw.



# Living well in Myanmar

## Energy drinks drain health rather than restoring it



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A FRIEND recently told me that she saw a mother giving a child an energy drink. No doubt the act was well intentioned, but it made me realise there is a need for greater public awareness about what energy drinks actually are. While to a doctor it is obviously dangerous to give a child an energy drink, a mother exposed to marketing messages describing increased energy, vitality and stamina may think she is helping her child thrive. Unfortunately, the truth is quite the opposite.

An energy drink is a beverage that contains stimulant drugs, the most potent of which are caffeine and sugar. Although energy drink companies may advertise a long list of ingredients – including amino acids, B-vitamins and herbal additives – their products are primarily a delivery device for high amounts of caffeine. In fact, little or no evidence exists to show that any energy drink ingredients other than caffeine or sugar have

a significant physiological effect. So how much caffeine does an energy drink have? Unfortunately it is not always easy to find out. While companies proudly proclaim all the other, inactive ingredients, many don't list the caffeine content. For comparison purposes, an average soda has about 35 milligrams of caffeine, a black tea has 55mg and an 8-ounce cup of coffee has 85mg. Of the energy drinks I found in Myanmar, a can of Sting has 190mg of caffeine and Red Bull has 152mg, while Shark, Royal Lipo, and Cobra did not give caffeine dosage, either on their labels or on their product pages online. Other internationally available brands include 5-hour Energy (207mg), Rockstar (160mg) and Monster (160mg).

Energy drinks, then, should not be confused with sodas (Coca Cola, Max Cola) or sports drinks (100Plus, Gatorade). Although their appearances are similar and they often sit side by side on the shelves, the amount of caffeine in an energy drink is about three times that of a soda, while sports drinks primarily contain sugar and electrolytes.

Public misunderstanding of energy drinks is likely driven by how they are marketed. Energy drinks are aggressively promoted with claims

that they improve performance, attention and mood. The following are some advertising slogans I've observed in Yangon: "Energize Your Day With Rocker Energy Drink"; "Red Bull Energy Drink Decreases Mental and Physical Strain, Enhance Performances, Improves Concentration, Boosts Reaction Speed"; "Take

*The truth is that high caffeine levels of energy drinks have a number of known harmful short-term effects, including anxiety*

Shark before or after any strenuous activity for your maximum effectiveness and performance." These claims might lead a consumer to believe the product is good for you, but in fact are both medically unsubstantiated and governmentally unregulated.

Looking past the slogans, the truth is that the high caffeine levels of energy drinks have a number of known harmful short-term effects, including anxiety, difficulty with sleep patterns, high blood pressure and a rapid or irregular heartbeat. People who consume excessive caffeine on a daily basis may feel better after an energy drink, but only because they are treating caffeine withdrawal. Consumers unaware of the amount of caffeine they are ingesting, meanwhile, leave themselves vulnerable to caffeine poisoning, now recognized as a major public health threat: unintentional caffeine overdoses can result in serious illness and in rare cases even death. Doctors recommend adults consume less than 500mg of caffeine per day. People with high blood pressure, heart problems or trouble sleeping should limit themselves to a lower daily dose.

While we wait for the potential long-term health effects associated with energy drinks to become clearer – they haven't existed long enough for

health data to accumulate – the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is moving forward with further regulation of energy drinks. It has already classified as unsafe drinks containing both caffeine and alcohol in 2010. Meanwhile energy drinks are clearly unsafe for children. A 2011 analysis by the American Academy of Pediatrics concluded energy drinks provide no health benefits and that the known and unknown toxicities of the ingredients pose an excessive health risk to children.

Given these facts, it seems reasonable to expect public health departments, in Myanmar and in other countries, to better regulate the marketing messages of a potentially harmful product. It's important to get the word out about these caffeine-and-sugar cocktails and clear up the confusion that can lead a parent to give her child one under the mistaken impression it is a good thing.

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# Australian completes round-the-world run

AN Australian man has completed a gruelling run that looped the world September 13, having done the equivalent of a marathon a day for more than 20 months in what he hopes is a record.

Tom Denniss, 52, began his endurance test on December 31, 2011 at the Sydney Opera House and since then has travelled more than 26,000 kilometres (16,200 miles) on foot, crossing deserts and mountains over five continents.

His run, which has raised some US\$49,000 for the charity Oxfam, is yet to be certified but he hopes it will be a world record – smashing the current circumnavigation on foot mark set by Dane Jesper Olsen in 2005 by 40 days, organisers said.

"All the attention is a bit overwhelming from being out in the middle of nowhere for so long," Denniss told reporters as he ran across the finish line at the Opera House to cheers from a crowd.

The ultra-distance runner said he put himself up for the arduous journey for the adventure and "just to see the world in a very different way to most people".

By early this month he had completed the New Zealand, North American, South American, European and Asian legs and returning to Sydney on Friday completed the Australian section and capped 622 days on the road.

"I've always enjoyed being out on the road in the countryside, and running ever since I was about 12 years old," he said.

"I just thought how can I really take this to the limit."

Denniss, who was sponsored by a digital commerce group, said he always believed he could finish, but admitted there were some tough times, including the sapping heat of the Australian Outback and perilous roads in the Andes in South America.

"I almost didn't make it running over the Andes," he said. "The road was snowed in and I had to try to get around and I almost fell down a 1000-foot ice cliff."

"I managed to crawl back but it was such a dangerous situation. I could have slipped at any moment and gone over the edge."

The father-of-two said several incidents with snakes had made the run interesting, but the scariest times were the two occasions when his wife Carmel, who had driven each leg with him, had a gun pointed at her in the United States.

He has no regrets and even his body has held up well over the distance, with Denniss saying, "I haven't got any niggling pains at all".

For now, he will take things a little easier.

"I will have a bit of a rest and I'm certainly looking forward to celebrating," he said. – AFP



Australian ultra-distance runner Tom Denniss completes his run around the world on the steps of the Sydney Opera House on September 13, 2013. Photo: AFP

# Have songs, need singers: May Thaw offers spot on her next album

SONGWRITER May Thaw, whose love songs have charmed listeners since 1977, is holding a singing contest to promote new voices – one of whom will appear her upcoming album.

Thirty competitors will audition for May Thaw at My Garden restaurant on October 1 and 2, with six being chosen for a final round of competition November 26. The top three performers will be given awards: top prize will be K1,000,000, with consolation prizes being given out as well.

"I want to show appreciation to the good singers who really sing the songs and want to give them a place they really deserve," May Thaw said.

That place, for one lucky singer, will be at May Thaw's side as she records her new album.

"I haven't decided how many songs he or she will be singing on my new album. It depends on the winner's ability and talent," said May Thaw.

Prospective songbirds can apply at the MRTV-4 offices at the corner of Hanthawady and Pyay Roads in Yangon until September 26.

The final competition, on November 26, will be broadcast on MRTV-4, with the final six contestants singing before a live audience.

– Nandar Aung



# Pashmina goat clones: Are they better than the real thing?

Kashmir's declining Pashmina industry is looking to technology to help revive it

SAJJAD QAYYUM

IN his two-room wooden house high in the beautiful Grace Valley in Kashmir, Hidayat Ullah weaves at a manual paddle loom. Asked how he learned the craft, he gestures to a frail, wizened old man coughing on a bed in the corner.

"I got this skill from my father, but now my son is not taking up this profession. He prefers to work in the fields and sometimes also works as a labourer – it's better money than the loom," Hidayat Ullah admits.

Weavers have produced exquisite shawls in Kashmir for centuries, but their craft risks are dying out in the face of cheap foreign imports and a young generation uninterested in mastering the skill.

Kashmir gave its name to the soft cashmere wool that commands huge prices in the West, but in Hidayat Ullah's village there are now only 10 paddle looms, known as khadis, where once there were 100.

Cashmere scarves and sweaters sell for hundreds of dollars in the developed world but Hidayat Ullah takes only 3000 rupees (US\$30) for the 15 days' labour needed to make a single shawl.

For centuries the people of Grace Valley in the Pakistani-administered part of the Himalayan territory lived off their livestock, taking their ani-

mals up to high pastures in summer and bringing them down in September to shear them and spin the wool.

As snow blanketed the valley for the long months of winter, villagers confined indoors wove shawls, embroidering colourful patterns by hand before selling them in the spring as the emerald slopes returned to life.

Now demand among locals is collapsing.

"A hand-woven shawl costs 10,000 rupees (\$100) while you can get the same kind of shawl in the markets for 2000 to 3000 rupees," weaver Zeenat Bibi, 32, says.

In the past, the isolation of the area helped local craftsmen as it was difficult to bring in goods from outside. Now, as communications open up, things are changing.

"These days second-hand clothes with new designs, good material and at cheaper prices are available, so they want to buy these and this old tradition is diminishing day by day," said Fatima Yaqoob, a lecturer at the Arts and Cultural University of Azad Kashmir.

Government help is needed to modernise the industry – in particular to switch from manual to power looms – and encourage more people to go into it, she said.

In India, the government has already stepped in to minimise the impact of similar problems affecting



Hopes to restore Kashmir's lagging Pashmina industry lie in Noori, a cloned Pashmina goat in Srinagar, Kashmir. Photo: AFP

the traditional artisans who make beautiful shawls from special wool from the Pashmina goat.

It has secured a GI (Geographical Indication under WTO) mark for the fabric and the process of shawl making and set up a testing laboratory in Srinagar, the capital of Indian-administered Kashmir.

Pashmina goats are reared by nomads in the Changthang area of Indian Kashmir's Ladakh, at an altitude of more than 14,000 feet where winter temperatures can plummet to minus 50 degrees Celsius.

The finest Pashmina wool is hand-spun into shawls, usually by women. Artisans then embroider them with intricate designs for a finished product that can cost thousands of dollars in the West.

Thousands of Indian Kashmiris are involved in the Pashmina trade, but scarce raw materials and an explosion in fakes worries artisans and traders, and many have quit the profession.

"The term Kashmir Pashmina is being misused by very many people around the world," said MS Farooqi, who heads the Craft Development Institute in Srinagar.

"The craft of Pashmina making has such a historical context, exquisiteness and uniqueness that it is a coveted product worldwide... and GI will help bring it back to the people and the region it belongs to," Farooqi said.

"Kashmir Pashmina will now be branded as that and restored to the original creators of the craft."

But the younger generations are abandoning Pashminas for jobs with the government or in the construction industry in Ladakh.

Last winter some 25,000 Pashmina goats perished in Changthang in unusually cold weather when their fodder froze under a thick icy layer of snow and land routes to the area were cut off for weeks.

Scientists at the Sher-i-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences

and Technology or SKUAST in Kashmir last year succeeded in making a clone of the Pashmina goat, which was called Noori.

The aim is to increase productivity of the Pashmina yielding goats and to send male clones into the environment to breed naturally.

Experiments have shown that while the Pashmina goat can survive at lower altitudes in Kashmir, they do not produce the same quality of Pashmina wool.

"The Pashmina wool produced by the goat in its natural habitat is actually a biological response to the extreme cold weather conditions at high altitude," said Sarfaraz Ahmed, a researcher at SKUAST.

But it's unclear if science can stop the market trends.

"Most buyers find it difficult to distinguish between a fake and a genuine Pashmina shawl," shrugged Mohammad Sadiq Wani, a trader and exporter of Kashmir handicrafts in Srinagar. – AFP

## On the road to end human trafficking: MTV EXIT

*'The documentary really was designed to look at what are the current forms of trafficking, what are current trends and how can people look out for specific signs that a trafficking situation might be going on.'*

**Matt Love**

Campaign manager

THE fight against human trafficking has not finished, MTV EXIT says, which is why the organisation – which stands for End Exploitation and Trafficking – will be hosting three events in Myanmar next month.

"Following last year's great concert, where more than 70,000 people gathered to see Jason Mraz in front of the Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon, we really want to take out our message to the communities, where people live and are the source of human trafficking instances," said campaign manager Matt Love.

The 2013 MTV EXIT Awareness-raising Road Show will begin in Mawlamyine on October 17 and 18 before moving to Hpa-an on October 19 and 20 and finishing in Patheingyi on October 25. Each stop will see workshops, youth training, dramatic performances and other creative work, including a concert in each location, with local performances by Phyu Phyu Kyaw Thein, Phyo Gi and many more.

As well as being the organiser of the tour, Love also directed the recently released documentary *MTV EXIT: China*, which features, among other stories, the fate of a Myanmar woman caught up in human trafficking.

Shown in Mandarin with English subtitles, the documentary tells in 36

minutes the true story of three different people: Xiao Xiang, a young Chinese boy abducted for illegal adoption in China; Thein a young Vietnamese girl trafficked to China as a forced sex worker; and Kyi Kyi, a woman from Myanmar's Ayeyarwady Delta who was trafficked to China and forced to marry a Chinese man. The film is hosted by Chinese superstar Han Geng.

"The documentary really was designed to look at what are the current forms of trafficking, what are current trends and how can people look out for specific signs that a trafficking situation might be going on," said Love.

He added that recruiters use several methods and modes of transport, with some people often agreeing to the initial agreement based on false promises.

"Traffickers prey on those who dream of a better future," he said.

When asked how MTV EXIT plans to reach people in rural and poorer areas who might not have internet access or a television, Love said that are partnering with NGOs like World Vision who operate in local communities and who will help organise screenings at schools and other shared spaces.

"We understand that not everyone

has a TV, not everyone has internet access, so we try different platforms. That's how we address that problem. Actually, that's what we are going to do next month here in Myanmar," Love said.

The campaign has helped bring worldwide attention to the problem of human trafficking, including the activism of celebrities such as actor Angelina Jolie, singer Jared Leto from 30 Second to Mars, and Han Geng, recently voted Favourite Asian Act at this year's 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards, who has 35 million followers on his Weibo account.

Closer to home, Nay Pyi Taw recently hosted September 14, its first Myanmar National Day Against Human Trafficking, where current issues, updates and programmes on human trafficking were being discussed.

According to the International Labour Organization (ILO), there are 20 million modern-day slaves around the world, more than half of whom are in Asia. Victims are trafficked into forced labour, forced sex work and forced domestic work. With US\$32 billion changing hands every year, human trafficking is one of the fastest-growing criminal activities in the world. For more information or to watch the documentary online visit [mtvexit.org](http://mtvexit.org).



# Mexican chef brings Latin American tastes to Yangon

Chef Ricardo Lujan is bringing new techniques as well as new flavours to the kitchens of The Governor's Residence



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CRAVINGS for high-quality French and Italian food are easy to fulfill in Yangon, but fine-dining options for other non-Asian cuisines have been few and far between.

The recent arrival in Myanmar of 34-year-old Mexican chef Ricardo Lujan is therefore good news for local gourmands and promises to inject some much-needed variety into the city's culinary scene.

Lujan, who moved to Yangon in mid-August to take up the position of executive chef at the Governor's Residence, hails from Guadalajara, which he refers to as the "cradle of Mexican gastronomy".

He started cooking at age 17 when he found work at Picasso Café in his home city, a post that provided him with a firm basis in traditional Mexican cookery. Before long, he also came into contact with international chefs who were instrumental in shaping his approach in the kitchen.

"For three years in Guadalajara I worked with [Japanese chef Suehiro Fujimura] and learned to be very careful with quality," Lujan said. "I came to understand that if you work with good ingredients and good products, you will have a good dish."

Working with Fujimura also inspired in Lujan a love of Japanese food. In 2005 he moved to Los Cabos on the southern end of Baja California, where he stayed for eight years and where interacting with

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other chefs further expanded his culinary horizons. At the same time, working in Los Cabos – a region where the deep, cold waters of the Pacific Ocean provided easy access to "spectacular kinds of sea fishes, scallops and lobster" – cemented his

appreciation of traditional, localised cooking methods.

"Los Cabos is on a peninsula, and you don't have a lot of contact with the Mexican mainland. You need to work with the locals. It's back to the basics," he said. "All the chefs who worked there wanted to promote local food. If you promote the local food, the local people will support you, and I think that's important."

This combination – expertise in international techniques coupled with a healthy respect for local traditions – bodes well for Lujan's time in Myanmar.

"I was attracted to Myanmar by the culture, which I feel is very similar to my culture. It's not commercialised, and the people here have a really good attitude," he said.

One of Lujan's first, and most important, orders of business has been developing a new menu for Mandalay Restaurant at the Governor's Residence. He said that even though he needed to import key ingredients such as high-quality olive oil, chocolate, flour and whipped cream, he wanted to rely as much as possible on local Myanmar products.

"I've been to the local markets in Yangon several times already, and for me it's like being a child in Disneyland. I see the ingredients and so many things are new for me," he said.

"I want to find the local flavours. For example, one thing I really like is the fermented tea leaves, which I'm thinking of using to make an emulsion. Yes, we live in a globalised world ... but I'm really happy working with local [traditions]."

He said the new menu, which he plans to introduce at Mandalay Restaurant in early October, will be "interesting" for hotels guests as



Chef Ricardo Lujan with one of his culinary creations. Photo: Boothee

well as for residents of Yangon.

"I think it's going to be a highlight for the Governor's Residence if I put some Mexican items on the menu, including some Mexican de-

and dried corn crackers.

But even before the new menu is introduced, Yangon gastronomes can enjoy the creation of Chef Lujan at the Latin American Wine

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Chef Lujan and his team at The Governor's Residence. Photo: Boothee

tails for the breakfast. I come from a spicy culture, and in Myanmar I can find a lot of spices," he said, adding that he would also like to give a "Mexican touch" to weddings that are held in the hotel's garden area.

But don't expect Lujan to limit his focus to Mexican tastes, as he plans to draw on all of his past experiences as a chef.

"I really enjoy my cuisine and my culture, but if you say you want to specialise in Japanese or Mexican food, maybe I want to be sad because I don't want only Mexican or Italian or French tastes," he said.

"I really enjoy making sushi, but I like making risotto too, and maybe I like to make it with mole [spiced sauce] inside the risotto. I need to make my own proposals, but I've also got to respect the techniques and the ingredients."

New menu items to look forward to will include Ngapali lobster served with avocado-pomegranate guacamole and stuffed chillies with dried shrimp and plantains; and local goat braised in lager beer and dried in the oven, and accompanied by green tomato-coriander roe salsa

Dinner at the Governor's Residence on September 20.

The event kicks off at the hotel's Kipling Bar with margaritas and micheladas – a "prepared" beer that often includes lime juice and various spices served in a chilled, salt-rimmed glass – followed by a wine dinner showcasing Latin American wine and food.

Lujan's personal touch is readily apparent in the dinner's menu, whose selections include seabass tiradito (sashimi-like raw fish in spicy sauce) served with smoked corn kernels, coriander microgreen, sweet potato crisps and red chili-citrus; chorizo y frijol (dried spicy sausage with bean salad and truffles); and churrasco (slow-cooked top sirloin) with chimichurri sauce and papas arrieras.

Each dish will be paired with a specially selected wine from Chile or Argentina.

The dinner is US\$87 per person, and reservations can be made by contacting Miguel Menezes (fbmgr@governorsresidence.com), the food and beverage manager at the Governor's Residence.



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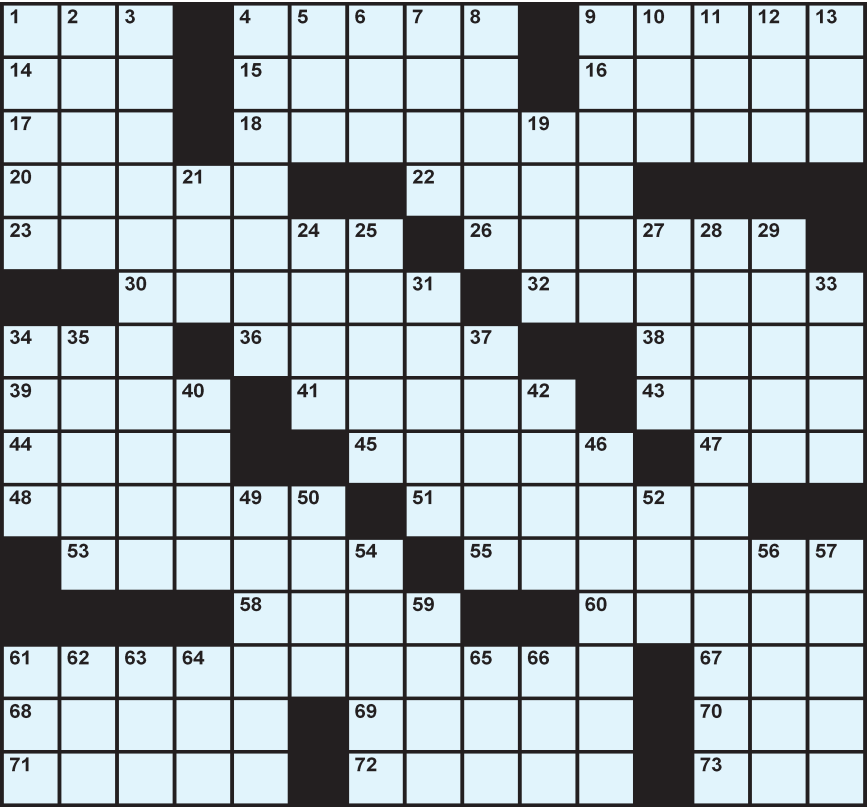
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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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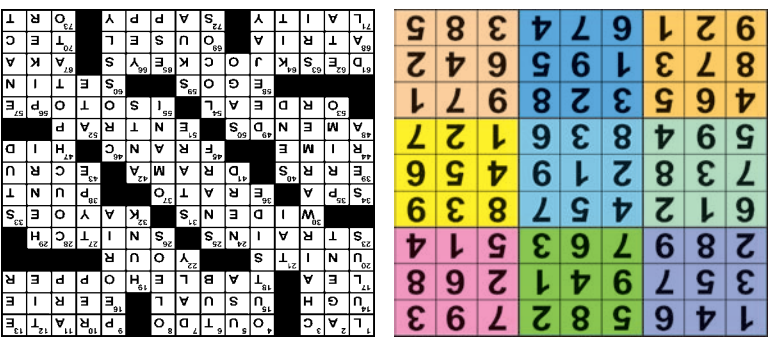
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# Celebrate seafood with salt-and-pepper squid

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**T**HIS month I am planning to cook seafood. Let's start with my family's favourite: salt-and-pepper squid. In Australia you'll see this dish on the menu everywhere from your local Chinese take-away shop to fine dining establishments serving modern cuisine. As my husband doesn't like coating the squid in a heavy batter, we've experimented to get a thinner crust when we make it at home. The recipe below is one we stick with as we're happy with the results.

Another family favourite, and a great side dish for any meal, is an Italian recipe for grilled capsicums (peppers). We tend to make lots at once and keep them in the fridge. They'll last for two weeks and you can put them on sandwiches, in salads, or alongside bbq or steak.

- SALT-AND-PEPPER SQUID (SERVES 6)
- 3 medium squid/calamari (about 1kg in total)
  - ½ cup all-purpose flour
  - 2 teaspoons salt
  - 1 teaspoon Chinese five-spice or Chinese masala
  - 1 teaspoon ground white pepper
  - 1 teaspoon ground Sichuan pepper or ground black pepper
  - 4 cloves garlic, crushed
  - 3-4 sprigs coriander

- 1 cup vegetable oil
  - soy sauce (to serve)
- To clean the squid, squeeze the tube and let the beak (which is like a hard plastic sheet) fall out. Slice with a sharp knife and let all the sludge out, then wash well.
- Cut the tentacles and wash well. Drain squid until nearly dry.
- Mix flour, salt, five-spice, and white and dark pepper in a big bowl. Pat squid with kitchen paper to dry and score the tube/body diagonally in opposite directions. Cut into 4cm cubes. Cut the tentacles into bit-sized pieces.
- Add all to bowl and coat with the flour and pepper mixture.

Add vegetable oil to wok and heat high enough to deep-fry. Gently shake extra mixture off squid and drop into the hot oil. Don't fry too long or the squid will curl up. If the oil becomes too hot, turn down for a few minutes then turn back up. When the squid starts to turn a golden colour, remove from oil and lay on kitchen paper to soak up excess oil.

Once all the squid is fried, add garlic to the wok and fry until golden and crunchy. If you like spice, dice red chilli and fry alongside the garlic for a couple of minutes. Remove garlic and let drain on kitchen paper.

To serve, lay the fried squid on a plate and garnish with fried garlic, chilli and coriander. For dipping, provide soy sauce, or soy sauce with garlic and chilli.

- GRILLED CAPSICUMS WITH GARLIC (SERVES 6)
- 2 red capsicums (peppers)
  - 2 yellow capsicums (peppers)
  - 5 cloves garlic



Salt-and-pepper squid. Photo: Phyo

Remove tops from all capsicums; halve and deseed. Lay halves skin-side-up and squash with hands to flatten.

Grill capsicums with skins facing heat over flame, on pan, or in grill at 140-160C for 10-15 minutes. Times may vary so keep an eye on them. The goal is for the skins to puff up. When ready remove from heat and let cool on a plate.

When capsicums are cool to the touch, remove and discard skins. Crush garlic and sprinkle over capsicums. Drizzle with olive oil.

You can eat right away or save for later by layering them in a bottle, filling it with oil until fully immersed and refrigerating. They'll be good for up to two weeks, and you can reuse the leftover oil later for salads.

**TIPS**

Make sure squid pieces are dry before adding to the bowl, as the mixture will stick better that way. Corn flour can be used as a substitute for wheat flour.

To check whether oil is hot enough for frying, dip the tip of a wooden chopstick or spatula into the oil. If it's ready, you will see small bubbles form around the tip.

**FOODIE QUOTE**

"I'm on a seafood diet. I see food and I eat it."

- Author unknown

**NEXT WEEK**

September seafood continues

## Wine Review

RED WINE

Oxford Landing Shiraz 2011

Surprisingly smooth for a full-bodied wine, this shiraz isn't as spicy as many Australian wines. Strong berry flavours with a vanilla finish, it's good value for money.

Score 7/10



κ13,000

WHITE WINE

Yalumba Vermentino 2011

Medium-bodied and cream yellow in colour, the wine promises crisp apples and sherbet notes, but fails to deliver on balance. Too tart and too sour.

Score 4/10



κ17,000

# Yangon's best Kachin food demands overindulgence

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THERE are a couple of inexpensive restaurants in Yangon where the food is so good that, despite constant cravings, I can only bring myself to visit once a month. This is because every time I go to these places, I tend to lose all sense of self-control and end up eating way more than I should.

One of these gluttony-inducing establishments is Jing Hpaw Myay, which is easily the best Kachin restaurant in the city. Located on a side street just off Bargayar Road in Sanchaung township, the venue is small and no-frills – just a dining room with a few tables, plus photographs of Kachin State hanging on the walls – but the atmosphere is friendly and welcoming.

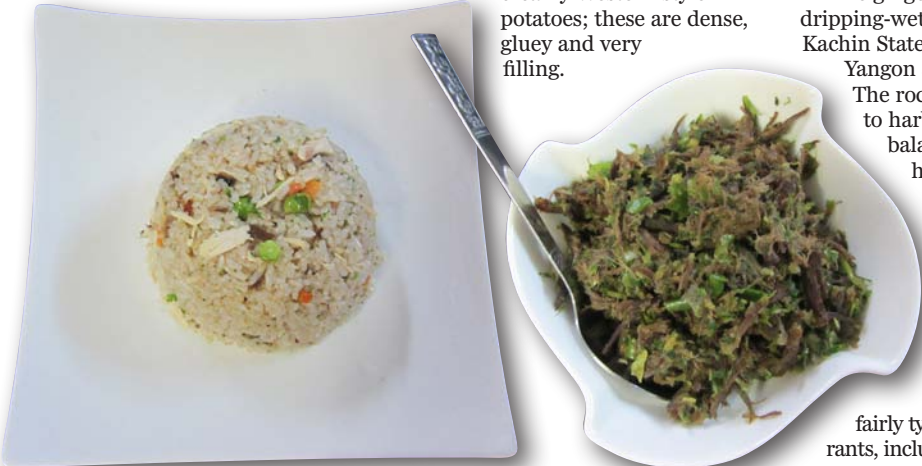
However, it's the food that is the big draw. The foundation of every meal I eat at Jing Hpaw Myay is *shat jam* (K1600), a type of Kachin steamed rice deliciously flavoured with chicken, vegetables and special

herbs imported from Myanmar's far north. An order of *shat jam* could constitute a meal in and of itself, but that wouldn't be conducive to massive overindulgence, would it?

Inevitably, I also order the steamed fish with banana leaves (K1500), typically made using carp that has been marinated in a pesto-like mixture of acacia leaves, coriander, basil, chilli, ginger, garlic, peanut oil and soy bean paste. The fish is then wrapped in banana leaves and steamed for about 20 minutes, resulting in an irresistibly spicy treat.

Beef, in one form or another, also usually figures into my personal Jing Hpaw Myay equation, either dried pounded beef with garlic and ginger (K1500) or shredded beef with raw garlic slices and green chillies (K1500). The latter dish has a much stronger flavour, but the chillies can be left out if you don't like spicy foods.

Vegetables? The Kachin-style mashed potatoes (K2500) are excellent, but don't expect fluffy, creamy Western-style potatoes; these are dense, gluey and very filling.



One of Jing Hpaw Myay's beef treats. Photos: Douglas Long

For something a bit different, try the tomato and rock ginger salad (K2000), which is extremely tangy, even pleasantly medicinal.

The ginger grows wild on dripping-wet rocks in the forests of Kachin State and is brought down to Yangon specially for the salad. The rock water is said by locals to harbour the perfect pH balance for promoting good health, immunity and longevity – according to Kachin folklore, Queen Victoria, upon hearing about these properties, had the water bottled and sent to her in England.

The drink selection at Jing Hpaw Myay is fairly typical of Yangon restaurants, including soft drinks and beer. But one special treat is Kachin rice

wine (K1200), which is pinkish in colour and served in bamboo cups. This is not the painfully strong rice wine found in Chinese restaurants or in Shan State; it actually boasts a discernibly pleasing taste, and makes a fine accompaniment to any Kachin meal.

Jing Hpaw Myay

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Food:	10
Drink:	8
Service:	8
Atmosphere:	8
X-factor:	8
Value for money:	10

Total Score: 8.7/10



Wall of Pledge event



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Daw Win Win Tint

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WITH the sun shining intermittently, Socialite has been making the most of heading out and about – after all, make hay while the sun shines, right? It’s a shame so many film festivals happened in a week where the rain seemed to stop during the day, but Socialite managed to attend most of the screenings. Her social program this past week has also been filled with catching up with friends at events like the Clear Men shampoo lucky draw at Park Royal hotel, and even a graduation ceremony. On September 6, she attended the Casabella Dining Furniture sale promotion at the 9 Mile office and then she popped into the press conference of Miss Universe at Kandawgyi Palace Hotel. On the weekend of September 7, she joined her friends to go to the Kanebo cosmetics launch at Taw Win Centre before going to meet with Sai Sai Kham Leng who was acting as the Lotteria Brand Ambassador at Sedona hotel. But it wasn’t all soirees in entertainment and partying, with Socialite on the same day managing to pledge her support against human trafficking at the Wall of Pledge event.

Clear Men lucky draw event





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YANGON TO NAY PYI TAW			
Flight	Days	Dep	Arr
6T 401	1	7:00	7:55
FMI A1	1,2,3,4,5	7:30	8:30
FMI A1	6	8:00	9:00
FMI B1	1,2,3,4,5	11:30	12:30
FMI A1	7	15:30	16:30
FMI C1	1,2,3,4,5	16:30	17:30

NAY PYI TAW TO YANGON			
Flight	Days	Dep	Arr
FMI A2	1,2,3,4,5	8:50	9:50
FMI A2	6	10:00	11:00
FMI B2	1,2,3,4,5	13:00	14:00
FMI A2	7	17:00	18:00
FMI C2	1,2,3,4,5	18:00	19:00

YANGON TO MANDALAY			
Flight	Days	Dep	Arr
WV9 512	3	6:00	8:05
YJ 891	1,2,3,4,5,6	6:10	8:15
YH 917	Daily	6:10	8:40
Y5 234	Daily	6:15	7:30
6T 401/K7222	2,3,4,5,6,7	6:30	8:35
K7 222	Daily	6:30	8:40
YJ 201	4	6:30	8:25
K7 626	1,5	6:45	8:10
K7 226	2,4	6:45	8:10
YJ 201	1,2	7:00	8:25
YJ 211	5,7	7:00	8:25
YJ 143/W97143	1,2,3	7:00	9:05
WV9 251	Daily	7:00	9:05
6T 401	1	7:00	9:40
YJ 761	6	7:00	8:55
YH 833	1,7	7:30	9:10
WV9 201	1,2,3	7:45	9:10
YH 831	3,5	8:00	9:40
8M 6603	2,4,7	9:00	10:10
YJ 751/W9 7751	3,7	10:00	11:55
YJ 761	1	10:30	12:25
WV9 251	2	10:30	11:55
K7 624	Daily	10:30	11:55
YJ 751/W9 7751	7	10:30	12:25
YJ 201	3	11:00	12:25
YJ 761	1,2,4	11:00	12:55
YJ 751/W9 7751	5	11:00	12:55
YJ 601/W9 76016		11:00	12:25
YH 737	3,7	11:15	13:25
YH 727	1,5	11:15	13:25
YH 729	2,4,6	11:15	14:15
YH 731	Daily	14:30	16:40
WV9 129	1,2,3	14:45	16:40
K7 224	Daily	14:30	16:35
6T 501/K7 224	Daily	14:30	16:35

MANDALAY TO YANGON			
Flight	Days	Dep	Arr
Y5 233	Daily	8:10	9:25
YJ 892	1,2,3,4,5,6	8:30	10:25
YH 918	Daily	8:40	10:45
YJ 143/W97143	1,2,3	9:20	10:45
6T 402/K7 223	2,3,4,5,6,7	8:55	10:55
K7 223	Daily	8:55	11:00
WV9 201	4,5,6,7	9:10	11:05
WV9 144	Daily	9:20	10:45
WV9 201	1,2,3	9:25	11:20
Y5 132	3,5,6,7	9:30	10:30
6T 402	1	10:00	12:00
K7 227	2,4	10:35	12:00
K7 627	1,5	10:55	12:20
YJ 202	1,2,4	11:30	12:25
YH 834	1,7	12:00	13:25
YH 832	3,5	12:30	13:55
YJ 762	6	12:35	14:00
K7 845	2,4,7	12:50	16:00
YJ 202	3	15:30	17:25
WV9 120	1,3	15:45	17:10
YJ 762	1,2,4	16:35	18:00
YH 732	Daily	16:40	18:45
WV9 129	4,5,6,7	16:40	18:45
YH 728	1,5	16:45	18:10
YJ 725/W9 7752	7	16:50	18:15
6T 502/K7 225	Daily	16:50	19:00
K7 225	Daily	16:50	19:00
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YH 738	3,7	17:25	18:50
WV9 511	2	17:30	19:35
WV9 252	2	17:35	19:00
YJ 725/W9 7752	5	17:50	19:15
YH 730	2,4,6	18:00	19:25

YANGON TO NYAUNG U			
Flight	Days	Dep	Arr
YH 917	Daily	6:10	7:45
YJ 891	Daily	6:10	7:30
6T 401/K7 222	2,3,4,5,6,7	6:30	7:50
K7 222	Daily	6:30	7:50
YJ 143/ W9 7143	1,2,3	7:00	8:20
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K7 222	Daily	8:05	11:00
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6T 401	1	9:10	12:00
YH 732	Daily	17:25	18:45
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WV9 129	1,2,3	17:40	19:00
WV9 129	Daily	17:25	18:45
K7 225	Daily	17:45	19:00

YANGON TO MYITKYINA			
Flight	Days	Dep	Arr
YJ 211	7	7:00	9:50
YJ 211	5	7:00	9:50
YJ 201	4	6:30	9:50
YJ 201	1,2	7:00	9:50
K7 844	2,4,7	7:30	11:05
WV9 251	2	10:30	13:25
K7 624	Daily	10:30	13:25
YJ 201	3	11:00	13:50

MYITKYINA TO YANGON			
Flight	Days	Dep	Arr
YJ 202	3	14:05	17:25
YJ 211	5,7	10:05	13:25
YJ 202	1,2,4	10:05	12:55
K7 625	Daily	15:40	18:35
WV9 252	2	16:05	19:00

YANGON TO HEHO			
Flight	Days	Dep	Arr
YH 917	Daily	6:10	9:35
YJ 891	1,2,3,4,5,6	6:10	9:00
6T 401/K7222	2,3,4,5,6,7	6:30	9:30
K7 222	Daily	6:30	9:30
YJ 761	6	7:00	8:10
6T 401	1	7:00	10:35
WV9 201	4,5,6,7	7:30	9:40
K7 828	1,3,5	7:30	8:45
WV9 201	1,2,3	7:45	9:55
YJ 751/W9 7751	3,7	10:00	11:10
WV9 119	1,3,	10:30	11:40
YJ 761	1,2,4	11:00	12:10
YJ 751/W9 7751	5	11:00	12:10

YH 727	1,5	11:15	12:40
YH 737	3,7	11:15	12:40
K7 826	2,6	11:45	13:00
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WV9 129	4,5,6,7	14:30	15:40
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K7 224	Daily	14:30	15:45
YH 731	Daily	14:30	15:55

HEHO TO YANGON			
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YJ 892	1,2,3,4,5,6	9:15	10:25
YH 918	Daily	9:35	10:45
6T 402/K7223	2,3,4,5,6,7	9:45	10:55
K7 223	Daily	9:45	11:00
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6T 402	1	10:50	12:00
K7 829	1,3,5	13:50	15:05
WV9 120	1,3	15:00	17:10
YJ 762	1,2,4	15:50	18:00
YJ 762	6	11:50	14:00
WV9 129	1,2,3	16:10	19:00
YJ 752/W9 7752	3	16:55	18:05
WV9 129	4,5,6,7	15:55	18:45
YH 731	Daily	15:55	18:45
YH 728	1,5	16:00	18:10
6T 501/K7 224	Daily	16:00	19:00
K7 224	Daily	16:00	19:00
YH 738	3,7	16:40	18:50
K7 827	2,6	17:25	18:40

YANGON TO SITTWE			
Flight	Days	Dep	Arr
6T 611	2,4,7	11:00	12:25
6T 605	5	11:15	13:15
K7 426	Daily	12:30	13:50
6T 607	1	12:30	13:55

SITT WE TO YANGON			
Flight	Days	Dep	Arr
6T 612	2,4,7	12:45	14:10
6T 612	3,6	13:15	14:40
6T 606	5	13:35	15:00
K7 427	Daily	14:05	15:25
6T 608	1	14:15	16:15

YANGON TO MYEIK			
Flight	Days	Dep	Arr
K7 319	Daily	7:00	9:05
YH 633	1,3,4,5,7	7:00	9:15

MYEIK TO YANGON			
Flight	Days	Dep	Arr
YH 634	1,3,4,5,7	11:25	13:25
K7 320	Daily	11:30	13:35

YANGON TO THANDWE			
Flight	Days	Dep	Arr
6T 605	5	11:15	12:10
6T 607	1	12:30	15:05

THANDWE TO YANGON			
Flight	Days	Dep	Arr
6T 605	5	12:25	15:00
6T 608	1	15:20	16:15

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# Tears of release: Crying groups help relieve stress

KOHEI TSUJISAKA

IT'S long been known that a good cry can do wonders for the soul, helping us purge bottled emotion and to feel renewed.

These days, there are even events where participants intentionally cry as a form of therapy. I attended one in Osaka this summer to experience this interesting event first-hand.

Sitting at a bar in the city, I noticed a man dabbing his eyes after taking off his glasses; the woman sitting next to him was covering her mouth with a handkerchief in grief.

Although this sounds like it could be the scene of a couple bidding farewell, it is in fact a scene from an

*'I can't [cry] in front of my family, but I can safely weep when strangers are shedding tears around me'*

**Ruikatsu participant**

event called *ruikatsu kansai*. *Rui* means tears and *katsu* means activities. *Kansai* refers to the region.

About 20 participants, from primary school children to people in their 60s, attended the event organized by Yuko Izumi, 36, who works in the entertainment industry.

The event began with a reading from an illustrated book, which follows the story of a group of animals mourning the death of their badger colleague.

Next, the lights were dimmed and on a screen we watched video clips depicting family love and pet loss.

At first, I was doubtful that this method would really make anyone start crying. But then I began to hear sounds of sniffing around me.

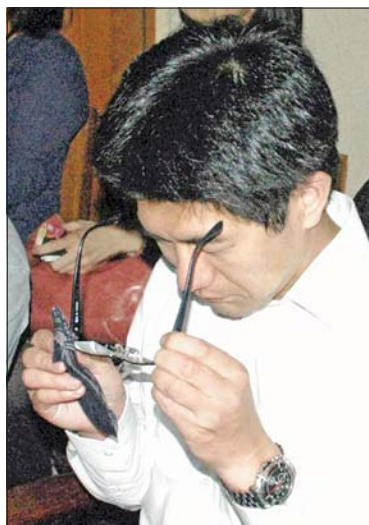
After watching the images on the screen, a male public employee, 40, whose eyes were puffy from crying, said, "I automatically started thinking of my cat who I had for a long time."

*Ruikatsu* was first suggested by Hiroki Terai, 33, an event planner for divorce ceremonies who lives in Chiba Prefecture.

Terai has seen many men and women shed tears during divorce ceremonies, and then feel better afterward. "I realised that crying is good for mental detoxing," he said.

In January this year, Terai began hosting *ruikatsu* events in Tokyo. About 30 people gathered to cry. Because of the high-stress society we live in, news of the event travelled and more people started attending, and similar events began popping up at various venues around the country, Terai said.

I wasn't entirely convinced that



Participants dab their eyes with handkerchiefs at a Ruikatsu event in Osaka, Japan, where participants cry to reduce stress and feel better. Photo: The Yomiuri Shimbun

needing a good cry warranted going to one of these events, believing it would be far simpler to go and see a sad movie. But one of the participants said to me, "I can't [cry] in front of my family, but I can safely weep when strangers are shedding tears around me."

This is something I can relate to. When I took my daughter to see the *Anpanman* movie at the cinema the other day, I didn't want to cry in front of her.

So the next time I attend a *ruikatsu*, it won't be to cover the event for a news story, but purely to weep to my heart's content.

— The Yomiuri Shimbun

## JK Rowling announces Harry Potter spin-off movie series

KATY LEE

HARRY Potter author JK Rowling is to make her screenwriting debut by penning a series of spin-off films set in the magical world of the British boy wizard, she announced on Thursday, putting her in line for another huge payday.

The first film, *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*, will be based on a textbook of the same name used by Harry and his classmates at their school Hogwarts, Rowling said on her Facebook page.

Set in New York and featuring magical zoologist Newt Scamander – the author of Harry's textbook – it will be set 70 years before the events of the core Potter novels.

The Warner Bros film comes two years after the final movie in the eight-part series spawned by her phenomenally successful novels.

"I always said that I would only revisit the wizarding world if I had an idea that I was really excited about and this is it," the 48-year-old Rowling said.

She pitched the idea to Warner Bros herself after the US studio approached her about making *Fantastic Beasts* into a film.

"I thought it was a fun idea, but the idea of seeing Newt Scamander, the supposed author of *Fantastic Beasts*, realized by another writer was difficult," she wrote.

"Having lived for so long in my fictional universe, I feel very protective of it and I already knew a lot about Newt.



In a file picture taken on July 7, 2011 Harry Potter author JK Rowling attends the world premiere of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2* in central London. Photo: AFP

"As hardcore Harry Potter fans will know, I liked him so much that I even married his grandson, Rolf, to one of my favourite characters from the Harry Potter series, Luna Lovegood."

Rowling added, "Although it will be set in the worldwide community of witches and wizards where I was so happy for 17 years, *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* is neither a prequel nor a sequel to the Harry Potter series, but an extension of the wizarding world.

"The laws and customs of the hidden magical society will be familiar to

anyone who has read the Harry Potter books or seen the films, but Newt's story will start in New York, 70 years before Harry's gets under way."

Rowling hugely successful Harry Potter series has sold more than 450 million copies world-wide, but she has continued to branch out and continue writing fiction.

In July she was unmasked as the real author of critically acclaimed detective novel *The Cuckoo's Calling*, published under the nom de plume Robert Galbraith.

With an estimated fortune of £560 million (US\$885 million) the former single mother is the 156<sup>th</sup> richest person in Britain, according to the Sunday Times Rich List.

Warner Bros said the new film would spawn video games and other products including links to the Pottermore website as part of an "expanded creative partnership" with Rowling.

"We are incredibly honoured that Jo has chosen to partner with Warner Bros on this exciting new exploration of the world of wizardry which has been tremendously successful across all of our businesses," said Kevin Tsujihara, CEO of Warner Bros Entertainment.

"She is an extraordinary writer, who ignited a reading revolution around the world, which then became an unprecedented film phenomenon."

Warner Bros will also act as worldwide distributor for the upcoming television miniseries adaptation of *The Casual Vacancy*, which begins production in 2014. — AFP

## WEEKLY PREDICTIONS

SEPTEMBER 16 - 22, 2013

**AQUARIUS** | Jan 20 - Feb 18



If you but realign your personal dreams to a larger vision, you can wake up to live your higher future. If love is a kind of warfare, it casts out fear as fear drives love away. It is important to look with a purposive eye, and to seek value in the unexpected. Draw lessons from chance disturbances to your routine.

**PISCES** | Feb 19 - March 20



The more you seek meaning in chance occurrences, the more you increase your intuitive power. Intuition is your diagnosis of an energy field of social information. Never lose focus on the obstacles when determining what you want, and avoid self-deprecatory remarks. Rewrite your fear as a positive statement. Emotional luck is your reassurance.

**ARIES** | Mar 21 - Apr 19



Redirect your will, discarding motives like fear and hate and substituting instead the need for free interaction with your peers; move from aggressiveness to engagement. Practise contributing to harmony in your community to beautify the world. There is no greater adornment than purity of conduct, and no sounder basis for the flowering of insight and wisdom.

**TAURUS** | Apr 20 - May 20



Prejudice is what fools use in place of reason. The unknown is not to be feared, but embraced. Love is enhanced if accompanied by a simple but eternal ideal. Hatred spawns nothing but sorrow. The criminal love of riches offers no route to happiness. Do not permit such a motive to rule your heart, but seek a higher and a fuller cause and spur to happiness.

**GEMINI** | May 21 - June 20



The erotic instinct inheres in the original animal nature of human beings. Where love rules, there is no will to power, and where power predominates, there love is lacking, because the one is the shadow of the other. You are not of this age only, but for all time, and must strive for the harmonious life. The reality of faith lies outside the realm of psychology.

**CANCER** | Jun 21 - Jul 22



Hope and courage can be developed through practice. How you think and react is totally up to you. If you really believe a goal can be achieved, your attitude will release new energy to accomplish it. Perseverance in faith will begin to cut a deep channel through your thoughts. Traverse that channel, and you should always be full of vitality and energy for emotional revolution.

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**LEO** | Jul 23 - Aug 22



A clear description of every duty is important in the definition of principles. Time past and present are both present in time future, and time future will surely bring the realisation of historic Karma. Take your stand on a foundation of values, even if you have to place yourself at odds with your social peers.

**VIRGO** | Aug 23 - Sep 22



You should be fulfilled in what you do and attain proficiency in deploying the skills given to you. Needless to say, achieving the peaceful mind is an elusive goal amid daily concerns and annoyances. Be aware of what's happening in your head before your thoughts have a chance to build any momentum. The sooner you catch yourself in the act of building your mental snowball, the easier it is to stop.

**LIBRA** | Sep 23 - Oct 22



Without a foundation of truth, all points of view are incorrect. Knowing the truth enables you to rise above the need to be corrected and to ensure respect and understanding for your positions. You don't have to sacrifice your deepest philosophical beliefs or renounce your most heartfelt opinions, but allow others be right some of the time! Know that you are created to love and be loved.

**SCORPIO** | Oct 23 - Nov 21



Listening means taking in what your interlocutor is saying, not just waiting until they finish. A more peaceful way to live is to decide consciously which battles are worth fighting and which are better left alone. Your way of love is to sustain the faith and hope that will give abiding meaning to your relationship.

**SAGITTARIUS** | Nov 22 - Dec 21



Through self-improvement you can make others better. Note that "Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself, and when you become a leader, success is all about growing others". And the time to start is today. Tomorrow you may face unexpected risks. Use wisdom in your actions, or you may face indirect blame.

**CAPRICORN** | Dec 22 - Jan 19



Inflexibility generates inner stress, and often irritates others, who find it insensitive. It is expedient to anticipate that plans are subject to inevitable change. If you want to be dissatisfied, I guarantee you will always have the chance. When opportunities present themselves, it's a waste of time to worry over things they have not got; be grateful for the things they've got. Concentrate resolutely on the good qualities of your lover.



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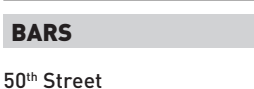
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## TOKYO

# Olympics could seal Japan's revival

**T**HE 2020 Olympics could seal the revival of Japan's long-stagnant economy, analysts say, in an echo of the 1964 Tokyo Games that showcased a nation risen from the ashes of defeat.

Staging the world's biggest sporting jamboree "is clearly a plus to [economic] growth", Prime Minister Shinzo Abe told journalists in Buenos Aires, hours after the Japanese capital was named as host.

"Japan has had 15 years of economic stagnation ... and we've lost confidence in ourselves. But I hope this will be a chance for us to regain that confidence," Abe said.

In the 1960s the Games were the coming-out party of a country that had grown to respectability after the ignominy of occupation following World War II.

The 1964 Olympics heralded the arrival of what was to become a huge and vigorous economy, until recently the world's second biggest, and one that shook up the global order until it all came to a shuddering halt at the end of the 1980s.

Two decades of anaemic growth and investment-sapping deflation saw China push a floundering Japan into third place, as repeated attempts to kick-start the economy did little but add to a mountain of debt.

But Abe's election in December kindled hope of a recovery, and his economic plan, dubbed "Abenomics",



Tokyo 2020 delegation members celebrate Tokyo winning the bid to host the 2020 Summer Olympic Games on September 7. Photo: AFP

has encouraged the green shoots of a recovery that optimists say might really take hold.

Now they hope that a second bite of the Olympic cherry could cement that recovery and recharge a country once known for its economic vigour.

"The most important thing about the 2020 Tokyo Olympics is that it has reduced risks of Abenomics failing in the middle," said Hideyuki

Ishiguro, senior strategist at Okasan Securities.

The Tokyo Metropolitan government estimates that hosting the Olympics will see about 3 trillion yen (US\$30 billion), or less than one percent of Japan's gross domestic product, being spent in the seven years to 2020.

But Ishiguro says the real impact will be much bigger.

"The Tokyo government's estimate doesn't include redevelopment of roads and other social infrastructure in the greater Tokyo area, nor the government's plan of repairing and rebuilding infrastructure nationwide," he said.

The stock market in Tokyo was quick to react, opening up almost 3.0pc on September 9 as investors speculated there would be a boom in construction, real estate and sports-wear firms.

Ishiguro said the actual economic impact of Tokyo 2020 will not be as large as that from the 1964 Games, when the country had to kit itself out with all manner of infrastructure, including the impressive bullet train network.

In the early 1960s, "the cost of building facilities for the Games was just about 30 billion yen, but including construction of infrastructure such as expressways, water and sewage, it amounted to 960 billion yen," Ishiguro said.

"Likewise the synergy effect this time will be much bigger than Tokyo's estimate."

Daiwa Securities strategist Eiji Kinouchi forecasts the knock-on effect of the Olympics will be 150 trillion yen, comprising some 55 trillion yen in investment and a bump in tourism worth a whopping 95 trillion yen between now and then.

Japan's plan to double the number of foreign tourists by about 2020 "will be easier to achieve with the

Olympics," Kinouchi said.

The tsunami of 2011 and resulting nuclear disaster at Fukushima precipitated a sharp drop in the number of foreign visitors, although this has already begun to recover, thanks in part to a much weaker yen.

But the lingering catastrophe, including regular revelations of new problems at the site, could act as a brake, especially because of its effect on international confidence, experts say.

Abe sought to allay fears in his final pitch to the International Olympic Committee in Buenos Aires, stressing the plant, 220 kilometres (140 miles) from Tokyo, was under control.

"It has never done, and will never do, any damage to Tokyo," he said.

Analysts say public proclamations like this will help keep Japan focused on clearing up the mess.

Most commentators agree that one of the most important boosters that staging of the Games will bring is offering a confidence prop to both investors and consumers.

"The Abe administration can't avert painful reforms such as of tax to achieve sustainable growth," said Yoshiaki Shimamine, senior economist at the Dai-ichi Life Research Institute.

"If the hosting of the 2020 Olympics proves successful in every aspect, then it will impress the world with the image that Japan is back from two lost decades," Shimamine said. — AFP

## MEXICO CITY

## 'Ashamed' Mexico risk missing World Cup

MEXICO is wrestling with the humiliating prospect of missing football's World Cup finals for the first time in a quarter century with only two qualifiers left to reverse its fortunes.

The crisis is so bad that the Mexican football federation is considering whether to name the national team's third manager in just four days. And the media has shown little love for the players after "El Tri" lost 2-0 to their bitter rivals the United States in Columbus, Ohio, on September 10.

"Tritanic" was the headline in *Excelsior* newspaper while the Cancha sports pages said the team now needs a "miracle" to book their tickets to next year's World Cup in Brazil.

Meanwhile, the sports daily *Record* bemoaned the team's "dreadful" showing in Ohio.

"The prestige of Mexican football breaks into pieces and the dream of going to the World Cup hangs by a thread," it warned.

The loss to the United States, coming off the back of an embarrassing defeat to Honduras at home last Friday, put Mexico in fifth place in the six-team CONCACAF regional group and fighting for a 2014 spot in Brazil.

With only the top three qualifying for the finals in Brazil, and the fourth-placed team advancing to a play-off against New Zealand, Mexico will be out unless they fight back in the final two qualifiers.

The United States leads the six-team group by a point from Costa Rica, with both nations already having qualified for the finals.

At the moment, the third spot belongs to Honduras, with 11 points. Panama is fourth with eight points, level with Mexico but ahead thanks to a better goal difference.

Andres Guardado, one of Mexico's leading players who stars for Spanish club Valencia, said he could understand

that Mexico fans "don't identify with what they are seeing".

"I want to tell them that we are ashamed," the winger said after the defeat in Ohio.

Guardado and teammates based in Europe, such as Javier "Chicharito" Hernandez of Manchester United and Giovani dos Santos of Villarreal, have come under criticism just over a year after Mexicans celebrated their historic gold medal at the 2012 London Olympics.

Luis Garcia, who played for Mexico in the 1994 World Cup, said the current team's chances looked dire.

"One must consider the real possibility that Mexico will not get to the World Cup. We can look at the scenarios and keep hopes up, but football-wise Mexico is lost and mathematically out [for now]," Garcia told AFP.

The Mexican football federation fired Jose Manuel "Chepo" de la Torre on September 7, one day after losing to Honduras in Mexico City's imposing Azteca Stadium.

He was replaced by his assistant Luis Fernando Tena, who coached the Olympic gold medal team, but the interim manager said after the loss to the United States that his future would be discussed on Wednesday.

In a section containing unfancied nations such as Panama and Jamaica, Mexico was widely expected to cruise to Brazil in 2014.

But Mexico had only won one of its eight qualifiers to date, drawing five, and scoring a miserly four goals.

It now faces a win-or-bust game against Panama at the Azteca on October 11 before a final showdown in Costa Rica on October 15.

Mexico last missed a World Cup finals in 1990 when the federation was banned from international competitions after using over-aged players in an under-20 championship. — AFP

## YANGON

## Women's national team coach disappointed despite 5-0 win

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MYANMAR coach Kumada Yoshinori was far from pleased with his side's performance despite notching a comfortable 5-0 win over Laos in the opening match of the ASEAN Football Federation Women's Championship.

It took a sluggish Myanmar until the 31st minute to produce a goal during the September 10 match at Thuwana Stadium in Yangon when captain San San Maw netted a penalty kick.

**'We got many goals but I'm not satisfied because our players did not play well.'**

**Kumada Yoshinori**  
Myanmar women's national team coach

The goal was the only for the first half, as Laos' defenders did a good job keeping the Myanmar side in check. But Laos' defense would not hold in the second half, which saw Myanmar break through and put away a deluge of goals.

Khin Marlar Tun scored in the 52nd minute, followed by Yee Yee Oo in the 76th. Two minutes later striker Khin Moe Wai put a header in the back of the net. She added her second goal of the match in the 82nd minute.

"We got many goals but I'm not satisfied because our players did not



Players vie for a header during the AFF Women's Championship between Myanmar and Laos in Yangon on September 10. Photo: Boothee

play well. We have to prepare for the next match and if the players improve their performance, we will get a good result," said Kumada.

Laos coach Kei Homma said his team had failed to play up to their potential in the second half.

"I was not hoping for this result, but I acknowledge the Myanmar players' performance. The Myanmar team is very strong and played well while we did not. We played especially bad play in the second half," said Kei.

In other Group B action the Philippines drubbed Indonesia 6-0 behind a hat-trick from Joana Houplin on September 10.

In Group A play on September 9 Thailand drew with reigning champs Vietnam 0-0 and Jordan defeated Malaysia 1-0. Malaysia lost again on September 11 to Australia U19 1-0. Thailand defeated Jordan 4-0.

Myanmar will face the Philippines on September 14, followed by matches against Indonesia on September 16 and Japan U23 on September 18.



GENEVA

# Europe's clubs wary of winter 2022 World Cup

EUROPE'S football clubs on September 10 flagged concerns about plans to shift the 2022 World Cup to the winter to avoid host Qatar's stifling summer heat, amid fears of havoc in their leagues.

Bayern Munich boss Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, head of the European Club Association, said there was major disquiet among its 214 member teams about the idea, floated by FIFA and backed by the UEFA.

"We would like to be involved in the decision-making process on a serious and high level, because it is of course impacting our business. So we want to have the guarantee that we will be involved in the decision-making process," the former Germany star told reporters as the ECA's general assembly wrapped up in Geneva.

Sepp Blatter, president of global football's governing body FIFA, has insisted that shifting the World Cup from its traditional months of June and July makes sense for 2022.

Summer temperatures in the Gulf can hit a blistering 50 degrees Celsius, but cool to the mid-20s in the winter.

This week, Blatter upped the ante by saying it was not responsible to play



Jo (21) of Brazil goes up for a header against Portugal during their international friendly match on September 10. Photo: AFP

in Qatar in the summer, even though technology exists to cool venues.

European nations, in particular England, have cried foul at the idea of holding the globe's most-watched sporting event in January and February, however.

They underline that Qatar bid to host the tournament during Europe's June-July close season, and that a change would disrupt their domestic leagues.

Rummenigge said heat was part and parcel of football, recalling the stifling weather when he played in the 1986 World Cup final in Mexico.

Northern hemisphere summer dates have been stuck to in the past even when the World Cup was staged in the southern hemisphere. The weather at the 2010 edition in South Africa was often chilly, for example.

But Blatter argues that June and July are never set in stone, and that

rescheduling would reflect football's global appeal by showing that anyone can host the World Cup.

The 2022 edition will be the first in the Arab world.

Asked whether choosing Qatar was wrongheaded, Rummenigge responded, "I believe everybody was a bit surprised."

"But I don't know if it was a mistake, because the policy of FIFA was always to bring the World Cup to different continents," he noted.

He said European football understood fully that it was not alone on the planet.

"Of course we need a global solution, not just a solution for Europe," he said. "That's why we have to be sensible to find the best solution."

Michel Platini, head of European football's governing body UEFA, has also backed a switch, last month slapping down the English Premier League which insists that moving the location makes more sense than shifting to the winter.

The issue will be under discussion at a UEFA board meeting next week, while Blatter wants it on the table at a session of FIFA's executive in October, but Rummenigge insisted things should not be rushed. — AFP

SYDNEY

## IOC concerned with Rio progress

NEWLY elected International Olympic Committee vice president John Coates on September 11 piled pressure on 2016 host Rio, saying its slow progress in preparing for the Games was of "critical concern".

The Australian, who was elected to the post at the IOC's 125<sup>th</sup> session in Buenos Aires this week, said there was no bigger challenge for the organisation than ensuring Rio was ready on time.

"Our biggest challenge is Rio. There is a little over two years to go and there is still so much work to be done," he said in a statement headlined "Rio preparation of critical concern" released by the Australian Olympic Committee.

"We are all concerned. It is not impossible, but they desperately need a more concerted effort with some of the infrastructure projects and venues."

With the clock rapidly ticking before the first Olympics in South America, many facilities in Rio have yet to be completed because of construction delays and soaring costs.

There have also been street protests about the vast investment being made in the Olympics and the football World Cup next year, which is also being held in Brazil.

In an interview with the ABC, Coates said it was too late to move the Olympics elsewhere.

Coates' concerns were echoed by other IOC members in Buenos Aires, who said they voted for Tokyo ahead of Istanbul to host the 2020 Games because of the slow progress in Rio and fears of a repeat for the following edition. — AFP

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# Sport

## Women's national team downs Laos 5-0

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NEW YORK

# Nadal, Djokovic mourn their own losses

**W**HEN an emotional Rafael Nadal collapsed to the blue cement surface of Arthur Ashe Stadium after securing a 13<sup>th</sup> Grand Slam crown, he could have been sobbing for his lost years.

On the other side of the net, vanquished opponent Novak Djokovic was facing the harsher reality of lost opportunities.

Nadal's second US Open title took him to within four of Roger Federer's record of 17 Grand Slam crowns and just one shy of Pete Sampras's 14.

The Spaniard, with 60 career titles under his belt and more than US\$60 million in career earnings, took his record in Grand Slam finals to 13 wins against five losses.

World number one Djokovic has celebrated six Grand Slam final successes but also tasted six defeats.

For Nadal, the lost years meant tournaments missed when his brittle knees conspired against him and his career.

The 27-year-old has been forced to skip five majors - Wimbledon 2004, the 2006 Australian Open, Wimbledon again in 2009, the 2012 US Open as well as this year's Australian Open.

The short two-week gap between the French Open, which he has won a record eight times, and Wimbledon has also been a factor in his stop-



Rafael Nadal reacts after defeating Novak Djokovic in the US Open final in New York on September 9. Photo: AFP

start assault on the majors.

Defeats in the first round in London this year and the second round in 2012 would most likely have been avoided had the turnaround from Paris to the All England Club not been so tight.

He has 13 majors at the age of 27, just like Federer, who is now 32, had achieved.

"I never thought something like this could happen, so excited to be back on tour trying to be competitive," said Nadal, who returned to the tour after a seven-month injury absence.

Djokovic, who will turn 27 next year, remains stuck on six majors, four of which have come in Australia.

"Thirteen Grand Slams for a guy who is 27 years old is incredible," said Djokovic in praise of Nadal.

"He's definitely one of the best players ever."

Nadal completed a career Grand

Slam when he captured the 2010 US Open title. He was only 24 at the time.

In the recent era, Andre Agassi was 29 when he claimed a career sweep while Sampras never solved the riddles of Paris' red brick dust.

Federer completed his career Grand Slam in 2009 at the French Open but that took him until he was 28; it was also the year that Nadal suffered his one and only career defeat at Roland Garros.

Djokovic, meanwhile, has suffered nothing but frustration in Paris.

By the time the French Open rolled around in 2011, he was on a 41-match winning streak which was ended in the semi-finals by Federer.

That defeat shattered what would have been a rare calendar Grand Slam, something only two players have ever achieved, Donald Budge (1938) and Rod Laver (1962 and 1969).

"Nadal is to me the greatest player that ever lived," said John McEnroe.

"I have always said Roger Federer to me was the greatest player that ever lived, certainly the most beautiful player. But I'm going to tell you right here and now there's a definite argument, I'm starting to lean toward Rafa."

Nadal has a winning record against all of his rivals.

He is 21-10 against Federer, 22-15 when facing Djokovic and 13-5 against world number three Andy Murray.

In Grand Slam play, he has lost just 23 times, while Djokovic has had 30 defeats and Federer 40, although the 32-year-old Swiss has played many more times.

If Nadal's knees remain sturdy, it looks likely that McEnroe's confidence in Nadal's place in the sport's history will be fully justified. - AFP

**'Nadal is to me the  
greatest player that  
ever lived.'**

**John McEnroe**  
American tennis legend

## BRIEFS

*Los Angeles*

### Armstrong says medal headed back to IOC

Disgraced cyclist Lance Armstrong has handed over his 2000 Olympic bronze medal to US Olympic officials, nine months after the International Olympic Committee demanded it back, he said on September 12.

"The 2000 Bronze is back in possession of @usolympics and will be in Switzerland asap to @Olympics," Armstrong said on Twitter, posting a photo of the medal.

USOC spokesman Patrick Sandusky confirmed on Twitter that the American body had the medal.

Armstrong was stripped of his seven Tour de France titles and banned from the sport for life in October 2012, after the US Anti-Doping Agency produced evidence of widespread doping by him and his former teammates.

*Karachi*

### Squash's Olympic fight to go on

Legendary Pakistan squash player Jahangir Khan vowed on September 11 to keep fighting for a place for his sport in the Olympics despite the failed bid to join the 2020 Tokyo Games.

The International Olympic Committee voted on September 8 to put wrestling back on the roster. Squash trailed in third place, winning 22 votes out of 95 cast, behind 49 for wrestling and 24 for baseball/softball.

In 2005 the sport topped the vote but failed to get the required two-thirds majority. It failed again in 2009.

*Baltimore*

### Yankees place Jeter on DL, ending his season

The Yankees placed Derek Jeter on the disabled list on September 11, effectively ending the star shortstop's injury-marred season.

Concerns over Jeter's surgically-repaired left ankle, and the chance he could be hurt further if he plays again this season, prompted the move.

The 39-year-old has played only 17 games this season.

Jeter broke his ankle in game one of last season's American League Championship Series.

He broke the same ankle in spring training, and then strained a quadriceps in his first game back. - AFP

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