

Short leash for new insurers

Unable to set competitive prices or get accurate data from customers under rules set by the government's insurance regulatory body, new private firms are struggling to attract customers – or even compete with state-run Myanma Insurance

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OUTDATED policies, uncompetitive premiums and restrictive procedures imposed by the government's Insurance Business Supervisory Board (IBSB) are hindering efforts by newly established insurance firms to find their feet ahead of a plan to open the market to international firms next year, according to industry sources.

Several privately run local insurance firms have opened their doors since June last year when 12 companies were granted licences. The opening of the market broke state-run Myanma Insurance's six-decade monopoly.

But with several international firms waiting to enter the market, insurers are worried that restrictive policies imposed by the Insurance Business Supervisory Board (IBSB) will make it difficult for them to succeed.

As opposed to most international markets, which allow firms to offer competitive prices for their services, the IBSB has set the price of premiums while limiting the number of policies private firms can offer to just six, making it difficult for the young local insurers to distinguish themselves from one another, insurers said.

"They [the IBSB] control everything we do as we cannot alter any policy or be true risk managers as the premiums are all set," said one industry source who asked not to be named.

"It is going to be very difficult for the insurers to become established with the limited number of covers we can offer that are also very basic and poorly worded," the source said.

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Cast of characters

Members of the general public, the NLD, the 88 Generation Students and various civil society groups gathered at Sule in downtown Yangon on January 5, in a demonstration over repressive legislation pertaining to public gatherings and peaceful assembly.

Some 2000 people came from far and wide to attend the demonstration

from the late 1970s

– perhaps one of the largest political gatherings since 2007's Saffron Revolution. One group walked some 800 miles (nearly 1300km) on a 43-day journey from Laiza.

At the protest, former political prisoners were invited to have plaster moulds made from their hands. The group organising the project aimed to have 1000 former prisoners' hands replicated in order to hold an exhibition.

Former prisoners, including some released recently, were allowed to choose the hand position for the cast. While some pointed, pulled peace signs or did a "thumbs up", the mould made by Ma Thanegi – former assistant to Aung San Suu Kyi and sometime *Myanmar Times* contributor – showed an emphatically raised middle finger.

Model makes merit

US model Karlie Kloss, perhaps most famous for her runway appearances as a Victoria's Secret Angel, recently paid a visit to Myanmar over the New Year, posting pictures to social networking site Instagram throughout her trip. Kloss toured the visitor's golden triangle – Shwedagon, Bagan and Inle Lake – and went on to attain "tourist Bingo" with photos from her visit, including shots of balloons over Bagan, a pose with a small child, an aerial view of a woman selling fish in a market stall, monks in prayer and the obligatory foot-paddling boat operator on Inle Lake.

Kloss also posed for pictures with locals at Shwedagon – though it was unclear whether they were aware they were standing next to one of the world's top-ranked supermodels, or were just surprised to see a 6'1" woman wandering the pagoda grounds.

Taxi drivers, thieves rejoice

The Yangon Region government has banned police from riding motorcycles in Yangon's municipal areas, according to a report last week from 7Day Daily news journal. The restrictions came after authorities found members of the police force had been violating traffic rules and driving recklessly – in some instances injuring themselves and others.

Under President U Thein Sein, the police – as well as other government staff including YCDC and Ministry of Electricity employees – have been exempted from the city's longstanding motorcycle ban. But a traffic officer from Mayangone township said the latter groups were likely to face the same ban soon, according to 7Day.

Just how police can crack down on illegal and reckless motorcycle riding while banned from motorcycle use themselves presents a significant logistical problem. Reportedly lacking enough patrol cars to carry out law enforcement duties, officers may soon be forced to ride the bus.





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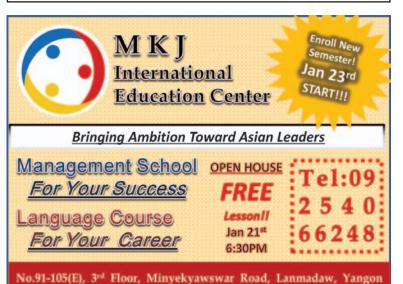


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Judge throws out MCM liquidation application

YANGON'S western district court last week dismissed an application to liquidate Myanmar Consolidated Media – publisher of *The Myanmar Times* – filed by majority shareholder Dr Tin Tun Oo.

The deputy district judge decided on January 7 to throw out Dr Tin Tun Oo's application, ruling it did not comply with the Myanmar Companies Act.

Dr Tin Tun Oo, who is also owner of Swesone Media Group, applied in August to liquidate the company, citing a long-running dispute with his partners.

He holds a 51 percent stake in MCM, a profitable company established in 2000 by Ross Dunkley and U Myat Swe that also publishes *NOW! Magazine*. He acquired the stake in MCM from U Myat Swe in 2005.

MCM lawyer U Aung Than Soe said the decision of the court was in line with the law. "I didn't know what kind of judgment would come out when I took charge of the case but I made strong arguments to defeat [Dr Tin Tun Oo's application]," he said.

Mr Dunkley said he was satisfied with the judgment but said the case had been an "enormous" distraction for him at a time when the newspapers were facing considerable challenges and threats in the marketplace.

While Dr Tin Tun Oo had urged him to find a buyer for the local partner's shares, the court action had done little to encourage the process, he said. "At the end of the day the courts have ruled correctly and according to the law. I cannot complain about this and I thank the judge for arriving at this point."

Dr Tin Tun Oo was quoted in *Mizzima* as saying that the court's decision was unfair. – *Nan Tin Htwe*

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IT was the topic that divided the government and armed ethnic groups during negotiations in Myitkyina in November. But the future of Myanmar's army – and non-state groups' roles within it – will be left off the agenda when the two sides meet again later this month, sources say.

At an informal meeting between the ethnic groups and the government peace team in Chiang Mai, northern Thailand, on December 29, chief government negotiator U Aung Min requested that the federal army proposed by ethnic groups be left off the agenda and only tackled when political dialogue gets underway.

The Nationwide Ceasefire Coordination Team, which represented armed ethnic groups at the meeting last month, agreed to the request, said team chairman U Naing Han Thar.

However, they did not agree to U Aung Min's request that a date be set to sign the nationwide ceasefire agreement at the conclusion of the talks.

"We will only set a date when we have a guarantee of political dialogue," U Naing Han Thar said.

The next round of talks will be held in the Kayin State capital, Hpaan, on January 24 and 25.

As was the case before the Myitkyina talks, the meeting will be preceded by a gathering of armed ethnic groups, this time at the Karen National Union headquarters in Hlaingbwe township from January 20 to 22.

Don't mention the war

Federal army off the agenda for peace talks

The 11-member NCCT was formed by ethnic armed group on November 2 at the meeting in Laiza to coordinate discussions with the government on the ceasefire.

However, it was unable to secure an agreement with the government at the talks in Myitkyina days later because, members said, the Tatmadaw rejected its draft ceasefire as it contained references to a federal military.

Both sides agreed to hold further discussions, with talks planned for December. However, the meeting was then delayed until January.

To avoid misunderstandings during the talks, the NCCT and the government peace team have held a series of informal meetings in Chiang Mai to discuss ways to combine the two ceasefire drafts into a single version that can be put forward in Hpaan for approval.

U Nyo Ohm Myint from the Myanmar Peace Center said the two sides had reached agreement on 80 percent of the issues to be discussed in Hpaan. "Only 20 percent still needs to be discussed further."

A further coordination meeting was to be held in Chiang Mai on January 10.

While the Hpa-an meeting will focus on the nationwide ceasefire, a framework for political dialogue and the holding of that dialogue, he confirmed that "federal military issues" will not be discussed.

"Both sides have agreed to discuss these issues, such as the re-unification

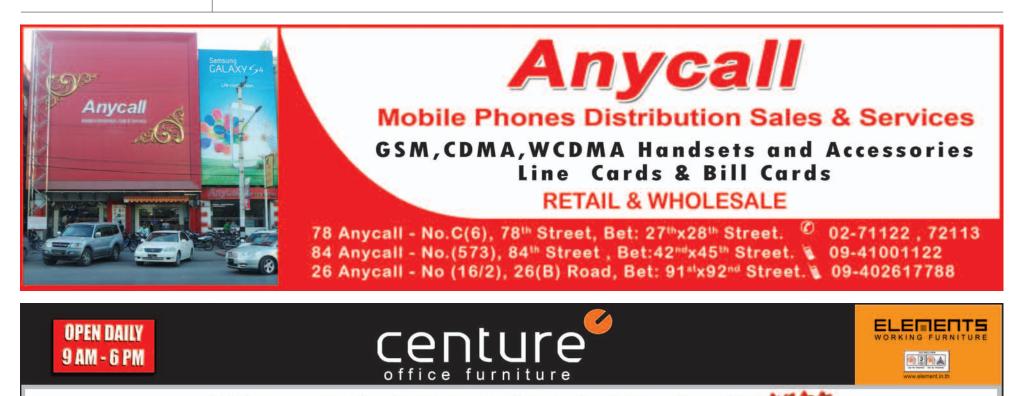


Kachin Independence Army soldiers patrol the front line near Laiza in Kachin State in January 2013. Photo: Kaung Htet

and re-integration of [ethnic armies into the] Tatmadaw, in detail during the political dialogue stage," he said. "We expect that the [Hpa-an] meeting will result in a single nationwide ceasefire draft."

U Khun Okkar, general secretary of United Nationalities Federal Council (UNFC), an umbrella organisation for around a dozen armed ethnic groups, said ethnic groups had "taken one step back in order to reach our goals" by agreeing to delay talks on the federal army. "U Aung Min persuaded us our [ethnic] goals are difficult to reach if we push too strongly, particularly about the federal military issues," U Khun Okkar said. "So we agreed to accept his plan if he gives us a guarantee [that they will be discussed during the] political dialogue."

The NCCT and government peace team also agreed to invite National League for Democracy chair Daw Aung San Suu Kyi to attend the Hpa-an meeting as an observer.



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Support builds behind conservation

Campaign to preserve Yangon's historic neighbourhoods boosted by recent planning decisions and moves toward a new legal framework

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THE tide appears to have turned for heritage conservation in Yangon, with political support strengthening the campaign to preserve the city's unique character.

Just two years ago, solid century-old buildings - plastered with red Yangon City Development Committee signs declaring them "dangerous" and ripe for destruction - were coming down at a rapid rate.

In the final months of 2013, however, the efforts of those leading the fight to preserve Yangon's historic neighbourhoods appear to have taken hold. Regional and municipal authorities intervened on a number of occasions to halt the demolition of historic buildings or projects out of step with their surroundings, while a new zoning plan was unveiled.

Yangon Heritage Trust chair U Thant Myint-U said he is optimistic that the momentum will continue into 2014.

"I was on the verge of being pessimistic, only because a number of decisions were up in the air and things could have gone either way," he told The Myanmar Times in the trust's

'It's become very clear the extent to which the government and **YCDC** are genuinely committed to urban conservation.'

> **U Thant Myint-U** Yangon Heritage Trust

colonial-era office on Pansodan Road, in the heart of downtown Yangon.

"But it's become very clear over the past several weeks the extent to which the government and in particular YCDC are genuinely committed to urban conservation. They've taken a number of bold steps in the right direction and all along the way have worked very closely with us.

"They've stood firmly not only against the demolition of heritage buildings but in favour of the protection of Yangon's historic cityscape more generally."

These halted projects include a proposed 14-storey office building at 555 Merchant Road next to the Indian embassy and a series of highrises along the Yangon waterfront on Strand Road. An application to demolish Gandhi Hall, a century-old threestorey building on the corner of Merchant and Bo Aung Kyaw roads, was also rejected, much to the disappointment of its trustees.

In early December, YCDC held public consultations on a proposed zoning plan that would limit the scale of development in downtown, particularly in a new conservation zone bordered by Theinbyu, Lanmadaw and Bogyoke Aung San roads, and the river to the south.

This has already had a tangible impact. At the December 25 opening of the June XI serviced apartment project, in the former Ministry of Foreign Affairs complex on Pyay Road, on December 25. developer Youth Force said it had been forced to scale back a planned 14-storey building on the site to six storeys because of zoning restrictions.

The lack of public opposition - even from influential businesspeople who have been negatively affected - is another indication of the strong political support for preservation. While developers attended the zoning plan consultation meeting and asked questions, for example, none said they were against the plan.

Instead, the majority of criticism against the preservation movement has come from ordinary residents affected by halts on demolitions.

The Yangon Heritage Trust is work-



Government officials stand at an entrance to the Secretariat building on Bo Aung Kyaw Road. Photo: Aung Htay Hlaing

ing to shore up support among the broader public and combat criticism that it is an elite movement that ignores the needs of the broader public.

In coming months the non-profit will assist authorities with the drafting of a Conservation Law to put in place a legal framework for preservation. When consultations are completed it will be submitted to the Yangon Region Hluttaw for approval.

But once the zoning plan is firmly in place and the Conservation Law is in the hands of MPs, the focus will turn toward moving beyond protection and ensuring buildings are put to new uses.

A number of studies, mostly funded by the European Union, will be conducted to find ways of ensuring communities benefit from preservation. An inventory of all pre-1960 housing stock is also being undertaken to ensure

the city's older buildings are properly integrated into a more modern city - a move that should improve living conditions for all.

"Public support is critical and we need urgently to understand how different new conservation measures will impact the ordinary residents of the old town," U Thant Myint-U said.

"Whatever we do, we'll need to explain options to the public, and we hope to do a lot more advocacy and public outreach work over 2014."

U Thant Myint-U said the heritage trust is also intent on seeing the business community as partners rather than opponents. One example is on the Yangon waterfront, where it is already in discussions with Diamond Star, the company that won the contract from Myanmar Port Authority to undertake the high-rise project that has since been halted because of the new zoning rules

"Diamond Star have been a great supporter of Yangon conservation and we've had many discussions with them on the future of the waterfront.

"What we do need to do though is to reach out to [other] businesspeople and see how best we can work together. A critical challenge is many of the existing laws and regulations that incentivise knocking down and constructing cheaply as opposed to renovating older buildings.

"Of course the challenges remain enormous, but the steps taken already have been significant, and the worstcase scenarios, - of losing much more of our built heritage - have now been avoided.

"What could be achieved over the coming months could even be a model for other cities in the region. It will certainly help ensure a much brighter future for Yangon."







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Max in hot water over Ng

Rakhine State chief minister orders investigation into allegations company pumped sa

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THE Rakhine State government has issued a stern warning to Max Myanmar for allegedly pumping sand from Ngapali beach and building a "wave-resistant wall" outside of its compound, amid concerns about the impact of hotel development at the popular tourist destination.

During a visit to Ngapali from December 21-24, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin instructed local officials to charge Max for pumping sand from the beach and to form an investigation tribunal to probe the apparently illegal construction of a wall near its hotel, which is yet to open.

In a letter to local hoteliers on December 26, U Htay Win, deputy general manager of the Thandwe branch of state-run Myanma Hotels and Tourism Services, said the company had been cleared of the sand allegations based on "photos submitted by a responsible person for Rakhine State", without elaborating.

"But [Max] has been probed by the investigation tribunal due to its waveresistant wall reaching further than before," the letter said. It is unclear whether action has been taken over the wall.

'The sand is taken very quickly from the beach but nature needs thousands of years to turn a sea shell into fine white Ngapali beach sand.'

Oliver E Soe Thet

Former adviser to the government on environmental issues in coastal Rakhine

It added that hotels that build on land they do not own or that is not surveyed by the Settlements and Land Records Department, or take or pump sand from the beach, will face charges. The general manager of Max Myan-

mar's hotel division did not respond to requests for comment last week.

U Kyaw Soe Lwin, administrator for Thandwe township, confirmed

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that an investigation team had been formed to examine the Max Myanmar hotel site. The investigation is almost complete, he said, and charges could be laid depending on the team's findings.

"Following the chief minister's trip we are now more closely supervising all construction in the beach area," he said. "All need to follow the correct procedures for constructing buildings in this area."

While not a new problem, the practice of removing sand from the beach has become a major issue at Ngapali because of the construction of a number of new hotels at the beach. While it is illegal, some resorts take the sand, either to backfill concrete beachfront walls or to build up low-lying areas of hotel compounds.

There are also reports that the sand is ending up on local construction sites, despite sea sand generally not being suitable for use in reinforced concrete structures because of its high chloride content.

While U Kyaw Soe Lwin said sand was not being taken for commercial projects, photos provided to *The Myanmar Times* last month clearly show workers loading sand onto large trucks in broad daylight on the beach.

The problem is most serious on the northern beach near Thandwe Airport, where at least four hotels are under construction. One regular visitor took to global travel website TripAdvisor in December to express frustration at the "sand and rock pirates [who] are decimating this part of Ngapali".

"Dozens of coastal trees, palms and casuarina are having their roots exposed to the extent that many are falling into the sea," said the visitor, who identified themselves as "Thaibart".

"Visit the mermaid on the rocks and you will see gangs of workers with sledgehammers, chisels and other tools destroying the rocks that have adorned the beach for centuries. Long gone are the smooth outlines of these rocks ... What remains are jagged shards of rock protruding from the ever-decreasing sand."

Oliver E Soe Thet, a former adviser to the government on environmental issues in coastal Rakhine State, said that while the taking of sand from the beach had always been an issue it had "got out of control" in the second half of 2013, particularly near the airport and Myabin village. This is driven purely by an effort to save money, he said, as the general administration department has already advised hotels how they can buy sand sourced from other locations.



Photos taken in December 2013 and provided

"Pleasant View Resort is the only hotel that constructed new buildings and followed the legal way of the government," said Mr E Soe Thet.

"At the northern end of Ngapali beach, for example, one hotel pumped sand [during the whole monsoon] season into their compound to fill in swampland at no cost," he said.

"Another hotel at Myabin took thousands of tonnes of sand to fill behind a 7-foot-high beachfront reinforced concrete wall. It is not only illegal but shows a lack of any regard for the community and other members of the hospitality industry."

He said the actions of the hotels are short-sighted because the loss of Ngapali's fine sand will inevitably harm its image as a luxury destination and ultimately affect visitor numbers.

"The sand is taken very quickly from the beach but nature needs thousands of years to turn a sea shell into fine white Ngapali beach sand."

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to The Myanmar Times show workers loading trucks with sand from Ngapali Beach.

Rohingya parties call for change to census categories



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TWO Rohyinga political parties are calling on the government to amend a question on the upcoming national census to recognise the minority Muslim group. They argue that the current version of the census could be used to further erode their already tenuous access to citizenship.

Under the proposed census structure, people are able to identify as one of Myanmar's 135 formally recognised ethnic groups through simply recording a specific code number. Ethnicities that are unrecognised by the government, such as the Rohingva or Chinese-Mvanmar, will be forced to identify as "other" but will also have the option to self-identify their ethnicity.

Members of the National Democratic Party for Development (NDPD) and the Democracy and Human Rights Party (DHRP) last week described the census structure as unacceptable.

DHRP president U Kyaw Min said the effect on the Rohyinga community could be "ruinous". He argued it could adversely affect its members from obtaining full citizenship under current citizenship laws but did not clearly explain how this could happen.

"In the future our status will be like [that of a] foreigner," he said on January 10.

U Kyaw Min and U Khin Maung Myint, head of the NDPD's foreign relations committee, said that the Rohingya population in Myanmar which they estimated at 1.5 million, most of whom live in Rakhine State - makes the group much more significant in terms of size than most of those that are officially recognised.

"We are not asking for anything special. We are asking [for the census to be changed] as a basic right," U Khin Maung Myint said.

Ethnicity, nationality and the 2014 census

- Myanmar citizens will have the choice of selecting one of 135 officially recognised ethnic groups, or an "other" category, with each category given a specific code.
- Those who select "other" can self-identify their ethnicity.
- Data on those who self-identify will be tallied though a sub-coding process, enabling
- it to be used for analysis. Foreigners in Myanmar at the time the census is conducted will be able to select their
- nationality from a list. Those whose nationality is not listed can select the "other" category and then self-identify.

Despite the urging of the political parties and the group's sizable population, it seems extremely unlikely that the government will list the Rohyinga as an ethnicity option. Nay Pvi Taw refuses to officially recognise the group, instead referring to its members as Bengalis and characterising them as illegal immigrants from neighbouring Bangladesh.

NDPD and DHRP leaders said they would take a wait-and-see approach to the issue and have not yet decided whether they will encourage Rohingya to boycott the census if the census is not amended.

U Khin Maung Myint said that both parties had on multiple occasions approached the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), which is assisting the government with the census, to raise their concerns. He said they were told that the agency's role as technical adviser meant it could not dictate the structure of the census to the government.

Speaking to The Myanmar Times last week, a UNFPA spokesperson said people who opt to self-identify will be tallied "through a sub-coding process after the census".

"This will take time to do and the analysis of this will provide important statistical data in terms of the ethnic spread and groupings in the country, as well as giving the opportunity for further research, review and discussion on this," the spokesperson said.

The nationwide census will be the first in 31 years. It is scheduled to take place in March and April.



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those that bear weight, with pain and stiffness, also called degenera-

tive joint disease

Symptoms of Osteoarthritis

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- Swelling or tenderness in a knee joints.
- A crunching feeling or the sound of bone rubbing on bone.
- Pain in the affected joints after repetitive use.
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The Rohingya: partners in building a new Myanmar



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MYANMAR is uniquely rich with an array of cultures, traditions and linguistic attributes. While diversity can be one of this country's strengths, it has also sowed the seeds of discord for too long. Instead of helping Myanmar become a leader in Asia, it has held the country back, stifling development and creating chronic insecurity for its people.

The precise identity and the composition of ethnic minorities in Myanmar have always been quite vague and often arbitrary. Although the government has officially put the number of ethnic minority groups at 135, many have challenged this number and the official list of categories. Some claim they have been left off the list; others say there are too many categories.

The citizenship of one particular ethnic group, the Rohingya – of which I am a member – has been a deeply polarising issue in this country for years. The Rohingya had been recognised in the 1950s. However, the military regime of General Ne Win revoked our citizenship over time after he seized power in 1962. Despite the indigeneity of Rohingya people in Rakhine for several centuries, the question often raised by scholars, analysts, human rights advocates, media, and others is why the citizenship of this

population in Rakhine was revoked. The answer to this question must take into account some basic underlying factors, including race and religion, cultural and social attributes, political manipulation, and the rise of local nationalisms in Myanmar. Such factors have put Rakhine State on a

collision course over a period of five decades, causing divisions that affect the peaceful coexistence and advancement of people living in the state. Despite some possible discontent among Rakhine people, it is reasona-

aniong Rakinie people, it is reasonable to think that all people, including Rohingya and Rakhine people, would prefer a peaceful life over a violent life with no security. The first question now may be what is causing such an undesired rift between the people living in the state. Clearly one fundamental problem is the lack of rule of law, resulting in a failure to provide adequate security forces that operate fairly and equitably.

Both sides have committed violence against the other. No matter who commits the act and who is considered the primary victim, no such violence should be tolerated. When an incident occurs, the alleged perpetrators should be arrested and charged, and accorded due process to consider their guilt. Authorities should not allow violence or other violations of law of any kind to go unaddressed, and accountability must be fairly and equally applied to everyone. Failing to do so will only encourage more violence and anarchy.



A Rohingya man sits in a mosque in Sittwe township shortly after it was damaged by a Buddhist mob in October 2012. Photo: Kaung Htet

to the unfounded claims and ludicrous manifesto of some insignificant and shady groups as further evidence of such a conspiracy.

These fears and allegations are all untrue, and stem from a deep misunderstanding among the Rakhine people about the goals of the Rohingya. I am confident that I speak for the overwhelmingly vast majority of Rohingva when I say categorically that the goal of autonomy within or separatism from Rakhine State, or any other state in Myanmar, is not desired or sought by the Rohingya people. In the 1950s, a small armed group seeking to establish an autonomous district, then known as Mayu Nay Gya Khayaing, did exist among a minority of Rohingya. Such a movement was not unusual in those days. Among the Rakhine themselves were independence movements in years past. But that sentiment is a relic of a different era with no currency or

In the end, the Rohingya are moderate people who seek basic human rights so they can live peacefully as equal citizens while retaining their unique cultural identity. government, to verify the presence of Rohingya in Rakhine State and determine if any are illegal immigrants. We also endorse strengthening border controls to build confidence on both sides of the border that illegal immigration or other nefarious activities are not occurring in that area.

Another allegation is that the rise is due to Rohingya religious and cultural traditions. As elsewhere around the world, if the Rohingya are offered the opportunity to be educated and develop themselves, population growth rates – whatever the reality in recent years – will almost certainly reflect the average.

The importance of dialogue

There is no reason why the Rohingya cannot integrate themselves into mainstream Myanmar society. A significantly large population of Rohingya have already adapted to mainstream Myanmar society in their day-to-day life, through the learning of Myanmar language and traditions. The religious faith of a person, whether they are Christian Kachin, Buddhist Rakhine, or Muslim Rohingya, should not be a barrier to peaceful co-existence in modern Myanmar.

There are extremist elements in all religions around the globe that find in religion a tool to manipulate the innocent segment of their respective communities. However, there are also ample means for effectively silencing or marginalising these extremist elements. The key is dialogue. I am confident that dialogue among people of good faith in each community would help to dispel myths that have arisen. It would also help address lingering questions the Rakhine may have about the loyalty and commitment of the Rohingya people to Myanmar and to maintaining Rakhine's State's unity.

In the end, the Rohingya are moderate people who seek basic human rights - just like the Rakhine have struggled to achieve for decades - so that they can live peacefully as equal citizens while retaining their unique cultural identity. Rohingya people hold strong potential to contribute to the advancement of the newly emerging Myanmar. Developing educational, economic, and social institutions in all parts of Rakhine and beyond will pave the way for national development and provide the foundation for tolerance, mutual respect. reconciliation and peaceful co-existence.

Realisation of such a dream is not impossible: Such a situation existed after the independence of Myanmar, particularly in the 1950s and early 1960s. I recognise that it will take time to overcome decades of misunderstanding and mistrust. Those who are already suspicious about the Rohingya will not take us at our word when we say we do not desire autonomy or separation, or that fringe organisations do not represent our true goals and interests. But the solution, on either side, cannot be violence. Solutions to our differences for the interests of peace and stability in Rakhine State and the country - can only be found through dialogue. My community is ready to take part in such a dialogue at the soonest opportunity.



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An alleged Islamic agenda

The Rakhine community has expressed fears about the alleged population growth of the Rohingya people, and their alleged goal of "Islamicising" Rakhine State. They have alleged that the Rohingya are seeking to carve out an autonomous state of their own within Rakhine. They point

relevance to the 21^{st} century desires of my people.

The name Rohingya is simply a term to describe my community. It is rooted in our history, and serves to describe cultural and demographic attributes. Historical records suggest the name was applied at least as far back as 1799 and today we consider it important as a measure of respect for our history and heritage. We reject the term "Bengali" as disrespectful to this identity and to our traditions as proud people with deep roots in Myanmar.

From an anthropological point of view, the Rohingya community retains a mixture of cultural, religious, and linguistic attributes with Aryan/ Caucasian roots. The population originated from South Asian and Middle and accurate account is needed. It is possible that the Rohingya population may have been perceived to have grown somewhat faster than other groups because they are confined and concentrated in a particular region in the state, as they are not allowed to travel to other parts of the state or country. By contrast, Rakhine and other groups were allowed to travel or migrate elsewhere. It should also be noted that nearly 1.5 million Rohingya have left Rakhine since 1962 and are now in various parts of the world.

Eastern heritage centuries ago and it

flourished during the days of colonial

Burma in what was then known as

Arakan State. As a practical matter,

however, given the many generations

who have made the area their home,

the Rohingya people who today reside

in the western region of the country

are essentially indigenous. Indeed,

there is ample evidence in history

that Rohingya people have coexisted

peacefully with other ethnic groups

What we don't know can hurt us

Although it has been alleged that the

Rohingya population has grown rap-

idly in Rakhine State in recent years,

there is no reliable data on population

- all the various figures presented by

different sources are only estimates.

Indeed, estimates have been driving

the debate for some time: there has

been no authoritative official count-

ing for many years. A transparent

in Rakhine for centuries.

A common Rakhine allegation is that the rise in population of Rohingya is due to illegal immigration. There is also no reliable data to support this.

We want to see a transparent process, as promised by the Myanmar Dr Wakar Uddin is a professor at Pennsylvania State University in the United States, director general of the Arakan Rohingya Union, and chairman and founder of The Burmese Rohingya Association of North America. Dr Uddin may be reached at dg.aru@ar-union.org.

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Darkness and light in Thailand



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THE situation in Bangkok brings to mind the opening words of *A Tale* of *Two Cities*, the novel written by Charles Dickens 155 years ago and set during the years leading up to the French Revolution.

After all, while it is said that the more things change the more they stay the same, the parallels between those distant times and today are quite astonishing – and not a little scary.

This is how Dickens began his famous novel: "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness..."

Wisdom and foolishness, light and darkness: He could easily have been evoking the current situation in Thailand when he penned those memorable words.

While many Thai analysts do have grounds for predicting a brighter, better future, there are also valid concerns that dark and terrible conflicts may soon occur on a broad scale across the country. Think of the carnage in Rakhine

State or Meiktila, or even Syria, being reflected in Bangkok. And it could happen.

Tragically, many people in Thailand's capital have entered, or more precisely have been led by selfinterested Pied Pipers, into a very treacherous corner.

They abhor the current Pheu Thai government led by Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra, the younger sister of fugitive former PM Thaksin Shinawatra, who was convicted of corruption in 2008 and fled to Dubai.

Thaksin, who retains widespread support among poor and middle-class folks outside Bangkok, is assumed by most people to control Yingluck and to effectively still be running the government.

Quite likely he is. And there is nothing wrong with political opponents protesting against it, as a minority of the population, largely based in the capital, do.

Sadly, however, the protests have turned violent, partly due to some arrogant legislative measures taken by Yingluck and her team, although some would say she was simply being decisive in a Margaret Thatcher style. Either way, when her MPs passed

an amnesty bill last November that would have allowed Thaksin to return



Thai protest leader Suthep Thaugsuban greets supporters during a rally in Bangkok on January 7. Photo: AFP

home, it triggered demonstrations in the streets.

Unappeased by her wise decision to quickly scrap the amnesty bill, the protesters demanded Yingluck's resignation; instead, she called a general election for February 2.

The protesters, who also rejected the election call, are led by Suthep Thaugsuban, a sidekick of opposition Democrat Party leader and former PM Abhisit Vejjajiva, who foolishly decided to boycott the February polls.

Abhisit invariably follows Suthep,

who in turn follows orders from his backers among Bangkok's topmost echelons of society, all rabid anti-Thaksinites.

Meanwhile, the army, very wisely, has stayed on the sidelines.

Thus it has been wisdom and foolishness, light and darkness, from day to day. And now Suthep's mobs have threatened to "shut down" Bangkok on January 13.

Is there a way out? Actually, there is. As the respected academics Pasuk Phongpaichi and Chris Baker noted, "The military, judiciary and palace have refused to intervene openly, forcing the two camps to seek a negotiated solution."

That is a tremendous achievement, and while a solution will require sacrifice from both sides, eventually matters will be resolved and a new election under a reformed constitution will take place.

When it does, it is likely that both puppets, Yingluck and Abhisit, will be gone.

Pheu Thai cannot continue with a Shinwatra at the helm; instead, one of the party's better cabinet ministers, perhaps Chaturon Chaisang, will take over.

Likewise, the vacillating Abhisit will make way for the more decisive Korn Chatikavanij or Surin Pitsuwan, former finance and foreign ministers, respectively.

Additionally, as Pasuk and Baker said, "Thaksin can probably never return to Thailand."

No future government will commit political *hara-kiri* by bringing in another amnesty bill – and without one, Thaksin must remain overseas.

So a genuine two-party system will evolve, with the Shinawatra influence sidelined and the haughty condescension of the Bangkok elites towards the country masses expunged.

And Thailand will emerge into the light.



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Pardon call for men convicted after torture

Human rights group alleges police beat two men to extract confessions over theft

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THE Asian Human Rights Commission has launched an urgent appeal campaign against the conviction of two men based on confessions allegedly obtained through torture.

U Kyaw Nyunt, 67, and U Nyunt Tun, 21, were convicted in a Pakokku court in 2012 of stealing a box of gold jewellery the previous year. The men were jailed for 18 months and all of their subsequent appeals have been rejected.

According to the commission's case history, U Kyaw Nyunt was tortured so severely after his arrest that he was admitted to a local hospital in Pakokku and later transferred to Mandalay for treatment.

U Kyaw Nyunt told the court during his trial that police had strung him up by his bound hands and beat him around the head, breaking a tooth. They also racked an iron bar over his knees, tearing away the skin.

U Nyunt Tun was subjected to police beating and was threatened with torture, at which point he confessed, the rights group said in a case file document published on January 7.



U Kyaw Nyunt shows the scars from police torture after his release from prison. Photo: Supplied

The case administrator, plaintiffs and defence lawyer all stated during the proceedings that they had witnessed the injuries U Kyaw Nyunt sustained under torture.

In delivering his verdict in the case, the judge acknowledged that U Kyaw Nyunt had been tortured by police. However, the judge said that as U Nyunt Tun had not been tortured, and there was no evidence of him being threatened with torture, his confession – the sole evidence in the case – was enough to hand down a guilty verdict for both men.

Myanmar is not a party to the international convention against torture, which, among other things, prescribes that a confession obtained under torture or threat of torture cannot be used in court. Torture is also not a criminal offence under Myanmar law.

"Police are rarely held to account for the abuses committed on detainees in their custody," AHRC said in a background briefing note published on their website.

Court to mull longer term for killers

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MANDALAY Region High Court has agreed to consider increased punishments against two men convicted over the brutal killing of a young mother in January 2013.

In early October 2013, Mandalay District Court sentenced U Aung Ko Latt and U Zaw Myo Aung to eight and seven years' jail respectively for their role in the death of Ma Win Khin, the mother of a four-month-old child.

However, the victim's family was dissatisfied with the length of sentence and in November applied to the High Court for a review of the sentence – an application that was accepted in late December.

"The High Court accepted the case on December 28. The judge will hear arguments from lawyers acting for both sides. There is no need to go over all the evidence or hear from the defendants," said Daw Zin Mar Myint, a lawyer representing Ma Win Khin's family. If they are unhappy with the decision of the High Court the family can apply again to the Supreme Court, she said.

Ma Win Khin was at home with the couple's infant daughter when intruders attacked her in January 2013. Her body was later found with 13 stab wounds. The victim's husband, U Khin Maung Si, was away working as a bus conductor in Muse township at the time the killing occurred.

While evidence suggested she had also been raped, charges were only laid in relation to her murder.



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NLD members in Pyin Oo Lwin cleared of assault

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ASSAULT charges against National League for Democracy members in Pvin Oo Lwin were thrown out last month after a township judge found that the evidence provided did not match the allegations made.

The associate secretary of the party's Pyin Oo Lwin branch, U Aung Kyaw San, and NLD ward and village committee members Daw Cho Cho Aye, Daw Thandar Soe and Daw Ni Ni Aung were accused of assaulting Daw Khine Wutyay Thandar Maung in June when the party's chair Daw Aung San Suu Kyi visited the town to hold a public meeting.

The charges were brought under section 506, for criminal intimidation; section 354, for assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty; and section 323, for voluntarily causing hurt.

"Irrefutable evidence to prove the accusations of intimidation and causing hurt were not found when the judge questioned witnesses from the plaintiff's side, so the judge dropped the charges and discharged the defendants," said defence lawyer U Zaw Win.

But Daw Ni Ni Aung was fined K500 under section 354 on the basis of witness testimony.

Daw Cho Cho Aye said the accused are considering submitting a defamation countersuit against Daw Khine Wutyay Thandar Maung.

"We will protect any NLD representatives from constituents because we believe only the NLD can act effectively for political reform. We will settle this case if the defendant withdraws the prosecution against our MP, or we will sue her for defamation," Daw Cho Cho Aye told The Myanmar Times.

The alleged altercation occurred a day after Daw Aung San Suu Kyi held a public rally in the town. Daw Khine Wutyay Thandar Maung wanted to inform the NLD leader about her lawsuit against local NLD representative U Kvaw Thiha, who she says is the father of her child.

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Activist hands himself in to police after protest

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A NATIONAL League for Democracy official who staged a solo protest in Pyinmana on Independence Day calling for constitutional reform, the removal of restrictions on demonstrations and municipal elections in Nay Pyi Taw has handed himself in to police.

On January 4, activist U Thar Cho walked from a dhammayone, or religious building, to a brass statue of Bogyoke Aung San holding a placard with the words "Amend 2008 constitution. Annul section 18. Form Nay Pyi Taw Council with selected representatives" written on it.

Police charged him under section 18 of the peaceful protest law and visited his home the following day. U Thar Cho was away visiting relatives in Bago at the time but handed himself in on January 6 and was granted bail the same day.

They came and called on me at my home. It troubled me so I came to the police station and settled the case," he said after being questioned.

An activist since 1988, U Thar Cho is currently associate secretary of the NLD office in Pyinmana.

Lawyer U Khin Maung Zaw, who is representing U Thar Cho for free, said the activist had applied twice to get permission for the protest but on both occasions his applications were rejected. U Khin Maung Zaw described the reasons given for rejecting the march as "not strong enough".

Police said they were concerned people would follow him and disturb him, and that he would throw stones at shops and houses while protesting, he said. They also said the demonstration could not be allowed because it coincided with official ceremonies to mark Independence Day.

But it was the final reason for



Police Major Than Myint, the head of police in Pyinmana township, tries to stop U Thar Cho from protesting on January 4.

rejecting the protest - that U Thar Cho's call for elections for Nay Pyi Taw council was in violation of the constitution - that particularly drew U Khin Maung Zaw's ire.

"Ko Thar Cho doesn't like the clause in the constitution that says the president shall appoint and assign members of Nay Pyi Taw Council ... If the application for demonstration is not allowed on these grounds, how about the protests and talks being held across Myanmar about amending the constitution? All those events will also have to be stopped. Their denial is not realistic."

U Thar Cho said he was not afraid to face the section 18 charge, which can carry a one-year jail term. "I have made up my mind to face

the court regardless of what they

charge me with."

Pyinmana police force chief Police Major Than Myint said the authorities had no choice but to charge U Thar Cho for the demonstration.

"If he stopped [the protest] when we told him to then we wouldn't need to charge him," he said, "but he kept on doing it so we have to charge him."

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New ferries for popular Dala route

YANGON is to get a new fleet of ferries on the popular Pansodan-Dala route from October, officials say.

Although a third boat was added on December 30, the current vessels are scheduled to be replaced by new boats from Japan later this year, said U Aye Myint Maung, the manager of the Pansodan ticket office.

The service, which departs from

Pansodan Jetty every half-hour from 5am to 9pm, takes an average of 27,000 people a day between downtown and Dala township, on the opposite bank of the Yangon River, for K100 each way.

Increasingly, it is also giving foreign tourists an inexpensive glimpse of the harbour. More than 100 tourists took the service each day in 2013

- paying US\$2 each way - up from less than 100 the previous year.

"We offer a special service for them that allows them to see the sunset from the top of the ship," U Aye Myint Maung said, adding that the space - outfitted with a small library, journals and TV - is also for local people looking for a more "comfortable and relaxed" journey. - Ei Ei Thu



Tibetan spiritual leader Ogyen Trinley Dorje, the 17th Karmapa, offers prayers at the Mahabodhi Temple at Bodhgaya in India on January 1. Photo: AFP

Bodhgaya attack 'revenge for Rohingyas': suspect

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THE prime suspect in the July bombing of the Mahabodhi Temple, a popular Buddhist pilgrimage site in India, said the attacks were planned as revenge for persecution of Muslim Rohingya in Myanmar, Indian media reported last week.

The bombings were also intended to target monks gathering for prayer rather than members of the public, the reports said, citing a police interrogation report from an alleged suspect.

Ten bombs were detonated in and around the temple at Bodhgaya on July 7, 2013. Bodhgaya is popular with Myanmar pilgrims as it is said to be the place where the Guatama Buddha achieved enlightenment.

An Indian, Mohammed Umair Siddiqui, was arrested in October of last year for his alleged role in the attack.

"I suggested attacking Bodh Gaya because it was an international centre," Mr Siddiqui told police during his interrogation, India Today reported on January 7.

"I told Haider [Siddiqui's close aide] that targeting two or three persons will not send a message. We never wanted to target the common public. Haider suggested why not target foreigners visiting Bodh Gaya."

According to India Today, the report states that the alleged masterminds decided blasts should take place in the early morning to avoid public casualties. A large number of foreign monks on pilgrimage take part in the early morning prayers.

The July 7 bombing at the sacred Bodhgaya temple wounded two monks. Ten small devices exploded, while three were defused.

At the time of the bombings, Delhi police said they had earlier warned officials that Islamic militants could target the temple complex as revenge for Buddhist violence against Muslims in Myanmar.

Attacks on Buddhists are rare in India, but tensions flared in 2013 following clashes between Buddhists and Muslims in Myanmar, as well as in Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.

- Additional reporting by AFP

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Mandalay shoe co-op members continue fight for old assets

Members say the ministry erred by disbanding their co-operative and auctioning its assets



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MEMBERS of a disbanded Mandalay shoemaking cooperative have vowed to continue fighting for justice over the government's decision to auction their assets – including a piece of land now valued at up to US\$1 million.

Deputy Minister for Cooperatives U Than Tun was forced to front the Pyithu Hluttaw on October 6 to answer questions about the auction of the assets of the Lotearr Yadanar cooperative submitted by representative U Ye Tun from Hsipaw.

U Than Tun told parliament the ministry had disbanded the cooperative in 2011 under its powers in the 1992 cooperative law following an investigation into allegations of corruption by members.

The then-Minister for Cooperatives U Aung Kyi oversaw the auction of the cooperatives assets, including a piece of land, in June 2011, raising K300 million. U Than Tun said the ministry had the right to keep the proceeds of the auction because under the 1992 law the assets are not owned by the members.

But members dispute the ministry's version of events, saying they never broke any of the cooperative's rules and that if its assets were auctioned the proceeds should have gone to its members. They said the cooperative's problems began when a Ministry of Cooperatives department head, Captain Aung Win, became involved. He then ordered the closing of the cooperative and the auction of its assets, they said.

MILLION KYAT **3000** Amount raised from an auction of the assets of the Lotearr Yadanar

cooperative in 2011

Lotearr Yadanar members have found another ally in the form of wellknown writer Su Hnget. He said the incident highlighted

the need for reform of the legal framework for cooperatives. "This Lotearr Yadanar shoemaking cooperative was a real one; they worked collaboratively and earned profits as a result," he said.

MP U Ye Tun said he plans to submit more questions about the cooperative and is hopeful that Minister for Cooperatives U Kyaw Hsan will take steps to ensure the dispute is resolved fairly. He said the minister should personally go and explain the ministry's actions to the Lotearr Yadanar members.

The Lotearr Yadanar cooperative was formed in 1964, when it was known as Suu Paung Lote Thar.



IN PICTURES

Vendors have attacked and injured municipal staff and police who tried to remove them from the entrance of a Yangon market. U Zaw Win, the head of YCDC's Department of Markets, and members of his staff were attacked at around midnight on January 7 outside Patauk Chaung Thiri Mingalar Market in Hlaing township by a group of about 10 people, who threw sticks and stones at them. Seven people were injured and transferred to Yangon General Hospital, while the windscreen of a municipal truck was also broken. – *Toe Wai Aung*

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"For our successors we will try until the end to find the truth. These unfair cases should not exist today in Myanmar. Already, while fighting for the truth, 10 members have passed away. I feel there is no rule of law for us," he said.



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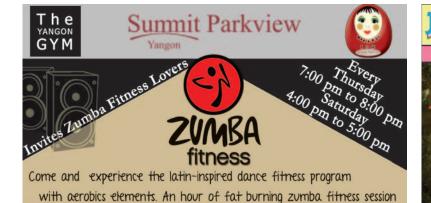
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Jailing threatens press fre



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"NONSENSE" – that is how journalists have described the jail term handed down to an Eleven Media Group reporter in the Kayah State capital Loikaw.

The three-month sentence has prompted widespread anger in the media community - both inside and outside Myanmar - with journalists staging a protest on January 7 against what they argue is a threat to media freedom.

"That kind of case would normally result in a fine. Jailing is not necessary. It is nonsense for a reporter to be jailed for trespassing. We consider this act a threat toward the media industry," said U Myint Thein of the Myanmar Journalist Network.

The network organised last week's protest, which saw journalists from a range of media organisations walk from City Hall to the Eleven Media Group office in Tarmwe township, holding signs reading "Press freedom is the life of democracy" and "We don't want threats to the media industry".

On December 7, Loikaw township court sentenced Ma Khine Khine Aye Cho, who writes for Eleven under the penname Ma Khine, to three months' imprisonment after a local lawyer accused her of trespassing, using abusive language and defamation.

The complaint was filed after Ma Khine Khine Aye Cho conducted an interview at the lawyer's house earlier on October 27. Media reports indicate she is appealing to the Loikaw district court to overturn the verdict.

U Myint Thein said a trespassing charge was not warranted because the reporter had been given permission to enter the lawyer's house. He also questioned the speed with which the judge reached the verdict.

"One time a journalist charged an actress for hitting her in public and the judge investigated the case for more than two years," he said,

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Journalists take part in a demonstration on January 7 against the jailing of Eleven Media

referring to an incident in 2010 involving actress Htet Htet Moe Oo. The actress was later convicted but received only a small fine. "Now a reporter was charged and they

'It is nonsense for a reporter to be jailed for trespassing. We consider this act a threat toward the media industry.'

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sentenced her to prison within a month."

The Myanmar Journalist Network appealed to the government on December 21 to review the sentence but has received no response. The World Association of Newspapers on December 20 wrote to President U Thein Sein expressing its concern at the sentence and calling for "an immediate investigation ... to ensure there has been no political interference or mishandling of the case".

"We are concerned that this type of punishment sends a chilling effect amongst the Myanmar media, a particularly worrying development ahead of elections in 2015," the group said.

Daily Eleven chief editor Ko Wai Phyo said Ma Khine Khine Aye Cho

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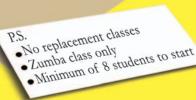
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AS dozens of Yangon journalists protested the jailing of Eleven Media Group reporter Ma Khine Khine Aye Cho on January 7, their colleagues in Mandalay were forced to

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stay silent because their request to stage a similar demonstration was rejected by Mandalay police.

Led by Ko San Yu Kyaw, the editor of *Modern* journal in Mandalay, a group applied on January 2 for permission to march to the head police office in Aung Myay Thar San township.

Their application, he said, was denied on January 5, largely on the grounds that the march would disrupt traffic. Ko San Yu Kyaw said the rejection highlighted the shortcomings of the peaceful protest law.

"In Yangon, processions were allowed in five townships when people applied but in Mandalay we applied in only one township and were denied ... We have to say the law [is applied differently] in Yangon and Mandalay," he said.

"We will keep applying to get

edom: journalists



Group journalist Ma Khine Khine Aye Cho. Photo: Boothee

had not used abusive language toward the lawyer and had been invited into the lawyer's house. However, the lawyer then became upset at her questions, he said.

At the demonstration on January 7, Eleven Media Group chief executive officer U Than Htut Aung thanked the journalists who took part. He said the protest was important not only for Ma Khine Khine Ave Cho's cause but also for protecting the rights of the media industry, which the people of Myanmar rely on for information.

"I believe the journalists are protesting not only for Ma Khine but also to protect the rights of citizens to know, to read and criticise the true news," he said. "I see this as [a protest for] freedom of journalism as well."

Mandalay to protest

permission for our procession."

After their protest was denied, Ko San Yu Kyaw said Mandalay journalists instead gathered in front of Ohbo Prison on January 7 at 11am.

Ko Min Din, a reporter who is from Mandalay, said that despite being unable to protest the journalists had Ma Khine Khine Aye Cho's plight is very much on their minds. 'We prayed for Ma Khine in Loikaw ... by standing quietly for one minute in front of the prison," Ko Min Din said. Ma Khine Khine Aye Cho is a reporter for the Eleven Media Group based in Kayah State who writes under the name Ma Khine. She was sentenced by a township court in the state capital of Loikaw in mid-December to three months in prison after being charged with defamation, trespass and the use of abusive language. She was charged by police following a complaint filed by a Loikawbased lawyer, with whom Ma Khine Khine Aye Cho had got in an argument while conducting an interview in late October.

Myanma Port Authority boosts security over theft concerns

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MYANMA Port Authority is boosting security at its seven ports to clamp down on theft, mostly aimed at vehicles and parts, managing director U Kyaw Myint said last week.

The measures include building more security guard houses, increasing the number of guards and installing CCTV cameras.

"We've drawn up some more plans to increase security for imported vehicles at the ports," he said. "We have told all the responsible people in all ports in Yangon about our plans," he said.

"Our department takes full responsibility for theft at the ports we are not responsible for what happens outside the ports."

The department will also open centres at five of the seven ports to handle customer complaints.

"Complain centres will be opened at Sule port, Bo Aung Kyaw port, Asia World port, Myanmar International Terminal Thilawa (MITT) and MIPL port," U Kyaw Myint said.

However, he said half of theft cases involving imported vehicles occurred before the vehicle had landed at a port in Yangon - either

in transit or in the country where it was bought. A further 15 percent of cases were believed by the department to happen at Myanmar ports and the remaining 35pc of cases happened after the vehicle had left port.

The Ministry of Commerce, customs and Myanma Port Authority, under the Ministry of Transport, will collaborate to reduce vehiclerelated theft, U Kyaw Myint said.

Previously, only three officials from the three government bodies checked vehicles when vessels unloaded their cargo at ports. In future, the government plans to allow the importers to know when the vessels are unloading to allow them to personally watch the process and remove the vehicles after the documentation is completed, he said.

"The shipping lines take responsibility for the security of the vehicles until they are put on the jetty, then Myanma Port Authority takes responsibility until the owners collect the vehicles," said MITT chief engineer U Mya Than.

He added that the number of CCTV cameras will nearly more than double to 27, from 11 previously.

"There are 109 security guards here and we will hire more, as well

as add more CCTV cameras," he told The Myanmar Times.

U Aung Thein Win, a spokesperson for Sule port, said many thefts took place aboard vessels before the ships reached port.

U Myat Kyaw, a spokesperson for Asia World port, said there are more than 500 vehicles parked at the facility, adding that there are enough security guards to watch over the cars.

"We have installed about 30 CCTV cameras and will now increase the number of security guards," he said. "We run three shifts of 36 staff each for security," he said.

From 2011 to 2013, Yangon's seven ports accepted 231,608 vehicles. However, many importers have failed to collect vehicles on time leaving large fleets sitting at ports and presenting an attractive target for thieves.

Speaking at Thilawa port on January 2, Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung said more than 2100 vehicles have been sitting at port for more than 60 days, with more than 400 sitting unclaimed for more than a year. He added that the ministry plans to auction the vehicles to the public.

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What is Colorectal Cancer?

The colon is the medical name for the large intestines and the rectum is the last short portion of the colon just before the anus. Cancers in the colon or rectum are collectively termed colorectal cancers,one of the top cancers in Asia.

In most cases, they begin as small, benign (non-cancerous) clumps called polyps. And because polyps usually have no symptoms, they are often not detected, unless picked up during a chance screening. Most medical guidelines recommend screening to start at age 50 but it is best to start earlier if you have a family history of the disease. Once it has developed into colorectal

cancer, symptoms may vary depending on the cancer's size and location: • Some people may experience a change

in bowel habits (such as diarrhoea or constipation)Blood in the stool.

· Abdominal discomfort (such as cramps, gas or pain). • Weakness, fatigue or unexplained

ties in the large intestines and rectum. It is performed using a colonoscope flexible tube about the thickness of an index finger attached to a tiny camera and light source, which is inserted into the rectum.

The procedure is also used to perform biopsies, remove intestinal polyps and diagnose other intestinal problems. It is, therefore, both diagnostic and therapeutic and is done as an outpatient procedure with minimal discomfort



Treatment Options

Three main treatment options are available: chemotherapy, radiation therapy and surgery.

· Chemotherapy, is usually used when the cancer has spread beyond the walls of the colon or to the lymph nodes. The drugs may be initiated before surgery to control the growth of the cancer, after surgery to get rid of any remaining cancer cells, or to relieve symptoms.

radiation therapy may be used before surgery to shrink large tumours so that they can be more easily removed or after the operation to destroy any remaining cancer cells. It can also be used in combination with chemotherapy to reduce the risk of the cancer recurring after it has been surgically removed from the rectum.

The most common treatment however is surgery to remove the cancer. Various surgical techniques are used depending on he size and location of the cancer:

. If the cancer is detected at a very early stage or in a polyp, it can be removed without even cutting through the abdominal walls during a colonoscopy. In the case of some larger polyps, keyhole surgery may be used. Here, the polyp is removed through several small holes created in the abdominal wall.

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Rare display of martial arts form

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MYANMAR'S martial artists paid tribute to their mentors and teachers recently to celebrate and raise awareness for a form of the sport called thaing byaung byan.

During the January 4 ceremony in Mandalay, thaing byaung byan experts, as well as those from other martial art sports, demonstrated their talents in the two attack approaches, which are known as bando and banshay.

Martial artist U Aung Naing Tun said that while most people have heard of the sport few people have seen it in practice. "Most people have never seen it ... [We want to] generate public interest in it," said U Aung Naing Tun, who is considered a *thaing* byaung byan master.

The sport was created by a bodyguard of a Shan hereditary chief named U Che. U Kyaw Saung, who has helped to spread knowledge of it across Myanmar, said he hoped

encourage young people to take up training.

"I'm glad when I see young peo-

ple protecting this kind of martial art, so that it does not disappear from the world."

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Teachers, students grapple with new instruction method

Despite training, evidence suggests child centred-approach is proving difficult to implement



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AS part of long-term overhauls to the education system made public in October 2013, a new classroom teaching method involving more interaction between students and teachers is being rolled out nationwide to 2015.

Under the child-centred approach (CCA) to learning, students are encouraged to ask questions rather than simply answer them. The method is meant to teach students to explore concepts instead of merely memorising facts, making them more active thinkers but it has also proven hard to introduce in Myanmar classrooms because of a lack of training and resources, teachers and experts say.

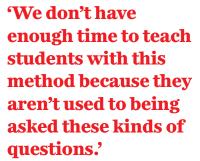
Along with early childhood and higher education, CCA was one of several topics discussed by 18 working groups formed in October and brought together by the Ministry of Education at Yangon's Diamond Jubilee Hall last month as part of ongoing discussions about national education policy.

Naw Joanna Doe, of the CCA working group, said that under the old system "children can't ask questions back to the teacher when they don't know something. Also, teachers can't give students practice in learning how to ask."

CCA, in contrast, emphasises "a child's conception, thinking, innovating and problem-solving", she said.

But before children can change their learning styles, teachers need to change

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Daw Ei Ei Khine High school teacher, Ahlone township

their teaching styles - and that means undergoing training themselves, to become more comfortable fostering an open-ended and inquisitive classroom environment.

Teacher training for CCA - which is primarily being adopted in primary education - began in 93 towns in 2012 and 85 towns in 2013, and will continue in 82 towns in both 2014 and 2015.

As part of the roll-out, follow-up assessments will be made to determine just how successfully CCA is being embraced in the classroom, Naw Joanna Doe said, and the results will be discussed regularly with local education officials. Early results indicate that both teachers and students are currently "very weak" in asking questions, she added.

U Tun Hla, another CCA working group member, said that when they checked schools that had already started the initiative they found "teachers don't know exactly how to teach and use CCA".

An expert in the martial art form thaing byaung byan conducts a demonstration on January 4 in Mandalay. Photo: Than Naing-Soe

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Teachers say they have also experienced difficulty putting the CCA method into practice in classrooms, with large class sizes making it particularly problematic. Daw Ei Ei Khine from Basic Education High School 4 Ahlone said that CCA will benefit students when taught from the start of their educational lives but is challenging to introduce to those already mid-stream.

'We don't have enough time to teach students with this method because they aren't used to being asked these kinds of questions," she said. "I think it will be good if the students learn this way starting from when they are young. Each student is not at the same level, so we have to negotiate with all students to make time."





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Delta eroding as rivers silt up



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MARINE erosion is shrinking the delta, an environmental assessment workshop in Yangon heard last month, while the Ayeyarwady River is becoming increasingly clogged with sediment, reducing its flow.

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About 13 square kilometres (5 square miles) of land along the Ayeyarwady coast are being lost each year - a trend that remained steady from 1990 to 2006, according to U Maung Maung Aye, an expert in fluvial geomorphology.

Natural and manmade changes along the Ayeyarwady's length have also left the river clogged with sediment - 330 million tonnes a year, researchers estimate, compared to 261 million tonnes in the 19th century.

As a result, U Maung Maung Aye told a workshop last month, the "discharge of our mighty Ayeyarwady



Number of square kilometres of land lost to erosion each year in the Ayeywardy delta

has significantly decreased over the past 100 years".

A retired rector at the Yangon University of Distance Education, U Maung Maung Aye is now chief adviser at the Myanmar Environment Institute. He said his conclusions were based on a long-term analysis of aerial photos, ground photos and geographical maps.

As the river silts up, he said, people living in the delta face greater difficulties earning their living.

"The chain reaction of damages to the river system will affect agriculture, biodiversity and the ecosystem that locals depend on for their livelihood," he said.

Speaking at the workshop, a resident of Kyaw Zan village group, in Ayeyarwady Region's Mawlamyinegyun township, said that one of the branches of the Ayeyarwady River in the delta area, the War Rakhine river, has become heavily silted.

"War Rakhine river was quite a big river and an important transportation link between Yangon and Kyaw Zan for large ferries over last 50 years," he said. "Now the river has silted up and changed to a small creek. Only small boats can pass during summertime."

Other small river branches nearby had also dried up, he said. "These changes delay the fresh water flow and increase salt intrusion, which affects drinking water and growing summer paddy.'

He blamed improper disposal of polluted water from rice mills and other local businesses, as well as pesticides and chemical fertilisers from



Fishermen try to push a boat into the sea after repairing it in Ngapudaw township, Ayeyarwady Region. Photo: AFP

farms, for the reduction in volume of the river's flow. The destruction of mangrove forests in the area had also hastened the degradation of rivers and creeks in the village group, he said.

While there are a number of theories, the exact factors in the decline of delta waterways are unclear.

U Soe Myint, retired director general of the Ministry of Transport's Department of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems, said lack of conservation programs has led to the "degradation" of the Ayeyarwady River.

"Water levels have significantly decreased since 1998," he said, "but we don't know why because there has been no research on it." This lack of study is something U

Maung Maung Aye aims to correct.

"The Ayeyarwady is our national river. It is very important for our country. We can say the history of the country has developed based on that river. But we don't have systematic research and data ... This is the huge need for our country."

Research should take a "holistic approach" to the whole river basin, U Maung Maung Aye said. He suggested a National Commission for the Development of Ayeyarwady Basin be formed, to bring together experts from various sectors in support of sustainable development along the river.

SNDP rules out merger

SHAN Nationalities Democratic Party members appear to have put paid to any chance of the two major ethnic Shan parties joining forces before the 2015 election.

The Shan Nationalities League for Democracy had proposed a merger but under current party registration rules this would have required both groups to dissolve their existing parties.

At a conference in Muse Township, northern Shan State, on January 8 and 9, more than 1000 SNDP members from Shan and Kachin states and Sagaing Region voted against dissolving their party.

Chairman U Sai Aik Paung said the decision meant it would be "impossible" for the two parties to merge. The SNDP will, however, accept any SNLD members who want to join its ranks.

General secretary 1 U Sai Phoe Aung said he believed the conference had closed the door on any merger prior to the 2015 election.

The SNDP was registered in April 2010 and has the third-largest number of hluttaw representatives, with 22 in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and 36 in state and region hluttaws.

The SNLD won the most constituencies in Shan State in the 1990 election. It was disbanded after boycotting the 2010 election but re-registered in May 2012.

Chairman U Khun Tun Oo said last week the SNLD is only ready to merge if the SNDP brings its policies into line with those of his party. - Wa Lone

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Daw Suu presses army over constitution

But opposition politicians have criticised National League for Democracy leader for only pushing amendments that benefit her party



DAW Aung San Suu Kyi has used her Independence Day speech to stress the importance of the military's involvement in amending the constitution. Some opposition parties, however, have accused her of only focusing on amendments that benefit her party and failing to cooperate with other political groups.

Speaking at the National League for Democracy's head office in Yangon, she said the army should assist efforts to amend the constitution in the interests of national reconciliation.

"We can't just leave the army behind," she told party members. "Amending the constitution is important for the army and its role [in the amendment process] is also very important.



Number of submissions received by the parliamentary committee reviewing the 2008 constitution

"We must recognise that the army is part of the country. We can't ignore that. So whatever we do, we need to cooperate with the army and the army should be respectful to the public's wishes.

She also criticised the government for its statements that amendments are only the responsibility of the parliament.

"The government can't stay away from this issue. It concerns everyone ... We will achieve nothing if we just ignore the issues and problems."

She said the NLD submitted its recommendations on constitutional amendments to a 109-member parliamentary committee formed to review the constitution by the December 31 deadline. The committee, which has seven NLD representatives, now has until January 31 to submit its findings to parliament.

"In our recommendations, we clearly stated why we want to change these parts of the constitution." she said.

In a notice published in state media on January 1, the committee said it had received more than 28,000 submissions containing more than 323,000 suggested amendments. Sections 1 and 12. which focus on the basic principles of the union and the process of amending the constitution respectively, received the most suggestions, with more than 100,000 each. Section 3, which effectively bars Daw Aung San Suu Kyi from the presidency, received only 3369, the committee said.

U Khin Maung Swe, who broke away from the NLD to co-found the



Independence Day at the NLD headquarters in Yangon on January 4. Photo: AFP

National Democratic Force in 2010, criticised Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's approach to the issue last week. He said she was only pushing for amendments that benefit her party.

"The constitution amendments process is a cooperative process and we cooperate with other parties," he said. "But she hasn't cooperated at all with other parties or democratic forces."

U Saw Than Kyaw Oo, an adviser to the Kayin Democratic Party, suggested that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is also failing to consider the needs of ethnic communities.

"Although I welcome her efforts to change the constitution, I think she should focus not only on removing restrictions to become a president but also to change [sections in order to strengthen] the rights of ethnic communities," he said.

To strengthen her campaign for constitutional change, Daw Aung San Suu Kvi has also tried to invoke the support of the international community - with some success. Standing beside the NLD leader in London, British Prime Minister David Cameron promised to "build international pressure" for change that would make her eligible for the presidency

"It would be completely wrong for elections to be held under a constitution that really excludes one person - who happens to be the leader of democracy in Burma - to be excluded from the highest office in the land. Those would be no elections at all in my view. Those would not be democratic elections," he said.

As long-time Myanmar analyst Andrew Selth has noted, her reliance on the international community to push for change is a "risky strategy" - one that, during the military regime, failed to vield results.

Not all are as forthright as Mr Cameron on the issue. Speaking to The Myanmar Times last week. United States ambassador to Derek Mitchell said only that "it seems curious" that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is barred from the presidency because her children are foreign citizens.

"I can understand perhaps in 1947, even in 1974," he said, referring to Myanmar's previous constitutions, "[that] there might be a constitutional provision that reflects fear of family connections to the outside world. But not in the 21st century, in a new, open democratic Burma that seeks to integrate itself to the world. This provision, this fear, seems a relic of the past.

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Govt eyes ASEAN Charter review

Introduced in 2008, the regional bloc's constitution can be reviewed at least five years after coming into force



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AS part of its duties as chair of ASEAN in 2014, Myanmar will lead debate on reviewing the ASEAN Charter, according to a government official.

The charter, which acts as a constitution for the regional bloc, was adopted in November 2007, 40 years after the grouping was established. It came into force on December 15, 2008, after being ratified by all 10 member countries. According to ASEAN's website, the charter establishes the bloc's legal and institutional framework and "codifies ASEAN norms, rules and values", serving as a legally binding contract for members.

Article 50 of the charter says the document "may be reviewed five years after its entry into force or as

otherwise determined by the ASEAN Summit".

As five years have now passed since the charter became effective, Myanmar will take the initiative in leading a meeting to review it, said U Aung Htoo, a deputy director general of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' ASEAN Affairs Department.

"We will organise a group at the deputy minister level to assess ASEAN's institutions – mostly which ones must be ... shrunk or reduced," U Aung Htoo said, adding that Myanmar also hoped to simplify some of the bloc's operating procedures.

Some bloc members have expressed an interest in reviewing the ASEAN Charter, including the Philippines, which is pressing to reduce the number of annual ASEAN summits from two to one.

Although rumours have swirled about amendments to the charter, no firm decision has yet been made, according to Danny Chian Siong Lee, director of community affairs development at the ASEAN Secretariat. Nor, he said, can Myanmar act unilaterally, even while it is the chair.

"There is still no confirmation on the review of the ASEAN Charter. As chair of ASEAN in 2014, Myanmar can suggest starting the review, but from what I understand, all the member states must agree before the exercise can begin," he told *The Myanmar Times*.

Ko Kyaw Lin Oo, a coordinator of the Myanmar People's Forum working group, said Myanmar should strengthen the charter's human rights provisions. Members should also collaborate with civil society if

'All the member states must agree before the exercise can begin.'

> Danny Chian Sion Lee ASEAN Secretariat

they do push on with the charter review, he said.

Yuyun, a human rights activist based in Indonesia, told *The Myanmar Times* by email that as chair of ASEAN, Myanmar needs to assess the extent to which the commitments of the charter have been implemented so far, such as the dispute settlement mechanism and the ASEAN centrality mechanism aimed at creating more tightly knit bonds between member nations.

The priority, Ms Yuyun said, should be to strengthen the Secretariat and facilitate tighter connections among the regional community, as well as build stronger ties between ASEAN nations and other regional and international entities.

"ASEAN should build its capacity and be empowered to take part in re-shaping the global order of the global community of nations, such as in the area of peace and security," she said. "ASEAN member states should transcend nationalism and be mindful of their collective regional and global interests." **IN BRIEF**

Visa-free deal with Philippines begins

A visa exemption agreement between Myanmar and the Philippines has come into effect from January 4.

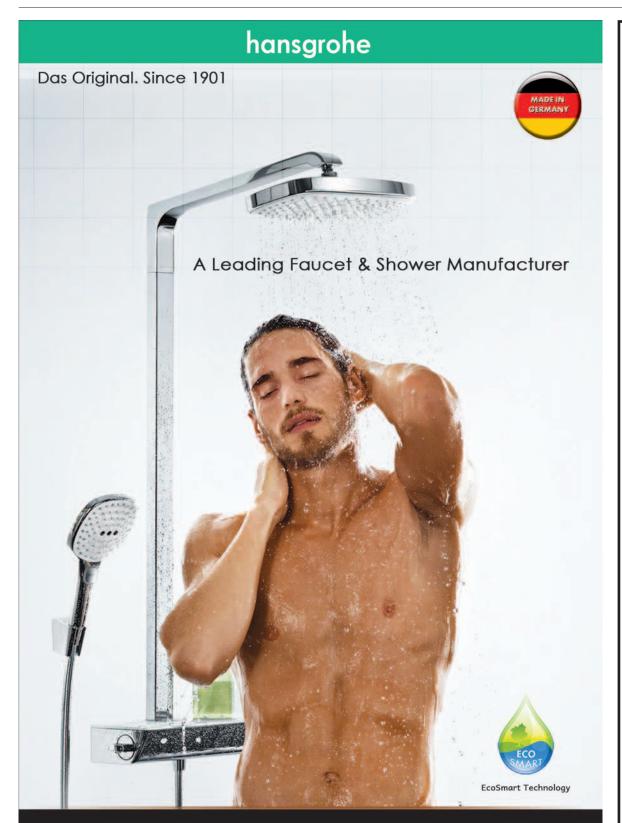
The agreement was signed on December 5, 2013, during President U Thein Sein's state visit to the Philippines.

Under the agreement, citizens of either country who hold ordinary passports valid for at least six months are exempt from entry, exit and transit visas for up to 14 days.

Those who want to stay for more than 14 days have to apply for a visa.

Myanmar has secured similar agreements with a number of Southeast Asian countries. A visa exemption deal with Vietnam came into effect on October 26, while an agreement with Cambodia was signed on December 12.

Thailand and Indonesia have agreed in principle to the arrangement but the formal signing has not yet taken place. – Zaw Win Than



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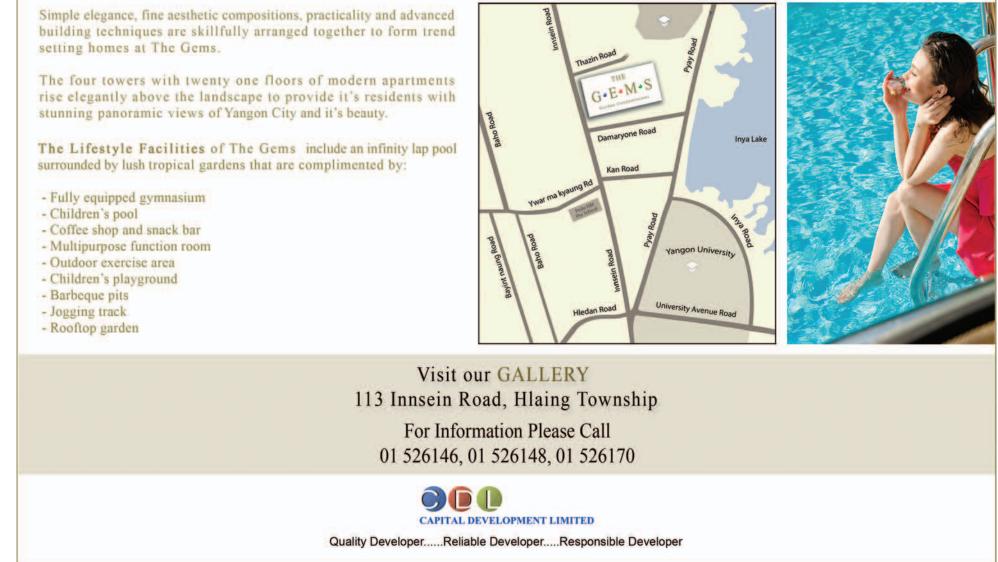
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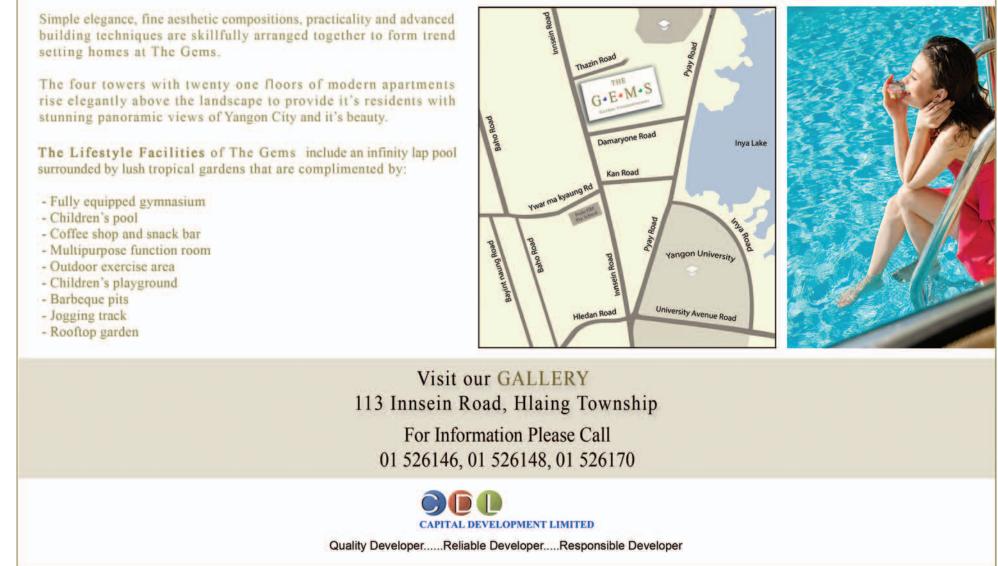
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Japan pledges more aid for border areas

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JAPAN has pledged more than US\$95 million to support Myanmar's reform process through encouraging national reconciliation, boosting livelihoods and bringing peace to conflict-affected areas.

"Peace between the Myanmar government and ethnic minorities is essential to Myanmar's stability and development," Japanese ambassador Mikio Numata said at a press conference at Chatrium Hotel on January 6. The conference was also attended by Yohei Sasakawa, Japan's special envoy for national reconciliation in Myanmar.

"The government of Japan welcomes the concessions that both sides are currently making toward the nationwide agreement on ceasefires in Myanmar," Mr Numata said, adding that Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and President U Thein Sein discussed the issue during their meeting on December 15.

"Taking this momentum as an opportunity, the Japan government recently decided to provide up to 10

billion yen (\$95.3 million) for the next t five years depending on progress in the peace process."

The aid aims to improve livelihoods, support capacity building, build institutions and develop infrastructure needed for economic development.

"This will be implemented alongside existing Japanese support to Myanmar," Mr Numata said. "We haven't decided [which areas] to support for the moment because we are waiting for the result of ceasefire agreement between the government and ethnic community.

"Depending on the result, we will decide which areas to provide aid to."

Mr Sasakawa said Japanese civil organisation will implement projects with the funding. He said they will have to meet certain criteria, such as approval from both the government and ethnic minorities.

Mr Numata said the decision to provide the support was based in part on advice from Mr Sasakawa, who has been working for peace between the government and ethnic minorities in Myanmar for many years and took up the post of special envoy in February 2013.

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IN BRIEF

Tatmadaw officers get human rights, transparency training

More than 20 high-ranking Tatmadaw officers are receiving training in governance, accountability and human rights from experts from the United Kingdom's Defence Academy.

The two-week program, which concludes this week, will also cover civil-military relations, international humanitarian law, and civilian and democratic control of the military, the British embassy said in a statement. In the second week the focus of the training will shift to defence management. Thirty government officials are taking part, including 22 Tatmadaw officers.

The British embassy in Yangon's defence attaché, Colonel Tony Stern, said the course has been delivered in more than 60 countries over the past 14 years and "provides valuable lessons and practical advice to transitional democracies on securityrelated issues".

"It is intended that developing deeper military-military relations, based on a common appreciation of and adherence to international norms and standards, will assist Burma as it continues its political transformation.

"The course has started extremely well ... The commitment to learn is clear and it is good to see the exchange of ideas. The instructors and students are learning much from each other." – Thomas Kean

Single-use SIM cards on sale at three international airports Foreign visitors now have more op-

tions to access the local mobile phone network, the state operator says.

Myanma Posts and Telecommunications is selling one-time-use GSM SIM cards at three international airports for visitors, while a recent international roaming agreement means they can make calls with SIM cards issued in other countries.

The SIM cards, which come with K20,000 credit and cannot be recharged, are on sale at Yangon, Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw airports.

"We are selling these cards to make it easier for foreign visitors to communicate while they are in Myanmar," said U Thein Hote, deputy general manager of MPT.

Meanwhile, on December 20, MPT signed an agreement with Francebased Orange Telecom that will allow customers of 64 operators from 33 countries to use their SIM cards while in Myanmar. – Aung Kyaw Nyunt

Police push gold shop owners to install CCTV cameras

Police are urging gold shop owners in Yangon to install closed circuit television systems to prevent theft.

Western District police spokesperson Lieutenant Colonel Win Kyie told a Myanmar Gold Entrepreneurs Association meeting on January 7 that CCTV networks would help to prevent crime.

"CCTV cameras are necessary at shops to prevent robberies," he said. "And if a theft occurs it is much easier to find the offenders. Lt Col Win Kyie said the number of thefts at gold shops was on the rise. "We found that most perpetrators are people who have robbed shops after doing drugs. Some of the criminals carefully studied the shops before they robbed them to ensure they attacked when security was weakest," he said. The meeting was held to educate shop owners about the increasing threat posed by thieves following recent crimes in Mandalay, said association chair U Thu Daw. Maung Kane gold shop in Mandalay was robbed on December 24 by a man who was later found to have been using drugs. Similarly, Kaung Myat gold shop in Mandalay was robbed in 2006 by a robber wielding a fake rifle and grenade. - Toe Wai Aung and Aung Kyaw Min

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Foundation launched to fight cancer

NEWLY diagnosed breast cancer patients, as well as those with some types of early-stage haematological cancer, can now seek financial support for treatment through a local foundation.

Shwe Yaung Hnin Si Foundation was set up on December 29 to help improve access to cancer treatment and care.

The foundation will give financial assistance and support to needy cancer patients who have a good chance of recovery with treatment, said foundation secretary Dr Myo Aung Kyaw.

Patients with potentially curable cases can apply for financial assistance with a recommendation from their oncologist or haematologist. Their request will then be considered by the foundation's treatment support team.

Health minister Dr Pe Thet Khin said at the foundation's launch that Myanmar is experiencing an "alarming" increase in non-communicable diseases, with cancer-related illness now the top health burden in Myanmar.

The minister said he "very much appreciates" the foundation's activities, particularly its work to improve awareness of the disease.

The inspiration for Shwe Yaung Hnin Si came from U Myint Thein, the late chief executive officer of Mrko Group, who died of pancreatic cancer last year. U Myint Thein's younger sister gave an initial endowment of K10 million to the foundation, which was formally registered two months ago. It now has around K80 million in donations. – *Shwe Yee Saw Myint*

Government prepares for new crop insurance system

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FARMERS in Myanmar may soon have a new option for insurance – one which allows them compensation for a poor harvest based on overall rainfall amounts tailored to their region rather than requiring proof of damage to crops.

Known as "trickle" insurance, it is more popular with insurance companies because unlike crop insurance it does not require an assessment of damage. Rather, compensation is calculated based on rainfall in a particular area, Deputy Minister for Finance U Maung Maung Thein said.

"It is difficult to calculate the amount of insurance payouts [under crop insurance] so insurance companies don't want to practise it," he said.

He said the new system, which the government hopes to put in place soon, will make the process simpler and be more attractive to insurers.

"For example, if the average rainfall in an area is lower or higher than normal the company provides compensation for crops without checking to see if the crops are damaged or not. This is the latest system," he said, adding that it had been introduced in Thailand in 2012.

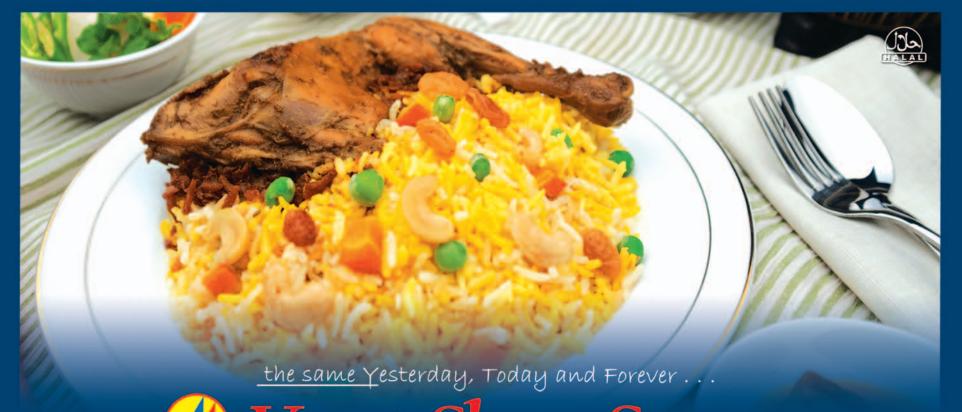
He made the comments at a meeting on the Protecting Rights and Enhancing Economic Welfare of Farmers Law, which was approved by



parliament in late 2013.

There are currently two kinds of insurance for farmers, he said. The old system is called crop insurance and requires the insurance company to compensate the farmer based on how much paddy was damaged in a flood or other natural disaster. U Maung Maung Thein said the old system is a difficult one.

But before introducing the new insurance system, U Maung Maung Thein – a former general manager of state-run Myanma Insurance – said the government needed to undertake more research. He indicated a pilot program might be undertaken before a national roll-out. "The amount of rainfall needs to be fixed according to the region ... so [the insurance] needs to be implemented in collaboration with the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology. It also needs the government's help. We need to take a year at least to see it as a successful system here." *— Translation by Thiri Min Htun*



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Doctors receive training in emergency response

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EMERGENCY healthcare experts now graduating could substantially reduce the number of patients who die unnecessarily, experts say. In October, 18 emergency specialists completed a course they began in June last vear that trained them in emergency response.

Dr Zaw Wai Soe, an orthopaedics and trauma surgeon at Yangon General Hospital, told The Myanmar Times that, with Australian assistance, the Ministry of Health is establishing the specialty of emergency medicine for the first time.

The graduates, already specialists in various medical disciplines, received their diplomas after completing courses established under an agreement between the ministry, the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine and the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons.

"An emergency specialist is one who provides care for patients with acute illnesses or injuries which require immediate medical attention. He or she needs general expertise across many areas," Dr Zaw Wai Soe said.

"In our country, when the patient is in an emergency situation, doctors with different specialties have to respond based on their specialties. But



A traffic policeman sits inside an ambulance. Photo: Staff

the emergency specialist can provide emergency medical care in all aspects," he said.

The Australian colleges, in cooperation with the University of Medicine 1, Yangon, will provide a second diploma course to local specialists next February.

"The candidates who took the course are already specialists. We have to provide the skills training in emergency medicine," Dr Antony Chenhall, an emergency physician of the Roval Australasian College of Surgeons, told The Myanmar Times.

"In 2015, we aim to provide a master's degree in emergency medicine. Those who have finished the diploma course will be the local instructors at the medical universities.

The emergency medicine development plan also includes the training of nurses and paramedics, and the health ministry is also planning to establish an emergency ambulance system.

"Myanmar's emergency system is not very modern or well organised," said Dr Chenhall. "Not all patients are getting the treatment they need at the right time."

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The Australian Embassy in Yangon is a medium sized diplomatic agency representing the Australian Government in Myanmar. It is staffed by employees of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Australian Federal Police, the Department of Immigration and Border Protection, the Australian Trade Commission and the Department of Defence. The Australian Embassy is seeking applications for the following position:

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Note:

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3. Applicants unable to receive a clearance will not be employed.

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FEATURE

India's disabled on the move with 'Jaipur Foot'

For almost 40 years the Jaipur Foot Foundation has been providing India's disabled with prosthetic legs so they can regain their lost mobility and live normal lives



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"WHO would like to compete with him?"

A young, strong-looking man from Fiji steps forward to answer the challenge, issued by a man with prosthetic legs. They pace out the track together and, when the signal is given, they take off. To the surprise of almost everyone, the man with the prosthetic legs crosses the finish line first.

Except one person. The foot-race challenge was initiated by the founder of the Jaipur Foot Foundation, Dr Devendra Raj Mehta, to explain to visiting journalists the organisation's history and work. Dr Mehta has his own experience with disability, as he survived a life-threatening road



Number of free prosthetic legs Jaipur Foot Foundation has distributed since its establishment in 1975

accident nearly 40 years ago. One of his legs was crushed in the accident and he only narrowly escaped amputation. As he lay in his hospital bed for five months recovering from the accident, he pondered the difficulties that disabled people, particularly the underprivileged, face in getting artificial limbs.





A man with a prosthetic leg from Jaipur Foot Foundation competes in a race outside the foundation's headquarters in Jaipur, India. Photo: Aung Shin

The experience after that accident prompted him to set up, in 1975, the Jaipur Foot Foundation, which is also known as Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti.

Since then the foundation has provide free prosthetic limbs to about 1.3 million people. The aim, he says, is to help people regain their mobility, self-respect and dignity and become self-reliant members of the community.

The foundation's compound is in central Jaipur, a picturesque pinktoned city loaded with historical treasures. On the day I visited, the reception area was bustling with people – some standing, some walking and others sitting on benches. Most had some form of physical disability. The smell of lime, which is one of a number of materials used to make the limbs, filled the air, while the sound of tools in the workshop blended with the voices of those outside.

"I just arrived today," said a man in the reception area told me. "I lost my leg during a bike accident last year."

Soon after arriving, Dr Mehta stands in front of us. A good-natured man, he answers every question eagerly, with a big smile. His tone, however, turns serious when he is asked about the foundation's budget. "We have many difficulties running this large organisation. But fundraising is the main problem for us because every year we get only US\$1.5 million. It is only half of our yearly expenses," he said. "We receive donations, but more funding is still needed." The foundation's budget is comprised of donations from the Indian government, funding from international organisations and pledges from individual donors. Jaipur Foot Foundation says it is one of the world's largest organisations for handicapped people. People from all over the world come to its 22 branches across India to benefit from its services. Most receive prosthetic limbs, but some also undergo surgery: Dr Mehta said more than 7000 operations have been performed since the foundation was set up.

The foundation is also famous for spreading artificial limb technology all over India. When individuals cannot reach the centre because of their disability, Dr Mehta said the foundation tries to go to them via a mobile service.

On the day we arrive, at least 50 patients are awaiting treatment and consultation to fit prosthetics for their legs. Up to 100 people come to the centre each day, the majority suffering from injuries sustained in road accidents.

'We receive donations, but more funding is still needed.'

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- Proficient in English and Myanmar languages.
- Proven reliability, honesty and integrity with strong leadership and interpersonal skill.
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The artificial limbs made at Jaipur Foot Foundation are of high-quality materials, said Dr Mehta, and allow wearers to sit, run, squat, walk and swim with their new limbs – even climb in trees and go cycling. A "Jaipur Foot" can be used with or without shoes for at least three-and-a-half years.

Limbs produced at the compound and its satellite sites can be ready within one to three days. The foundation also provides other mobility aids such as wheelchairs, hand-pedalled tricycles, and crutches.

"We would like to contribute our kindness and technology in any country," Dr Mehta said. "We want to help handicapped people. But we need the help of government and donors supporting the disabled. We are now trying to connect more countries in recent years." Our above mentioned client has instructed us and wishes us to bring to the notice of the trade and public that they attach singular importance to their abovementioned trademark and that legal action will be taken against any person or persons who act in infringement of the rights of our client.

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Business

Insurance firms suffer under restri

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OUTDATED policies, uncompetitive premiums and restrictive procedures imposed by the government's Insurance Business Supervisory Board (IBSB) are hindering efforts by newly established insurance firms to find their feet ahead of a plan to open the market to international firms next year, according to industry sources.

Several privately run local insurance firms have opened for business since June last year when 12 companies were granted licences. The opening of the market broke a six-decade monopoly held by state-run Myanma Insurance.

But with several international firms waiting to enter the market, local insurers are worried that restrictive policies imposed by the IBSB will make it difficult for them to succeed.

As opposed to most international markets, which allow firms to offer competitive prices for their services, the IBSB has predetermined the price of premiums and limited the number of policies private firms can offer to just six, making it difficult for the young local insurers to distinguish themselves from one another, insurers said.

"They [the IBSB] control everything we do as we cannot alter any policy or be true risk managers as the premiums are all set," said one industry source who asked not to be named out of fear of repercussions. "It is going to be very difficult for the insurers to become established with the limited number of covers we can offer that are also very basic and poorly worded," the source said. "Given that each company is marketing the same products/premiums, the main difference between them is the service they provide to accompany premiums."

While premiums are set, the methods in which they are calculated are also inefficient, industry players said.

With regard to motor insurance, the IBSB requires set premiums based on a grading system that lumps the age of the driver and the type of vehicle into general categories, making it impossible, for example, to give a 65-year-old driver and a 90-year-old driver different rates, said Kunio Asaoka, Myanmar chief representative of Japanese-based insurance firm Tokio Marine and Nichido Fire Insurance Co Ltd.

Moreover, some premiums are set too low and generate losses for insurers, said U Soe Win Thant, general manager of Global World Insurance. Such is the case with snake bite insurance, a popular policy with farmers that generally costs just K500.

"It needs to be updated to something a bit more, perhaps to K5000," he said.

Premiums aside, the regulatory board also requires each of the firms use IBSB-written actuary forms to assess potential clients, though those documents are dated, difficult to understand and sometimes only in English, while essential questions are missing.

"Some documents such as the

'Because [the insurance market] is young it is still not so sophisticated, as the questionnaires, in ways, are not adequate'

Kunio Asaoka Tokio Marine and Nichido Fire Insurance

A woman fills out an application to buy insurance at an IKBZ Insurance Co office in Yangon. Photo: Boothee

questionnaire forms, are confusing to the customers. These things need to change [for there] to be more trust between customers and the companies," said U Soe Win Thant, adding that such IBSB-issued forms, which insurers are not allowed to alter, are replicated from those in other countries, making some questions redundant.

Copies of actuary forms assessing clients for life insurance policies, obtained by *The Myanmar Times*, show a number of imperative questions about the health of the client are missing, making it difficult for firms to accurately calculate risk.

While lung cancer kills nearly 7000

people per year in Myanmar, according to the World Health Organization, the forms do not ask whether a client is a smoker.

The forms also fail to ask if the client uses alcohol, or betel nut, or has a record of dangerous driving.

To make matters worse, many questions on the forms are poorly worded, incomprehensible and sometimes only in English, creating confusion on both the part of the insurer and customer.

"It has already created some arguments when the claims appear," U Soe Win Thant said.

To get around the problem, several firms have resorted to making their

own questionnaires, a procedure not sanctioned by the IBSB.

"To be frank, there was no insurance market in Myanmar until last year and so because it is young it is still not so sophisticated, as the questionnaires, in ways, are not adequate and quite primitive," said Mr Asaoka of Tokio Marine and Nichido Fire Insurance, adding that it was likely these issues would be ironed out as the sector develops.

He said that even if firms were selfregulated, there is still not enough data on Myanmar available for them to properly assess risk, while safety standards are low.

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"Many traffic accidents are not reported ... and in terms of fire insurance, there are no sprinklers in the buildings, so once a fire occurs it tends to spread more than in other countries," he said, adding that data issues should start to be addressed with the establishment of an insurance association expected for later this year.

U Aye Min Thein, chairman of Insurance Business Supervisory Board, said the issues would be dealt with in time.

"We plan to liberalize those policies that are out of date and add more services, but we cannot tell exactly when," he said. Local insurance firms were required to deposit K46 billion (US\$46.66 million) in capital to Myanma Economic Bank in order to establish an operation, an amount firms claim will be difficult to make up in the coming years. In an effort to get an edge in the market, however, firms are reaching into their pockets again by offering to cover certain expenses usually incurred by the clients.

"Some companies are offering to pay medical check-up expenses that are not included in the policy, so they are competing beyond the legal framework," said Global World Insurance's U Soe Win Thant, adding that his firm has generated just K90 million in revenue, or about \$91,200, since opening his business seven months ago.

That is opposed to state-run Myanma Insurance, who posted earnings of about \$47 million in the 2012-13 fiscal year.

Despite these problems, experts agree that these issues will begin to sort themselves out as the market evolves.

However given the nascent stage of the market, some insurers argue current premium restrictions are actually conducive to sustainable growth of the sector.

"It is a sensitive and difficult situation, but in order to let the market grow in a sound manner, it will be necessary to have this kind of policy in place for now," said Mr Asaoka, adding Japan maintained a similar model for the first 10 years the insurance sector was open as a measure of protecting it from over-competition.

"Too much free market could lead to deficits," he said.

Private insurers will also soon be entrusted to offer more services, with plans in the works to increase the number of premiums to 10, up from six currently.

"If we make the rules too strict, those firms cannot do anything, but if we liberalise it too much, the market will fall down," said U Lwin Oo, assistant general manager of Myanma Insurance, adding that it will be easier to modify the rules once the insurance law is updated this year.

Mercury, cyanide treatment in gold mines destroying land, says miner

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A RUSSIAN mining company prospecting in the Hukawng Valley region of upper Sagaing Region said its business interests as well as continued prospects for gold mining in the area are being hindered by thousands of illegal miners.

The company, Nobel Gold, said they are concerned that these alleged illegal miners are using mercury and cyanide to increase the volume of gold extraction in the area, a process that destroys land.

"It is a serious problem," the company's project manager, Grigory Stepanov, told *The Myanmar Times*. "More than 10,000 illegal miners and 70 private mining companies [have been] extracting gold in the area since two years ago.

"Most of the illegal miners use mercury in order to increase the volume of gold extraction. This chemical is widely sold in local markets for K1000 per 10 gallons."

A total of 34 local companies have permission to mine in 55 gold mining blocks in Bangmauk township, according to government data. In Sagaing Region, there are 135 com-

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panies with permission to mine 238 blocks.

In February 2011 Nobel Gold received permission from the Ministry of Mines to prospect for gold and associated minerals in a concession measuring 1246 square kilometres (about 308,000 acres).

But over the past two years it has had difficulty conducting surveys in the area because of illegal miners, said Mr Stepanov.

"In conformity with Myanmar and international law, Nobel Gold does not use mercury and other poisonous chemicals," he said.

U Kyaw Thet, director of the Department of Mining under the Ministry of Mines, said he is aware of the extraneous miners and plans to quell the issue with new provisions in a



Firms with permission to mine in Sagaing Region

revamping of the 1994 Mining Law, expected for this year.

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"We have put a section regarding eradication of illegal mining in the revision of the mining law which is going to be discussed in the coming Parliament session," he said.

U Than Htaik, regional minister for forestry, mines and energy in the Sagaing Region government, said there has been limited government action taken despite the long-standing problem.

"They have been there for a long time earning a small amount of daily income for their families. We have talked to them and encouraged them to stop," he said, adding that the government has also tried granting workers authorisation to work in Myanmar as a registered company, though it did little to stop the problem.

Nobel Gold is a branch company of Russian oil company Nobel Oil. The company is working on an onshore field named U-ru block (B-2) in Homelin township in Sagaing Region.

After their exploration licence expires in March 2014, Nobel Gold will get a licence for the feasibility stage of its project, Mr Stepanov said.



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an additional public offering of new ordinary shares on January 9. The additional offering of 250,000 shares will be sold at K10,000 each, the same price as the initial share offering that closed on January 8.

After an "overwhelming" response to the initial offering of 2,500,000 new ordinary shares, which was sold in its entirety. unable to meet demand the investment holding company has opened an additional 10 percent for purchase.

The additional offering is open for 10 business days, closing at 6pm on January 22. Subscriptions can be placed at the FMI Share Department Trading Centre.

"We want to thank FMI shareholders for their support of the rights issue and their continued confidence in the Company at this exciting time of its development," the public, and this is a strong testament to the confidence the market has for FMI's long-term growth as well as the trust in the ability of management to deliver results."

Last month, FMI together with Yoma Strategic Holdings Ltd, formed companies to distribute and service Mitsubishi and Hino vehicles. On the service sector front, plans are underway to construct a 46-room international standard hotel with conference and banquet facilities at Pun Hlaing Golf Estate, according to the press release.

The capital raise from the first round issue was to be earmarked for projects including Thilawa Special Economic Zone subscription, FMI Air, Meeyahta International Hotel and a downtown Yangon mixed-use acreage.



Legal reforms significant, but work remains



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STRENGTHENED laws and regulations and continued government reform made Myanmar the world's most improved country for doing business in, UK-based global risk analytics firm Maplecroft found in a report released on January 8.

Myanmar last year made progress in tackling corruption, weak rule of law, respect for property rights and controls on corporate governance, the firm said in its annual Legal and Regulatory Environment Risk Atlas for 2014.

Despite its growth, the report shows that Myanmar remained the fifth riskiest country in the world to do business out of 173, with a rating of "extreme" – a rank worse than civil-war ravaged Syria and the Central African Republic. "While this appears a modest shift in ranking, it has already resulted in significant improvements for business, and Maplecroft forecasts that if Myanmar sustains its current trajectory it may move out of the 'extreme risk' category in the next 1-3 years," Maplecroft wrote in a press release accompanying the report.

Myanmar was ranked the worst country in the world to do business in 2012, then moved up to thirdworst in 2013.

"Myanmar's efforts to strengthen the legal and regulatory environment are laudable," Maplecroft senior analyst Chris Laws said in the release. "But, the country's current lack of effective institutions of governance still raises serious concerns over regulatory enforcement, and it remains a challenging place to do business."

The country climbed two positions in 2014 due to the "ongoing political and regulatory reforms process" that has largely ended international sanctions and boosted investor confidence, the report said.

In the past two years, Myanmar has passed 75 new laws, many notably affecting the business community, such as the Myanmar Citizens Investment Law, the Foreign Exchange Management Law and the Central Bank of Myanmar Law, said Kelvin Chia's Yangon director Cheah Swee Gim.

"All of these have been promulgated or updated with the intention of facilitating business and investment in Myanmar," she said.

The report evaluates coun-



Myanmar's ranking as one of the riskiest countries in the world to do business.

tries across 21 indices in six key areas;:rule of law, corruption risk, corporate governance, regulatory framework, respect for property rights and supply chain labour risk.

"Grand corruption remains pervasive in Myanmar, while an absence of rule of law and interference in business matters from a wide range of powerful and vested interests, including the military, create a very uneven playing field for foreign investors," the report says.

A new foreign investment law with revised foreign direct investment limits, improved land leasing rules and accession to the New York Convention on recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards also promoted a more predictable business landscape for international investors looking to Myanmar in 2014.

Jean Loi, managing partner at VDB-Loi, said that in terms of legal and regulatory framework, Myanmar did not present any higher risk for investors than its Southeast Asian neighbours.

"There is a raft of new laws being

approved and implemented slowly. Investors can have an entity established in Myanmar within three days," Ms Loi said. "It still takes around one to two years in Laos."

While the legal and political framework remained the most significant risk to investors looking to Myanmar, Ms Loi said there were already changes in the pipeline for a rewrite of the income tax law, new value-added taxes and changes to stamp dutys rates.

A much-awaited Intellectual Property Law, passage of the Condominium Law, which schedules foreign ownership, and further amendments to the Financial Institutions of Myanmar Law are also in the works for 2014.

A continued path of ambitious and determined reform remains the key to reintegrating Myanmar into the global economy, lawyer Cheah Swee Gim said.

"Myanmar's business ecosystem is still in the nascent stages," she said "and like many emerging markets, is still experiencing some understandable difficulties."

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Local food expo leaves consumers with sour taste

Organiser faces problems importing foodstuffs in time for show

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THE "International Food and Machinery Expo 2014" seemed like a great event for restaurant owners and consumers alike to find international-quality items for sale last week, but some visitors were left disappointed, saying there were too few new items and even fewer international companies represented.

"I thought this expo would have new products, but I can buy these products [already] in Yangon. It's the same companies and the same products compared with last year's expo," said Ma Ei Mon Htwe, who owns a small restaurant in Yangon and attended the event hoping to find new goods to promote at her restaurant.

While the event attracted hospitality industry investors and business people who were looking for a bargain on restaurantquality appliances, attendees complained that many of the products on offer offered no such discount.

"I am not interested in this expo," said Ma San San Htwe who attended the event on January 9, the first day of the four-day expo held at Tatmadaw Hall in Dagon township.

It was not only interested buyers who were let down by the expo. Sellers were underwhelmed by transactions.

A vendor who also sold items at last year's event expressed disappointment with this

year's lacklustre offerings.

"I showed [my items] for the first time in Yangon," said a representative with the TMT Trading Company. "I also showed in Mandalay. In Mandalay the sales were brisk, but at

this expo, the sales were not good." The International Food and Machinery Expo 2014 advertised that it would show food and kitchen items from Japan, Thailand and Vietnam.

A representative from South Korea's SAGA Agp Trading Company said his imported seaweed did not sell as well this year as last year.

"People in Myanmar like expos that show foreign products, which we do not have in Myanmar, and they like the promotions," said Daw Nilar from SAGA. "If the products are not new and you can buy them in Myanmar, the expo will not attract people."

U Zarni Maung Maung, managing director of Myanmar Professional Services Co. Ltd, and the organiser of the event, said he had planned to focus more on food, than machinery during this year's expo, with ambitions of holding a seminar on wine, but complications regarding the importation of certain products forced him to abandon his plan.

Despite the setback, he said, he was happy to see more Myanmar companies participating and offering more items this year than last.

"There are different companies this year [compared with] last year's expo," he said.

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Legal & tax insight

Researching prospective partners imperative to JV

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IN sectors where government policy prohibits 100-percent foreign-owned companies, a joint venture may be the only way for outside businesses to invest in Myanmar. But even where this isn't the case, joint ventures are often sound decisions, as they allow access to a local partner's market knowhow, decision-maker contacts, and established supply and distribution channels.

Conversely, local partners may wish to team up with a foreign investor in order to gain access to technology, know-how, an expanded distribution network and capital. As in all developing countries, however, it is vital to conduct thorough due diligence of the local partner. This is true not only where the joint-venture company takes over an existing business but also where the object is to start a new business together.

Due diligence is crucial because, given how underdeveloped the legal framework is, it is often difficult to predict the extent to which contracts can be enforced. An in-depth background check of the partner therefore provides more protection against unpleasant surprises later – even more so than the most carefully drafted joint-venture agreement ever could. And of course, the foreign partner should not be surprised if the local partner wants to conduct due diligence on them as well – indeed, it's probably a good sign. Legal due diligence covers things like shareholder structure, company administration and contractual relationships. While it is possible to run a company check with the Companies Registration Office, the information obtained may not always be complete and up to date. Often, the local partner is the only source of information.

Documents that a foreign investor may wish to ask to see include the company registration certificate, the current lists of shareholders and directors, the certificate of registration as importer and exporter, land documents, audited financial statements and tax returns, labour contracts of key employees, trademark registration certificates, and important contracts with customers and suppliers.

Of course, the information that can be unearthed by checking documents is only as reliable as the degree to which the documents accurately and completely describe the facts. A document check can be backed up by interviews with the company owner and key employees, but in a country where transparency has lots of room for improvement, information will often remain sketchy. Ultimately, the main object of legal due diligence is often to find out whether the local partner adheres to acceptable standards of record-keeping.

Often, the emphasis of due diligence is not on the legal but the commercial or ethical side. Foreign investors want to know whether teaming up with a certain partner will bring reputational risks.

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BEIJING China trade hits \$4 trillion

CHINA'S annual trade in goods passed the US\$4 trillion mark for the first time in 2013, official data showed last week, confirming its position as the globe's biggest trading nation.

Exports from the world's number two economy rose 7.9 percent to \$2.21 trillion, while imports increased 7.3pc to \$1.95 trillion, the General Administration of Customs announced.

The trade surplus stood at \$259.75 billion, up 12.8pc from 2012.

Total trade came to \$4.16 trillion, an increase of 7.6pc, just below the government's 8pc target.

Nonetheless it was a record high and effectively confirmed a historic geo-economic shift, making China the world's biggest trader of physical goods, not including services.

Reports last February said the United States' total trade in goods was lower than China's in 2012, but Customs said due to differences in calculation methods the change happened for the first time in 2013 - although full US data for the year has yet to be released. "It is very likely that China overtook the US to become the world's largest trading country in goods in 2013 for the first time," said Customs spokesman Zheng Yuesheng. The European Union was China's biggest trading partner, Customs said, followed by the United States. the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), Hong Kong and Japan. Between them the traditional markets of the EU, US and Japan accounted for 33.5pc of China's trade, down 1.7pc points, suggesting emerging markets' share of business was growing.



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Despite progress, Myanmar women still at a disadvantage

Knowledge is power and Myanmar's women deserve to have more of both, says CNN anchorwoman



MOST international sanctions on Myanmar have been lifted and the country is rapidly changing. However, the education system is reforming in fits and starts. For more than two decades, the former military junta suppressed schools and universities fearing more student-led demonstrations. As a result, a "lost generation" of people (ages 20-40) now makes up a large part of an economy that's playing catch-up to the rest of Asia. Furthermore, their children are going through a school system that is filled with gaps

I had the privilege of moderating an education panel in Yangon last month at the Women's Forum of Myanmar. Member of Parliament Su Su Lwin was on the panel. She says Myanmar's 36,000 schools are not making the grade. According to Lwin, many of the schools are using outdated textbooks and teachers who emphasise rote learning.

"In terms of quality, we have far to go,"

says Su Su Lwin. "During the past 25 or 30 years, there's been a decline in quality. It has very much to do with relevance [of the teaching material]."

Kamal Ahmad is the founder of the Bangladesh-based Asian University for Women, which focuses on leadership training and higher education for women. More than 500 women from Southeast Asia are enrolled including 15 from Myanmar. Ahmad wants to see a solid curriculum in Myanmar that goes well beyond primary school.

"I think what has held up progress in some respects is a stubborn view, in many parts of the world, that if you are a poor country, [you should] focus just on primary education and let the developed world do the higher education.

"That is a very dangerous kind of pathway of thinking about education," Ahmad argues. "You have to have a decent secondary education. You have to have a decent higher education because where will the teachers come from? Who will develop the curriculum? Who will provide leadership?"

There is also the issue of gender discrimination in Myanmar schools. In certain fields female students must score higher than male students. One young woman told me, "To go to the Institute of Medicine, girls have to score higher than boys. A girl needs to reach 420 out of 500 points. Boys can get accepted if they have only 390 to 400 points.

A middle-aged woman named Htav recounted her career path. In 1981, she applied to university to study metallurgical engineering. She said, "My application was not accepted because the metallurgical engineering program prioritised boys. But I scored higher marks than many boys who were accepted.

"Then I asked for a major in geology. I was told the geology major does not accept girls every year. That is my story." Today she works as an English translator.

The reforms in Myanmar provide a good first step, but successful education reform will need streamlining, commitment and funding. As Aung Sang Suu Kyi said in the forum's keynote speech, "Opportunities are not enough. We must make use of them."

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Tigerair sells affiliate to Cebu Pacific

PHILIPPINE carrier Cebu Pacific is to buy the Filipino unit of Singapore-based budget carrier Tigerair in a deal that will also create a strategic alliance, the airlines announced last week.

Cebu Pacific said it would pay US\$15 million to wholly own Tigerair Philippines, a small carrier that is 40-percent controlled by Tigerair, and expects the transaction to close in a few months.

The amount also includes payment for the 60pc share of Tigerair Philippines owned by Filipino investors.

The carrier was previously known as Southeast Asian Airlines but was renamed after the Singapore carrier bought into it in mid-2012.

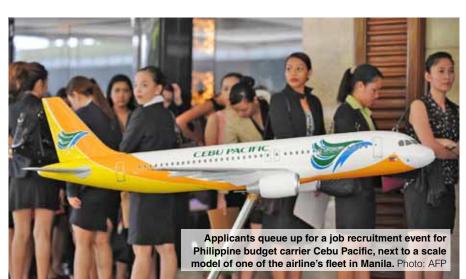
Group chief executive Koav Peng Yen told a teleconference Tigerair had accumulated a loss of S\$84 million (US\$66.12 million) on its Philippine investment as of September 30 last year.

As part of the agreement announced in Manila and Singapore on Wednesday, Cebu Pacific and Tigerair will jointly operate routes between Singapore and the Philippines.

The websites of both Tigerair and Cebu Pacific will be used to market all routes operated by both airlines.

Cebu Pacific president and chief executive Lance Gokongwei said that "as the relation grows" the two airlines could consider further cooperation such as shared ground-handling operations.

"We're very excited and eager to start our cooperation agreement with Tigerair," Mr



for both airlines to join forces and compete more effectively in the regional market," Mr Koay said in a joint statement.

We also look forward to achieving greater cost savings from the coordinated operations while providing more travel options and greater convenience for our customers.'

The joint statement said the alliance would allow Cebu Pacific to target high-growth markets including Australia and India, while Tigerair would be able to fly more passengers to other cities in Cebu Pacific's network in the Philippines and North Asia.

international and 33 Philippine cities.

The Tigerair group, which also includes Tigerair Singapore, Tigerair Mandala and Tigerair Australia, said it flies to more than 50 destinations across 13 Asia-Pacific countries using 51 aircraft.

Instead of folding it into Cebu Pacific, Mr Gokongwei said Tigerair Philippines would operate as a distinct entity for the time being, retaining its existing managers and brand name.

It now operates an average of 118 flights per week with five aircraft to 11 domestic and



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Cebu Pacific said it operates an average of international destinations from Manila and Gokongwei told the teleconference. "Tigerair and Cebu Pacific share a vision 2200 flights per week with 48 aircraft to 24 Clark airports. – AFP

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Box office revenue hits \$3.6b in 2013 in China: report

China's box office takings leaped to US\$3.6 billion last year, up 27.5 percent on 2012, as nearly 14 screens were added every day to the world's secondlargest film market, state media reported last week.

Chinese cinemas raked in 21.77 billion yuan in 2013, the China Daily said, citing the State Administration of Press, Publication, Radio, Film and Television. – AFP

Companies Act update coming in May, say experts

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A DRAFT of the new Myanmar Companies Act, which would ease old bureaucratic processes currently slowing business, is on track to be submitted to parliament in May, experts said.

After MPs and members of the international community suggested last May that it was time to revise or replace the now-100-year-old former Burma Companies Act 1914, representatives of a number of organisations contributed to writing a new draft.

"We are aiming to submit it in May," said U Aung Naing Oo of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA), which worked alongside the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, the Office of the Union Attorney General and the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI), among others.

"We're reducing the complicated multiple processes of the old law, such as [those slowing business] registrations and court activities, as well as modifying [it] to offer online registration," U Aung Naing Oo said.

U Than Maung, legal advocate at law firm Kelvin Chia Yangon Ltd., said that even though the policies put forth in the existing law are acceptable, the writing is complicated and sometimes difficult to interpret as it was written during the colonial period and not translated into Myanmar.

"Even though enacting the law is important, some barriers still remain," he said, adding that the government could do more to ease legal clout by working in relevant policies from the Myanmar Special Companies Act 1950, rather than keeping it separate.

The draft needs to pass several more stages before becoming law, including being submitted to the president and the union attorney general and being announced before the public, he added.

"It's been very quick as it will be submitted to parliament in May. I hope it will be enacted this year," he said.

Economist U Hla Maung, who in 1988 was involved in modifying the 1957 rules and regulation portion of the act, said that although the new law should encourage local small and medium enterprises, other measures should also be taken, including reducing income taxes, offering tax exemptions or holidays for private firms.

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Bogyoke Market eviction controversy unfolds as tenants appeal to the press



JEWELLERY and precious stone vendors have been given until the end of January to vacate their stalls and one week to issue a public apology to the Bogyoke Market Super World owner or face legal action, a lawyer representing the owner said.

On December 21, 2013, an informal union of 30 career jewel vendors, established in the Super World hall of Yangon's most famous market, published a sharp notice in *The Mirror* declaring they intended to ignore the blood-red eviction notice that was first pinned to the back of the hall on December 1.

The notice requested all shop owners vacate their stands by December 31 so renovations could begin on the popular gold, silver and jewel-smith hall.

Decrying the renovations as a maneuvre to evict shop owners, the retailers said in their published notice they could not accept the eviction demand and said they doubted the authenticity of the hall "owner" that had posted the demand.

"Without shopkeepers' permission, there is no right to renovate," the group wrote.

However, the owner, Daw Shu Kyi, through her agent U Mg Mg Lwin and her lawyer U Chit Ko Ko, issued a counter notice in *The Mirror* on January 8 demanding that the 30 shopkeepers publish an apology undersigned with a list of their names and businesses.

"They don't have any right to publish in a newspaper a statement saying the present owner has no rights to renovate," U Chit Ko Ko told *The Myanmar Times*.

Daw Shu Kyi and U Mg Mg Lwin are directors of The Private Super World Cooperative Ltd, and in their notice claim to have ownership of the retail space.

The iconic Bogyoke Market is a state-owned building administered by a government entity that tenders man-



Jewel vendors clear out from their stalls at Yangon's Bogyoke Market under the threat of legal action by the market's manager. Photo: Boothee

agement rights of the various halls comprising the structure. Daw Shu Kyi attests she has had these rights to Super World hall, which houses about 60 vendors, since 1999.

Tenancy arrangements are renewed biannually between retailers and Daw Shu Kyi's agent through an informal exchange of rent money and a receipt, jewellers told *The Myanmar Times*.

However after many of the shopkeepers refused to follow the notice to leave at the end of December, the agent has not collected rent for the first half of 2014.

As of last week, two-thirds of the

vendors had already vacated the hall, leaving dusty display cabinets in their wake.

"We don't know how long it will take for the renovation and we think it is just a reason to make us move," a shop owner said, speaking on the condition of anonymity for fear of legal retribution.

"There's no commitment [from Daw Shy Kyi] to accept us back after the renovation," the vendor said.

Longer-term counter tenants said that rental charges for counters in Super World are around US\$120-\$150 per month, but as high as double that in other areas of the market. Jewellers who have already vacated the hall have either had to accept the dramatic increase in rent or move to display premises outside of the popular market.

The shopkeepers sent a separate letter through Daw Shu Kyi's agent, requesting the renovation be conducted over the Thingyan period – a common slump period for retailers – instead of during the peak season of December to February.

"We will never apologise and we will not move from our present position," another vendor said, professing to speak for all the remaining shop owners. "We will face the matter legally. If they accept our negotiation we will give the rental charge for this month as we have not yet paid this," the vendor said.

Daw Shu Kyi's lawyer U Chit Ko Ko said his client had instructed him to wait one week for the apology before taking further legal action.

When reporters from *The Myanmar Times* visited the hall last week, new security cameras had been installed at various points around the hall and a photographer was asked to leave the premises by a woman who held herself out as an agent of Daw Shu Kyi.

Construction materials shop opens in Yangon

New shop gives homeowners access to new international



Oh, that home of mine

This one-bedroom apartment on Bo Myat Htun Street in

products in Home Depot-style warehouse

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THE country's first modern construction supply warehouse for home owners and construction companies is now open for business in Yangon.

The shop, Pro1 Home Center, opened its doors in Insein township on January 7, boasting an extensive stock of construction materials and international brands from roofing to flooring and various high-quality SCG products.

U Myo Htwe, chair of the Prol Home Center, said that such a shop was necessary in order to supplement increasing development projects in Yangon. "The demand for construction materials is high because of international investment," U Myo Htwe said. "We tried ... to meet every requirement of the customers."

"Foreign business partners asked whether there was any one-stop service home center in Myanmar like other countries have," he said. Opening the store was not an easy process. The project, said U Myo Htwe, has been in the works for two years and is a public-private partnership with the government.

The firm is planning on opening a location in Mandalay in the next three months as well as a second location in Yangon before the end of the year. Botahtaung township offers a taste of downtown living. It will provide an ideal home for somebody whose office is downtown and who does not have children since there's only one bedroom, despite the apartment covering a roomy 1500 square feet.

The simple interior comes with parquet flooring, whitepainted walls and three air-conditioners but there is no furniture, which seems a little cheap when the asking price is K1.2 million, or about US\$1200, a month. On the plus side, the building has an elevator and 24-hour security is on hand.

The apartment features large windows and good natural lighting and ventilation and there is also a small balcony at the front.

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"We don't know how long it will take for the renovation and we think it is just a reason to make us move"

— anonymous shop owner at Bogyoke Market

BEIJING China demolishes landmark inn

Building that once served as a symbol of change taken down as owners complain that no compensation was given

WHEN they introduced market reforms that would shake the world, China's rulers celebrated a tiny privately owned Beijing hotel that survived decades of state planning as an example to the nation.

Now in a twist of fate the Tianyi Inn has been demolished, apparently overcome by the very changes it once symbolised.

The hotel reportedly endured as Beijing's only private business even during the worst excesses of Mao Zedong's rule, when capitalists were often vilified, but was torn down in late December to make way for a government-backed modernisation project.

Its former owners say they have not been compensated and live in constant fear of arrest.

"Until we were demolished, the government always protected us," said Qiao Shuzhi, 63, the son of the inn's founder, who supported China's Communist Party when it was still an underground movement.

'That we remained open during the **Cultural Revolution** is really a miracle.

"Now it's not safe anymore, so I

won't stay there," he added. His father Qiao Tianmin was granted a "Special Business Operation Licence" in 1953 by Beijing's chief of police, seemingly as a reward for his service to the communists as China fought against Japan.

"He was a farmer with just a few months of schooling, he couldn't work as a party cadre ... so they permitted him to open a small business," Mr Qiao said.

The hostel began as little more than a spare room, where a single heated bed slept up to eight people each night - a miscellanv of farmers, builders and craftsmen who arrived in Beijing for work and were charged a pittance to stay.

The business never made the Qiao family a fortune but was unique in the city during an era when virtually all Chinese worked government-controlled in work units and the ruling party planned all aspects of the economy.

It even survived the tumult of Mao's decade-long Cultural Revolution, launched in 1966, when those labelled "capitalist roaders" were beaten and even killed.

"That we remained open during the Cultural Revolution is really a miracle," Mr Qiao recalled.

His father - who died in 1991 maintained it was protected on special orders from former Chinese premier Zhou Enlai, he added.

JOHANNESBURG

S Africa's Zuma transfers key white-owned land ahead of vote

SOUTH African President Jacob Zuma last week handed over 13,184 hectares (35,580 acres) of a previously white-owned farm to black communities as part of the country's land reform program, ahead of elections this year.

The state paid almost 1 billion rand (US\$92.5 million) for the land located in the eastern Mpumalanga province, which is seen as one of the most expensive deals since the inception of the programme nearly two decades ago.

"After lengthy negotiations, the legal representatives of the landowners considered a settlement amount of 939,360,000 [rand]...for the purchase of the land in respect of the 13,184 hectares," said Mr Zuma during a handover ceremony to the rural N'wandlamhlarhi Community Property Association.

The farm is also home to one of the country's luxury game reserve, Mala Mala.

The deal is likely to boost Mr

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Zuma's support ahead of the elections which will likely be held in April. Land reform is one of most contentious issues faced by the ruling African National Congress (ANC) government since the end of

100 years since a white-minority government passed a law that forced black people off the majority of the land.

The government has admitted that it would miss its target to

'The restoration of land to rightful owners is one of the biggest responsibilities you gave the democratic government.'

> Jacob Zuma President of South Africa

apartheid in 1994.

The program has been dogged by delays with only 6 percent of land having been transferred to blacks since 1994, fuelling frustrations among the dispossessed.

A bill proposing the extension of land claims to the end of 2018 is set to be tabled in parliament.

"The restoration of land to rightful owners is one of the biggest responsibilities you gave the democratic government," said

redistribute 30pc of white-owned land to blacks by 2014, due to the slow pace of the program.

"We made a lot of progress, but the work continues," said Mr Zuma. White South Africans - around

10 percent of the population still own as much as 80pc of the land.

However, the Land Access Movement, a lobby group for the landless, which is unhappy at the pace of land reforms, slammed the deal as a bid to "popularise" the ANC ahead of elections.

"I think they are trying to show people that they are committed on land reform," the group's leader Constance Mogale said.

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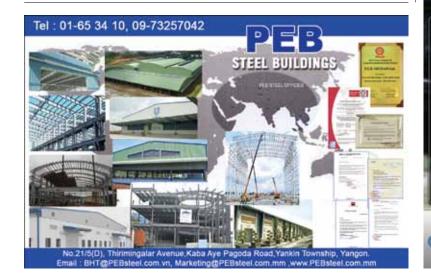
Zuma. The former owners would conhectares. Land given back to black tinue running the property at a communities in South Africa as part monthly rental fee until January of the country's reform policy next year while transferring business skills to the new owners. Last year, South Africa marked



Qia Shuzhi

This picture taken on January 7 shows Qiao Shuzhi, left, and his son Qiao Xuan holding a copy of People's Daily and Beijing Daily front page of 1979, each with an editorial about Tianyi Inn. Photo: AFP







BERLIN

More delays for Berlin airport opening

BERLIN'S much-delayed new main airport will not open this year, the city's mayor said last week, dispelling hopes the troubled venture could at least partially begin flights.

"It will, de facto, be such that the airport no longer can be opened in 2014," Klaus Wowereit, also head of the airport's supervisory board, was quoted by the German DPA news agency as saving.

Berlin Brandenburg Airport was set for a big fanfare opening in June 2012 but multiple delays due

'It will, de facto, be such that the airport no longer can be opened in 2014'

Klaus Wowereit Berlin mayor

to difficulties concerning fire safety, the smoke exhaust systems and construction errors have proven a blow to the capital's image.

As one of Germany's biggest construction projects, it has also dented Wowereit's popularity amid claims of incompetence and having underestimated the problems linked to the plan. – AFP

PANAMA CITY

Consortium opens negotiations to resolve Panama canal spat

PANAMA canal officials and a Spanish-led consortium tasked with expanding the waterway opened negotiations last week on a US\$1.6 billion dispute that could halt the major project.

The Grupo Unidos por el Canal (GUPC) consortium, led by Spanish builder Sacyr, has threatened to suspend work unless the Panama Canal Authority pays for the massive cost overrun by January 20.

GUPC executives met with officials at the canal authority's headquarters to discuss figures for a fund to pay for the massive cost overruns.

They may also decide on the possibility of resolving the issue through international arbitration. The two sides agreed to sit down

for talks after emergency mediation by Spanish Public Works Minister Ana Pastor, who flew to Panama City and held separate meetings on Monday with Panamanian President Ricardo Martinelli, company executives and canal officials.

"The two parties must define whether the work suspension warning presented by GUPC remains in effect," Mr Pastor said.

Sacyr shares, which tumbled when the crisis erupted last week, surged in early trading in Madrid on January 6.

The already-delayed project aims to make the 50-mile (80-kilometre) waterway, which handles 5 percent of global maritime trade, big enough to handle new giant cargo ships that can carry 12,000 containers.

GUPC has a \$3.2 billion contract



Spanish Public Works Minister Ana Pastor and Panama's President Ricardo Martinelli speak to the press after holding a meeting in Panama City, on January 6. Photo: AFP

to build new locks for the centuryold canal, which currently welcomes ships carrying up to 5000 containers. The construction group includes

Nul and Constructora Urbana of

The consortium began work on a

third set of locks in 2009 and expects to complete construction in June 2015, already nine months over the contractual date. Work is about 70pc Impreglio of Italy, Belgium's Jan de complete.

> GUPC says it ran into unforeseen costs because the canal authority gave builders the wrong information

regarding the area's geology.

The canal authority has countered that the contractor's claims "lack any foundation" and that GUPC must make its complaint in the legal bodies which are outlined in the contract.

-AFP



IN PICTURES

Panama.

Blue, brown and yellow-painted buildings in the Yau Ma Tei neighbourhood of Hong Kong. Home prices in the southern Chinese city have risen by 120 percent since 2008, and by more than 30pc from their previous peak in 1997, with prices in the luxury market being pushed up by wealthy buyers from

RESENDE

Nissan to build engine plant near Rio, Brazil

AUTO giant Nissan will build an engine plant at its industrial complex in Resende in Rio de Janeiro state, Renault-Nissan chief executive Carlos Ghosn said last week.

"It is the first time that I've visited the plant, which will build the Nissan March and Nissan Versa models," he told reporters at the complex in Resende, which is 140 kilometres (90 miles) west of Rio.

He said the engine plant would be inaugurated in the first half of this year.

The engine factory, which required a US\$60 million investment, will churn out 200,000 four-cylinder 1.6

Japan's Nissan, which is partly owned by France's Renault, is one of the key sponsors of the World Cup, which will be held in Brazil in June and July.

"Brazil is a strategic market and that's why we are announcing construction of an engine plant," Mr Ghosn said.

The Resende complex, now nearing completion, employs 1500 workers and will have more than 2000 in the second half of this year, with the aim of producing 200,000 vehicles a year.

Nissan aims to raise its share of the Brazilian auto market from a little



mainland China. Photo: AFP

flexfuel engines a year and will create 200 direct jobs, Mr Ghosn said.

over 2 percent last year to 5pc in 2016, the Nissan chief said. -AFP



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PARIS

New chip fits around a single hair

SCIENTISTS in Switzerland last week said they can create electronic chips so flexible they can be wrapped around a human hair.

The technique entails building an electronic circuit on top of a sandwich of polyvinyl layers perched on a hard base.

The wafer is then placed in water, which dissolves two of the polyvinyl layers and causes the base to be released, sinking to the bottom of the lab dish.

The transistors continue to work even when wrapped around a human hair, which is about 0.05mm thick, according to the research published in the journal *Nature Communications*.

The ultra-bendable chip may have medical uses, and has already been tested on an artificial eye in the lab.

It was added to a contact lens to provide a monitor for glaucoma, in which pressure builds up dangerously in the eyeball, said the team.

The invention also has many other potential outlets, from flexible solar cells to wearable bio-sensors, they said.

The electronics "can be transferred on any object, surface and on biological tissues like human skin and plant leaves", according to the study led by Giovanni Salvatore at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich (ETZ).

– AFP

Robots invade consumer market

THE robots are coming, and they're here to help. Help clean your windows, teach

children, or even provide entertainment or companionship. This week's Consumer Electronics

Show in Las Vegas highlights enormous growth in robotics in a range of fields.

Meet Bo and Yana, for example – they're cute robots that can fit in your hand and help teach youngsters about programming.

"It's all about programmable play," said Vikas Gupta, founder of California-based i-Play, which designed the toys.

The duo can play with each other, fight, display expressions with their single eye, or even hit notes on the xylophone.

"Music becomes a way for kids to be engaged," Mr Gupta told AFP.

"We want kids to learn programming and not be bothered with cognitive overload."

The robots are designed for children as young as five, and are being launched this year in a crowdfunding effort, the former Google and Amazon executive said.

But play is just one of the many areas of robotics on display at the show, from simple one-task robots designed to clean a roof gutter or barbecue grillto those that can be a kind of companion to the elderly.

There are also so-called telepresence robots, including the Double Robotics device seen on TV shows such as NCIS:LOS.

The Double Robotics gadget in-

cludes an iPad attached to a wheeled device that allows a telecommuter to show "face time" in the office even when working remotely. The results, at least on television, can often provide comic relief.

The global market for consumer robots was \$1.6 billion in 2012, dominated by the task and entertainment segments, according to ABI Research, but this is expected to grow to \$6.5 billion in 2017 with security and telepresence becoming more significant.

ABI analyst Philip Solis said robotics is moving slower than segments like tablets and smartphones, and is dominated by single-task robots.

But the big news in this field, he said, is Google's acquisition of several robotics firms, which could help boost the artificial intelligence needed for multi-tasking robots.

From the Japanese firm AIST is an interactive robot called Paro – designed to look like a baby harp seal – to simulate animal therapy for people in hospitals and extended care facilities where live animals are banned.

Paro has five sensors – tactile, light, audition, temperature and posture – and responds to being stroked and to its name.

One of the crowd-pleasers is the "humanoid" Robo-Thespian from the British-based group Engineered Arts. Thespian can make hand-ges-

tures, and can deliver speeches – with a British accent.

To make it life-like, the robot has



A boy plays with a robot presented by Future Robots during the 2014 International CES at the Las Vegas Convention Center on January 7 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Photo: AFP

pneumatic actuators "so its movements are more fluid", said engineer Morgan Roe. "We try to avoid having it look robotic."

The robot can be used at museums and exhibits, where Thespian can deliver a soliloquy and direct people. But, at this point, he can't interact in the manner of Apple's Siri or Google Now.

"We are working on it," Mr Roe said. – *AFP*





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JUBA

South Sudan loyalist forces close in on rebel-held oil hub amid border chaos

uary 10 with an offensive to wrest back South Sudan's main oil hub from rebel forces as Washington voiced fears the nation it helped establish was already collapsing.

The worst fighting centred around Bentiu, where forces loval to former vice president Riek Machar have been holding off the army of

town ransacked and emptied of its civilian population.

The United Nations, which shelters more than 8000 people at its Bentiu compound, said its mission in South Sudan had cut off military links with the government and was ready to fend off any attack. UN deputy spokesperson Farhan Haq said the outcome of



Three children walk through a spontaneous camp for internally displaced persons in Juba on January 9. Photo: AFP



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GOVERNMENT forces pressed on Jan- President Salva Kiir, leaving the oil the battle for Bentiu, capital of Unity state, was "unclear and fluid".

He said there are now more than 60,000 people at UN compounds across South Sudan, half of them in Juba and another 9000 in Bor, the rebel-held capital of Jonglei state.

In total, there are now probably more than a quarter-million people displaced by the fighting, UN peacekeeping chief Herve Ladsous said, after briefing the UN Security Council on the crisis.

No current figures on a death toll were available. Mr Ladsous added, but he estimated it was "very substantially in excess" of the 1000 deaths the UN reported just after conflict erupted on December 15.

An army spokesperson said on January 9 troops loyal to Kiir had closed in on Bentiu. He also reported that combat was raging some 15 kilometres (9 miles) from Bor, the only other major town in rebel hands, around 200 kilometres north of the capital Juba.

With peace talks in neighbouring Ethiopia at a deadlock, Washington said South Sudan risked imploding, less than three years after gaining independence from Khartoum in July 2011. - AFP

NEW DELHI



IN PICTURES

Thousands of African asylum-seekers who long-term detention of illegal immigrants. holding of several hundred in detention

India anti-corruption hotline overwhelmed by calls on first day

AN anti-corruption hotline launched by the Indian capital's new graft-busting government was overwhelmed by thousands of calls on its first day, with the city's top politician saving the response exceeded "all expectations".

India's corruption fighter and newly elected chief minister Arvind Kejriwal said the graft hotline aimed at stopping rampant corruption among bureaucrats received 3904 calls in the first seven hours of operation on January 9.

"We congratulate the people of Delhi. Everyone has become an anticorruption 'sting' operator," the leader of the Aam Aadmi (Common Man) Party, told reporters last week.

The number of callers "exceeded all expectations", he added.

"This will make corrupt people fearful of taking a bribe," he added.

Indians routinely complain they are forced to pay bribes to obtain everything from marriage certificates to driving licences to death certificates.



The hotline, open from 8am to 10pm, counsels people what to do if any government official asks for a bribe to do his duty.

Mr Kejriwal said the hotline centre could handle just 824 of the calls Thursday and it would double staff to 30 to handle the flood of callers.

Critics have said they fear the anticorruption activism being encouraged by the new state government could descend into a form of vigilantism.

The Mail Today newspaper reported on January 10 that sales of spycams and other surveillance equipment had surged as citizens looked to trap corrupt officials on camera.

Mr Kejriwal's performance is being closely watched, with some saying his party's advent could mark the start of a bigger movement to break the grip of the two main parties, Congress, and the Bharatiya Janata Party, on national

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Indian President Pranab Mukherjee gestures during the Valedictory Session of the 12th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2014. Photo: AFP

politics.

The Aam Aadmi Party plans to contest seats in the general elections due in a few months after its success in the Delhi state polls in which it routed the scandal-tainted Congress party which rules at the national level.

The symbol of the rookie party, founded just a year ago, is a broom to sweep away India's endemic culture of corruption and bribery.

Mr Kejriwal has told citizens to record conversations with corrupt bureaucrats and use the recordings as "proof" to complain to the anti-corruption squad.

As a result of the calls, "we carried out 'stings' in 38 cases. We are confident of the results," he said.

"Everyone has a phone and can send you to prison," Mr Kejriwal said in a warning to bribe-seeking bureaucrats. - AFP



Thailand to roll out thousands of troops ahead of protests

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Cambodian garment workers dying for a pay rise

WORLD 39



Syrian rebel group takes stronhold linked to al-Qaeda

WORLD 45



entered Israel illegally via Egypt stage a protest in Tel Aviv on January 5, slamming the Jewish state's The demonstrators denounced the refusal of the authorities to grant them refugee status, as well as the centres.

China defends new South China Sea fishing regulations

BEIJING on January 10 rejected US criticism of a measure requiring foreign fishing vessels to secure permission to enter much of the South China Sea, which it claims almost in its entirety.

The rule – which comes as tensions have escalated over overlapping claims with the Philippines, Vietnam and other nations – was called "provocative" by the US.

But it is largely identical to an existing measure from 2004, and reports said similar rules had also been declared in 1998 and 1993.

As well as the South China Sea dispute, Beijing is embroiled in a bitter row with Japan over small uninhabited islands in the East China Sea.

Beijing insisted the latest move was aimed at protecting fishing resources. "We express dissatisfaction and op-

"We express dissatisfaction and opposition" to the US reaction, Chinese cial Xinhua news agency reported last month, without specifying the exact area or potential enforcement measures.

But that total area accounts for a large part of the South China Sea, portions of which are also claimed by the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei

'We express dissatisfaction and opposition [to the US reaction].'

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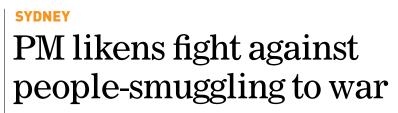
The US State Department spokesperson Jen Psaki on January 9 called the move a "provocative and potentially dangerous act".

The Philippines' foreign department said in a statement on January 10 it was "gravely concerned" by the move.

Separately, China is facing growing tensions with fellow Asian giant Japan over islands in the East China Sea that have raised concerns of an unintended conflict.

China's declaration of an Air Defence Identification Zone (ADIZ) over an area covering the disputed islands triggered an international furore in November.

The ADIZ requires foreign aircraft to declare their intentions and maintain communications with Chinese authorities or face unspecified "defensive emergency measures". -AFP



AUSTRALIAN Prime Minister Tony Abbott on January 10 likened the fight against people-smugglers to war, while defending the detention centres asylum-seekers are held in as effective and humanely run.

Indonesian officials say the Australian navy has turned back at least one boat carrying asylum-seekers to its shores, although *The Australian* newspaper said as many as five have been secretly returned.

Mr Abbott's conservative government has refused to reveal details of the incidents or other "operational matters", sparking claims from the Labor opposition that it is overseeing a "Stalinist"-style media blackout.

"In the end, we are in a fierce contest with these people-smugglers," he told a breakfast television program.

"And if we were at war, we wouldn't be giving out information that is of use to the enemy just because we might have an idle curiosity about it ourselves."

Mr Abbott said he would not release information which would be exploited by people-smugglers to the peril of their customers "and to the tremendous disadvantage of our country".

The conservative Liberal Party leader, who won power in September polls after campaigning to "stop the boats", has introduced the military-led Operation Sovereign Borders to crack down on asylum-seekers coming by boat.

Under the policy, Australia will turn back boats to Indonesia when it is safe to do so, while those who reach Australian territory will be processed within 48 hours and quickly sent to Pacific island camps on Nauru or Papua New Guinea.

Australia's tough policies have irked Jakarta, which has warned that turning boats back could breach Indonesian territorial sovereignty.

Rights groups have also criticised the camps and the process under which the asylum-seekers are dealt with, but Mr Abbott defended them.

"We don't apologise for the fact that they're not five-star or even three-star hotels. Nevertheless we are confident that we are well and truly discharging our humanitarian obligations," he said.

"People are housed, they're clothed, they're fed, they're given medical attention. They're kept as safe as we can make it for them. But we want them to go back to the country from which they came."

Mr Abbott said the vast majority of asylum-seekers arriving by boat were economic migrants.

"Let's remember that every single one of the recent arrivals has come to Australia through a series of other countries where they could easily have claimed asylum but they choose not to do that because they are seeking a migration outcome here in Australia," he said.

The number of asylum-seekers coming to Australia by boat has dropped dramatically under the new government, which has maintained the previous Labor administration's policy of sending all arrivals to Nauru and PNG. -AFP

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foreign ministry spokespersonHua Chunying said at a regular press briefing.

"If someone insists on calling technical revisions to a local fishing regulation that has already been implemented for years a matter of regional tension, a threat to regional stability, then all I can say is, this is either a lack of basic common sense or some ulterior motive."

The measure took effect last week after being passed in November by China's southern island province of Hainan, and echoed previous rules making the same demand.

It states that foreign fishing vessels and individuals entering Hainan-administered waters "should obtain permission from the relevant authority".

The rule applies to 2 million square kilometres (772,000 square miles) of waters covered by Hainan, the offi-



A cargo ship swept ashore at the height of Super Typhoon Haiyan rests amongst debris and destroyed houses in the coastal city of Tacloban. Photo: AFP

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JAKARTA

16 Indonesians die from bootleg alcohol

SIXTEEN Indonesians have died and nine are fighting for their lives after drinking bootleg alcohol to celebrate New Year's Eve on the main island of Java, police said Monday.

Police have arrested a couple who are suspected of producing and distributing the alcohol to roadside stalls in the town of Mojokerto in eastern Java, where the victims bought it.

It is thought the locally produced alcohol - believed to be made from palm tree sap or rice - contained poisonous methanol, Awi Setiyono, police spokesperson for East Java province, told AFP.

Those that drank the alcohol to celebrate New Year began falling ill in the following days and the first death was recorded on Friday, said Setiyono.

A total of 16 people have now died - including two on January 6 - and nine people are in critical condition in local hospitals, he said.

"We suspect that the drink contains methanol but we can only confirm that after we have the results of laboratory tests," he said.

The couple that were arrested are in police custody, he added.

There have been many previous cases where alcohol containing methanol - which is sometimes added to drinks to make them stronger - has proved fatal in Indonesia.

In 2009, 25 people including four foreigners died after drinking methanol-laced palm wine on the resort island of Bali.

The small proportion of those who consume alcohol in Muslim-majority Indonesia sometimes opt for homemade drinks, because legally produced alcohol, most of it imported, is relatively expensive as it is heavily taxed. -AFP

SINGAPORE

'Leaky' A380 door in **Singapore Airline crash**

A MALFUNCTIONING door is the focus of an investigation into why a Singapore Airlines Airbus 380 superjumbo was forced to make an emergency landing in Azerbaijan, the carrier said on Januarv 8.

Nearly 500 passengers arrived in Singapore on January 7 in an A380 relief jet after their original flight from London to Singapore was forced to land in capital Baku due to a loss in cabin pressure.

"The root cause of the incident is being investigated and a team of specialists from Airbus will be assisting," an airline spokesperson said in a statement.

"We are focusing on a door on the main deck that appears to have suffered a leak, leading to the change in cabin pressure," he said.

Passengers had spoken of noise coming from one door as the aircraft came in to land in the central Asian republic. The A380 is the world's largest commercial aircraft and Singapore Airlines was its debut customer in 2007. – AFP

dominance of her billionaire family. The protesters say they will occupy the capital from January 13 until they win their battle to topple the government They plan to set up stages around

said on January 8.

BANGKOK

the city, preventing officials from going to work and cutting off power and water to state buildings.

NEARLY 15,000 police and soldiers

The government is mobilising 14,880 police and soldiers for the mass rally, national police spokesperson Piya Uthayo said in a televised briefing. "Our goal is to prevent any violence

or clashes," he said.

Thai stocks and the baht currency have fallen sharply on concerns that the deepening crisis will scare off foreign tourists and international investment.

Singapore Airlines has already cancelled 19 flights to Bangkok between 14 January and 25 February.

Bangkok city authorities have instructed 146 schools to close on Monday because of the shutdown.

Officials say the government is ready to declare a state of emergency if needed to deal with any unrest, following several outbreaks of street violence in which eight people, including a policeman, have been killed and hundreds wounded.

Critics say the protesters want to

Thailand to deploy 15,000 police, troops



A Thai police officer (centre) holds a rifle used to fire tear gas canisters as part of a demonstration of crowd-control techniques on January 7. Photo: AFP

provoke fresh clashes in the hope of triggering a military coup on the pretext of restoring order - an accusation the demonstrators deny.

Thailand has been periodically shaken by political bloodshed since Ms Yingluck's older brother Thaksin Shinawatra was toppled by royalist generals in a coup seven years ago.

The demonstrators, who largely comprise southerners, royalists, middle-class Thais and the urban elite, accuse the billionaire tycoon-turnedpolitician of corruption, and say he controls his sister's government from his self-exile in Dubai.

They want an unelected "people's council" to run the country to oversee vague reforms, such as an end to alleged "vote-buying" through populist policies, before new elections are held in around 12 to 18 months.

Yingluck's government still enjoys strong support in the north and northeast of the country and is expected to win the February 2 election if it goes ahead.

The recent civil strife is the worst since 2010, when more than 90 people were killed in a bloody military crackdown on pro-Thaksin Red Shirt protests under the previous government.

Ex-deputy premier Suthep Thaugsuban was due in court January 8 to face a murder indictment over those deaths, but he asked for another postponement because he is leading the current protests.

If he fails to appear again prosecutors will seek an warrant for his arrest, the attorney general's office said, in addition to an existing warrant for insurrection for trying to topple the government. – AFP

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DHAKA

Deadlocked Bangladesh swears in parliament

BANGLADESH'S newly elected lawmakers took their parliamentary oath on January 9 after an election condemned by critics as a farce and with feuding political leaders still locked in a deadly confrontation.

Led by current Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, members of parliament from the ruling Awami League and lawmakers from her allies were sworn in, parliament spokesperson Joynal Abedin told AFP.

"Only a few MPs could not take the oath in time. They'll be sworn in later today," Mr Abedin said.

The Awami League won 232 of 300 seats in Sunday's parliamentary polls, which were boycotted by the opposition and hit by the deadliest election violence in the country's history.

Analysts say the new assembly could be short-lived since Ms Hasina faces a worsening political crisis and mounting calls for new polls from the international community and the opposition.

The opposition, led by two-time former Prime Minister Khaleda Zia who is under de facto house arrest, called for a non-stop blockade of roads, rail and waterways from January 14 to topple the government.

The blockade was only partially imposed in the capital, with many activists behind bars after a crackdown by security forces in the weeks before the election.

Mr Zia's Bangladesh Nationalist Party called the weekend vote a farce and the United States said it lacked credibility.

A total of 153 Awami League members or allies were elected unopposed as a result of an opposition boycott, imposed over Ms Hasina's decision to change the electoral system. Ms Hasina, daughter of the country's independence hero Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, was later elected the leader of parliament and would now form a government by Sunday, her spokesperson Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury told AFP.

"Her cabinet is expected to take oath at 3:30pm Sunday," he added.

Ms Hasina has vowed to bring stability after crippling opposition protests that have left around 180 dead since October.

At least 26 people were killed during the election, making it the bloodiest vote in Bangladesh's 43-year history, while hundreds of opposition supporters torched or trashed polling stations.

After two weeks confined to her home, security was relaxed outside Mr Zia's house on the evening of January 8, but it was unclear whether she would be allowed to leave.

New York-based group Human Rights Watch on January 9 accused the government of arbitrary arrests of "perhaps hundreds" of opposition party members and said the crackdown continued even after the elections.

"While in some cases the government has acted appropriately to stop violence by some opposition forces, this spate of arrests is part of a pattern of weakening critics, limiting dissent, and consolidating ruling party power," said Brad Adams, HRW's Asia director.

"The Awami League claims that it is the leading democratic party in Bangladesh, but there is nothing democratic about this kind of widespread crackdown on critics."

Mr Zia has demanded the polls be declared void and that new elections be held under a neutral government headed by a caretaker leader. -AFP

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina speaks during a press conference after the national election in Dhaka on January 6. Photo: AFP

PHNOM PENH

Cambodian workers dying for a pay rise

CAMBODIAN workers demanding higher wages to toil in factories making Gap jeans and Nike trainers have found themselves on the frontline of a bloody crackdown on dissent by strongman premier Hun Sen.

Months of peaceful protests by opposition supporters demanding new elections have posed little threat to Hun Sen, one of the world's longestserving leaders.

But when striking factory workers began to join forces with the opposition, the ruling Cambodian People's Party (CPP) responded swiftly, with at least four workers shot dead and dozens wounded by security forces.

The tough tactics reflect the potent political force represented by the hundreds of thousands of Cambodian workers who stitch the clothes and footwear worn by many in the West.

"If the two streams of protest had been allowed to merge – political opponents and striking workers – they would have presented a threat of enormous magnitude to the Hun Sen regime," said Cambodia expert Carl Thayer, a professor at the University of New South Wales in Australia.

If the two movements come together and adopt a militant stance, the Hun Sen regime "can either resort to brute force to crush opposition or the CPP can jettison Hun Sen in the hopes of clinging to power," said Mr Thayer.

About 650,000 workers provide the backbone of Cambodia's multibillion dollar garment industry – a key source of foreign income for the impoverished Southeast Asian nation.

They are demanding a doubling of the minimum wage to US\$160 a month, or about \$8 a day. So far the government has offered them \$100.

Safety worries are also rife in an industry that periodically sees mass fainting episodes often blamed on poor health, bad ventilation or exposure to dangerous chemicals.

Mother-of-two Oeurn Dany, 30, works for up to 10 hours a day, six days a week, to feed her family and send her children to school.

"We have many difficulties to survive with the current wage," she told AFP. "Workers also often get sick due to the conditions, including chemical substances on the cloth."

Rather than a boycott, she urged consumers to buy more clothes made in Cambodia so she has enough work,



A man helps a wounded Cambodian worker during a garment workers' protest on January 3. Photo: AFP

while pressuring the brands to ensure fair wages and conditions.

Opposition leader Sam Rainsy has urged Western clothing companies and consumers to be responsible when buying what he described as "blood garments".

He urged consumers in the United States and Europe "to check if there is any drop of blood in the garment they intend to buy".

Hun Sen has overseen Cambodia's transformation from a nation devastated by the regime's "Killing Fields" genocide era in the late 1970s into one of Southeast Asia's most vibrant economies.

The 61-year-old prime minister has ruled for 28 years and vowed to continue until he is 74.

His government is regularly accused of ignoring human rights and suppressing political dissent, and the opposition has boycotted parliament since July elections, alleging widespread vote rigging.

Hun Sen's critics allege that the deadly crackdown on striking workers, some of whom were throwing rocks and Molotov cocktails at police, was a pretext for a raid the following day on a peaceful opposition protest in a Phnom Penh park.

The government has since indefinitely banned demonstrations and the garment workers have ended their strike. Most have returned to work while some fled back to their villages in fear.

Despite the lull in tensions, the workers say the battle is not over.

"We will continue our demand for higher wages until we have enough money," said Khim Vat, 42, who works at a factory producing clothes for brands including Nike.

"I'm very angry about the recent crackdown but I will join any strike in the future – I'm not scared."

Pressure is mounting from international brands and labour movements to avoid further bloodshed.

"We strongly oppose any form of violence, and urge the Royal Government of Cambodia to drive negotiations among stakeholders to peacefully resolve this dispute," Gap Inc, spokesperson Laura Wilkinson said.

H&M said it too opposed "all kinds of violence", appealing for peaceful wage talks.

The row highlights a broader dilemma facing manufacturers – how to balance the expectations of Western consumers for affordable clothing with the demands of workers for a rising wage.

The Garment Manufacturers Association in Cambodia (GMAC) says the strikes have already cost the industry \$200 million.

The risk for Cambodia is that if the industry becomes uncompetitive, the brands might take their business elsewhere.

With a current minimum wage of around \$80 per month for garment workers, Cambodian labour costs are already higher than in Bangladesh, the world's second largest clothes manufacturer, but below those of industry leader China.

By comparison, garment sector workers receive a minimum or average monthly wage of about \$68 in Bangladesh, \$80-\$100 in Myanmar, \$90-\$130 in Vietnam and \$170-\$250 in China.

"There will always be another low cost labour source somewhere on the horizon," said Douglas Clayton, chief executive of Leopard Capital, a private-equity firm that invests in frontier markets. -AFP





IN BRIEF

Beijing

China reports first H7N9 bird flu death this year China has reported its first death

from the H7N9 bird flu virus in 2014 after a significant drop-off in fatalities following an outbreak last year.

A patient in the southern province of Guangdong died of the disease on Monday, the provincial health authority said on its website on January 7.

Official statistics compiled by China's health ministry show that by the end of October last year there had been 136 H7N9 cases and 45 deaths in the outbreak which began in February.

The H7N9 outbreak began in China in February 2013 and reignited fears that a virus could mutate to become easily transmissible, potentially triggering a pandemic.

Paris New bacteria found in IV nutrient bags that caused French baby deaths

France's Pasteur Institut said on January 7 a new type of bacteria had been found in nutrient bags used by a hospital in the Alps to feed babies intravenously and thought to be responsible for three deaths.

The findings came after the parents of the three newborns. who died on separate days in early December, filed criminal complaints for manslaughter.

Analyses of several unused IV bags from the batch used to give the newborns nutrients in the hospital's neonatal intensive care ward showed they all contained bacteria.

Tests showed it was a "type of environmental enterobacteria that was unknown until now and has no name", said Jean-Claude Manuquerra from the Pasteur Institut. – AFP

WASHINGTON

Cancer risk down 20pc

THE risk of dying from cancer in the United States has declined 20 percent over the past two decades, according to the American Cancer Society's annual report out on January 7.

However, cancer a complex disease that has largely eluded attempts at a cure will remain a top killer in 2014, taking some 1600 US lives per day, it warned.

The group's yearly report is based on data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Cancer Institute and the National Center for Health Statistics.

The most common cancers for women are breast, lung and colon cancer, while in men they are prostate, lung and colon cancer, it said.

Breast cancer is expected to account for 29pc of new cancers in women.

thal, and is responsible for one in four cancer deaths among men and women combined.

The declining popularity of smoking among US adults is the main reason why cancer deaths are going down. said William Oh. chief of medical oncology at Mount Sinai hospital in New York.

"A big part of this decrease in mortality is certainly linked to the decrease in cigarette smoking because we know that lung cancer is such a lethal disease that once you have it, very often you will die of it," Dr Oh told AFP.

People are also being diagnosed sooner and receiving better treatments today than 20 years ago, said Dr Oh, who was not involved in the study.

The report predicts there will be

Lung cancer remains the most le- 1.665.540 new cancer cases and 585.720 cancer deaths in the United States in 2014

> Over the past 20 years, cancer death rates have continually declined, avoiding more than 1.3 million deaths from 1991 to 2010.

> The combined cancer death rate registered at 215.1 per 100,000 in 1991 but fell to 171.8 per 100,000 in 2010.

More men's lives have been saved (952,700) than women's (387,700) over that time span.

Women are still getting cancer at about the same rate, at least over the past five years for which data are available (2006-2010), while in men cancer incidence has declined 0.6pc per year.

Cancer death rates have fallen 1.8pc per year in men and 1.4pc in women over those five years. -AFP

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LONDON Obesity ballooning in developing world

THE number of obese and overweight people in the developing world nearly quadrupled to almost a billion between 1980 and 2008, a think-tank report said last week.

There are now far more obese or overweight adults in the developing world than in richer countries, the Overseas Development Institute (ODI) said.

The London-based institute said more than a third of all adults around the world - 1.46 billion people - were obese or overweight.

Between 1980 and 2008, the numbers of people affected in the developing world rose from 250 million to 904 million. In the developed world, the figure rose from 321 million to 557 million.

"The growing rates of overweight and obesity in developing countries are alarming," said ODI research fellow Steve Wiggins, who co-authored the Future Diets report.

'On current trends, globally, we will see a huge increase in the number of people suffering certain types of cancer, diabetes, strokes and heart attacks, putting an enormous burden on public healthcare systems.

The report said overweight and obesity rates have almost doubled in China and Mexico since 1980, and risen by a third in South Africa.

The study said the rise in obesity was down to diets changing in developing countries where incomes were rising, with people shifting away from cereals and tubers to eating more meat, fats and sugar.

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The over-consumption of food, coupled with increasingly sedentary lives, was also to blame.

The report said there seemed to be little will among the public and leaders to take action on influencing diet in the future.

"Governments have focused on public awareness campaigns, but evidence shows this is not enough," said Mr Wiggins.

'The lack of action stands in stark contrast to the concerted public actions taken to limit smoking in developed countries.

"Politicians need to be less shy about trying to influence what food ends up on our plates. The challenge is to make healthy diets viable whilst reducing the appeal of foods which carry a less certain nutritional value."

-AFP

EU voices concern on Turkey graft scandal

THE European Union voiced its concern on January 8 over the political turmoil convulsing Turkey as the government conducted a new mass purge of senior police officers.

In its strongest comments yet on the widening corruption scandal engulfing Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, the EU called for Turkish authorities to ensure they acted impartially.

The turmoil has rocked Mr Erdogan's government to its very core just weeks before crucial local elections in March and has sent Turkish financial markets tumbling.

In the latest development, 16 police chiefs in several major cities including Ankara, Izmir, Antalya and Diyarbakir as well as the deputy head of national security were fired January 8 under a decree signed by Interior Minister Efkan Ala.

The latest purge came just a day after the government fired 350 police officers in the capital Ankara – bringing the total number sacked to over 700 since mid-December when the graft scandal broke, according to local media tallies.

News reports said on January 7 that another 25 people had been detained on suspicion of bribery and fraud in the widening corruption probe that has targeted several key Erdogan allies.

One of the main prosecutors in the probe, Zekeriya Oz, has also been reassigned following media reports of a Dubai holiday paid for by a Turkish construction company.

"If allegations [of wrongdoing] are proven, I will resign. But if they are proven to be baseless, I expect this honourable act from those who make these accusations against me," Mr Oz said in a statement.

Mr Oz also said he met with two legal officials sent by the prime minister who urged him to end the corruption probe.

"They told me that the prime minister is very angry at me. They asked me to halt the probe and to write a letter to apologise to the prime minister," Mr Oz said about the meeting in a hotel in the western province of Bursa.

Mr Erdogan, currently in Japan on an official visit, denied Mr Oz's allegation.

"The statements made by Zekeriya Oz are lies and slander. It is out of the question that I sent him members of the high judiciary," Mr Erdogan said in a written statement.

Mehmet Tezkan, a columnist with the liberal *Milliyet* newspaper, wrote that Turkey was going through "one of the deepest crises in its history. If



Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan speaks during a press conference in Ankara. Photo: AFP

the allegations are true, it means that the government is rotten to the core."

The EU, which Turkey has long aspired to join, said the crisis was a "cause of concern".

"We urge Turkey, as a candidate country committed to the political criteria of accession, including the application of the rule of law, to take all the necessary measures to ensure that allegations of wrongdoing are addressed without discrimination or preference in a transparent and impartial manner," the bloc said in a statement.

"The government is in charge. We will never let the political and economic stability of Turkey be disturbed," Deputy Prime Minister Ali Babacan said.

Battling to contain the biggest threat to his 11 years in power, Mr Erdogan has branded the investigation a "dirty" plot to try to topple his Islamic-rooted government.

He and his allies have blamed supporters of a powerful Muslim cleric who lives in exile in the United States but wields considerable influence in Turkey's judiciary and police.

The crisis erupted in December when dozens of leading businessmen and political figures – including the sons of three ministers – were detained.

Mr Erdogan was forced into a major cabinet reshuffle after the three ministers concerned resigned and the government has since gone on the offensive to root out foes in the police and judiciary.

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Mr Erdogan's critics accuse him of desperately trying to protect cronies caught up in the investigation which has focused on alleged bribery in construction projects and illicit money transfers by a state-owned bank to sanctions-hit Iran.

Media reports have said Mr Erdogan's son was also set to be rounded up last month but the prosecutor involved was subsequently removed.

"There are some allegations about the sons of ministers. The court is dealing with this. If there are unlawful actions, corruption or bribery, this will eventually be revealed. But we cannot take allegations as fact," Huseyin Celik, spokesperson for the ruling AKP party, told reporters.

In a new twist to the increasingly complex powerplay, Turkey's top judicial body, the Supreme Board of Judges and Prosecutors (HSYK), said on January 7 it would investigate allegations that the new Istanbul police chief was blocking prosecutors from carrying out further arrests, as well as alleged misconduct by prosecutors.

Turkey's financial markets remain jittery, with the Istanbul stock market down slightly while the dollar rebounded fractionally from an alltime low hit on January 6.

-AFP

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Billions of bees wanted for Europe farms

MANY countries in Europe face a worrying lack of crop-pollinating honeybees, a problem caused mainly by an EU policy shift in favour of biofuels, scientists warned on January 9.

"Europe as a whole only has twothirds of the honeybee colonies it needs, with a deficit of more than 13.4 million colonies – equivalent to around 7 billion bees," they said.

Researchers at the University of Reading in southern England compared the number of beehives in 41 European countries with pollination demand from 2005 to 2010.

In 22 countries, honeybees were unable meet demand, they found – with farmers increasingly having to rely on bumblebees and other wild insects. The situation was best in Turkey, Greece and the Balkans, where there was a strong tradition of beekeeping, and supply met at least 90 percent of demand.

It was worst in the former Soviet Baltic republics and in Britain, with less than 25pc, and in France and Germany, with 25pc to 50pc.

As a result, farmers relied more and more on wild pollinators rather than domesticated honeybees, whose services they rent during pollination time.

This growing dependence is worrying, given the fluctuations in wild insect populations and their vulnerability to intensive mono-culture farming with few flowering plants to offer food or shelter, the study said.

"We face a catastrophe in future years unless we act now," said Simon Potts, who led the investigation.

"Wild pollinators need greater protection. They are the unsung heroes of the countryside, providing a critical link in the food chain for humans and doing work for free."

According to a 2009 estimate, insect pollination contributes 153 billion euros (US\$208 billion) to the global value of crops.

The new probe, published in the US journal *PLOS ONE*, said the gap in bee supply and demand lay with a 38 percent increase in the planted area of oilseed crops, such as rapeseed, sunflower and soybean. -AFP

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Dated: 13th January, 2014



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SEOUL North Korea 'election' may be clue to power shift

NORTH Korea will hold elections to its rubber-stamp parliament in March, opening a rare window on possible power shifts in Pyongyang following the recent execution of leader Kim Jong-Un's uncle.

The presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly (SPA) decided the election - held every five years - would take place on March 9, the North's official KCNA news agency said on January 8.

The last parliamentary vote - a highly staged process with only one apthe 687 districts - was held in 2009 under the leadership of Mr Kim's father, Kim Jong-Il.

Mr Kim succeeded his father in December 2011, and the candidate list for the March election will be closely watched for indications that he is seeking to strengthen his grip on power.

Mr Kim has already overseen sweeping changes within the North's ruling elite - the most dramatic example being the purging and execution of his powerful uncle and political mentor Jang Song-Thaek last month on charges of treason and corruption.

Mr Kim said the country had been strengthened by the removal of "factionalist scum".

rean officials, was a member of the SPA, and the March vote will provide an opportunity to see if any senior figures are removed from the candidates' list.

who the new faces are, as some of them may be tagged for a key role under Kim Jong-Un," said Kim Yeon-Chul, a professor at Inje University's Unification Department.

Institute thinktank in Seoul, said the election could herald a "generational change" under Kim Jong-Un.

The young leader celebrated his birthday on January 8 and is believed to be 30 or 31 years old.

Mr Kim was expected to mark the day watching an exhibition basketball match in Pyongyang organised by the eccentric ex-NBA star Dennis Rodman.

The four-time all star voiced frustraday event.

The Swiss-educated Kim Jong-Un is reported to be a keen basketball fan, with a special liking for the Chicago Bulls. Mr Rodman savs he views Mr Kim as a close friend after the two struck up an unlikely relationship when the player made his first trip to North Korea nearly a year ago.

Mr Kim might well be among the candidates in the March election, if he

WASHINGTON

proved candidate standing for each of

In his New Year message last week,

Mr Jang, like many top North Ko-

"It will also be interesting to see

Cheong Seong-Chang, of the Sejong

tion at the fact that Mr Bae's case and Pyongyang's human rights record in general had overshadowed the birth-



anti-North Korea rally marking Mr Kim's birthday on January 8. Photo: AFP

chooses to follow his father's example of standing for parliament.

The rubber-stamp assembly usually sits twice a year for a day or two to pass government budgets and approve personnel changes

The last session in April 2013 adopted a special ordinance formalising the country's position as a nuclear weapons state - a status that both South Korea and the United States have vowed not to recognise.

"We will not accept North Korea as a nuclear state," US Secretary of State John Kerry reiterated Tuesday at a joint press conference in Washington with his South Korean counterpart Yun Byung-Se.

The very public purging of Mr Jang amounted to a rare admission of dissent within North Korea and triggered concerns that the regime might try to promote unity by targeting the South.

Mr Kerry said an additional 800 US troops would be deployed to South Korea for a nine-month tour from February.

"We will continue to modernise our capabilities so that we are prepared to face any threat," he told reporters. The United States already has 28,500 troops in the South.

Both countries have rejected overtures from the North about resuming six-party talks on its nuclear program, insisting that Pyongyang must demonstrate some commitment to denuclearisation.

Following the execution of Jang Song-Thaek, rumours have swirled around the fate of his wife, and Kim Jong-Un's aunt, Kim Kyong-Hui a major political operator in her own right

South Korea's Yonhap news agency on January 8 cited a senior government official as saying she was in a "critical condition" as the result of a heart condition exacerbated by alcoholism.

Ms Kim visited Russia between September and October last year for medical treatment, the official said.

A leading South Korean newspaper reported Monday that Ms Kim may have already died - either of a heart attack or by suicide.

She has not been seen in public since September. – AFP

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Dated: 13th January, 2014



US denounces Iran's role in Syria

THE United States on January 7 ac-cused Iran of helping "brutalise" Syria as Secretary of State John Kerry prepared to talk to Russia about Tehran's potential role at a peace conference.

Mr Kerry will meet in Paris on January 13 with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov to discuss whether Iran should take part in the conference later this month in Switzerland aimed at ending the nearly three-yearold war in Syria, the State Department said.

Russia - like Iran a supporter of Syria's embattled President Bashar al-Assad - supports participation by Tehran. Mr Kerry, who has negotiated a thaw with Iran on its disputed nuclear program, earlier said that the clerical

regime could play a role in the Syria conference from the "sidelines".

But UN leader Ban Ki-moon did not include Iran in his invitations to 30 countries and the United States on Tuesday renewed calls for Iran to state that it would support a process in which Mr Assad would ultimately step down.

"At this point, Iran has done nothing but helped the regime, help bring foreign fighters in, help the regime's efforts to brutalise the Syrian people," State Department spokesperson Jen Psaki told reporters.

"If they wanted to send a message to the world about their seriousness of having a positive outcome, there are steps they could take. There's no

indication that they have any desire or interest in taking any of these steps. she said.

Iran, run by Shiite clerics, considers Mr Assad its main Arab ally. Mr Assad, a member of the heterodox Alawite sect, is fighting Sunni rebels who enjoy support from Gulf Arab kingdoms.

Iran has scoffed at Mr Kerry's offer of a sideline role at the peace talks, saying it would only accept offers that respect the country's "honour".

Iran last year elected moderate President Hassan Rouhani, who has reached a breakthrough, but temporary, accord with the United States and other Western powers to freeze sensitive nuclear work. - AFP

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Mine spill pollutes Kruger

SOUTH African authorities revealed on January 7 that a phosphate mine spillage has caused "extensive pollution" to a river in the country's famed Kruger National Park.

Park officials said "highly acidic water" from a dam at the Bosveld phosphate mine spilled into a tributary of the Olifants River, killing thousands of fish.

"It's extensive pollution given the number of fish we have witnessed floating over a 15-kilometre (9 mile) stretch of the river," park spokesperson Ike Phaahla told AFP.

"We haven't seen any of the big animals affected – your hippos or your crocodiles," said Mr Phaahla after a preliminary investigation.

But the park's water resources manager Eddie Riddell estimated the number of dead fish at several thousand, pointing to major environmental damage. A fisherman notified the park in late December of a number of dead fish floating on the river, prompting the probe.

Heavy rains that recently pounded the area are believed to have contributed to the spill.

The mine owners will face prosecution for violating the country's water laws.

"We have already ... laid criminal charges against Bosveld Phosphates for contravening the National Water Act," said Nigel Adams, a director in South Africa's Department of Water and Environmental Affairs.

Investigations are focusing on establishing which chemicals flowed into the river and mapping the extent of the ecological damage.

"We are still busy taking samples and assessing the impact but we do believe there is major environmental damage," the general manager of the park's scientific research services unit Stefanie Freitag-Ronaldson told AFP. Scientists fear the impact could be "very serious" and long-term.

"The sulphates completely inhibit the fishes' ability to uptake certain very vital vitamins and minerals and they die," said Koos Pretorius, a veterinary surgeon and environmental activist.

"And when they die, the crocodiles come and they gorge on them," then get sick and die too, he said, "So it's very serious."

The poor uptake of essential minerals causes the animals to be "very susceptible to diseases" and to have very poor growth, reproduce less and have weak babies that die easily.

"It's what we call an erosion disease. It's like HIV – it's an underlying problem ... Some people are affected but many, many people are living with the consequences," he said. – *AFP*

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 10- Mya Myint Moh (Pyin Ma Nar)
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SARAJEVO

Sarajevo's legendary shoe-shiner dies

BOSNIANS paid tribute on January 7 to a legendary shoe-cleaner known as "uncle" Miso, who died at the age of 83 after more than 60 years spent working, even during the 1992-1995 war.

An empty wooden chair, covered with roses, stood in front of a fast-food restaurant in the main Sarajevo Tito avenue with a large photo portrait of the man who has become a symbol of the Bosnian capital. Dozens of people paid tribute in silence, while others lit candles put around a pair of shoes on the pavement.

"Emotions felt by Sarajevans after his death reflect the best of his deeds," said architect Kenan Husic.

Always in a neat suit, freshly pressed white shirt, his hair carefully combed under a hat, with a meticulously trimmed grey moustache and a large smile, "uncle" Miso did not leave his spot even during the siege and the bloodiest shellings.

A Roma originally from Kosovo who moved to Bosnia just after World War II, his real name was Husein Hasani, but he took on the nickname given by his boxing coach, a Hungarian who could not pronounce his name.

At 21, he took over the job from his father and soon became the most famous and the "most beautiful" shoeshiner in Sarajevo, as he said.

In recent years, he was the last one to keep up with the traditional trade, which has deep roots in the Balkans, inherited from the centuries-long Ottoman rule in the region.

Albina Curkovic, a 78-year old retired nurse, said uncle Miso was "both a lucky charm and a symbol of Sarajevo" during the war years, when he



could not be convinced to move to a shelter during the shelling.

"When he was there, we knew that even if the sky fell overnight, we have survived another day" of a more than three-year-long siege of Sarajevo, she said.

Despite food shortages and poverty during the war years, he always kept treats for Sarajevo's stray dogs, which he called his "faithful comrades" in the streets.

In 2009 "uncle" Miso was awarded a medal for merit by city authorities, as well as a modest apartment and a pension. At the time, he trumpeted the news to his clients and passer-bys, drumming his brushes on a metal box. "Now when someone puts a foot on a metal case in front of me, he often asks why such a legend still polishes shoes," he said in a recent interview.

"But I say, this job is in my blood and you can only find me dead in this chair," he said.

Thanks to his exuberant personality, Mr Hasani often appeared in films and TV shows shot in Sarajevo. He proudly kept dozens of news articles, written about him and the famous "brush-dance" he performed before cleaning the shoes, in a fake-leather bound memory book.

"There were shoe-cleaners in every street when I started and now, I'm the only one. Why? Because I have been brave and people laughed to my jokes," he said in a documentary. – *AFP*

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SARAJEVO Bosnian Muslims send images of corpses

MUSLIM victims of Bosnia's war sent postcards showing corpses taken from a mass grave to 5000 Serb politicians on January 6, ahead of the anniversary of the creation of a separate Bosnian Serb-run political entity.

The gruesome images showed corpses exhumed last year from a mass grave uncovered in northeastern Bosnia containing hundreds of bodies believed to be those of Muslims and Croats tortured and killed by Bosnian Serb forces at the beginning of the 1992-1995 war.

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The Serb-run political entity was created on January 9, 1992 on the eve of the bloody war that claimed some 100,000 lives in Bosnia.

The Dayton agreement that ended the war in late 1995 left Bosnia divided into two semi-independent entities, the Republika Srpska and the Muslim-Croat Federation, linked by a loose central government.

Bosnian Muslims seek the abolition of the Republika Srpska and a stronger central state.

The 1995 massacre of some 8000 Muslim men and boys in Srebrenica by Bosnian Serb forces was determined as genocide by an international tribunal, but has been persistently downplayed by Bosnian Serb politicians. -AFP

Al-Qaeda group loses HQ in Aleppo, journalists freed

SYRIAN rebels overran the Aleppo headquarters of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), as claims emerged that the al-Qaeda - linked group had massacred prisoners there in cold blood.

The rebels were on January 8 reportedly also pressing ISIL in Raqa, the only provincial capital lost by the regime of President Bashar al-Assad and a stronghold of the group.

In Damascus, a security source told AFP the infighting benefited Syria's regime, calling it a settling of scores by nations backing different rebel groups.

The operation in Aleppo came a day after ISIL's spokesperson threatened to "crush" opposition fighters who have attacked the group in several provinces.

"There are hardly any ISIL members left in the city of Aleppo," the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said.

Elsewhere, a diplomat announced two Swedish reporters missing in Syria since November had been freed.

However, a Czech humanitarian aid group said Wednesday that three of its local staff were killed in Syria during a mortar attack.

And the fractious Syrian opposition National Coalition said it was postponing a final decision on whether to attend peace talks in Switzerland.

On the ground, ISIL battled moderate and Islamist rebels in clashes that first erupted at the start of the month and have killed at least 385 people, including 56 civilians.

ISIL's headquarters in a hospital in Aleppo's Qadi Askar neighbourhood was overrun by opposition fighters, who reportedly freed dozens of prisoners.

A video posted online on January 8

at least nine prisoners after handcuffing, blindfolding and shooting them in the head.

acts, which perpetuate the regime's methods to kill free voice, suppress liberty and violate ... fundamental human rights".

Mohammed al-Adnani issued a defiant message, urging fighters to "crush them [the rebels] totally and kill the

head of al-Qaeda's Syrian arm, Al-Nus-

the fighting "risks costing us dearly on the ground if it continues" and urged all fighters "to give priority to the fight against the regime".

The Nusra Front was established in

The Iraqi groups chief later sought

Since then, they have functioned separately, with Al-Nusra largely neutral in the latest fighting.

But the Observatory said Nusra fighters were pressing ISIL in Raqa, to the east of Aleppo.

operations continued Regime Wednesday, with the Observatory reporting at least eight people killed in air raids on Tal Rifaat in Aleppo province.

UN Security Council statement condemning the Syrian government attacks on the city of Aleppo, diplomats said. - AFP

claimed ISIL had previously executed

The Coalition denounced "these

Last week, ISIL spokesperson Abu conspiracy at birth".

His message came hours after the ra Front, urged an end to the fighting.

Abu Mohamed al-Jolani warned

mid-2011 with help from ISIL's Iraqi precursor.

to merge with Al-Nusra, but they spurned an alliance and pledged allegiance to al-Qaeda chief Ayman al-Zawahiri.

Russia blocked a British-drafted

rajevo on June 28, 1914, of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, the heir to the Austro-Hungarian empire, and his wife by a 19-year-old Serbian nationalist, was the trigger for the Great War. Although the underlying causes of the 1914-18 conflict are well known

in the Balkans.

 simmering tensions between rival blocs, bound by a complex network of alliances - Serbs remain highly sensitive about assassin Gavrilo Princip's role.

FORMER foes from World War I will

come together in Sarajevo to mark

the war's centenary in June, their

rivalries long buried though the con-

Next June, some 130 historians from 30 countries will gather in Sarajevo - the mostly Muslim capital of Bosnia - to confront their visions at an international conference on World War I.

In both Serbia and Republika Srpska, the Serb part of Bosnia, politicians see the conference as an attempt to "revise history" - and lay the blame for the war, with its 10 million dead on the battlefields and millions more among civilian populations, on the shoulders of the Serb people.

"Serbia will neither allow a revision of history nor will it forget who are the main culprits in World War I," Serbian Prime Minister Ivica Dacic warned in an interview with AFP.

Bosnian Serb leader Milorad Dodik has also slammed European plans for a series of memorial events to be held in Sarajevo in June 2014.

Preparations are already afoot with a foundation called "Sarajevo, heart of Europe", set up by France with co-funding from its former foe Germany, to mark the centenary with a mix of culture, sport and memorial events.

Mr Dodik charged that the events would be "a new propaganda attack against the Serbs ... falsifying history".

France's ambassador to Bosnia Roland Gilles said the concerns were unfounded.

"The idea is simply to meet and gather, especially younger generations, and say, 'Look, the only path ahead for the coming centuries is to live together in peace and reconciliation," Gilles told Bosnian television.

The Mr Sarajevo historians' conference is being organised by Husnija Kamberovic of the city's Institute of History, himself a Bosnian Muslim.

"After 100 years, it is time to reexamine everything related to World War I, the assassination on the eve of the war, the background to the assassination ... without suggesting an answer," he told AFP.

"There are no topics we cannot discuss.'

In Yugoslav history books, Princip was described for decades as a he-

roic freedom fighter whose act was an "expression of popular protest against the tyranny" of the Hapsburg empire over the Balkans.

Since the bloody breakup of the former Yugoslavia in the 1990s, however, cracks have appeared in that story. Princip's hero image is intact in both Serbia and in Republika Srpska. but in Sarajevo his cause is portraved as an ethnic one: Princip is cast as a Serbian "terrorist", and likened to the Serbs who were pitted against Muslim Bosniaks and Croats in the bloody 1992-95 Bosnian war.

Serbian historian Dubravka Stojanovic firmly rejects that view.

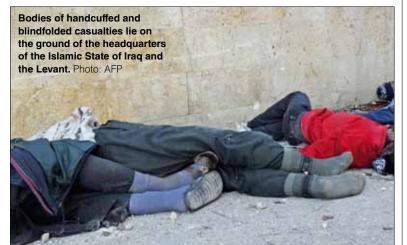
"He was a Yugoslav nationalist," she told AFP. "Members of the same movement were also Muslims, Croats and Serbs who fought against the Austro-Hungarian Empire." She says Princip is unfortunately a "perfect figure for political exploitation".

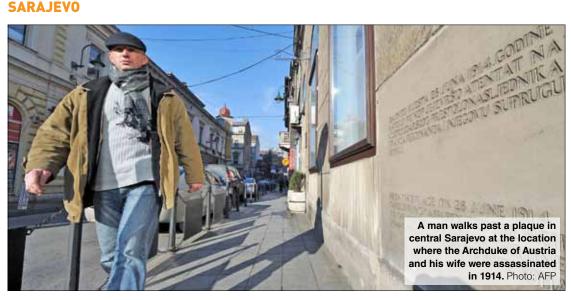
Belgrade politicians are keen to stress the cruel wartime sacrifices of Serbia, which fought alongside France, Britain and Russia against the Central Powers led by Germany, Austria-Hungary and the Ottoman Empire.

Some 15 percent of Serbia's population was lost - 125,000 military and 650,000 civilians through disease and privation - making it the country worst hit by the war in proportion to its population, according to the British historian John Keegan.

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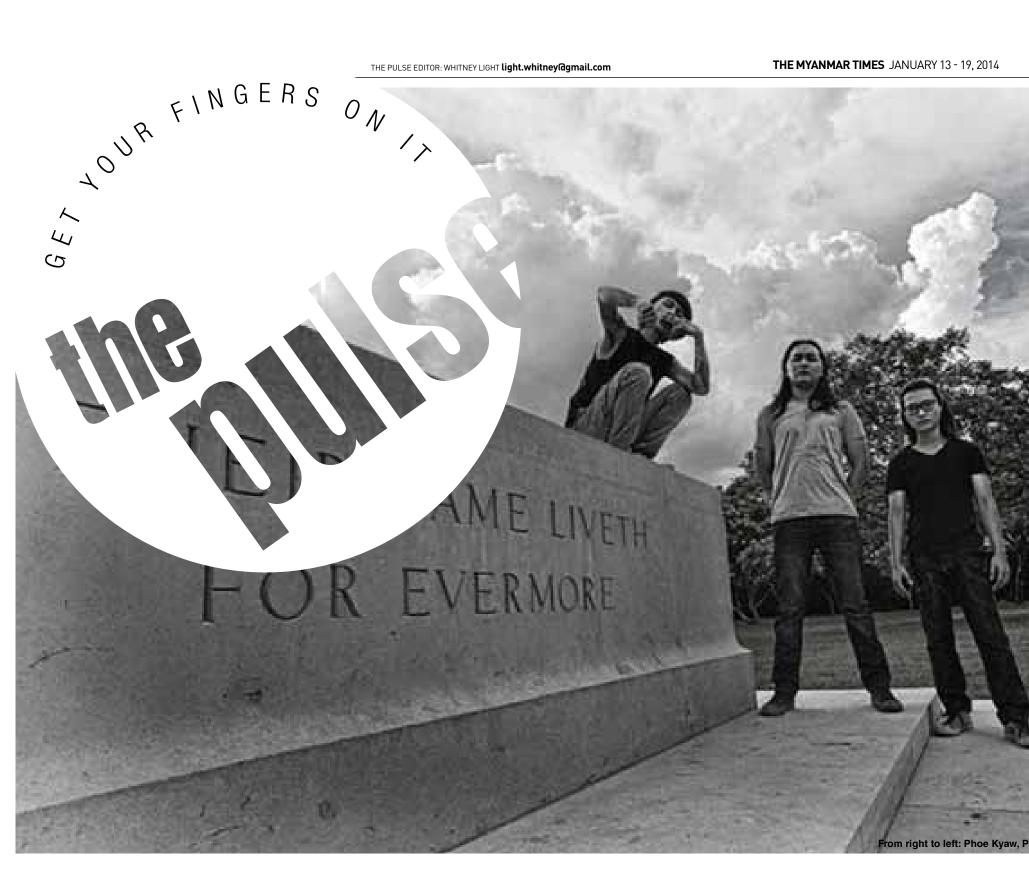
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awesome, a perfect accompaniment to the crushing vocals of Aung Zaw Myat. Drummer Wai Yan's beats are fast and ferocious, and the Phoe Kyaw's bass provides the heavy core of a great metal song. The four players together on stage appeared to lose themselves in their inspired, thundering noise. In their own

"There are so many people who can't accept our music, even though we try harder than most other musicians. It's not very easy to play a metal song, but we can," Pho Zaw, 29, said, relaxing on the sofa in his family home in Kyauk Myoung.

Aung Zaw Myat, 26, elaborated. "Yes, we try hard, but we're cut off from audiences because there are no concerts to play. It's rare to see a metal band play solo in Myanmar."

who wears his hair long, down to his shoulder. "Last Day of Beethoven was born."

The name of the band, in fact, laid out what their objective would be. In Pho Zaw's explanation, "Beethoven, the composer, wrote pleasant songs for his audiences. But when we're on stage, there are no pleasant songs.

clothing shop by the same name in Lapyaewun Plaza. He organised six underground concerts with the name Woodstock between 2007 and 2011.

'Ko Ye was a really good producer and he understood us metal bands at that time. We also helped him by giving out flyers and selling tickets. We used the family system to put the show together," Aung Zaw Myat said. Before that concert, Ko Ye also helped distribute the band's demo CD to friends and strangers. Almost no one knew Beethoven then. Aung Zaw Myat said he figures that's actually why people showed up - curiosity. Around 60 people came to see them. Still, Myanmar audiences haven't developed an ear for metal quite yet. Shows are few and far between. It's been almost impossible to get back money invested in putting on a show. Ko Ye gave up organising Woodstock after 2011, and others won't dare put down money on such ventures. If the bands want to connect with audiences, they have to do it with their own money, which isn't easy for young players.

HANKS to Yangon-based death metal band Last Day of Beethoven, both adults and youth in the city are starting to take a shine to heavy metal music.

At the last "Jam It", a semi-regular concert series featuring up-andcoming local bands and musicians, the band played strongly enough that even crowd members who didn't know the songs - foreigners among them – jumped along and waved rowdy and appreciative thumbs up. "They were my favorite tonight!" yelled audience member Wai Yan, 19.

Regarded as one of the most famous bands in the Yangon metal scene, alongside names like Fever 109, Nightmare, Suicide Plan and Darkest Tears from My Heart, Last Day of Beethoven is something special. On stage, the skill of guitarist Pho Zaw is

world, they blazed through wild and decidedly unpleasant songs.

Formed in 2007 by two members, the band tries hard to build their skill and identity, sacrificing time and money to learn to really play guitar and sing metal. It took them more than two years of effort to achieve a technique that got any attention from audiences. Even now, the payoff of years of development doesn't seem to amount to something fair. considering how hard they've tried with some members even going against their families' wishes to play this metal music.

Metal is noise music, mixed with explosive vocals. At present, Mvanmar audiences are mostly attracted to K-Pop and R&B, about the farthest thing from metal one can imagine. It's unsurprising that many people just won't accept metal as a musical genre.

The metal scene lost momentum in 2009. At the end of that year, there were no more metal concerts in Yangon, and metal music went far out of the minds of audiences for a long time. There were few audiences to begin with and fewer organisers. Some bands broke up and some tried to reorganise. Beethoven was one that kept practising, hoping their dreams of fame and a dynamic Myanmar metal scene would someday come true.

The dream began when Pho Zaw and Aung Zaw Myat decided to form a band, making a choice then to pursue the sounds of death metal. "When I was learning to play the guitar, I already liked metal music, and I decided to do it," said Pho Zaw, We bring unpleasant music to the masses.

In other words, Beethoven is dead, so get ready to put your earplugs in.

In the beginning, however, they were just a vocalist and a guitarist. To get by, they asked for help from players in other metal bands. They played some gigs, but the first real break came in 2008, with an invitation to play Woodstock, a special concert for death metal bands that was held each year in Kandawgyi Park or another venue in Yangon.

It was an important moment since it was the first time the band had the opportunity to play alongside at least 15 other underground bands. They had been recording songs and working hard. Now they were getting known on the larger music scene.

Woodstock was organised by Ko Ye, a metal fan who also owns a

Pho Zaw counts himself and the band lucky nonetheless. "Although we have really a small audience, the fans



YANGON DEATH METAL BAND LAST DAY OF BEETHOVEN WILL ROCK YOUR EARS IF THEY GET THE CHANCE



we have show extreme support for us to keep doing this music. And we have a really great time."

The band continued to grow. In 2009, drummer Wai Yan met Pho Zaw through some musician friends at music school and became a full-time member. At 20 years old, he is the youngest member of the group. He they sing mostly about peace. As religious and other conflicts have flared in Yangon and the rest of the country, the group sings for harmony between peoples. On a lighter note, they also refer to the conflict that's erupted between hip-hop and rock fans. Beethoven is for peace on all fronts. "When we started doing this music, some of the young people in our community were living without hope and some were giving up on life. That's when you can listen to metal: to explode and release these feelings through song. So I'm offering a message of don't give up. Life will go on no matter what. I just want to support kids to feel better," said Aung Zaw Myat, who writes all the lyrics. During the past year, Last Day of Beethoven practised at their studio regularly. They last performed on December 6, with other bands at the Jam It concert at Flamingo Bar, located in the compound of the Yangon International Hotel. Jam It concerts bring together little-known bands and local hip-hop groups. For Beethoven, it was the first time they participated. Jam It has already held a few concerts in Yangon and Mandalay.

"We really appreciated performing in that Jam It concert," Pho Zaw said. Ever the musical perfectionist, however, he had just one complaint. "We got into some trouble at the sound check. No one seemed to be responsible for it, and we didn't know who to ask. We need to have a sound check. It's very important for us. If not, the music won't be really good." As a general rule, the band won't play without a sound check. There is too much risk that the vocals will become an annoying drone and the music a dissonant blur. The band writes gritty music, and they want you to hear every note. They also want to release an album, something they've never done in their six years of existence. But the time still isn't right. Instead, they're working on a compilation with some other groups, though Pho Zaw declined to say who, exactly, because the project is just in the works. "Every band wants to release a solo album, but we have to make our music popular with local audiences first," Pho Zaw said. Until then, the group plans to keep working hard.



still attends a private international school in Yangon, and is always practicing drumming at his home studio. Around the same time, bassist Phoe Kyaw, a friend of Pho Zaw, also became a stable member.

Ironically, just when they had settled on a complete full-time lineup of players, there seemed hardly ever to be a metal concert in Yangon. So instead of playing gigs, they practised.

"At least once a week we practised the songs at studio with all members and we were always writing new songs. We don't care if we have few or many in our audience. We have to do something valuable for the people do care about us," Pho Zaw said.

In the beginning, most of the band's song lyrics provided a message of "don't give up" and "don't feel too down", which they wanted to communicate to young people. Now

"When the album finally comes out, people will see our efforts."

From top to bottom: Pho Zaw, Aung Zaw Myat and Phoe Kyaw. Photo: Supplied

Art Review

A painful picturesque

Local artist paints an ode to Yangon's disappearing commuter buses



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OMMUTERS in Yangon have much to groan about when it comes to the city's dilapidated Hino and Dyna buses. Their wooden chairs are frail, the floors of the vehicles are often rusted through, and the passengers are tightly packed in.

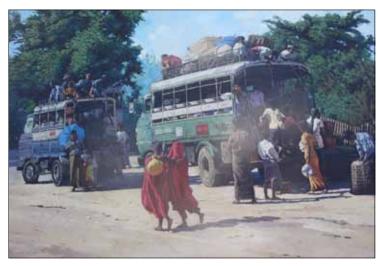
When I was a student, Dyna buses were the only means of transport from my home to school in Botaht township. Every morning, I struggled to find a place for both my feet. The drivers floored the gas pedal to breakneck speed, causing my heart to beat with fear of accident. The conductors were never sweet. With an impolite manner, they would elbow their way through the passengers to collect our fares.

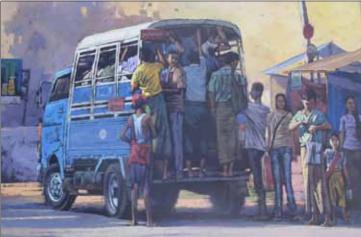
One time, I witnessed a Hino crash, and I often read stories in the papers about deaths caused by reckless Hino drivers at Shwegondine junction. Riding the bus left an indelible imprint on me. I loathed them.

So when I saw the paintings of Yangon artist Ye Aung Myat - who is among 26 artists featured in the 43rd annual group show at Lokanat Gallery - I was surprised to find my impression of the buses changing and softening. In the artwork, the buses look naturally beautiful, and I wondered how this subject had caught the artist's imagination.

Famous for his paintings on a wide variety of subjects, Ye Aung Myat, 39, has been a member of Lokanat Gallery since early 2013 and is also a regular commuter. Using his time spent on buses and at stops as inspiration, he has captured the daily lives of commuters in a series that should find an important place in the artistic record of how life is and was before the economy completely changes and the old buses give way to modern vehicles from Japan and Korea

One of Ye Aung Myat's paintings in acrylic illustrates a Hino bus stopped at Sule near City Hall, the bus that regularly runs from Sule to





Ye Aung Myat, "Bus Stop", 2010, acrylic. Photo: Supplied

He takes the Hino when he wants to visit galleries downtown, he said.

In the painting, passengers get

"I see the commuters' everyday

He also explained that Chevrolet, Dyna and Hino buses have splendid features compared with the modern buses, which fail to catch his interest. He is not showing any paintings of Chevrolet vehicles, however, though they can still be found in Insein township in Yangon, where they travel short distances within the township. Other paintings feature the Dyna pickup, which is still used in Taungoo town in Bago Region. The Dyna pickup carries large bags and baggage on its roof.

"His paintings reflect the soul and beauty in all he saw around him," said Lokanat gallery manager Aung Myint Tun, who organised the show.

The 43rd annual art exhibition at Lokanat Gallerv continues until February 27. No. 62, 1st floor, Pansodan Street, Kyauktada township, Yangon.

Tasting Myanmar

Modern meets colonial cooking in new book

WILL JACKSON

WHEN the Strand Hotel opened in 1901, it was one of the most luxurious hotels in the British empire and hosted luminaries such as author Rudyard Kipling, Edward VII and the Earl of Burma, Lord Mountbatten.

It's fitting, then, that the Strand features prominently on the cover of Robert Carmack and Morrison Polkinghorne's new Burma Cookbook, which spans the country's culinary history from the time of empire to the present.

"[The Strand Hotel represents] a hundred years of history, of colonialism and independence, coming to today," says Carmack.

"It ties the past to the present." Sitting side-by-side in the book are traditional Burmese dishes such as mohinga (fish noodle soup) and kha yan chin thee thoke (tomato salad) along with classic colonial fare like lobster thermidor and roast beef, which the authors recently ate at the Candacraig Hotel at Pyin Oo Lwin.

"That's why it's called the Burma Cookbook not the Myanmar Cookbook because [we wanted to include that] sort of colonial style and the history of Myanmar," he says.

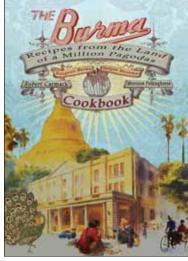
The book is the result of more than a decade of research including months criss-crossing Myanmar chatting to locals about recipes and ingredients. Some vintage cookbooks obtained from London booksellers also proved useful for rediscovering some obscure old recipes.

The Strand Hotel too served as a resource as well as an inspiration, with Carmack and Polkinghorne given access to its remaining archives of menus, photos and documents along with its chefs.

"The kitchen staff were very helpful with us, saying, 'This would be what we would do with this and that," Polkinghorne said.

The pair, who are nominally based in Sydney but spend much of their time researching and running Globetrotting Gourmet food tours around Southeast Asia, had different roles on the book.

US-born Carmack, a classically trained chef now specialising in Asian cuisine and the author of five cookbooks, did the writing. while Polkinghorne, an Australian textile designer and importer, was



The Burma Cookbook. Photo: Supplied

responsible for the photos and look. 'We did it with an Edwardian flavour to connote that history, with an Edwardian font and we took elements of Edwardian design

but it is distinctly a fun retro look," Carmack savs. "It's verv contemporary but respectful." Both modern and colonial

recipes are included in the book. Polkinghorne also had the job of testing all the recipes to make sure they would work in a typical Western kitchen.

We worked on the poori puffball recipe a lot," said Polkinghorne. "You have to make a very flat dough and then when you fry it in the oil a minute it's supposed to puff up into a great big ball. Getting that technique right, learning how to do the thickness and the size and the edges, and writing that all down was fabulous.

'We made quite a few mistakes there but to finally achieve that little puffball was just phenomenal to do."

Carmack said he strove for approachability while retaining authenticity with the recipes, adding footnotes with variations instead of changing ingredients.

"Some are easy, some more complex, but they are not dumbed down or bastardised," Carmack said.

"We don't want people to feel intimidated thinking that these are ethnic or Asian dishes I'll never make. All of these would work in a Western kitchen." - The Phnom Penh Post

The Burma Cookbook is available now from Monument Books.







North Dagon where the artist lives.

on the bus and the conductor in blue uniform stands and waits until it is filled with passengers. Every detail is precise. There are rust spots on the back of the car, an extra wheel is fixed to the bus, the plate numbers are clear. In the background is the platform shaded by trees and large buildings.

lives and they have always interested me. I want to record their lives in my painting," Ye Aung Myat said. "I really sympathise with what bus commuters are going through every day. I want to present their difficulties.

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Riding to Rangoon

Long way across: part two of a motorcycle journey from Delhi to Yangon

ANDY BENFIELD & EMILIE RÖELL

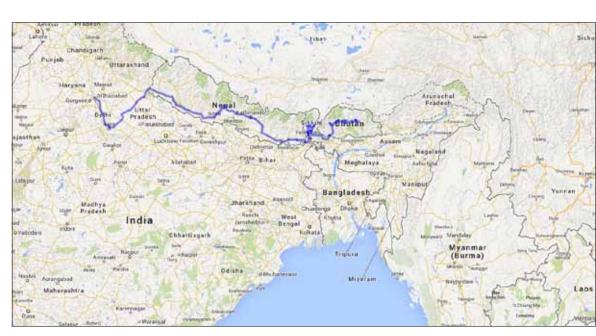
FTER we enjoyed a brief stop at the Taj Mahal, the real adventure began as we hit the flat, hot and crowded roads of Uttar Pradesh. One of India's poorest and most troubled states, it's home to some 200 million people, and a lot of them seemed to be on the highway.

Brightly painted trucks, rickety buses, speeding cars and weaving motorcycles united in a desire to get wherever they were going as quickly as possible, with scant regard for the laws of physics or the basic tenets of road safety. Added to the hazards were dogs, goats, pigs, the odd camel and a few people who'd picked the soft tarmac for an afternoon nap.

We were navigating this throng on our way toward the Nepal border at Banbasa, which would be the first of five international frontiers we had to cross. We planned to traverse Nepal west to east before exiting again into India. Next we would pick our way through Sikkim and West Bengal to reach Bhutan, ride the length of this small mountain kingdom, and come out again into India's northeast. Then we'd cross the states of Assam, Nagaland and Manipur to reach the Myanmar border.

We reached the first border on the third day of our trip, arriving at a tiny run-down immigration office where two gentlemen in track suits were sipping tea and perusing the morning newspapers. They greeted us with a smile and a yawn and shuffled off to find some forms for us to fill in. The motorcycle was pretty much ignored, and we were soon waved across. So it seemed that crossing borders might not be so hard after all.

The wonderfully quiet Mahendra Highway led us away from the frontier and into the flat, green farming belt that characterises this part of Nepal, a vivid contrast with the mountainous north. It's also an area that has seen its fair share of unrest, and we found ourselves weaving through a number of police and army roadblocks as we headed further east. People were friendly, however, and Emilie's driving attracted a number of surprised and envious stares from passing ladies – making a small but perhaps



important contribution to local female emancipation.

Another few days of riding brought us into the Himalayan foothills. The road wound up to the medieval town of Tansen, carving its way along the side of a steep river gorge and through dense jungle and beautiful rural villages. It was at sunset in Tansen that we took in our first view of the mighty Himalayas, their snowy peaks thrusting up through a layer of low cloud.

We hadn't seen another foreigner since leaving the Taj Mahal, so arriving at the backpacker haven of Pokhara came as a bit of a shock: chocolate lassi, dreadlocked foreigners and 100-rupee T-shirts. The tourist presence contrasted with the vocal street marches we pushed through on the outskirts of town, a clear sign that Nepal's transition to democracy is far from complete.

Our first really serious driving challenge, however, arose about ten days into the trip. Problems with our bike delayed our journey from Pokhara toward Kathmandu until the afternoon. As a result, we found ourselves riding Nepal's most dangerous road in the dark. Buses and trucks careened downhill, their horns blaring and vehicles either blasting full-beam headlights or none at all. Dust clouds choked us as they swept past. Again and again we were pushed into potholes or dangerously close to the precipitous drop to the raging river below.

Filthy and exhausted, we arrived in Kathmandu only for Andy to be struck down by food poisoning for a couple days. After this the bike got sick, and as we headed toward the eastern border with India, every day seemed to bring a new mechanical ailment. The suspension broke. The clutch seized up. The battery died. The exhaust pipe fell off.

Eventually we crossed the border

back into India and, the next day, started up the old road to Darjeeling. It was a beautiful, clear morning. We wound through an ancient forest, emerging on a hillside blanketed with tea plantations and dotted with stooped and slow-moving women working the fields with wicker baskets strapped to their backs. The crumbling colonial buildings of Darjeeling itself wouldn't have been out of place in Yangon, but as we had experienced several times by now, it still seemed that almost no one had heard of this strange place called Myanmar to which we were heading.

Over the next few days Cyclone Phailin obscured the beauty of the Indian state and former independent kingdom of Sikkim and hammered us with incessant rain. Apart from blocking out the mountains, it also turned the already dodgy roads into rivers of mud. The bike still refused to behave, and we found ourselves stumbling again from one repair shop to the next as we tried to make it to the Bhutan border.

When we eventually arrived, crossing into Bhutan through a huge ornate archway, the mini-caravan that was waiting for us on the other side was a welcome sight. After weeks of DIY adventure, we now had a guide on another motorcycle, plus a support truck. Bhutan strictly controls tourism and we had spent several months organising to drive our motorcycle through the country. Doing it alone is an absolute no-no as all travellers must be supervised and have their itinerary pre-approved.

More changes were immediately apparent. The streets were quieter and cleaner, the buildings adorned with colourful depictions of Buddhist folklore. In a small town square, people ambled and chatted in the morning sun, spinning their handheld prayer wheels.

The Land of the Thunder Dragon,

as Bhutan is also known, is truly a place unlike any other on earth. A tiny Himalayan kingdom of less than a million people sandwiched between China and India, it's the home of the concept of Gross National Happiness, a place where no tree can be cut down nor any animal killed, where tobacco is banned and all buildings are built in the traditional style, decorated with ejaculating phalluses in reverence to the Divine Madman. The people seem to universally worship their benevolent king, and there's even a national park dedicated to the protection of the yeti.

We spent the next 10 days or so winding our way through this pristine wonderland of soaring snow-capped peaks, hidden green valleys and magnificent fortresses and monasteries topped by colourful prayer flags flapping in the wind. A highlight was our hike up to the vertiginous Tiger's Nest monastery, which clings to the side of a cliff and, as we discovered, was the place where Aung San Suu Kyi received a wedding proposal from her late husband, Michael Aris.

As we eventually made our way down and out of the mountains and back toward the plains of India, we knew that the most adventurous parts of the journey now lay immediately ahead – in the little-known hill-sand jungles of Northeast India and, beyond them, the Myanmar border.

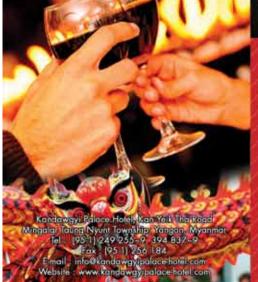
Look out for the final part of Andy and Emilie's adventure in next week's paper, and see more photos and blogging at http://www.ridingtorangoon.com.

Correction: The first part, "Blessed be the Bike," published on January 4, 2014, referred to crossing six borders between Delhi and Yangon. In fact they crossed five.



Andy and Emilie in Bhutan. Photo: supplied





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Late for Nowhere

In Shan State, a story of unrequited love



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N a cold December morning in northern Shan State, I drove west out of the border town of Muse in a Ford pickup truck along with my wife Pauksi, her mother Nang Hseng, and a few relatives from the Kachin side of the family.

We were heading for Namkham, about 30 kilometres (18 miles) away. The rough and narrow road followed the south bank of the Shweli River, which forms a porous boundary with China. Myanmar's northern neighbour would have been visible a mere 200 metres to our right had it not been for the murky fog drifting from the water.

Until last year, Namkham was closed to foreigners, and even now security remains sketchy. A few months before our visit, fighting in Namkham township between the Myanmar Army (Tatmadaw) and the Shan State Army-South (SSA-S) armed ethnic group had killed at least nine government soldiers.

According to a May 9 report on the Irrawaddy website, the skirmish prompted about 1000 villagers to flee from the mountains and take refuge in Namkham town, while others displaced by the fighting sought

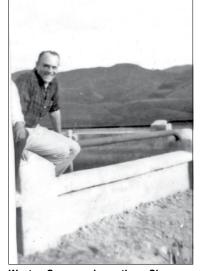
shelter in Ruili on the Chinese side of the border.

An atmosphere of calm prevailed when we passed through the area last month, and we encountered no checkpoints on our way to visit one of the few Kachin households in Shan-majority Namkham – the family of Nang Hseng's 86-year-old aunt, Lathaw Ja Hkawn.

Upon our arrival, Lathaw Ja Hkawn's family sat us down at an outdoor table for a tasty breakfast of Shan noodles, fried tofu and instant coffee. For dessert, they plied us with homemade ice cream – one of the family's small business ventures – which was delicious but did nothing to stop us shivering in the frosty winter air.

After breakfast, some of us walked to the chaotic town market. My wife bought some blankets, but a relative who had come with us from Muse was victimised by a pickpocket, who filched K60,000 (about US\$58) and her national ID card straight out of her purse. She didn't notice anything until she tried to buy a sweater and found her money gone.

Our last stop in Namhkam was the hilltop site of a hospital established in the 1920s by a legendary American doctor, Gordon Seagrave. Born in Yangon, Seagrave was the son of Baptist missionaries, and his first language was Kayin. He moved to the United States at an early age and later earned a medical degree at Johns Hopkins University before returning to Myanmar in 1922 to set up his



Weston Seagrave in northern Shan State. Photo: Nang Hseng

hospital in Namhkam.

In his uneven but entertaining book *Burma Surgeon* (1943), Seagrave describes how he built the hospital and the adjoining buildings using stones hauled from the Shweli River, and how he trained ethnic Shan, Kachin and Karen women to be skilled nurses.

When the Japanese invaded Myanmar in 1942, the doctor joined the US Army Medical Corps to contribute to the Allied cause. In May of that year, facing imminent defeat at the hands of the Japanese, US General Joseph "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell famously declined to fly out of Myanmar on the last available military cargo plane. Instead, he led more than 100 of his staff on a 230-kilometre trek to safety in India via the rugged, malarial Chin and Naga hills.

Seagrave and his nurses walked out with Stilwell to render medical assistance during the march. They returned to Namkham in 1944, following the Japanese retreat, to re-establish the medical buildings and residences that had been bombed out during the war.

Seagrave carried on his practice in Shan State until he died, aged 68, at his own hospital on March 28, 1965. His nurses, active and retired, collected donations to build a monument to the doctor at the nearby church where he was buried.

I had read *Burma Surgeon* earlier in 2013, unaware that I would be visiting the town in December. The hospital is still there and now operates as a rather decrepit government infirmary – the local staff had treated the casualties brought in during last May's fighting between the Tatmadaw and the SSA-S.

Until we visited Namkham, I was unaware that my wife's family had any connection with the hospital. As we looked at the buildings, Nang Hseng, a native of the region, commented that she had had her tonsils removed there when she was 11 or 12.

Then she told another story that was much more interesting: During

the postwar period, one of her cousins had served at the hospital as a Seagrave-trained Kachin nurse.

Not only that, but the eldest of the doctor's three sons, Weston, had bought an engagement ring and proposed marriage to this cousin, who declined on the grounds that she was already locked into an arranged relationship and destined to marry a local Kachin man.

Weston, who had been born in Namkham, carried the ring in his pocket in the hopes that she would change her mind, but he eventually gave up and moved to the United States. It was only after Weston's departure that the nurse realised the enormity of her feelings for him, and to this day she speaks openly about her regret at passing up his marriage proposal.

We didn't meet the cousin, who now suffers from poor health, but Nang Hseng showed me a curious family memento: a photograph that Weston had given to the object of his affection. Oddly, Weston had snipped off the left edge, cropping out a person who had been in the photo with him (his left arm is still visible).

What remains is the image of a smiling, clean-cut American man sitting on a concrete wall in northern Shan State – a place he would soon leave with a broken heart.

Read more about travel and culture in Myanmar at Douglas Long's blog latefornowhere.wordpress.com/.



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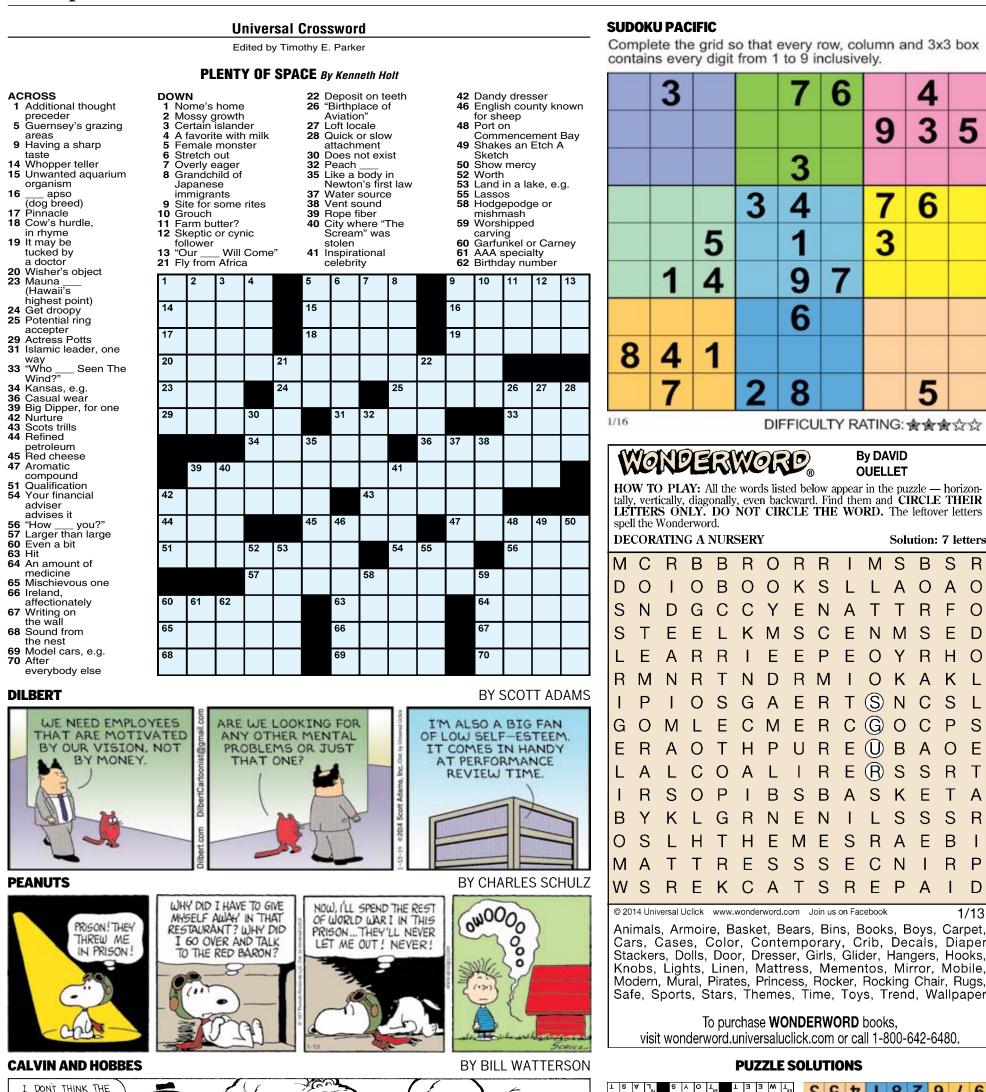
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VER the Christmas holidays, I made some barbecued chicken with a smokey pineapple sauce, to great acclaim from my guests. Below is that recipe, as well as a vegetarian version, to satisfy all appetites for something grilled.

Grilling drumsticks, however, is a bit tricky. The meat isn't evenly distributed on the bone, and you have to check the thick end before you take it from the heat. Also, it's a good idea to make a tiny slit in each drumstick before marinating. This way the marinade will seep deeper into the flesh and keep it tender and flavourful. Small or medium size drumsticks are the easiest to cook.

To accompany the chicken, I was

PHYO'S COOKING ADVENTURE Can't get enough BBQ

Grill recipes for all diets

inspired by Burmese flavours to make a tomato and a pineapple relish. Very ripe pineapple is best in this recipe otherwise it will turn out too sour.

I love to serve drumsticks and wings when I host a barbecue. Your guests can use their hands and eat straight away, so you can get to talking and enjoying your company. You won't have to run around making sure everyone has the right kind and number of utensils.

Barbecued bean curd is a tasty plain food. Frying imparts flavour, but with grilling you can let the curd soak up a vibrant marinade.

BBQ CHICKEN SERVES 6

8 drumsticks

- 2 onions, diced
- 6 cloves garlic, diced
- 1 piece (4 cm x 1 cm) fresh ginger, grated
 - 1 big red chilli
 - 1¹/₂ tsp chilli flakes 1 tsp ground cinnamon 2 tbsp sherry wine/brandy/rum
 - 1/4 cup BBQ sauce 1½ tbsp sugar
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil

Wash the drumsticks and pat dry with paper towel.

Mix onion, garlic and ginger in a food processor, or pound with mortar and pestle. Add vegetable oil, sugar, sherry wine, cinnamon, BBQ sauce and chilli flakes. Mix well.

Place drumsticks in a large glass bowl and pour over the sauce. Rub the sauce into the drumsticks, and cover with plastic

overnight or at least six hours. Grill the chicken on an open fire, a gas stove or a charcoal fire until meat is cooked through. Turn the drumsticks from time to time and check for doneness when they become golden colour. Serve with lime wedges and salt to taste.

PINEAPPLE RELISH **SERVES 6**

- 1 small ripe pineapple 1 onion
- 3¹/₂ tbsp coriander, chopped 1 tsp chilli flakes (more for spice lovers)
 - 1 tsp lime juice
 - 1 tsp fish sauce

Take the peel off the pineapple and discard the black eye. Slice 1.5cm thick, and cut out the core. Grill them for a couple of minutes but stop before they're falling apart. Before peeling, slice and grill the onion in the same way, then dice. Combine all ingredients in a food processor. Serve with BBQ meat or curd.

BBQ BEAN CURD SERVES 6

- 2 bricks bean curd
- 1 tbsp soy sauce (Kikkoman)
- 2 tsp sugar
- 1 tsp dried onion or fried shallots
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 2 tbsp sesame seeds
- 1 tbsp chili and garlic sauce, or Shan chilli paste

Wash and dry the bean curd. Pat dry with paper towel. Cut into 1cm thick slices.

Mix one tablespoon of oil and other ingredients in a glass bowl. (Glass bowls are better than plastic for a clean, pure taste.) Rub the sauce on the bean curd gently and marinate in the fridge for six or seven hours.

Grill on an open fire until the curd is golden colour. Brush with remaining oil during grilling.

FOODIE QUOTE

"Secrets, especially with cooking, are best shared so that the cuisine lives on." - Bo Songvisava

A Japanese oasis delights visitors to Ngwe Saung

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PART of the delight of a getaway at Ngwe Saung is the opportunity to eat seafood - lots of it - at the quaint beachfront restaurants attached to many resorts. But after a few days, and the realisation that most menus are very much the same, you'll likely be craving a change. Enter Ume Café.

Located on the road out of town, the cafe sits opposite the Yanomar Oo and Silver View resorts.

Atop a sandy hill and among palm trees and a garden, the dining area is open-air and invitingly lit at night

with warm-coloured lamps, strings of lights and torches.

Evening is really the time to come (though there's a 20-percent discount on food from 11am to 3pm) since each night features a performance by a local fire dancer starting around 7:30pm. Watch from your table or take a seat and have a drink in one of the surprisingly comfortable rattan lounge chairs.

Even without the performance, it's worth sticking around for the wellchosen music, which on the nights we visited ranged from hip-hop to jazz to Afrobeat.

Japanese specialties (minus sushi)

comprise most of the menu, but you will also find a few American-style options such as a hummus and egg sandwich with French fries, and a giant pancake with bananas and chocolate syrup.

On New Year's Eve, the cafe hosted a dinner and dance party with a buffet of some of its menu highlights: fried chicken, fried shrimp and vegetables, tempura and fried rice.

The chicken alone was enough to draw us back for three more dinners. Crispy on the outside, tender on the inside and served with a slice of lime, one order (K4000) can make a meal in itself or can be paired with the



wrap. Keep in fridge



From right to left: BBQ chicken, pineapple relish and BBQ bean curd. Photo: Phyo

vegetarian take on the same thing. It's simple but yummy, and I hope you can add grilling to your repertoire of skills for preparing this versatile but



A fire dancer treats diners to an evening performance. Photo: Ume Cafe

tomato salad, which is sprinkled with curry powder, oil, vinegar and parsley. Almost as delicious is the katsudon (K4500), a rice bowl topped with shredded cabbage, crispy fried pork cutlets and a piquant brown sauce.

On the lighter side, the noodle salad (K3500) comes with slices of tomato and cucumber, shreds of scrambled egg and, resourcefully, canned ham, all in a smooth, sesameflavoured sauce. The ham works, sort of, but grilled or even canned fish would work better.

To finish, there's the

aforementioned pancake as well as a coffee jelly and an orange jelly. The latter are both good ideas but lacking somewhat in the execution. The coffee jelly looks promising with layers of coffee and cream jelly, but there isn't enough condensed milk or sugar to offset the bitterness. The orange jelly,



A view of the funky open air dining room and bar. Photo: Ume Cafe

in contrast, is sweet but watery. Another weak spot is the drinks selection, despite the presence of what looks like a promising tiki bar.

But this seems par for the course in Ngwe Saung. You can have Coke and Myanmar rum or whisky, wine, or the Ume Night, a lip-puckering concoction of rum, lemon, sugar and salt. On the non-alcoholic front are fresh juices and a well-brewed cup of green tea.

Aside from these small hitches, Ume Café's food and atmosphere the staff clearly have a good time here - make it a unique, must-try place in the local dining scene.

Ume Café

Ngwe Saung Beach, opposi	te
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Beverage	6
Service	9
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Opening ceremony of PRO 1 Home Center









Kajohndet Sangsuban, U Myo Htwe, U Win Myint and U Maung Maung Tin

18th Paying Homage ceremony hosted by Yangon GTI alumni

Daw Aye Aye Han



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Mingalabar, readers of The Myanmar Times! Socialite had sore feet from running around to all the different social events that she had to attend. On December 30, she dropped in on the opening ceremony of Prome Restaurant at Mya Kan Thar (2) Street on Pyay Road. She managed to relax for two days during New Year celebrations before resuming her social life again toward the end of the week. On January 2, she attended a dinner with Academy Award winners at Sky Star Hotel, and on the following day she attended a press conference for the upcoming Korea Music Festival at Sedona Hotel. On the weekend, she participated in the 18th Paying Homage ceremony for teachers hosted by alumni of Yangon GTI, and then she enjoyed the opening of PRO 1 Home Center. On January 8, she was treated to a healthy cooking demo at the launch of the Wutyee Food House cookbook before attending Suko's 4th anniversary at Traders Hotel.

Suko's 4th Anniversary

Opening ceremony of the Indonesia Information & Culture Centre



Minister U Aye Myint Kyu and wife, Indonesian Ambassador and wife



Daw Khin Win Nwe

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Lucky draw winners



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YH 833	2	7:00	10:05
YH 831	4,6	7:00	10:15
K7 844	2,4,7	7:30	11:05
K7 624	Daily	10:30	13:25
YJ 211	5	11:00	13:50
YJ 201	1,2,3,4	11:00	13:50
W9 251	2,5	11:15	14:10
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YH 834	2	10:05	12:55
YH 832	4,6	10:15	13:15
YJ 211	5	14:05	17:55
YJ 202	1,2,3,4	14:05	16:55
K7 625	Daily	15:40	18:35
W9 252	2,5	16:05	19:00
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YH 917	2,4,5	6:00	9:05
YH 917	1,3,6,7	6:00	9:55
YJ 891	Daily	6:00	8:50
YH 909	1,6,7	6:15	8:45
W9 141	Daily	6:15	8:20
6T 401	Daily	6:20	9:20
YH 909	2,3,4	6:30	9:00
K7 222	Daily	6:30	9:30
6T 351	1,2,3,4,6,7	6:30	8:45
W9 201	1,2,3,4,0,7 Daily	7:30	9:40
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YJ 761	1,2	10:30	11:40
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YH 737	3,5,7 Deibi	11:00	12:25
W9 203	Daily	11:00	12:10
YH 737	7	11:30	12:55
W9 119	1,3,6	11:15	12:25
YH 505	6,7	11:30	12:55
YH 727	1	11:30	12:55
6T 807	7	11:30	13:50
K7 826	2,6	11:45	13:00
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YH 728	1	16:15	18:25
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YH 511	5	10:30	12:35	
6T 605	Daily	11:15	13:15	
W9 309	1,3,5,6,7	11:30	12:55	
K7 426	Daily	12:30	13:50	
6T 611	4,6	14:30	15:55	

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6T 606	Daily	13:35	15:00			
K7 427	Daily	14:05	15:25			
6T 612	4,6	16:15	17:40			

YANGON TO MYEIK						
Flight Days Dep Arr						
K7 319	Daily	7:00	9:05			
YH 633	5,7	7:00	9:15			
YH 633	3	11:30	13:45			
MYEIK TO YANGON						

Flight	Days	Dep	Arr
K7 320	Daily	11:30	13:35
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YH 633	3	13:45	17:25

YANGON TO THANDWE			
Flight	Days	Dep	Arr
W9 141	Daily	6:15	9:35
6T 351	1,2,3,4,6,7	6:30	10:00
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6T 632	5	13:00	13:55	
YH 511	5	11:35	13:55	
YH 506	2,3,4	13:10	14:00	
YH 511	1	13:05	13:55	
W9 307	2,4	14:05	14:55	
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FD 2756	Daily	12:50	14:40	
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YANGON TO SINGAPORE			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
MI 509/SQ 5019	1,2,6,7	0:25	5:00
8M 231	Daily	8:00	12:25
8M 233	5,6,7	14:00	18:25
Y5 233	Daily	10:10	14:40
SQ 997/MI 5871	Daily	10:25	14:45
3K 586	Daily	11:40	16:20
MI 517/SQ 5017	Daily	16:40	21:15
TR 2827	1,6,7	15:10	19:35
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YANGON TO KUALA LUMPUR				
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr	
8M 501	1,3,5,6	8:55	12:55	
AK 1427	Daily	8:30	12:50	
MH 741	Daily	12:15	16:30	
MH 743	Daily	16:00	20:15	
AK 1421	Daily	19:05	23:20	

YANGON TO BELJING			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
CA 906	2,3,4,6,7	14:15	21:55

YANGON TO GAUNGZHOU				
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr	
8M 711	2,4,7	8:40	13:15	
CZ 3056	3,6	11:35	15:50	
CZ 3056	1,5	17:40	22:05	

YANGON TO TAIPEI			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
CI 7916	1,2,3,5,6	10:50	16:15

YANGON TO KUNMING				
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr	
MU 2012	1,3	12:20	18:20	
MU 2032	Daily	14:40	18:00	
CA 906	2,3,4,6,7	14:15	17:35	

YANGON TO CHIANG MAI			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
W9 9607	4,7	14:30	16:20

YANGON TO HANOI					
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr		
VN 956	1,3,5,6,7	19:10	21:30		

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Flights	Days	Dep	Arr	
VN 942	2,4,7	14:25	17:10	

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FD 2761	Daily	12:50	15:15
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MU 2030	Daily	14:40	17:20
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8M 336	Daily	11:55	12:40
TG 303	Daily	8:00	8:45
PG 701	Daily	8:50	9:40
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TG 305	Daily	17:50	18:45		
8M 332	Daily	19:20	20:05		
PG 705	Daily	20:00	21:15		
Y5 238	Daily	21:10	21:55		
DON MUENG TO YANGON					

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Flights	Days	Dep	Arr	
DD 4230	1,3,5,7	6:30	7:15	
FD 2751	Daily	7:15	8:00	
FD 2755	Daily	11:35	12:20	
FD 2753	Daily	16:20	17:05	
FD 2757	1,2,3,4	19:35	20:25	

SINGAPORE TO YANGON				
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr	
SQ 998/MI 5872	Daily	7:55	9:20	
3K 585	Daily	9:10	10:40	
8M 232	Daily	13:25	14:50	
TR 2826	1,6,7	13:10	14:30	
MI 518/MI 5018	Daily	14:20	15:45	
TR 2826	2,3,4,5	15:00	16:30	
Y5 234	Daily	15:35	17:05	
3K 587	2,3,5	17:20	18:50	
8M 234	5,6,7	19:25	20:50	
MI 520/SQ 5020	1.5.6.7	22:10	23:35	

BEIJING TO YANGON					
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr		
CA 905	2,3,4,6,7	8:05	13:15		
KAU	LA LUMPUR TO	YANGON			
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr		
AK 1426	Daily	6:55	8:00		
MH 740	Daily	10:05	11:15		
MH742	Daily	13:50	15:00		
8M 502	1,3,5,6	14:00	15:00		
AK 1420	Daily	17:20	18:25		
GU	ANGZHOU TO Y	ANGON			
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CZ 3055	3,6	8:35	10:35		
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8M 712	2,4,7	14:15	15:50		
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MU 2011	1,3	8:25	11:40	
CA 905	2,3,4,6,7	13:00	13:15	
MU 2031	Daily	13:30	14:00	
CHL	ANG MAI TO Y	ANGON		
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr	
W9 9608	4,7	17:20	18:10	
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VN 957	1,3,5,6,7	16:35	18:10	
HO CH	I MINH CITY TO	YANGON		
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr	
VN 943	2,4,7	11:40	13:25	
DOHA TO YANGON				
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QR 918	Daily	21:15	06:29+1	

BAN	IGKOK TO MAN	IDALAY	
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TG 2981	1,2,4,6	7:45	9:00
TG 2983	3,5	17:30	18:45
PG 709	Daily	12:05	13:25
DON MUEANG TO MANDALAY			
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FD 2760	Daily	10:55	12:20
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MU 2029	Daily	13:55	13:50
BAN	IGKOK TO NAY	PYIDAW	
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WASHINGTON 'Slumming it'for \$82 per night

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HEN Marie Antoinette wanted to escape the confines and pressures of courtly life, she retreated to her quaint

Petit Hameau where she and her companions donned their finest peasant frocks and pretended to be poor. A century later, fashionable Londoners took that pauper fantasy to a new extreme, nocturnally touring East London's slums, where they gawked at ladies of the night and coined the phrase "slumming it".

The idiosyncratic pastime eventually made its way across the pond and, were hitting the Bowerv in search of opium dens and low-brow adventure. Back then, slum tourism was sort of a

Today, it's an all-inclusive destination vacation. Twenty-first century slum tourism is a far cry from the back alley excursions of yesteryear. For the right price, discerning travellers can experience firsthand how the poorest of the poor live - without ever having to sacrifice first-world conveniences like Wi-Fi. heated floors and jacuzzi tubs.

Here are details of four of our (least) favorite poverty-chic getaways, including where to book - and just how tasteless these options are.

A 5-STAR SOUTH AFRICAN SHANTYTOWN

Emoya Bloemfontein, South Africa Lodging from \$82 per night Tastelessness: Very high Have you ever wanted to steal

away to a cozy tin shack in one of South Africa's sprawling shantytowns - only to change your mind over concerns about crime, noise and generally poor infrastructure? Emoya, a luxury hotel in Bloemfontein, may be just what you're looking for: A quaint little shantytown tucked safely away on a game preserve. A mere \$82 per night will get you a private shack, made of corrugated tin sheets, so you can experience the charm of living in a post-apartheid shantytown, without ever having to set foot in one. The shanties come equipped with heated floors, free Wi-Fi and spa services.

VACATION LIKE A BORDER CROSSER, IN MEXICO

Parque EcoAlberto Hidalgo, Mexico Lodging from \$105 per night.

owned by Hñahñu Indians offers tourists a chance to live out the drama and tension of an illegal border crossing. Called "Night Walk", the strange excursion lasts about four hours and takes groups on an imaginary journey through the desert and across the Rio Grande. A dozen or so Hñahñus act out different roles: fellow migrants in search of work, as well as police on the lookout for border crossers. The park also includes hot springs, kayaking and camp grounds.

IN INDONESIA, AN AUTHENTIC, **BARE-BONES (AND SOMETIMES** FLOODED) GETAWAY

Banana Republic village Jakarta, Indonesia Lodging \$10 per night Tastelessness: High

Travellers looking for a more realistic third-world experience may find it at Banana Republic, a plantation village minutes outside of Jakarta. Ten dollars per night will get you a room, a mattress and a fan within this interconnected shanty-home complex. Bring your own flashlight if you expect to use the outdoor toilet at night, as well as your own toiletries for the communal shower. If that's not authentic enough for you, the Airbnb posting notes that "in December, the floods arrive. Heavy rain causes the river surrounding the village to overflow... The rusty roofs leak and leave the homes damp." According to the ad, your \$10 will help unclog the river and repair damaged roofs - but not before you get the chance to enjoy both.

TOUR RIO DE JANEIRO'S LARGEST FAVELA WITH SOME OF ITS VERY **OWN RESIDENTS**

Favela Tourism Workshop Rio de Janeiro, Brazil Tour starting from \$30 per person Tastelessness: Moderate to mild

A Brazilian company called Exotic Tours was the first to offer sightseeing tours of Rio de Janeiro's biggest slum, Rocinha. In recent years, it began hiring local favela residents to work as guides, an effort that creates a more authentic experience for travellers, and provides some income for members of the community. The company claims that some of the proceeds benefit a local school. so tourists can rest assured that they're doing their part to help Rio's urban poor. Be warned, though: Increasing tourism has helped to transform Rocinha from a sprawling shantytown into a semi-developed urban slum,

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	YANGON TO G	AYA	
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
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Y	YANGON TO DHAKA		
Flights	Days	Dep	Arr
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MA	NDALAY TO BA	NGKOK	
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TG 2982	1,2,4,6	9:50	12:00
TG 2984	3,5	19:35	21:45
PG 710	Daily	14:15	16:40

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KE 471	Daily	18:30	22:3
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'Night Walk" tour \$19 per person Tastelessness: Moderate In Southern Mexico, an eco-park

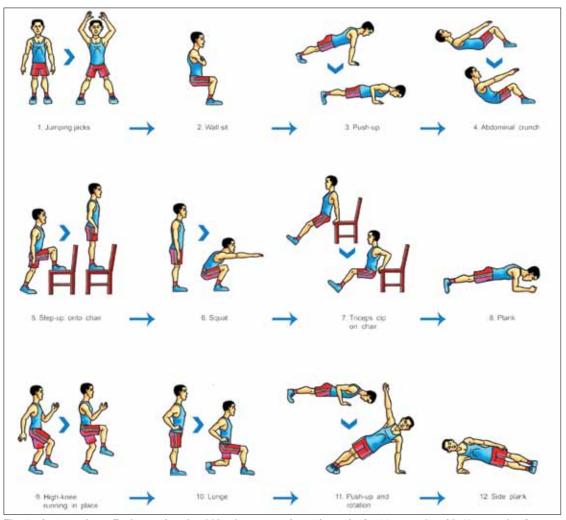
so it's perhaps less gritty than the average poverty tourist might prefer. - Foreign Policy



In Bloemfontein, South Africa, a mere \$82 per night will get you a private shack made of corrugated tin sheets, so you can experience the charm of living in a postapartheid shantytown, without ever having to set foot in one. Photo: Supplied

Living well in Myanmar

Can you spare 8 minutes for exercise?



The 8-minute workout: Each exercise should be done at maximum intensity for 30 seconds, with 10 seconds of rest between each exercise. Graphic: Ko Htway

acceptable ways for people to enjoy



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OCTORS and health professionals have known for a long time that regular exercise benefits health in many ways. From heart disease to brain disease to cancer to mental sharpness, people who maintain an exercise regimen over the years live longer and more vigorous lives. The results are so convincing that research now focuses not on whether exercise is good for you but rather on determining the right amount of exercise, the right type of exercise and why it is that exercise is so beneficial.

For the last decade or so the standard recommendation has been to aim for 150 minutes of moderate exercise (ie: walking) or

the benefits of exercise. A newer area of research is High Intensity Interval Training, or HIIT. Proponents of HIIT are hoping to prove that short bursts of exercise, which require much less time but rigorous effort, are equally beneficial to the 30-60 minute exercise routines that are the current standard. Data so far seems to indicate that HIIT achieves increases in metabolic rate - resting energy expenditure - that are equal to longer workouts. In addition, molecular changes inside muscles

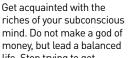
appear to be similar in short, highintensity exercise and moderateintensity endurance exercise. An article published earlier this year in the American College of Sports Medicine's Health & Fitness Journal, and later covered by The New York Times, suggests a routine for those who may be interested in quick-fix activity. The exercises shown in the graphic above are each done at maximum intensity for 30 seconds. Maximum intensity means it should feel quite uncomfortable. Between each exercise you take a 10-second rest that allows for muscle oxygenation. To be effective, the full set of exercises must be completed, making total exercise time just short of 8 minutes. The article authors attempted to design a routine that involves all major muscle groups in a balanced fashion, alternates between opposing muscle groups to maximise recovery time, and switches between high and low heart-rate activities. The advantage of an exercise routine such as this is that it's quick. Also it can be done almost anywhere and requires only a wall and a chair. A person's own body weight is used to provide resistance. The challenge is ensuring that you perform the exercises with sufficient intensity to realise the benefit. Because HIIT hasn't been around for very long, we don't know yet whether it will yield the same long-term benefits as traditional exercise. We also don't have any objective evidence that adults prefer HIIT over jogging or biking, so it shouldn't be adopted yet as a public health strategy. As a physician, however, I'm happy to add this approach to the exercise options I

Data suggests that short bursts of exercise achieve metabolic rate increases

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money, but lead a balanced life. Stop trying to get something for nothing. You must give to receive. You will be wealthy if you implant the idea of wealth in your subconscious.

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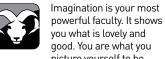
Love will not help you.



Beware of prejudices. Light is good in whatever lamp it is burning, and a star has the same radiance whether it

shines from the East or from the West. Seek happiness in all your colleagues and partners. There is much more to liberty than your limited and selfish objectives. Create a congenial environment.

ARIES | Mar 21 - Apr 19



picture yourself to be. Avoid conflict between your conscious and subconscious. Before going to sleep, imagine the fulfillment of your social desires over and over again. Reflect tomorrow and count how many times you catch yourself satisfying your need for self-esteem.

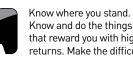
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relationships. The most effective way to understand the power of influence is to think of a time you were touched by a

person or an event, when you were at a loss for words. The more effort you put into identifying your potential influence, the less likely you will be to fall.

GEMINI | May 21 - June 20



that reward you with high returns. Make the difficult decisions that will make a difference. Realise that people are your

most valuable assets, and seek to encourage rather than argue. People do as they see. Regrettably, you tend to forget the high influence of showing integrity in the home.

LEO | Jul 23 - Aug 22



A goal is a dream with a deadline. If you don't know what you want or where you are going, you will get next to nothing and end up

nowhere. Challenge yourself, reflect on your personal records and be ready to face new obstacles. Your objectives should specify end results.

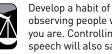
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Know that the values of principle-based decisions and popularity-based decisions differ. Keep your

integrity with close friends and colleagues in order to develop trust and loyalty. Make it a golden habit to put what is best for others ahead of what is best for you. From this social position you will experience respect and favor, and your dreams of love will come true.

LIBRA | Sep 23 - Oct 22



observing people wherever you are. Controlling your speech will also save you from many ugly situations

in life. Ask and welcome profound questions. Good questions lead to excellent answers and greater clarity and clarity is the DNA of authentic success and personal greatness. Let vour heart make choices and feel without interference.

SCORPIO | Oct 23 - Nov 21



Always remain aware that, according to the abiding laws of nature, nothing neither good nor bad - is going to stay forever.

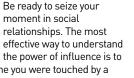
Alertness is a must for your mental performance. Spend time in fresh environments and new atmospheres to enhance your power. Love will be in question.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov 22 - Dec 21



A great person gives no thought to hotly pursuing pleasure and shortcuts to success. When you have integrity you have nothing to

hide and nothing to fear. Establish a system of values against which all of life is judged. Understand the challenge of trying to change others and yourself for the better. Feel secure and satisfied in love and stay flexible.



90 minutes of vigorous exercise (ie: swimming, biking, running) per week. Health professionals think that ideally exercise should combine aerobic activity that makes your heart and breathing go fast, with muscle strengthening activity that makes your body feel sore. For people with sedentary professional lives, achieving the target amount of exercise requires considerable willpower and setting aside an appropriate amount of time.

At my clinics in Yangon and California my patients have been fairly consistent in the excuses they give for not exercising: not enough time, the gym/pool is too expensive, no open space near the home, the streets are not good for biking, exercise is too boring, etc. Because these excuses are so common, interest is rising in finding more

equal to longer

workouts.

offer to patients. The only effective exercise is the one that you actually do, so if a short high-intensity program means you're more likely to move your body several times per week then HIIT may be for you!

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CANCER | Jun 21 - Jul 22



Listening intently is one of the best ways to honour a person and forge a deep human connection. Business

is in so many ways about love, and acclaim will come by doing your job with love. Know your priorities. You must constantly play a bigger game and use your creative talents to do and see more. The love within you is important.

CAPRICORN | Dec 22 - Jan 19



Attitude is more important than facts, appearance and skill. You must have less to do with position and let your disposition among colleagues and friends bring pleasure.

Know that lack of motivation depends on your lack of a plan. Be courageous to take on the right challenges and pay more attention to correcting dishonesty. Love needs sincerity and mutual understanding.

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RIO DE JANEIRO

Brazil's Maraca

MID piles of rubble which look like the result of a bombardment, random items stick out incongruously – an old armchair, a doll, a child's trainer.

These ruins were only recently home to families living within a stone's throw of Rio 's legendary Maracana stadium.

But their protests at demolition fell on deaf ears as city authorities doggedly renovate the district before the World Cup circus pitches camp in June.

"I was asleep when these guys from the town hall knocked on my door and took me away by force – I didn't even have time to pick up my identity papers," 33-year-old Weber Garcez told AFP on January 8.

Garcez lives in the Favela do Metro slum area just near the Maracana, the temple of Brazilian football which wil host the World Cup final on July 13.

"When I got here last night all my belongings were under the rubble left by the town hall bulldozers," said 43-year-old taxi driver Uthant Viana.

The December 7 morning's demolition has infuriated local people, who reacted by blocking access to traffic along the Radial Oeste thoroughfare which runs parallel to the Maracana.

The stadium has itself undergone a renovation – and an expensive one too at more than US\$450 million. On the evening of December 7, the protesters again blocked off the avenue and set fire to barricades.

Lawyer and activist Eloisa Samy, who is offering legal advice to those who have been turfed out of their homes, including a number of children, told AFP no less than 637 families living in the area were forced out of their homes in 2010 and rehoused by city authorities in



Nilvaldo Franca looks at a demolished area including his home at Metro favela near Ma

nearby blocks of flats.

However, as some 40 houses which remain pending demolition have been left empty they have attracted squatters and today some 15 families live there – despite the town hall saying all that remains of the site will be pulled down at the end of January.

Local councillor Andre Santos says that "all the squatters will be able to find

shelter" with local authoritity help.

"The mayor came two months ago and promised us a house. I just want a place to sleep with my daughter," says Renata Lopes, a 26-year-old missing all her front teeth.

Several of the houses still standing have been plastered with posters showing mayor Eduardo Paes and the slogan, "We are looking".



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racana Stadium in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on January 8 (R). A girl is hugged by her mother at Metro favela (L) Photos: AFP

as it is, and we have wrecked everything and taken everything from them. I want to bring that to the attention of the public authorities. Mayor Eduardo Paes should come here and negotiate," says Samy.

"It's property speculation - they want to build a shopping mall here. The Brazilian people, the poor, have

"These people have precious little to make sacrifices so everything can be spick and span for the World Cup - the dirt is swept under the carpet," says Samy.

After making a phone call, Samy reveals some good news - the deputy secretary of state for housing has entrusted her with drawing up a report into the situation of each remaining family

The news draws applause and also cries of "we shall resist, we shall resist!'

Valeria da Silva, a 38-year-old mother of eight children aged between four and 20, was previously housed with her children by the town hall. But "we lived like dogs", she says.

The youngest two of her brood cling to her as she says she does not know where she will end up.

In June, Brazil was shaken as a million people took to the streets across the giant country to demand better public services and to protest at the multi-billion cost of staging the World Cup - and the Rio Olympics in 2016.

Rio state governor Sergio Cabral last year ceded some ground in halting the planned demolition of Rio's

crumbling Indian Museum complex adjoining the Maracana after a series of violent demonstrations.

Indigenous people and squatters had been camping out in the building for several months protesting at plans to turn it into a mall and Cabral pulled the plug on the development, which is now to be preserved and turned into a cultural centre. - AFF

MELBOURNE Williams guns for 18th slam

Williams SERENA is gunning to match Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova by winning an 18th Grand Slam title at the Australian Open, with her blistering form suggesting she can reach the milestone.

The world number one cemented her dominance of the sport with 11 titles last year, including the US and French Opens.

And she picked up where she left off by winning the Bris-



Czech-American great Navratilova believes Williams is not only poised to equal her career Grand Slam haul, but could even catch Steffi Graf's Open-era record of 22.

"If she can stay healthy there is no doubt she can go into the 20s. The sky is the limit," Navratilova

said last week.

Belarusian Azarenka, who won an incident-packed Melbourne final last year against Li Na to successfully defend her title, appears best placed to halt under coach Sven Groeneveld after a failed, one-tournament partnership with Jimmy Connors, endured a frustrating 2013 when a shoulder injury forced her off the tour in August.

But she made her comeback in Brisbane and said her enthusiasm was as strong as ever.

"I've had a really healthy offseason, something quite unusual because in the last few years I always had a little injury here and there," she said in Brisbane.

"I know when I'm healthy how I can play and what I'm capable of doing. I needed to get healthy. So that

HAMILTON

New Zealand fan makes **US\$83,000** catch

A NEW Zealand cricket fan won NZ\$100,000 (US\$83,000) on January 8 after making a spectacular catch in the crowd at a one-day international between the West Indies and the Black Caps in Hamilton.

As part of a sponsorship promotion, brewer Tui pledged to make the payout to any spectator who made a one-handed catch while wearing one of its distinctive orange T-shirts when

bane International on January 4, beating reigning Australian Open champion Victoria Azarenka in the final, with her powerful serve proving the difference.

Williams also beat world number three Maria Sharapova en route to the title - the 58th of her remarkable career - to ensure she enters the season-opening Grand Slam as red-hot favourite.

"It was a great test. It showed me where my level was, and I feel like I definitely have some room for improvement and things that I want to improve on going into Melbourne, and things I have to improve on if I want to win," she said in Brisbane.

Despite her rich vein of form, Williams, 32, is not taking an 18th Grand Slam title and sixth Australian Open crown for granted, Serena Williams celebrates after defeating Victoria Azarenka in the women's final at the Brisbane International tennis tournament on January 4. Photo: AFP

knowing she needs to start from scratch at Melbourne Park next week.

Last year, an injury-hit campaign ended with defeat to young fellow American Sloane Stephens in the quarter-finals.

Williams, despite the 6-4, 7-5 Brisbane defeat.

Azarenka was responsible for two of Williams' five losses last year but knows she faces a major battle against a player who won the Australian Open in 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009 and 2010. She nevertheless remains confident of clinching a third successive Australian Open crown.

"I'm a perfectionist. I want to play better, I want to win," Azarenka said.

Sharapova is another former Melbourne winner searching for her next major title and she will be hoping to avoid Williams until the final, with the American having a 15-2 record over her long-time rival.

The glamorous Russian, now

was the motivation on its own."

Like Williams, China's Li also started the season with a win, successfully defending her Shenzhen Open title against compatriot Peng Shuai.

Asia's lone Grand Slam singles champion is a crowd favourite in Melbourne, winning hearts in the final last year when she battled on despite twice going over on her ankle and banging her head so hard that she blacked out.

Other contenders include Agnieszka Radwanska, Petra Kvitova and even veteran Jelena Jankovic, a former world number one who believes she still has the game to unsettle Williams.

"If you were able to beat her in the past, you can do it again. That's my mentality and that's how I always play," said the Serb. -AFP

the ball cleared the boundary.

With the series reaching its fifth and final match, it appeared the prize would go unclaimed, despite some brave failures, including a leaping man who sent boundary advertising hoardings flying in Queenstown last week in his eagerness to cash in.

But Michael Morton finally snared the prize when he latched onto a six from West Indies opening batsman Kieran Powell on the grassy embankment at Seddon Park.

"It's pretty unbelievable," he told Sky News. "I was sitting there next to my dad and he yelled out, so I jumped up, put my hand out and somehow it stuck. I'm pretty happy."

Asked if he was a cricketer because of the comfortable way he made the catch, Morton replied, "Not any more, but maybe I should be." – AFP

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Redskins name Gruden as new coach

AY Gruden, who spent the past three years as offensive coordinator of the Cincinnati Bengals, was named January 9 as the new coach of the National Football League's Washington Redskins.

Gruden replaced Mike Shanahan, who was fired one day after the Redskins completed a disastrous 3-13 season, dropping their final eight games of the campaign.

"I look forward to the challenge," Gruden said of his first NFL head coaching post. "I don't know what happened last year [in Washington] and I don't care what happened last year. I am only concerned about the future."

The Redskins went 24-40 under Shanahan, winning an NFC East division title in 2012 but flopping badly this past season despite some moments of success for run-pass double threat Robert Griffin III at quarterback.

Gruden has worked well with Bengals quarterback Andy Dalton and Cincinnati has reached the NFL playoffs the past three seasons, although they were eliminated from the Super Bowl hunt on January 4 by the San Diego Chargers.

"We were looking for a leader, someone who could lead this team,"



Jay Gruden speaks at a press conference at Redskins Park on January 9 in Virginia. Photo: AFP

Redskins general manager Bruce Allen said. "Fortunately for us the Chargers beat the Bengals and we were able to bring Jay in."

Before joining the Bengals in 2011, Gruden spent 2002-2008 as an assistant coach with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers under his brother, Jon Gruden, then served stints as a head coach with the developmental United Football League's Florida Tuskers and the Arena Football League's Orlando Predators, who won two crowns in the indoor gridiron circuit. – *AFP*

NEW DELHI

No flag for India's athletes at Winter Games

INDIA'S athletes lost all hope on December 8 of competing under the national flag at the Winter Olympics after the country's suspended Olympic association said it would hold elections two days after the Games open in Sochi.

The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) will hold a poll to elect new leaders on February 9, a senior source told AFP, meaning luge medal hope Shiva Keshavan and three other competitors will be classed as independents, not as Indians.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) froze India's membership in December 2012 after the national association in New Delhi elected a number of tainted officials to key posts.

The IOA last month bowed to pressure and agreed to keep tainted officials out of the fresh elections, but rejected a request from India's sports ministry to hold the new contest before the start of the Games.

A furious Keshavan, preparing abroad for his fifth Winter Olympics that open on February 7, told the *Mail Today* newspaper on Wednesday that not being able to compete under the national flag was "shameful and pathetic".

"It is a sad and embarrassing



Invitation To Tender

IMG is intending to facilitate English lessons during the year 2014 for three types of students:

ree types of students: 18 Trainer of the Myanmar police battalions, who need spoken, technical situation that Indian sport has been put in," the 32-year-old said. "People around the world know about the failure of our systems and about corruption and bad governance in sports.

"The essence of the Olympic Games is to 'represent' and I feel it is shameful and pathetic for all of us Indians that athletes may not walk under the Indian flag."

IOC president Thomas Bach explained on December 10 that if elections were not held before February 7, Indian qualifiers for Sochi would be officially classified "as independent athletes under the Olympic flag".

A source in the Indian association told AFP on January 8, "A notification to hold the elections on Feb 9 has been issued by senior IOA official S Reghunathan, who has chaired the last few meetings."

The officials in the row include IOA secretary general Lalit Bhanot who is out on bail facing corruption charges linked to the chaotic 2010 Commonwealth Games in New Delhi.

The IOA source said holding the elections before the Games would have "created complications".

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Besides Keshavan, who recently won a silver medal at the Luge Asia Cup in Japan, there are three skiers Hira Lal, Himanshu Thakur and Nadeem Iqbal – in the Indian squad for the Sochi Games.

"How does an athlete, after putting in years of hard work in training for the Olympics, motivate himself after he is denied an opportunity to represent his own country?" Keshavan said in the interview.

"I remind myself that I'm a sportsperson and have to stay focused. In my heart and mind, I will be competing for India and representing our country," said Keshavan. – AFP

PARIS **FIFA under fire after Valcke Qatar comments**

ORLD football's ruling body came under withering fire on January 9 following FIFA secretary general Jerome Valcke's claim a day earlier that the 2022 World

Cup in Qatar will be played in winter. Valcke's assertion was quickly refuted by FIFA but that didn't stop a storm breaking out over the whole affair.

And UEFA chief Michel Platini was quick to stick the boot in, accusing the world football governing body of making arbitrary decisions beyond its remit.

As Union of European Football Association (UEFA) president, Platini sits on the FIFA Executive Committee, headed by FIFA president Sepp Blatter, but he claimed Valcke's comments suggested that body was being bypassed by FIFA's top dogs.

"At the last Executive Committee meeting in October it was decided that a deep consultation process should be launched throughout football and that no decision would be taken before the 2014 World Cup in Brazil," Platini told French sports newspaper L'Equipe.

"It was also decided that no-one should speak about this subject until then.

"Therefore I don't understand why it has been discussed publicly. Two months ago it was Blatter who spoke



5, 2013 in Costa do Sauipe, Brazil. Photo: AFP

about it, this time it's Valcke, but it's a decision to be made by the FIFA Executive Committee."

European media were quick to pick up on the internal strife with Italy's La Gazzetta dello Sport running the headline: "Qatar 2022 chaos: when will it be played?"

Gazzetta went on to say: "It's still

'only' nine [eight] years away but already Qatar 2022 is the most complicated World Cup in history.

"One of the problems – and not the only one given the union conditions of local [foreign] workers – is: when will it be played?"

France's L'Equipe was no less damning of the conflicting noises emanating from FIFA's halls.

"FIFA hit by cold snap," it said, before adding: "By announcing a little prematurely the 2022 World Cup's displacement to winter, general secretary Jerome Valcke has created a new turmoil in world football."

On January 8, the second most powerful man in international football, told Radio France, "The dates for the World Cup (in Qatar) will not be June-July.

'To be honest, I think it will be held between November 15 and January 15 at the latest."

FIFA were quick to issue a statement insisting he was merely expressing his personal opinion rather than official policy.

But such a move would cause havoc in many European leagues and perhaps the most angered by Valcke's words were the English.

Oliver Kay, the chief football correspondent for Britain's The Times newspaper seemed resigned to the move.

"It was another careless, premature statement from one of the most powerful men in world football, but it pointed to two inescapable truths," he wrote.

Another newspaper, The Daily Mirror, was equally indignant.

"Switching the World Cup to winter would spark chaos in leagues across the world, including the Premiership [Premier League], as they struggle to play fixtures with games in November, December and January scrapped."

Players in England took to social media outlet Twitter to vent their fury.

"World Cup in mid season #clueless #shambles," wrote West Bromwich Albion and Ireland full-back Steven Reid.

It wasn't all doom and gloom, though, as in Spain the Football League president Javier Tebas urged all interested parties to simply roll up their sleeves and make the best of it.

"Everyone needs to make an effort. but it doesn't seem to me to be particularly serious. It's not that dramatic," he said in an article in El Pais.

"Everyone has to make concessions so that the World Cup can go to every part of the world

"We can't discriminate against one area because their summer temperatures are too high."

One of the main concerns over high summer temperatures was for fans who risk being exposed to direct sunlight with temperatures topping 40 Celsius.

But Kevin Miles, chief executive of the Football Supporters Federation in England, says moving the World Cup to winter would also affect fans.

"It is going to be seriously destructive to English football, and no doubt unpopular with fans". - AFP

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Indian athletes flag-less at Sochi

Nadal to test Djokovic, star coaches at Slam opener

ORLD number one Rafael Nadal will attempt to dethrone Novak Djokovic and put a new wave of celebrity coaches to the test when he returns to the Australian Open this week.

Nadal missed last year's edition during a seven-month injury break with knee trouble before making a stunning comeback to win 10 titles in 2013, including the French Open and US Open.

Now the rampant Spaniard will take aim at Djokovic's three-year reign at Melbourne Park, the longest of the Open era, and try to avenge his epic six-hour loss to the Serb in the 2012 final.

He also arrives as the only "Big Four" player without a star coach, after Djokovic and Roger Federer, aping Andy Murray's move in hiring Ivan Lendl, hooked up with Boris Becker and Stefan Edberg respectively.

However, with Murray returning

from injury and Federer now 32, the door could be open for a group of other contenders, led by Juan Martin del Potro and David Ferrer.

Nadal, still coached by his uncle, Toni Nadal, underwent a new but undisclosed form of treatment on his injury-prone knees in the off-season, and he appears confident he can stay healthy in 2014.

"I feel that this [treatment] really makes me feel more comfortable," he said in Doha, where he started his season by winning the Qatar Open.

"Because I don't have pain like I had, no?"

Nadal's 2012 Melbourne appearance ended in the small hours and defeat to Djokovic following a Slamrecord five-hour, 53-minute final, after which the Spaniard told the crowd, "Good morning!"

In Nadal's absence last year, Djokovic showed similar powers of endurance when he ground down Murray in a physical four-setter to clinch his



Rafael Nadal plays a shot during a practice session ahead of the 2014 Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne on January 11. Photo: AFP



third straight Melbourne title.

It turned out to be the high point of Djokovic's year and after losing the Wimbledon and US Open finals, he ceded the top ranking to Nadal at the China Open in September.

However, he sent out a message by beating Nadal soundly in the Beijing final, ending the year with a four-title run culminating in another big win over the Spaniard to take the World Tour Finals in London.

Despite this strong finish, Djokovic sprang a surprise by hiring Becker, the German great with little experience of coaching, in a move thought to be aimed at adding more adventure to his game.

He is not the only one, with 17-time

Grand Slam champion Federer acquiring the services of childhood hero Edberg as he seeks to extend his stay at the top of men's tennis.

Federer, also sporting a new, bigger racquet this year, kicked off the new season by reaching the Brisbane final, only to be shocked by fellow 30-something Lleyton Hewitt.

And with Murray only just returning to action after back surgery, there could be an opportunity for the likes of del Potro, Ferrer, Tomas Berdych or Stanislas Wawrinka.

The timing of the year's first Grand Slam, just days into the new season, also makes it unpredictable, with players not always into their rhythm and match fitness. "It's difficult because the Australian Open is very early. It would be better to play it a bit later," admitted Nadal.

"It can be only the second tournament [of the year] that you are competing in, and it's one of the most important, so it's a bit strange."

Japan's Kei Nishikori has followed the celebrity trend by hiring Michael Chang, while Richard Gasquet has enlisted two-time French Open winner Sergi Bruguera.

Talented but wayward Australian number two Bernard Tomic will be followed closely by home fans, and Wawrinka has shown he's in form by winning last week's Chennai Open. – AFP

