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## FM Daw Aung San Suu Kyi holds talks with her Chinese counterpart

Union Minister for Foreign Affairs Daw Aung San Suu Kyi shakes hands with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA



Aye Min Soe

CHINESE Foreign Minister Wang Yi met with Myanmar Union Minister for Foreign Affairs Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday to hold general discussions, it has been learned. Though the talks were held successfully it has been reported that the discussion did not involve any issue of China's controversial projects in Myanmar.

The purpose of Mr Wang Yi's visit to Myanmar was to of-

fer his praise and congratulations to the new government on their smooth democratic ascension to becoming the ruling party. This was the scope of the talks and the two state representatives did not discuss in detail any other issues, said Daw Aung San Suu Kyi at a press conference which followed the meeting.

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi thanked the Chinese government for Mr Wang Yi's visit, which marks the first visit of a foreign high-ranking official under the

new government, saying that the friendship between neighbouring countries is of great value to the socio-economic development of the people and expressed that the new government attaches great value to Myanmar's friendship with neighbouring countries.

Speaking to reporters, Mr Wang Yi said Myanmar has seen change in internal affairs but China's friendly relations with Myanmar have remained unchanged, pledging that China would not interfere in the internal affairs of

Myanmar.

"China supports the choice of the Myanmar people and I hope Myanmar will find itself on the right path in conformity with the country's reality," Mr Wang Yi said.

He further said that the two sides had reached some agreements during the talk but did not mention anything in detail.

Asked to give his view on some of China's huge controversial projects in Myanmar, he said such challenges can be solved

through the means of friendship and cooperation.

Asked how the new government will handle the controversial Myitson Dam project in Myanmar, referring to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's pledge during her election campaign that the NLD would ensure transparency in regard to the contracting of the project, she replied that she has not yet read the contract.

The Chinese foreign minister will meet President U Htin Kyaw today.



## Pyidaungsu

## Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approves two Union ministers, Union attorney-general, Union auditor-general

PYIDAUNGSSU Hluttaw approved the appointment of two Union ministers, Union Attorney-General and Union Auditor-General yesterday.

Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than announced that U Pe Zin Tun as Union Minister for Electricity and Energy, Dr Myo Thein Gyi as Union Minister for Education, U Tun Tun Oo as Union Attorney-General and U Maw Than as Union Auditor-General were approved with no objection in Parliament.

Next, the process of approving Dr Than Win as

vice-chairman (2) and U Win Htein, former Pyithu Hluttaw representative, U Nyi Tun, former member of Union Civil Service Board, and U Bo Win, retired director-general of Education Planning and Training Department under the Ministry of Education, as members of Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission was carried out.

Then, the Speaker announced that the chair position of ASEAN Inter-parliamentary Assembly which was previously held by Daw Su Su Lwin



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is convened in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

of Thongwa Constituency was filled with U Zaw Thein, MP for Wakema Constituency.

According to a parliamen-

tary session agenda, the two newly-appointed Union ministers, the Union attorney-general and the Union auditor-general

are set to be sworn in today before the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. —*Myanmar News Agency*

## Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker meets charge d' affairs a.i of Polish Embassy in Myanmar



Mahn Win Khaing Than receives Mr. Miroslaw Zasada in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

SPEAKER of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Mahn Win Khaing Than received Mr. Miroslaw Zasada, charge d'affairs a.i of Polish Embassy in Myanmar, in Nay Pyi Taw

yesterday. Also present were Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Aye Tha Aung and officials of the Amyotha Hluttaw Office. —*Myanmar News Agency*

## Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker meets Polish charge d' affairs a.i



U Win Myint receives Mr. Miroslaw Zasada in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

SPEAKER of the Pyithu Hluttaw U Win Myint received Mr. Miroslaw Zasada, charge d'affairs a.i of Polish Embassy in Myanmar, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Also present were Deputy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat and officials of Pyithu Hluttaw Office. —*Myanmar News Agency*

# Yangon Region Parliament forms three more committees

THE Yangon Region Parliament formed three more parliamentary committees yesterday with the nomination of 11 members each for the committees.

The three committees are the Transport, Communication, Construction and Industrial Affairs Committee, Social and Management Committee and the Committee on Scrutinising Hluttaw representatives.

Transport, Communication, Construction and Industrial Affairs Committee is set to be headed by U Thet Htun Win of Botahtaung Township Constituency 2 with proposed

secretary U Wai Phyo Han of Insein Township Constituency 2 and nine members including two Defense Services personnel representatives.

U Tha Aung of Insein Township Constituency 1 was named to head Social and Management Committee with proposed secretary U Nyi Nyi of Dagon Myothit (South) Constituency 2 and nine members including two Defense Services personnel representatives.

The committee formed with young and old representatives alike is tasked with focusing on development matters being carried out by Yangon City

Development Committee.

Likewise, Daw Aye Aye Mar of Lanmadaw Township Constituency 1 was proposed to chair Committee on Scrutinizing Hluttaw Representatives formed with proposed secretary Daw Thit Thit Myint of South Okkalapa Township Constituency 1 and nine members including two Defense Services personnel representatives.

According to sources, eight parliamentary committees and two scrutinizing committees including the three committees formed yesterday have been formed for the second Yangon Region Parliament. —*Ko Moe*

## Appointment of Lithuanian Ambassador to Myanmar confirmed by Government

MYANMAR has agreed to the proposed appointment of Ms. Ina Marciulionyte as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Lithuania to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar with residence in Beijing yesterday.

Ms. Ina Marciulionyte studied Lithuanian language and literature specialising in translation from English at the University of Vilnius from 1981 to 1986. She attended a PhD course on international relations and diplomacy at the Centre d'études diplomatiques et stratégiques, Paris from 2004

to 2005.

From 1986 to 1991, she worked as a correspondent, deputy editor and head editor. From 1992 to 1999, she worked for the Open Society Fund House and Open Society Fund Lithuania (OSFL)/Soros Foundation as a director. In 1999, she was appointed as a Vice Minister at the Ministry of Culture and has served in that capacity until 2003.

She then served as an Ambassador/Permanent Representative of Lithuania to UNESCO from 2003 to 2010. She also served as Ambassador-at-Large for Eastern

Partnership and chief coordinator of Lithuanian Presidency of the Community of Democracies at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 2010 to 2011. She then served as Director of the Department of Latin America, Asia, Africa and Pacific, Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 2011 to 2015.

Ms. Marciulionyte has been serving as the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Lithuania to the People's Republic of China since September 2015. She is fluent in English, French, Russian and Polish. —*MNA*



# Ban Ki-moon congratulates President U Htin Kyaw

THE United Nations Secretary General Mr. Ban Ki-moon Tuesday telephoned President U Htin Kyaw on the latter's assumption of the office of the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar yesterday, assuring continued support of the UN to Myanmar.

In his congratulatory phone call to the President, the UN Secretary-General congratulated President U Htin Kyaw on his election as the first civilian President of the country in more than five decades.

It symbolises the dramatic recognition by people from all walks of life in the country of sacrifices and struggles endured by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and her senior colleagues including the President, as well as other representatives of the National League for Democracy, to bring democracy to the country, he said.

He called to bring political inclusion and inclusive socio-economic development to the country and assured President U Htin Kyaw of the continued support of the United Nations to Myanmar.

He expressed his wish to visit Myanmar again and to meet the President at upcoming ASEAN meetings.



UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon. PHOTO: MNA

In his reply, President U Htin Kyaw thanked Mr. Ban Ki-moon for his congratulatory phone call and his vow to support Myanmar for meeting its challenges.

The President pledged to work together with the United Nations and to strive for ensuring peace and stability, socio-economic development and the



President U Htin Kyaw. PHOTO: MNA

promotion of human rights in the country.

The President also assured the UN Secretary-General of Myanmar continued contribu-

tion to the works of maintaining international peace and security, sustainability and environmental conservation in the international arena.—Myanmar News Agency

## State Counsellor Bill passed by Lower House

THE Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) has approved the State Counsellor Bill as approved without any amendment whatsoever by the Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House) yesterday despite opposition by Tatmadaw representatives.

Brig-Gen maung Maung, Col Aung Thiha, Col Tun Myat Shwe and U Thein Tun from Kyaunggon Constituency discussed 13 proposals concerning amendment. "As the Hluttaw did not consider our proposed amendments, we refused to vote", said Brig-Gen Maung Maung. This is the right of a representative not to

vote, he added.

According to the military representatives, the title of the bill should be the president's counsellor bill, and the counsellor should be accountable to the president not to the Hluttaw. Moreover, the expression Democratic federal Union should be replaced with the clause 'the union where disciplined multi-party democracy is practiced as prescribed in 2008 constitution'.

In response to the objections raised by the military representatives, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Win Myint said, "We're not doing just for our party or our party leader. What

we are doing is in accord with the Pyithu Hluttaw Law and rules".

U Wai Hlaing Tun, a member of Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee also said, The State Counsellor Bill was drawn in accordance with Article 217 of 2008 Constitution. This bill does not affect separation of three branches of sovereign power. As the counsellor is to be assigned with duties by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the state counsellor shall be accountable to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. That's why this bill should be approved as sent by the Amyotha Hluttaw".—Myanmar News Agency



Brig-Gen Maung Maung. PHOTO: MNA



U Wai Hlaing Tun, member of Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee. PHOTO: MNA

## Diversified views will be reported



Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint delivers an address to the officials and other ranks in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

PEOPLE will be well informed by having a chance to listen to the voices and opinions of general public in addition to reading information and analyses given by the government, said Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint during his meeting with officials and other ranks from the minister's office, Information and Public Relations Department, Printing and Publishing Enterprise and News and Periodicals Enterprise held in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

"We will not use the top-

down approach in our giving of information to the people. What we're going to use is bottom-up approach, making our new reports look like reports to the people," said Dr Pe Myint.

As it is the time now for our ministry to change, we will criticise inappropriate actions of the authorities at different levels. We will also present the diversified views and opinions of the individuals who are well-versed in the political, economic and social sectors.—MNA



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## Notification No. 6/2016

13<sup>th</sup> Waning of Tabaung, 1377 ME

(5 April, 2016)

**Formation of Financial Commission**

IN accord with the provisions stated in section 229 (a) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and section 11 (a) of the Union Government Law, the President has formed the Financial Commission with the following persons.

(1) U Htin Kyaw	President	Chairman
(2) U Myint Swe	Vice-President	Vice-Chairman
(3) U Henry Van Thio	Vice-President	Vice-Chairman
(4) U Tun Tun Oo	Union Attorney-General	Member
(5) U Maw Than	Union Auditor-General	Member
(6) Dr Khat Aung	Chief Minister for Kachin State	Member
(7) U L Phaung Sho	Chief Minister for Kayah State	Member
(8) Daw Nann Khin Htway Myint	Chief Minister for Kayah State	Member
(9) U Salai Lian Lwal	Chief Minister for Chin State	Member
(10) Dr Myint Naing	Chief Minister for Sagaing Region	Member
(11) Dr Lei Lei Maw	Chief Minister for Taninthayi Region	Member
(12) U Win Thein	Chief Minister for Bago Region	Member
(13) Dr Aung Moe Nyo	Chief Minister for Magway Region	Member
(14) Dr Zaw Myint Maung	Chief Minister for Mandalay Region	Member
(15) U Min Min Oo	Chief Minister for Mon State	Member
(16) U Nyi Pu	Chief Minister for Rakhine State	Member
(17) U Phyo Min Thein	Chief Minister for Yangon Region	Member
(18) Dr Lin Htut	Chief Minister for Shan State	Member
(19) U Mahn Johnny	Chief Minister for Ayeyawady Region	Member
(20) Dr Myo Aung	Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council	Member
(21) U Kyaw Win	Union Minister for Planning and Finance	Secretary

Sd/ Htin Kyaw

President

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## Notification No. 5/2016

13<sup>th</sup> Waning of Tabaung, 1377 ME

(5 April, 2016)

**Reformation of Union Government**

IN accord with the provisions stated in section 200 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and section 6 (a) of the Union Government Law, the Union Government has been reformed with the following persons.

(1) U Pe Zin Tun	Union Minister for Electricity and Energy
(2) Dr Myo Thein Gyi	Union Minister for Education
(3) U Tun Tun Oo	Union Attorney-General

Sd/ Htin Kyaw

President

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## Order No. 9/2016

13<sup>th</sup> Waning of Tabaung, 1377 ME

(5 April, 2016)

**Appointment of Union Ministers**

IN accord with the provisions stated in section 232 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and section 12 of the Union Government Law, the following persons have been appointed as Union Ministers for ministries shown against each.

(1) U Pe Zin Tun	Union Minister for Electricity and Energy
(2) Dr Myo Thein Gyi	Union Minister for Education

Sd/ Htin Kyaw

President

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## Order No. 11/2016

13<sup>th</sup> Waning of Tabaung, 1377 ME

(5 April, 2016)

**Appointment of Union Auditor-General**

IN accord with the provisions stated in section 242 (a) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, section 16 (b) (4) of the Union Government Law and section 5 of the Union Auditor-General Law, U Maw Than has been appointed as Union Auditor-General.

Sd/ Htin Kyaw

President

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## Order No. 10/2016

13<sup>th</sup> Waning of Tabaung, 1377 ME

(5 April, 2016)

**Appointment of Union Attorney-General**

IN accord with the provisions stated in section 237 (a) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, section 15 (a) of the Union Government Law and section 5 of the Union Attorney-General Law, U Tun Tun Oo has been appointed as Union Attorney-General.

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President

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## Order No. 12/2016

13<sup>th</sup> Waning of Tabaung, 1377 ME

(5 April, 2016)

**Appointment of Chairman of Union Civil Service Board**

IN accord with the provisions stated in section 246 (b) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, section 16 (b) (5) of the Union Government Law and section 5 of the Union Civil Service Board Law, Dr Win Thein has been appointed as Chairman of the Union Civil Service Board.

Sd/ Htin Kyaw

President

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

## MUFG Awards Scholarships to 30 Students of the Yangon University of Economics

THE Japanese Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group (MUFG) awarded scholarships to 30 students from the Yangon University of Economics (YUE) on 28 March as part of an initiative of the Mitsubishi UFJ Foundation (the Foundation).

The scholarships are awarded to promote economic growth and international relations between Japan and the Asia region and are a part of The Foundation's contributions to educational development in Asia which has been running since 1991.

Mr. Mitsuhiro Kimura, General Manager of the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ Ltd (BTMU) Yangon Branch awarded the scholarships at the official awards ceremony. Also in attendance were Yangon University of Eco-

nomics Rector Dr. Khin Naing Oo as well as the students' professors and heads of department. The 30 students were awarded their scholarships based on their outstanding academic achievements in their respective fields of study such as Business Administration, Public Administration, Economics, Commerce, Accounting, and Development Studies. Through BTMU the Foundation has been awarding scholarships in Yangon since 1996. As of March 2016, it has awarded 360 students from the YUE.

BTMU opened a Computer and Language Laboratory at the Myanmar Institute of Banking (MIB) on 1 December 2015. The laboratory is equipped with 50 computer laptops and language training resources, and allows

members of the banking association to raise their proficiency in computer and language programmes.

"BTMU is committed to contributing to Myanmar's long-term economic growth meaningfully. This includes supporting, training and cultivating talents that fit the needs of the banking and finance sector. It is our pleasure to award these meritorious students for their academic excellence, and we hope they will continue to excel in their studies, and eventually make their own meaningful contributions when they enter the workforce." Said Mr. Kimura at the ceremony.

BTMU was the first foreign bank to officially open branch operations in Myanmar in April of 2014.—GNLM



Thirty students receive scholarships from the Mitsubishi UFJ Foundation, which was awarded through the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd (BTMU). PHOTO: SUPPLY BY BTMU



# LOCAL Business



Japanese RTG type cranes arrive at Myanmar Industrial Port. PHOTO: MNA

## Competition between beverage makers likely to become stiffer

THE competition between beverage manufacturers in the Myanmar market is likely to become stiffer in future, according to the recently released Asian Beverage Markets Report.

International beer companies are reportedly eyeing the Myanmar market because of the country's growing number of middle-age people, particularly men. In addition, the

country has good prospects for economic development and inviting international brands over the coming years.

These are the main given reasons for the increased interest in Myanmar of international beverage makers.

According to a statement released by Heineken, the Netherlands-based beer company, the company currently sees a low demand for its products

in the country's drink industry. It is, however, establishing a master plan to occupy the majority of the local market share by 2020.

With US\$60 million planned investment, Heineken has opened and is operating its first beer factory, located on the outskirts of Yangon.

The factory began operating at the end of 2014.—PPN/*Union Daily*

## Exports by garment industry estimated to raise around US\$12 billion by 2020

MYANMAR'S garment industry is estimated to see an increase of exports worth around US\$12 billion within the next four years, according to a statement issued by an international textiles monitoring body.

The industry exported \$1.5 million worth of products in 2014.

The number of industry workers is expected to rise by about 1.5 million people by 2020. In 2015 alone the sector created more than 200,000 new jobs across the country.

International textile companies have shown greater interest in the local garment industry after H & M Hennes & Mauritz AB, a Swedish multinational retail-clothing company, began doing business in the country in 2013.

In 2014, U.S.-based GAP Company (clothing) came to Myanmar to begin their own garment manufacturing initiatives in the country.

The flow of foreign direct investment into the garment sector is steadily increasing follow-

ing the reduction of sanctions against Myanmar by western nations.

Economics experts say that the industry plays an important role in developing the country's economic sector, which is facing a trade deficit every financial year.

A lack of skilled labourers, insufficient access to power and high amounts of expenditure in establishing commercial infrastructure are the main barriers to growth of the industry, it is reported.—PPN/*Union Daily*

## Thai energy company to boost power capacity in Myanmar

GLOBAL Power Synergy Co, a Thailand-based energy company, is currently preparing to establish power plants in Myanmar with a capacity to produce around 3,000 megawatt of power, according to its chairman and chief executive officer.

This is part of the GPSC's five-year plan (2015 to 2019) which is designed to expand such power facilities across the ASEAN region so as to fulfill electricity needs when the ASEAN Economic Community emerges.

The company recently signed a memorandum of understanding with Myanmar authorities to implement a development project covering construction of a 2,000 MW Coal-fired power plant and two power factories which are capable of producing 500 MW and 400 MW each.

"Establishment of gas-fired power plants is on the company's list of priority," said the CEO, stating that the company will invest 18 billion Thai baht across the ASEAN region.—*Thuta*

## Vietjet honoured as 'top brand' in Viet Nam

VIETJET, the 'Best Asian Low-Cost Carrier' award winner, received an award for the most popular brand and most favorite airline in Viet Nam at a presentation ceremony of the Golden Dragon Awards for Favorite Brands in Hanoi, Viet Nam.

The annual Golden Dragon Awards were organised by the Viet Nam Economic Times Publication and the Ministry of In-

dustry and Trade.

The awards were presented to businesses for their achievements in providing best services and having corporate social responsibility initiatives as well as for being eco-friendly.

Vietjet has a fleet of 35 A-320 and A-321 aircrafts operating 250 flights for 47 routes in Vietnam and across Asia-Pacific region each day.—*Win Win Maw*



## Indian dance troupe performs in Mandalay



Traditional Indian songs and folk dances being performed. PHOTO: THIHA KO KO (MANDALAY)

A PERFORMANCE of traditional Indian songs and folk dances put on by an Indian dance troupe named Phythm Divine II attracted a crowd of visitors in Mandalay.

The free event took place at the National Theatre in Mandalay.

lay on Tuesday evening in cooperation with the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture and the Indian Embassy in Myanmar.

The event is part of the cultural exchange programme between the two countries, it has been learned.

Phythm Divine II is a popular dance troupe and the gold medal winner of the Indian Culture Contest. The troupe is touring Asia and Europe to exchange culture by performing traditional folk dances.—*Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)*

## Kawthaung authorities crack down pharmacies ahead of Thingyan

TO reduce crime rates during the coming Thingyan Festival in Kawthaung, a combined team comprising members of the Kawthaung Township Police Force, a Special Anti-Drug Squad and officials of the Food and Drug Administration inspected pharmacies in the town-

ship on 3 April.

The combined team inspected pharmacies around the town and urged the owners of the stores not to sell illegally imported sexual stimulant tablets, yaba pills, stimulant tablets, expired medicines or unregistered medicines.—*Kyaw Soe*



Officials inspect a pharmacy in Kawthaung. PHOTO: KYAW SOE

## Crime NEWS

## Yaba and heroin seized in Magwe

A COMBINED team comprising local authorities and members of the anti-drug squad from Magwe seized 36.9 grams of heroin from motorbike driver Kyaw Htay with one Ma Wine Sein on board near milepost 336/7, Magwe-Yenangyaung road, on 31 March. Police also searched the home of one Kyaw Htay and found 16.2 grams of heroin and 195 yaba pills in the possession of Ma Tin Tin Yu and 0.2 grams of heroin on Mone Ar Pin. One Sai Aung was found together with Ma Tin Tin Yu and Mone Ar Pin.

Police further searched a house owned by one Ma Tin Tin Yu in Aung Myitta ward,



The five culprits being seen. PHOTO: THE MIRROR

Magwe town and discovered 11 grams of heroin and 889 yaba pills. Police have filed charges

against all suspects under the Anti-Narcotic Law.—*The Mirror*

## Police arrested two-digit lottery gamblers

POLICE have arrested a woman who allegedly played two-digit lotteries in her own home in Dawna Chan ward, Monywa town, Sagaing region on 1 April.

The police searched the home of Ma Thazin Oo, 35, and found K225,100 and the relevant document items of two-digit

lottery.

Similarly, the police searched a house owned by one Tun Tun Naing, 32, and found K186,200, two laptops, a printer and the relevant document items of two-digit lottery. Police further searched another house owned by one Aung My-

int Shein, 41, and discovered the relevant documents of two-digit lottery and K429,600. Kyaw Moe Htet, 23, and U Aung Thwein, 62, were found together with the host.

Local police have filed charges against all suspects.—*Myanmar Police Force*

## Accident kills a man

A 56-year-old man on a motorcycle died when a ten-wheel vehicle crashed his bike on Yay-Dawei motor road near milepost No.1/2 in Anaw ward, Yay Township in Taninthayi Region on 3 April.

The ten-wheel vehicle driven by Htin Kyaw Htet, 30,

en route Kyon Laung new village to Yay Township crashed into the motorcycle when Htin Kyaw Htet lost control.

The motorcyclist died on the spot. Police from Yay Township have filed charges against the case.—*Nay Myo Htut (Yay)*

## Landslide damages two huts

TWO huts owned by U Sein Myint and U Myat Soe collapsed on the brink of Twante canal due to landslides. The huts are situated on Bohmu Sein Lwin street, Oho Bo ward, Twante Township, Yangon on 4 April.

There were no immedi-

ate reports of casualties. "We've also moved other four huts out of concern over possible collapses," said U Saw Maung Than, Stationmaster of Twante Township Fire Services Department.—*Tin Win Lay (Kyimyindaing)*



The damaged two huts being seen. PHOTO: KYAW SOE



## South Korean navy launches 7<sup>th</sup> class-214 submarine

SEOUL — South Korea's navy on Tuesday launched its seventh class-214, 1,800-ton submarine, the country's top shipbuilder Hyundai Heavy Industry said.

The launching ceremony was held in the southeastern coastal city of Ulsan, attended by chief of naval operations Admiral Jung Ho-sub, the submarine's builder said in a statement.

Hyundai Heavy has won six of nine orders to build 1,800-ton submarines procured by the South Korean Navy. The ninth submarine has been under construction from February 2014.

The seventh will be delivered to the navy by July 2017 after seaborne operational trials.

The diesel-electric air independent propulsion (AIP) submarine, which measures 65 metres in length and 7 meters in

width, can sail at a maximum speed of 20 knots with a crew of 40.

With a 1,800-ton displacement capacity, the country's largest-class submarine can dive up to 400 metres and last for two weeks under water with fuel cells.

It is loaded with long-range submarine-to-ground cruise missiles developed by the country's own technology, torpedoes and mines, featuring an automatic simultaneous target tracking system and a torpedo guidance and detection system.

The submarine was named after the late Hong Beom-do, a former commander-in-chief of Korean Independent Army who achieved splendid victories over the Japanese Imperial Army during the 1910-1945 Japanese colonisation of the Korean peninsula.—*Xinhua*

## Australian government trails opposition Labour ahead of likely election



Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull listens to a question during a media conference at Parliament House in Canberra, Australia, on 21 March. PHOTO: REUTERS

SYDNEY — Support for Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull's conservative government has fallen to its lowest level since he assumed office, undermining expectations he will secure a comfortable election victory later this year.

Support for the ruling Liberal-National coalition is now at 49 per cent, a

Newspoll found on Tuesday, on a two-party preferred basis where votes for minor parties are redistributed to the two main blocs according to preferences.

With an election expected to be called as early as July, the poll findings give the opposition Australian Labour Party a lead for the first time since Turnbull ousted former

conservative Prime Minister Tony Abbott in September 2015.

Support for the conservative coalition jumped to as high as 53 per cent after Turnbull became prime minister, but Turnbull's popularity has waned amid disappointment that he failed to push through any major policy changes amid internal party bickering.

"The Australian people are incredibly disappointed that they saw a change in [prime minister] but no change in direction from this government," said Richard Di Natale, leader of the opposition Australian Greens.

Turnbull declined to comment on the poll when asked by reporters in Sydney on Tuesday, insisting that his attention was focused on driving economic growth. He still retains a commanding lead as preferred prime minister over Labor leader Bill Shorten, with the poll showing his personal standing at 48 per cent to Shorten's 27 per cent. More socially liberal than Abbott, Turnbull's rise stoked hopes for a change in policies on issues ranging from legalising gay marriage to making the country a republic, but he has stuck with previous government policies. He has also been at odds over economic policy with his Treasurer Scott Morrison and was rebuffed at a meeting last week with state premiers over a new tax plan.—*Reuters*

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## China announces restrictions on trade with North Korea

BEIJING — China's Commerce Ministry on Tuesday banned imports of North Korean gold and rare earths and exports to the country of jet fuel and other oil products used to make rocket fuel, a move

in line with new United Nations sanctions on Pyongyang.

The Security Council unanimously passed a resolution in early March expanding UN sanctions aimed at starving North

Korea of funds for its nuclear and ballistic missile programmes after Pyongyang conducted a fourth nuclear test in January and launched a long-range rocket in February.

The mining sector is a

key part of North Korea's economy, which is already largely cut off from the rest of the world. Experts believe revenue from the sector helps underwrite North Korea's military expenditures.—*Reuters*

## Viet Nam reports first Zika infections, raises alarm

HANOI — Mosquitoes have infected two women with the Zika virus in Viet Nam, health authorities said on Tuesday, in the country's first cases of a disease linked in Brazil to thousands of suspected cases of microcephaly, a rare birth defect.

A 64-year-old woman in the beach city of Nha Trang and a pregnant 33-year-old in Ho Chi Minh City fell sick in late March, and three rounds of tests have confirmed they are Zika-positive, health officials said.

The sufferers are in stable condition and no

further infections have been found among their relatives and neighbours, the health ministry said in a statement.

"After epidemic investigations, we consider the source of infection could be mosquito," Deputy Health Minister Nguyen Thanh Long said of the patient in Ho Chi Minh City.

She is eight weeks pregnant, Long said in a Viet Nam Television broadcast, but gave no details of the first woman.

Health officials have quarantined the living areas of the patient's families and taken samples

from others living nearby for further tests, said Nguyen Chi Dung, head of Ho Chi Minh City's department of preventive medicine.

The World Health Organisation is working closely with Viet Nam, a WHO official told a health ministry meeting to announce the infections. Zika is carried by mosquitoes, which transmit the virus to humans.

The WHO says there is a strong scientific consensus that Zika can cause microcephaly as well as Guillain-Barre syndrome, a rare neurological disorder that can result in pa-

ralysis, though conclusive proof may take months or years.

Microcephaly is characterised by unusually small heads that can result in developmental problems. Zika has been endemic in Asia, with infection cases confirmed in Bangladesh, South Korea, Thailand and China.

Brazil said it had confirmed more than 860 cases of microcephaly, most of which it considers to be related to Zika infections in the mothers. It is investigating more than 4,200 additional suspected cases of microcephaly.—*Reuters*

## OPINION

### Top-down approach vs federal or presidential form of government

Khin Maung Aye

**T**HERE are several theories of government as discussed by Jon Pierre and Guy Peters (2000). These theories are: traditional authority; autopoiesis and network steering; cybernetics and steering or system theory; policy instruments; institutional analysis; national choice; network and policy communities or policy network theory; interpretive theory; and organization theory.

Among the aforesaid theories, the traditional authority theory will be dealt with. This approach generally refers to the 'top down' authority vested in the

state. Here in this juncture, government as the legitimate embodiment of the general will, or the crown, or whatever the source of authority is assumed to be, the only source of governance in these models. Under this approach, law and coercion are viewed as the technique of governance, and any attempt to challenge or weaken the authority of the state is seen as an unacceptable usurpation of the state power. This traditional view of governance can also be seen as common in the communist states which talks about the dictatorship of the proletariat.

Some hierarchicalists while discussing the constitutional norms of countries like the United Kingdom, refers to the unlimited power that the Queen enjoys in parliament. In the context of 'new government' scholars forward that it is the function of the deeply embedded conception power of the crown (the (government) in most Westminster systems. The traditional authority also refers to the legalistic conception of governing.

It is worth mentioning here in this juncture that a good elucidation can be Germany where the Rechtsstaat system, which refers to a law based state, and which is a core concept of German constitutional thinking, is central to the role of state in its tradition.

It presumes acceptance of law and the capacity of the government to govern through law with only minimal opposition. The top-down approach is less compatible with the system in most of the small European state where there exists the history of compromise, coalition and conflict management. This meant that centralized directives are likely to be questioned. Similarly, the centralized top-down authority does not go as well with that of the federal or presidential form of government.

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# Thingyan: View from an Expat

Balaji V

**C**OME April and Myanmar begins the new financial year and also get into a celebratory mode, one of the biggest in SE Asia, the Thingyan Water Festival. One can sense the mood of celebration and fun in the beginning of the month itself. Working people start planning their holidays and the Thingyan pandals they will celebrate in. Students gear up with excitement and plan their do's. Generation X start their wardrobe shopping, hair do's

(which has become a rage now and quite exciting too), malls are flooded with new arrivals and shopping specials.

All over Myanmar Pandals (stages) are set with live bands and musicians belting their best. One of my favourite number of the water festival and must say quite a popular one is sung by Daw Tun Eaindra Bo and one can sense the peace and tranquility listening to her songs.

Expats in Myanmar for the first time are told umpteen number of stories about the water festival and look forward with great

excitement and anxiety. Excitement because for many it will be a first time and anxiety because almost all supermarkets, restaurants and most of the basic essential services are closed. One has to stock even their basic food essentials, groceries, vegetables in advance and that is quite a challenge. Unfortunately many expats travel during these days and it may be a good idea for Myanmar to make this festival as a tourist attraction and work out special offers for foreigners to come and visit Myanmar during this time and enjoy the beauty at it's best. One can

say, Myanmar knows how to celebrate. The best part is by and large this festival is very peaceful and safe in Myanmar. I can't imagine such a festival going on for almost 5 days without such concerns in a country like India.

Retailers have a great pre Thingyan sale and I guess compensate for the next 10 days of lull too. Off late, many corporates have pitched in with the pandal managers and sponsorship pours in which ensures the pandals are able to generate enough to make their settings exciting for everyone who attend.

El Nino may be a spoilt sport this time with many regions, and rightfully too, attempting to restrict the water wastage. However, knowing Myanmar and the people, it is going to be a fun April 2016.

As I am writing this piece am reliving the pre Thingyan Festival fervor and feeling sad that I will be missing it too. However my friends in Facebook ensure nothing is missed every second. Social media will be the water bed for this year's Thingyan Festival. Wishing everyone in Myanmar a very happy Thingyan.

# Holistic Development for Kindergartners

Dr. Khin Myoe Myint Kyu  
Chairman (KG Curriculum Committee)

**C**ONCERNING resources, there are two types: material resources and human resources. A country which stands alone on material resources is very likely to face difficulties to pursue sustainable development. Most of the developed countries depend on human resources (e.g. Singapore, Japan, Ireland, The Netherlands, etc.) and as a consequence they achieve sustainable development.

Whether a nation developed or not is very much depended upon the citizens' development (human resource development). Hence it is necessary to nurture well developed citizens for the sustainable development of our country. Well-developed citizens mean not only equipped them with 21st century skills but also with physical, mental, emotional, social and moral skills.

These days, I have heard/read many (negative or positive) comments concerning with our KG new curriculum. Some think KG curriculum was developed as usual or some consider that it was developed by the group influenced by policy or decision makers. In reality it is not like this. Developing the KG Curriculum Framework is the very first beginning step of the KG roll out and it was done by international/national curriculum experts. Many consultation meetings were conducted with the chairmen from academic subject committees, professors and pedagogues from universities of education, experts from the Myanmar Language Commission and other stakeholders. The National Curriculum Framework (NCF) for the Kindergarten is focused on the care, development

and learning needs of kindergartners. The KG Curriculum Committee was formed after finalizing the KG Curriculum Framework and I (retired Deputy Director General, Pro-Rector as well, and have more than 37 year service in education) am the chairman of that committee. Three education experts – Professor Dr. Thein Lwin (Educational Psychology and Developmental Psychology expert), Dr. Myint Thein (Curriculum expert) and Dr. Win Aung (Language expert) – supervised the team for the development of the KG curriculum. By the end of the KG year, the child should be a self-directing, confident, happy, healthy, well-nourished, socially adapt, emotionally balanced and enthusiastic learner, wishing to continue to explore further educational activities, well protected in conditions of freedom, equity, and dignity who can contribute positively to her family, community and the country as a whole within South East Asia and the

world. The specific aims of KG education are to prepare children to be:

- (1) self-directed, independent, and having strong sense of being;
- (2) well-nourished, happy, healthy, well protected and resilient;
- (3) emotionally balanced and enthusiastic learners, wishing to explore through further reading, writing, mathematical and knowledge-intensive activities; and
- (4) contributing to the wellbeing of the group (the family, community, and the country).

In order to achieve the above mentioned aims, the approaches and teaching methodologies are needed to change drastically; in the past the approaches and methods led to rote learning but now the new KG curriculum is designed to use (i) holistic approach, (ii) developmentally appropriate approach and (iii) the-

matic approach. These approaches will enable children to obtain higher order thinking skills, such as creative thinking skill, problem solving skill, inquiry learning skill, etc. We have to consider what type of children we want to nurture: just a literate person or an educated one. Here I would like to refer to the philosophy given by Sayargyi U Myint Han (retired DG of Myanmar Education Research Department) that "literacy is only a tool for getting education to a great extent in an accelerated manner". In the past rote learning is rational, but now we are entering into the 21st century and in order to keep pace with the knowledge explosion era, rote learning is no longer suitable for our human resource development. Holistic education is the best solution for nurturing children keep away from rote learning and encourage them for getting 21st century skills and higher order thinking skills.

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# Myitkyina-Sonparabon-PutaO Road being expanded

AN expansion of the 218-mile long Myitkyina-Sumprabum-PutaO road is currently being carried out by local authorities with the use of Union government funds for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

With the aim of providing better transportation services to road users local authorities began implementing the development project during the 2012-2013 FY, expanding the width of the road from 12 feet to 24 feet as well as paving the road to ensure safer travel and constructing three RC bridges below the 50 feet spans.

The original road was built during the Second World War era and has reportedly been badly



Myitkyina-Sumprabum-PutaO Road being expanded. PHOTO: MOE MYINT HLAING

ly in need of repair and maintenance since. It was upgraded for the first time in 1953. After the first expansion of the road vehicles under three tons were allowed to drive from Myitkyina

to Sumprabum.

The road has been on the Ministry of Construction's list of priority roads to expand since the 1966-1967 FY.—*Khayan Soe Myint*

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## Appointment of Deputy Minister

IN accord with the provisions stated in section 234 (b) and (d) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and section 16 (b) (9) of the Union Government Law, U Kyaw Tin has been appointed as Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Sd/ Htin Kyaw

President

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

## Concert held to mark Sino-Myanmar friendship in Mandalay

A CONCERT to mark Sino-Myanmar friendship took place with the performance of three young Chinese artists at the national theatre in Mandalay on Monday. The three Chinese artists—a pianist, a vocalist and a vi-

olinist—are international musical award winners. The famed artists entertained Mandalay audiences with songs and made New Year wishes at the concert held ahead of Myanmar Thingyan Festival. —*Kyaw Htway*

# Holistic Development for Kindergartners

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**Holistic education** is a philosophy of education based on the premise that each person finds identity, meaning, and purpose in life through connections to the community, to the natural world, and to altruistic values such as compassion and peace. Holistic education aims to call forth from people an intrinsic reverence for life and a passionate love of learning. This is the definition given by Ron Miller, founder of the journal *Holistic Education Review* (now entitled *Encounter: Education for Meaning and Social Justice*). The term holistic education is often used to refer to the more democratic and humanistic types of alternative education. Robin Ann Martin (2003) describes this further by stating, "At its most general level, what distinguishes holistic education from other forms of education are its goals, its attention to experiential learning, and the significance that it places on relationships and primary human values within the learning environment."

In considering curriculum using a holistic approach, one must address the question of what children need to learn. Since holistic education seeks to educate the whole person, there are some key factors that are essential to this type of education. First, children need to learn about themselves. This involves learning self-respect and self-esteem. Second, children need to learn about relationships. In learning about their relationships with others, there is a focus on social "literacy" (learning to see social influence) and emotional "literacy" (one's own self in relation to others). Third, children need to learn about resilience. This entails overcoming difficulties, facing challenges and learning how to

ensure long-term success. Fourth, children need to learn about aesthetics – This encourages the student to see the beauty of what is around them and learn to have admiration in life. (Holistic Education, Inc, Home Page)

To be in line with holistic education to nurture the holistic development of the child, the six learning areas included in the new KG curriculum are:

- (i) Wellbeing
- (ii) Moral, social, and emotional development;
- (iii) Communication;
- (iv) Exploring basic mathematics;
- (v) Aesthetic values and creative skills;
- (vi) Knowledge and Understanding of the World.

In the past the KG (Grade one) students had to study the subjects such as Myanmar, English, Mathematics and so on, while according to the thematic approach using in the new KG curriculum, the students will have to learn the topics as follows:

- (1) My Self
- (2) My Family
- (3) Our School
- (4) Our Community
- (5) Plants
- (6) Fish
- (7) Birds
- (8) Insects
- (9) Mammals
- (10) Climate
- (11) Festivals
- (12) Market
- (13) Water
- (14) Houses
- (15) Transportation

In the new KG system, teachers have to use play-way method and children have to learn not only literacy and numeracy but also aesthetic values, social skills, and higher order thinking skills through playing, drawing and coloring pictures, listening and

telling stories, paper folding, role playing, counting, reading, singing, etc. They have to learn for (i) knowing self, their families, their friends, and their environment; (ii) accepting diversity among them and appreciating others' culture; (iii) upgrading their resiliency; and (iv) developing eagerness to further learning.

UNICEF gives support in the development of KG curriculum and now the following materials are ready for kindergartners, teachers, and schools:

- (1) Activity books for kindergartners;
- (2) Teachers Guide;
- (3) Detailed Lesson Plans for teachers;
- (4) Big Book (for story telling);
- (5) KG Teachers' Training Manual;
- (6) Posters (talking posters);
- (7) Language Guide and Proposed Stories and Rhymes.

Based on the research works, the following advantages will be achieved by students' activity books:

- (1) Getting interest from the students;
- (2) Handling the pencil systematically; holding
- (3) Preparing writing for Grade One;
- (4) Getting fine motor skills;
- (5) Avoiding giving children strenuous homework;
- (6) Knowing children's development through their exercise books;
- (7) Informing children's achievement to their parents;
- (8) Improving eye-hand coordination;
- (9) Encouraging higher order thinking skills such as creative thinking, problem-solving skills,

inquiry skills, decision making skills, etc.;

- (10) Improving their language through sharing experiences between peers and as a consequence developing self-confidence, interpersonal skills, resiliency skills, and emotional control.

Actually, KG is the transition grade which places particular emphasis on the smooth transition from home and ECCD centers to the school environment and uses methods derived from Child Centered Approaches. The programs for Kindergartners are based upon the following ideas:

- The child's experience of fun at school;
- A warm welcome from the teacher each day;
- A child friendly environment with learning spaces and resources;
- Welcoming and inviting classroom learning spaces to explore;
- Lots of time to freely explore and play and learn new and interesting things;
- A teaching methodology based in play, exploration, freedom to learn;
- Free interaction between teacher and children, and child to child;
- Flexibility of activity according to the needs and interest of the children;
- Promoting independent decision making and problem solving activities;
- Encouraging the participation of all children regardless of interest and ability, language and culture.

Assessment is carried out for each individual child and is always formative. The child cannot "pass" or "fail". Kindergartner develops and grows and learn.

There are no traditional formal written tests of examinations. Adults (teachers, parents, or family members) and children make judgments every day about their own competence and the competence of others – their knowledge, their skills and their attitudes and behaviors. They use these judgments to decide on actions to take in future. These judgments are the assessments of competence of kindergartners and this kind of assessment is the one and only one which best suits for that level.

The most important thing is that the approaches and methodologies for KG have been totally changed from the past and thus KG teachers also need to change their traditional teaching methodologies. The Department of Teacher Education and Training make plans for KG teacher training and within these days Training for Trainers are being conducted in Mandalay. Trainers should keep in their mind that they are crucial for showing the ways and means – what and how KG teachers should do. Successful KG implementation is very much depended on KG teachers. Starting from the training they have to learn the new approaches and methodologies. Interest and active participation/learning at the training will make them well-prepared to enter KG classrooms with confidence that teachers should have, since they are the key actors not only for the children but also for the Nation's future.

In brief, it would be concluded that kindergartners will learn not only alphabets but knowledge, skills and attitudes to become well qualified human resources. Our ultimate goal is to achieve holistic development of the kindergartners.





A man walk by the Arango Orillac Building where the Mossack Fonseca law firm is situated at, in Panama City, on 4 April 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

## Panama Papers probes opened, China limits access to news on leaks

BEIJING/HONG KONG — Authorities across the globe have opened investigations into the activities of the world's rich and powerful after a cache of leaked documents from a Panamanian law firm showed possible wrongdoing using offshore company structures.

The "Panama Papers" have cast light on the financial arrangements of high profile politicians and public figures and the companies and financial institutions they use for such activities. Among those named in the documents are friends of Russian President Vladimir Putin and relatives of the leaders of China, Britain, Iceland and Pakistan, and the president of Ukraine.

Leading figures and financial institutions responded to the massive leak of more than 11.5 million documents with denials of any wrongdoing as prosecutors and regulators began a review of the reports from the investigation by the US-based International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) and other media organisations.

Following the reports, China has moved to limit local access to coverage of the matter with state media denouncing Western reporting on the leak as biased against non-Western leaders.

France, Australia, New Zealand, Austria, Sweden and the Netherlands are among nations that have commenced investigations, and some other countries, including the United States, said they were looking into the matter.

Mossack Fonseca, the Panamanian law firm at the centre of the leaks, has set up more than 240,000 offshore companies for clients around the globe and denies any wrongdoing. It calls itself the victim of a campaign against privacy and claims media reports

misrepresent the nature of its business. In a printed statement given to Reuters by a staff member at Mossack Fonseca's Hong Kong office on Tuesday, the firm said it has never been charged with or formally investigated for criminal wrongdoing in its nearly 40 years of operation.

"We do not advise clients on how to operate their businesses. We don't link ourselves in any way to companies we help incorporate," the firm said in the statement.

"Excluding the professional fees we earn, we don't take possession of clients' money, or otherwise have anything to do with any of the direct financial aspects related to operating these businesses."

Mossack Fonseca also said it supports international initiatives requiring greater transparency of newly incorporated companies and trusts and has implemented such measures as part of its own due diligence.

The staff at the office declined to answer questions.

The Hong Kong government said in a statement that its Inland Revenue Department has taken note of the recent release of the documents and will take "necessary actions" based on any information it gets. It will not comment on individual cases or disclose the course of action because of secrecy provisions in Hong Kong tax law, the government said.

Credit Suisse (CSGN.S) and HSBC (HSBA.L), two of the world's largest wealth managers, on Tuesday dismissed suggestions they were actively using offshore structures to help clients cheat on their taxes.

Both were named among the banks that helped set up complex structures that make it hard for tax collectors and investigators to

track the flow of money from one place to another, according to ICIJ.

Credit Suisse CEO Tidjane Thiam, who is aggressively targeting Asia's wealthiest for growth, said his bank was only after lawful assets.

Speaking at a media briefing in Hong Kong, he acknowledged the bank uses offshore financial structures, but only for very wealthy customers with assets in multiple jurisdictions and did not support their use for tax avoidance or allow them without knowing the identities of all those concerned.

"We do not condone structures for tax avoidance," he said. "Whenever there is a structure with a third party beneficiary we insist to know the identity of that beneficiary."

Separately, HSBC said the documents pre-dated a thorough reform of its business model.

Both banks have in recent years paid large fines to U.S. authorities over their wealth management or banking operations.

Credit Suisse agreed in 2014 to pay a \$2.5 billion fine for helping rich Americans evade taxes. HSBC agreed in 2012 to pay \$1.92 billion in fines, mainly for allowing itself to be used to launder Mexican drug money.

The reports on leaks also pointed to the offshore companies linked to the families of Chinese President Xi Jinping and other powerful current and former Chinese leaders.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei, when asked if the government would investigate tax affairs of those mentioned in the Panama Papers, told reporters at a daily news briefing the ministry would not comment on "these groundless accusations".—Reuters

## UN Secretary-General's Message on the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace

### 6 April 2016

SPORT is a unique and powerful tool for promoting dignity and the equal and inalienable rights of every member of the human family. It is a driving force for positive social change. That is why some of the world's greatest sportsmen and women have been, and remain, engaged in helping the United Nations to raise awareness on important issues such as hunger, HIV-AIDS, gender equality and environmental stewardship.

This year the world is embarking on a major new challenge — implementing the visionary 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. United Nations Member States have adopted 17 universal Sustainable Development Goals to build a future of peace, justice, dignity and opportunity for all. Together, they provide a set of integrated and indivisible priorities for people, planet, prosperity, partnership and peace.

To reach these global goals, we must engage all sectors of society, everywhere. Sport has an essential role to play. Sport promotes health and well-being. It fosters tolerance, mutual understanding and peace. It contributes to social inclusion and equality. It empowers women and girls and persons with disabilities. It is a vital part of quality education in schools. It empowers, inspires and unites.

On this third International Day of Sport for Development and Peace, I urge Governments, organizations, businesses, and all actors in society to harness the values and power of sport to support the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. By working — and playing — together, we can create the future we want.

UNIC/Yangon

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Islamic State hints at attacks in London, Berlin and Rome

LONDON — The Islamic State militant group released a video on Tuesday suggesting it may carry out further attacks in the West, naming London, Berlin and Rome as possible targets.

"If it was Paris yesterday, and today Brussels, Allah knows where it will be tomorrow. Maybe it will be in London or Berlin or Rome," said a member of the group in English on the video which showed footage of the aftermath of previous attacks.

Islamic State has claimed responsibility for bombings that killed 31 people in Brussels in March and attacks in Paris last November that killed 130. The video showed images of the House of Commons in London and Rome's Colosseum.—Reuters

#### Russia to start deliveries of S-300 missiles to Iran in coming days

MOSCOW — Russia will begin the first shipment of its S-300 air defence missile systems to Iran in the coming days, Interfax news agency quoted a senior Russian diplomat as saying on Tuesday.

"I don't know if this will happen today, but they (S-300 missiles) will be loaded (for shipment to Iran)," the agency quoted Zamir Kabulov, a department chief at the Foreign Ministry, as saying.—Reuters

#### Saudi Arabia to sign \$21.5 billion energy, development deals with Egypt

CAIRO — Saudi Arabia is expected to sign a \$20 billion deal to finance Egypt's petroleum needs for the next five years and a \$1.5 billion deal to develop its Sinai region, two Egyptian government sources told Reuters on Tuesday.

The agreements are tabled to be signed on Thursday during a visit to Cairo by Saudi Arabia's King Salman, a rare foreign trip.

Saudi Arabia, along with other Gulf oil producers, has pumped billions of dollars into Egypt's flagging economy since the army toppled President Mohamed Mursi of the Muslim Brotherhood in 2013 after mass protests against his rule.

The Gulf Arab countries see the Muslim Brotherhood as a threat. Egypt is struggling to revive an economy which unravelled following an uprising that toppled President Hosni Mubarak in 2011.—Reuters



# At least 55 killed in flash floods in northern Pakistan



Men collect their belongings from their makeshift shop which was damaged by flood water after heavy rain on the outskirts of Peshawar, Pakistan. PHOTO: REUTERS

ISLAMABAD — Flash floods triggered by heavy rain in Pakistan have killed at least 55 people and rescuers were trying on Monday to help thousands of survivors including some cut off by a landslide in a mountain valley, officials said.

The weather system that brought the unusually heavy rain was expected to move

northeast, towards northern India, although more isolated storms were expected in northern Pakistan, the Meteorological Department said.

Yousuf Zia, a disaster management official in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, said nearly 150 homes had been destroyed and tents and blankets were being distributed to the

homeless. “There are 30 people stranded by a landslide in the Kohistan Valley where we have sent a helicopter to rescue them,” Zia said.

Forty-seven people were killed and 37 injured in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Zia said, while eight people were killed in Pakistani-administered Kashmir, officials there said.

Landslides caused widespread damage to roads and communication infrastructure in the Pakistani side of Kashmir, they said. One of the worst-affected districts was the Swat Valley, northwest of the capital, Islamabad, where 121 mm (4.76 inches) of rain fell on Sunday, the Meteorological Department said.—Reuters

## ASEAN finance ministers to work toward regional financial integration

BANGKOK — Finance ministers and central bank governors from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations have agreed to make efforts toward realising financial integration in the region by 2025, according to their statement adopted on Monday.

During their meetings in the Lao capital Vientiane, representatives from the 10 member states of ASEAN welcomed the launch late last year of the ASEAN Economic Community and pledged to promote financial inclusion and stability based on a blueprint for the coming decade for the AEC.

“The ASEAN economy grew by 4.4 per cent in 2015, despite challenges in the global economy,” the joint statement said, inferring to the world economic downturn last year marked by the slowing of Chinese economic expansion.

The representatives noted that despite “downside risks arising from external factors,” the region will work on maintaining economic growth and promoting financial stability this year by putting in place “appropriate monetary, fiscal and macroprudential policies.”

They affirmed continued efforts toward liberalising financial services and developing capital markets as pillars for realising regional financial integration.

“We also agreed to intensify our cooperation and integration initiatives to strengthen the ASEAN region’s resilience against potential market vulnerabilities, external shocks and volatile financial market conditions,” they said.—Kyodo News

## India sacks some foreign-funded consultants; health programmes may suffer

NEW DELHI — India is firing dozens of foreign-funded health experts working inside the government, seen as part of a broader clampdown to reduce the influence of non-government organisations (NGOs) on policy.

The loss of these professionals, most of whom are Indian nationals, has raised concerns that signature programmes to combat HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis may suffer just as they face funding shortages due to slow bureaucracy. A shortage of technical experts has for years forced India to turn to the World Health Organisation (WHO) and aid groups like the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to manage large-scale public health schemes.

Of the nearly 140 people who run India’s HIV/AIDS programme, 112 are consultants seconded from foreign organisations. Some are engaged in planning and monitoring of prevention activities in high-risk Indian states.

Last week, Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s government ordered 45 of them to be removed from service by June as they had served more than three years, according to health ministry officials and a document seen by Reuters.

By December, 70 of these experts will leave, while others, who have worked for less than three years, face a government screening committee to decide whether they are needed.

“It’s like questioning our integrity just because we are foreign funded,” said an HIV/AIDS consultant who worked in the health department for three years and is now looking for a job.

The programme has won global acclaim for sharply reducing annual new HIV infections, but the rate of decline has slowed in recent years. India recorded 86,000 new infections last year.

S. Selvakumar, a joint secretary in the finance ministry who signed off on clarifications to the new policy rules in January, said he did not know why consultants working in the government were being removed. He said the finance ministry received a request from the cabinet secretariat to compile a list of government consultants last May.

Two other finance ministry officials said the move was driven by fears that foreign agencies could use their consultants to influence policy in New Delhi. “Their loyalties would be divid-



A patient displays a bottle of medicine at an office of HIV/AIDS activists in New Delhi in 2014. PHOTO: REUTERS

ed,” said one. The security of information was also a concern, the other officer said. More than 500 consultants work across the Indian government, about half in the health sector alone. Some are from Britain’s Department for International Development (DFID) and the United Nations’ UNICEF.

A spokeswoman for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation did not comment on the government’s decision, but said it would adhere to the directive. A DFID spokes-

man said the department had “not received any complaints from the government of India about data theft or undue influence on policies.”

The WHO and UNICEF did not respond to requests for comment. The move on consultants employed by government departments but who get their salaries from the parent organisations comes at a time when the government has tightened controls on foreign NGOs operating in India.

Last year it froze funding and cancelled licences of thousands of non-profit organisations for not declaring international donations. The government said it was seeking to bring transparency to the functioning of these entities.

The new rules apply only to government workers funded by global aid agencies, and not to all those associated with international groups.

A senior government source said the new policy on consultants working in the government will help streamline the older, loosely regulated system and ensure they have proper approvals.

Nearly 70 experienced consultants in the tuberculosis programme risk losing their jobs following the government order. India accounts for almost a quarter of global TB cases and the most deaths — 220,000 in 2014.

Keshav Desiraju, a former health secretary, said consultants play a vital role in running public health schemes but are not involved in policy formulation.

“Consultants do a lot of data work, and it will be immature to suggest they can influence government policy,” he told Reuters.—Reuters



# Brazil attorney general urges Congress to end impeachment case

BRASILIA — Brazil's attorney general urged a congressional committee on Monday to dismiss impeachment charges against President Dilma Rousseff, saying there is no legal basis for the proceedings.

Jose Eduardo Cardozo, the government's main legal advisor, told members of Congress that the decision by lower house speaker Eduardo Cunha to accept the impeachment request was motivated by Cunha's desire for political revenge against Rousseff, his bitter political rival.

"The impeachment process was compromised from the start and as such it is invalid," Cardozo said, telling lawmakers that to conclude the impeachment would be to "rip up the constitution."

The hearing came just weeks ahead of a vote that could suspend Rousseff from office in the middle of an economic crisis and a bribery scandal at state-run oil company Petrobras that has shaken Brazil's politi-



An anti-government demonstrator attends a protest against Brazil's President Dilma Rousseff in downtown of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 4 April 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

cal establishment. Markets favour Rousseff's ouster on hopes it could usher in business-friendly policies under her substitute, Vice President Michel Temer.

The opposition's impeachment request, which is not formally tied to the graft probe threatening her inner circle, alleges that Rousseff deliberately manipulated

budgetary accounts to boost her re-election campaign in 2014.

Cardozo, Rousseff's former justice minister, denied allegations that lending from state banks to the federal government was used to fund social programmes. The testimony by the attorney general, appointed in March, is the latest step in

a process that started with Cunha's acceptance of impeachment charges in December.

The committee will recommend to the lower house whether there are grounds to impeach Rousseff. The full house would then vote on the committee's decision, which could happen as soon as mid-April.

If the impeachment passes the lower house, Rousseff would be suspended for up to six months while facing trial in the Senate, making Temer acting president. Temer and Cunha's PMDB party, the largest in Congress, formally broke with the government last week.

Rousseff's opponents need the votes of two-thirds of 513 deputies to take the impeachment case to the Senate. Rousseff has to get 171 votes or abstentions to block the process. Political consultancies, such as the Eurasia Group, see a 60-70 per cent chance she will lose the vote.

In an effort to rally her leftist base and consolidate support to defeat impeachment, Rousseff last month appointed her predecessor and political mentor, former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, as cabinet chief.

The move set off a wave of legal challenges from critics accusing her of shielding Lula from the

snowballing corruption investigation that started at state-run oil company Petroleo Brasileiro SA (PETR4.SA), known as Petrobras.

Prosecutors have charged Lula with concealing a luxury beachfront apartment provided by Petrobras contractors snared in the multi-billion-dollar graft probe.

If Lula takes office as Rousseff's minister, proceedings against him will remain under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court.

A dozen other impeachment requests are also waiting for consideration by Cunha, a fierce critic of Rousseff who himself is facing corruption charges for allegedly receiving millions in the Petrobras scheme through undeclared Swiss bank accounts.

Cunha can accept a second bid to impeach the president in tandem with the current process but he is expected to do so only if the first case against Rousseff is defeated.—Reuters

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## Slow fault movements may indicate impending earthquake

SINGAPORE

Scientists from Nanyang Technological University (NTU) at its Earth Observatory of Singapore (EOS) have discovered a way to forecast earthquakes based on slow fault movements caused by moving sub layers of the earth, announced NTU in a press release on Tuesday.

NTU scientists found that slow fault movements or small vibrations not only potentially point to an impending earthquake, and there is also a discernible pattern to them.

The findings are different from what scientists have thought so far. Scientists believe that larger earthquakes are unlikely to occur following tremors or small-scale earthquakes that are caused by small vibrations or slow fault movements such as those observed in the area of Parkfield along the San Andreas Fault in California, the United States.

Sylvain Barbot, assistant professor at NTU's Asian School of the Environment and earth scientist at EOS, said the discovery defied understanding of how faults accumulate and release stress over time.

These vibration patterns are caused by alternating slow and fast ruptures occurring on the same patch of a fault.

"If only slow movements are detected, it does not mean that a large earthquake cannot happen there. On the contrary, the same area of the fault can rupture in a catastrophic earthquake," he added.

Seismic hazards in the Southeast Asia region will probably come from an impending large earthquake in the Mentawai seismic gap in Sumatra, Indonesia, which is a current area of active monitoring and investigation.

EOS scientists previously pointed out a large earthquake may occur any time in this area southwest of Padang, the only place along a large fault where a big earthquake has not occurred in the past two centuries. NTU said the team's latest findings could potentially be applied in the seismic monitoring of the area to help better forecast large earthquakes in the region.

The findings were published in *Nature*, one of the most prestigious scientific journals in the world.—Xinhua

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## Chinese fertiliser company to set up Australian operation

CANBERRA — Chinese fertiliser producer Hubei Xinyangfeng has secured its first allotment of farmland outside of China, after it purchased a farm in southern New South Wales, Australia.

The Chinese company, listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange, has pledged to spend 50 million US dollars setting up a number of locations in

Australia, and began its operation by purchasing the farm for 4 million US dollars.

On Tuesday, a spokesperson from the producer said it was hoping to further expand its international operations through opening up a number of Australian sites.

“Xinyangfeng, one of the top fertiliser makers in China, has pledged to in-

vest 50 million US dollars in Australia, including setting up a new 50,000 tonne a year water-soluble fertilizer project and farming business,” the spokesperson told News Corp.

Jason Hellyer from Hellyer Consulting, the firm which assisted Xinyangfeng in acquiring the farmland in southern New South Wales, said the purchase would ensure the

Chinese company has a “solid” base for expansion in Australia.

“(This) purchase is their first in Australia and through this exercise we think they’ve now got the template and people in place to help them establish a solid Australian base,” he told News Corp. Hubei Xinyangfeng is one of China’s largest producers of fertilisers.—*Xinhua*

## Smelly Beijing sewage plant to be moved underground

BEIJING — A wastewater treatment plant in Beijing’s suburban Tongzhou District, the site of the capital’s new subsidiary administrative center, will be moved underground to hide its smell and noise, local authorities have announced.

The existing plant, which handles 84 per cent of the sewage in the district,

has been operating since 2002, becoming a headache for residents of neighborhoods that have been built around it.

The new plant with higher treatment standards and larger water reclamation capacity, will be completed by September, the local government said.—*Xinhua*



Mud cracks along a dried riverbed are pictured near San Ysidro, California on 31 March 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

## Drought rules pushed Californians to cut water use by nearly 25 per cent

SACRAMENTO, (Calif) — Residents and businesses in drought-stricken California cut back water use by nearly 25 per cent from June 2015 through the end of February 2016 — enough to supply nearly 6 million people for a year, officials said on Monday. The state’s first ever mandatory cutbacks in water use were imposed by Democratic Governor Jerry Brown as the state entered its fourth year of devastating drought last spring, leading to a savings of 1.19 million acre-feet of water, about the amount used annually by the cities of Los Angeles, San Francisco and San Diego combined.

“Californians rose to the occasion, reducing irrigation, fixing leaks, taking shorter showers, and saving our precious water resources in all sorts of ways,” said Felicia Marcus, chair of the State Water Resources Control Board, which developed the regulations and is responsible for enforcing them. Under the rules, California residents and businesses were required to cut back their usage by up to 36

percent over 2013, in a range determined by a combination of geography and past conservation efforts. All told, they conserved by 24 percent, close to the 25 per cent goal set by Brown in an emergency order issued by Brown last April.

Regulators are weighing whether to lift or adjust the cutbacks following a wet winter that has left the northern part of the state with a plentiful water supply. The State Water Resources Control Board is set to reconsider the orders at a series of meetings later this month, as consumers and water utilities chafe under the continued burden. “We need to adjust to reflect the reality we’re in, while still being mindful of the fact that we don’t know what next year is going to bring,” Marcus said Monday. One water district, responding to consumers who are irate that they must continue to conserve even as their local reservoir is reaching flood-control levels, has on its own told residents that they will no longer require cutbacks.—*Reuters*

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### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST Individual Consultant

Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation  
Department of Rural Development (DRD)  
Myanmar : National Electrification Project (NEP)  
Off-Grid - Mini-grid Implementation Advisor  
IDA Credit No. 5727-MM  
Reference No. C2-TA2

1. This Request for Expressions of Interest follows the general procurement notice for this project that appeared in *Development Business* online on November 3, 2015.
2. The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received financing from the *International Development Association (IDA)* and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this financing to payments under the contract for a Mini-grid Implementation Advisor for National Electrification Project (NEP).
3. Off-grid electrification will be technology neutral, depending on technology assessment for target communities, including solar photovoltaic (PV), mini-grids powered by mini-hydro power, biomass, wind, diesel and hybrid (e.g. diesel/solar). Mini-grids up to 1MW in capacity are eligible for support under the program. The DRD seeks to recruit a NEP Mini-grid Implementation Advisor (Advisor) to assist the DRD – Project Management Office to efficiently and effectively to perform its day-to-day management of the implementation of the Mini-grid Sub-Component.
4. The Department of Rural Development now invites eligible individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested individual consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the Services (CV with academic background, experience in similar assignment, knowledge of local conditions (if any) etc.) Consultants may be invited for interviewing, if necessary. The Advisor will be an individual professional with significant renewable energy mini-grid expertise. The specific qualifications required are as follows:
  - (i) At least a professional engineering qualifications and/or a Master’s level degree in a relevant field such as electrical engineering, renewable energy or other related engineering discipline.
  - (ii) More than five years’ experience mini-grid electrification with experience in project management, mini-grid networks, and power system technologies, in particular solar, diesel, mini-hydro, biomass gasifiers and hybrids. Other technologies may include wind. Range of expertise may include engineering design and feasibility, business planning and implementation, tendering, mini-grid systems procurement and installation, construction supervision and O&M. The consultant is not expected to have the breadth of coverage of these disciplines, but must have demonstrated expertise on at least two areas with good understanding of the others. It is expected that demand might be highest for mini-grids powered by solar, mini hydro, diesel, biomass gasifiers, and hybrids. Knowledge of where to obtain expertise elsewhere is as important as the consultant having expertise in an area. Developing country work experience is a distinct advantage.
  - (iii) Experience in or knowledge in assessing training needs and in establishing training programs in related areas would be an advantage. Training in developing country context will be an advantage.
  - (iv) Fluency in written and spoken English is required. Fluency in Myanmar language will be an advantage, but not required.
5. A consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out the World Bank’s *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers dated January 2011 (revised July 2014)* (“Consultant Guidelines”). The attention of interested consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the Consultant Guidelines, setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.
6. Interested individual consultants may obtain the Terms of Reference at the address given below from 09.30 to 16.00 hours. DRD will provide prompt responses to all interested individual consultants, should there be any questions.
7. Expressions of interest must be delivered by registered mail or by e-mail to the address below by no later than **April 28, 2016**.

Department of Rural Development, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation.  
Attention

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# 'Still evolving' Rolling Stones open up rock 'n' roll world to fans

LONDON — After more than 50 years of rock 'n' roll, the Rolling Stones are still pushing boundaries with their first exhibition showcasing hundreds of items from their long-running career, from Mick Jagger's jumpsuits to Keith Richards' guitars.

Billed as the "first ever major exhibition by (the group) and the largest touring exhibition of its kind ever to be staged", "Exhibitionism" opens up the Stones world to fans — from their early, impoverished days sharing a run-down London flat in 1962 to backstage at their multimillion dollar concerts.

Instruments including guitars played by Richards and Ronnie Wood and Charlie Watts' drum kit are on display at London's Saatchi Gallery alongside Jagger's lyric book.

Some three years in the making, the display features more than 500 items from the band's archives.

"Obviously it's not infinite but it's still going and we're trying to push things that have never been," Jagger, 72, told Reuters in an interview. "I don't think there's been anything like this (exhibition) before. I mean, I don't know, I don't think so. So, you know, still trying to push boundaries a bit."



Members of the Rolling Stones (L-R) Charlie Watts, Ronnie Wood, Mick Jagger and Keith Richards arrive for the "Exhibitionism" opening night gala at the Saatchi Gallery in London, Britain, on 4 April 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

A similar sort of exhibition dedicated to David Bowie's career opened in London in 2013, drawing huge crowds. Bowie died in January at age 69.

For those who have yet to see the Stones live, a re-creation of their concert backstage area — with makeup table, audio in-

structions, guitars — leads to a 3D experience of seeing the band rock on stage to "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction".

The exhibition also recreates the messy London flat Richards and Jagger shared with late founding band member Brian Jones, with dirty plates piled up and un-

made beds.

"It's an incredible walk through your own life, you know? For me, it's quite emotional in a way," Richards told Reuters.

Fans can also peek inside a Rolling Stones studio and see a selection of classic album covers, tour posters, Andy Warhol works

and depictions of the band's tongue-and-lips logo.

Their colourful fashion is also featured — from Watts' 1966 tartan suit, to Jagger's 1972 velvet jumpsuit, Richards' 1994 antelope coat and Wood's 2005 embroidered jacket — with many other elaborate concert outfits on display.

"There's a magic that happens every time we get together for rehearsals, for a new tour, or when we go in the studio," Wood said of the band's enduring success.

The Stones just completed a Latin America tour, which ended with an historic concert in Cuba.

They are now aged in their late 60s and early 70s, and "a lot softer, a lot wiser" according to Watts, but have no plans to retire just yet.

"Hopefully...we'll never give up. They'll have to shovel us in the grave. We feel like we're still evolving and I think you have to feel that way," Richards said. "Every show that you do, you say the next one is going to be a little bit better."

"Exhibitionism" runs at the Saatchi Gallery from 5 April 5 to 4 September, after which it will tour 11 cities around the world over a four-year period.—Reuters

## Grieve, smash, dance: Gyllenhaal's 'Demolition' has it all

NEW YORK — In the movie "Demolition," actor Jake Gyllenhaal loses his wife in a traffic accident, pours his heart out to a vending machine company, and smashes up his home with a sledgehammer.

But perhaps the biggest challenge in the drama-comedy about grief was having to free-style dance through throngs of New York city commuters as his bereaved Wall Street banker character throws out society's expectations.

Gyllenhaal, 35, said the un-choreographed sequence, shot on a subway and on the streets of New York, was the scene that most terrified him.

"I was really very nervous about that sequence. (Director) Jean-Marc Vallée said you're going to just dance around and I thought, 'Oh God, what is this going to be like?.' You have all those feelings of fear and embarrassment," he said.

"And then I was also nervous (that) it was going to be recorded, you know, for film, for a long time," he added.

Given this was New York, Gyllenhaal needn't have worried. The commuters barely batted an eyelid. "You can't really survive in this city if you don't just keep your head down. The majority of them just took it for granted and let me do my thing," he said.

"Demolition," out in US movie theaters on Friday, is Gyllen-



Jake Gyllenhaal. PHOTO: REUTERS

haal's third film in 12 months after playing a boxer who also loses his wife in "Southpaw," and an American mountaineer in disaster movie "Everest."

He plays Davis Mitchell, a man who has lived his life according to convention - good job, nice home, expensive clothes, loving wife - to such an extent that he has lost touch with who he really is.

"When tragedy strikes and he loses his wife, he doesn't even know how to feel... he is just numb. It takes him about three quarters of the movie to even unlock a little bit of a feeling," Gyllenhaal said.

Mitchell writes long letters to a vending machine company's complaints department, dismantles his refrigerator and desktop computer, and takes a sledgehammer and a bulldozer to his own home.

No stuntmen were used in the demolition scenes and Gyllenhaal learned to operate the bulldozer himself.—Reuters

## Jennifer Lopez announces new single

LOS ANGELES — Pop star Jennifer Lopez has announced her new song "Ain't Your Mama", which she will be releasing in a few days.

The announcement comes just a month after she signed a multi-album deal with Epic Records, reported Acshowbiz.

Lopez, 46, was chatting with a fan about the upcoming "American Idol" series finale in the clip when she revealed that she was going to perform the tune live for the first time during the show's Thursday episode.

She then played a portion of the upbeat track, which includes lyrics like, "I ain't going to cook all day, I ain't your mama/ I ain't going to do your laundry,

I ain't your mama." The song will hit iTunes after her performance.

"Ain't Your Mama" is presumably a preview of Lopez's upcoming album, which will be her first under her new deal with Epic. Currently, no official release date has been set for the follow-up to 2014's "A.K.A."

Lopez won't be the only star taking the "American Idol" stage this Thursday. A bunch of former contestants including Kelly Clarkson, Carrie Underwood, Jordin Sparks and Clay Aiken are set to make appearances that day.—PTI

## Sarah Michelle Gellar believes in creating memories with kids

LOS ANGELES — Actress Sarah Michelle Gellar says she gives her hundred per cent to her kids when she is with them.

The 38-year-old actress said she makes sure to put her phone and work aside when with her children, reported Entertainment Weekly.

"We're all time-impo-

verished, we're all busy. But I make sure when I'm there, that

I'm present. I'm not checking my phone. I'm not doing a million things," she said. The "Cruel Intentions" star and her husband of 13 years, Freddie Prinze Jr., are parents of Charlotte, 6, and Rocky, 3.—PTI





## Greece picks own director to head arts festival after Belgian artist quits

ATHENS — Greece on Monday picked a local theater director to curate its most renowned annual summer arts festival after Belgian artist Jan Fabre quit following protests from artists that his plans excluded Greek works.

Fabre resigned on 2 April, complaining of a “hostile artistic environment” only days after giving a news conference where he said the festival in 2016 would be devoted to Belgium.

The next two years would have focused on artists who cooperated with Fabre, while Greek artists would have made up one third of the lineup.

The 61-year-old festival, which has featured iconic figures from Maria Callas to Dame Margot Fonteyn alongside ancient Greek drama, runs from June to the end of August and is held mainly in Athens, and the ancient theater of Epidaurus in the Peloponnese.

Fabre’s programme, which would have focused on the “Belgian Spirit”, was met with howls of protest from performing artists, and parties across the political spectrum who said the festival was Greek and should include

Greek works.

Greek artists signed a petition demanding that he and Culture Minister Aristeidis Baltas resign.

In his resignation letter, Fabre said he accepted the job because he would make artistic choices freely.

“This does not seem possible in Greece,” he said according to a culture ministry statement. “I don’t want to work in a hostile artistic environment, to which I came with an open mind and heart”

When Fabre announced his lineup on 29 March, he said: “I want to do a tribute to Belgium... because this small country is my home and my sanctuary.”

On Monday, the culture ministry said 63-year old Greek actor turned director Vangelis Theodoropoulos would take the post.

“The new artistic director’s task is tough, but we are certain that the director will cooperate constructively with the board of the Greek Festival as well as the Greek artists for the result to be the best possible in the current circumstances,” the ministry said in a statement.—*Reuters*

## Builders find remnants from Byzantine period in Gaza



An excavator operates at the site where ancient ruins, which archaeologists say may be part of a Byzantine church or cathedral dating from around 1,500 years ago, were found in Gaza City on 4 April. PHOTO: REUTERS

GAZA — Construction workers in Gaza have discovered ancient ruins that archaeologists say may be part of a Byzantine church dating from around 1,500 years ago, the Palestinian tourism and antiquities ministry said on Monday.

The findings include segments of marble pillars with ornate Corinthian capitals, one nearly three meters (yards) long, and a 90 cm (35 inch) foundation stone bearing a Greek symbol for Christ. Fifteen pieces have been uncovered, with excavations continuing.

“Our first thought is that the site is a cathedral or a church from the Byzantine period,” said Jamal Abu Rida, the general director of the antiquities ministry.

“During that era, there was a great interest among the Byzantine rulers to build churches in the Gaza Strip.”

Gaza was a prosperous seaport during the Roman period, with a diverse population of Greeks, Romans, Jews, Egyptians and Persians. Pagan temples were destroyed in the late 4th and early 5th centuries AD and there was widespread church-building.

That continued until the

Muslim general Amr ibn al-As conquered Gaza in 637 AD, after which most of the population adopted Islam and Christian places of worship were abandoned.

“I dare say the place is of historical value,” said Abu Rida, estimating the ruins to date from somewhere between 395 and the late 600s AD.

Dozens of onlookers watched on Monday as a bulldozer and a digger continued to shift earth in Palestine Square, a busy shopping district in downtown Gaza. Bystanders used their phones to take pictures and video of the archaeological pieces laid out next to the digging site.

The discovery was first made on Saturday, as construction workers prepared the ground for a shopping center. The antiquities ministry was called in and immediately uncovered three large pieces. Then a dozen more were found.

Abu Rida said the preparation for a shopping center may have to be halted should excavations lead to the discovery of more pieces. Construction workers showed no sign of stopping on Monday, with diggers shifting

huge mounds of earth.

“Our mission is to preserve our Palestinian history before Islam and after Islam,” said Abu Rida. Over the millennia, Gaza has served as a trading post for Egyptians, Philistines, Romans and Crusaders. There are ruins from Alexander the Great’s siege of the city and the arrival of the Islamic armies some 1,400 years ago.

Several discoveries have been made in recent years but a lack of funding and skills has hindered the ministry’s ability to excavate and preserve the findings, Abu Rida said. His ministry employs just 40 excavation workers.

“The site we are talking about is 2,000 square meters and 10 metres deep and requires hundreds of workers and millions of dollars to carry out proper excavation to extract pieces and read the texts written on them,” he said.

The site is located not far from Gaza’s old spice market, near the ancient Omari Mosque, built a thousand years ago, and the Church of Saint Porphyrius, dating from the 5th century.—*Reuters*



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• Thingyan Dances

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• International Drama Series

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• International Drama Series

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• Cartoon Programme

“Alice in Wonderland” (Part II)

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Music Star From Shan Plateaus (Ep-2)

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## Messi, Suarez and Neymar are not machines, says Luis Enrique

BARCELONA — Lionel Messi, Neymar and Luis Suarez have scored 107 goals between them this season but after Barcelona's celebrated trio failed to find the net in the defeat by Real Madrid, coach Luis Enrique defended them by declaring "they aren't machines".

Luis Enrique said he was not concerned about the physical state of his all-star attacking line despite their below-par performance in Saturday's 2-1 home defeat.

Although Real halted their 39-game unbeaten run, the 45-year-old coach said he retained full confidence in his side as they prepared to host Atletico Madrid in the first leg of an all-Spanish Champions League quarter-final on Tuesday.

Messi (37), Suarez (43) and Neymar (27) have 107 goals between them in all competitions this season but Barca's only goal on Saturday came from

defender Gerard Pique. "They aren't machines, they are the best players in their position but they aren't unbeatable or unsurpassable," Luis Enrique told a news conference on Monday.

"I think all my players are in perfect condition. We had forgotten what it was like to lose but when you do you remember how difficult it is to win and we all hope the defeat serves as a stimulus to win again. Looking at how we have done in the last few months, I'm optimistic."

Pique reaffirmed his coach's belief in the three South American forwards.

"Our three attackers are on another level, from another world. I'm not worried about them at all, it's impossible for us to have more faith in them, they have brutal qualities and we're so lucky to have them at Barca," he said.

The Spain international was also adamant his team would bounce back from the defeat to Real, but said Atletico would pose his side even more problems



Barcelona's Lionel Messi, Neymar and Luiz Suarez . PHOTO: REUTERS

than Zinedine Zidane's men did.

"We're not scared of them but they are having a spectacular season, they are the second best team (in La Liga) and it's going to be even harder for us than Saturday," Pique said.

Diego Simeone's robust side have conceded only three goals in eight Champions League matches this season, the joint best record in the competition alongside

Real. They also have the meanest defence in La Liga, letting in 15 goals in 31 games — 11 fewer than Barcelona.

Atletico pipped Barca to the La Liga title in 2014 and knocked them out of the Champions League in the same season en route to the final. They are six points behind Luis Enrique's side in La Liga and warmed up for their trip to Barcelona by thrash-

ing Real Betis 5-1 on Saturday.

However, Pique reiterated his confidence in his own team, who have beaten Atletico in all six matches under Luis Enrique.

"We'll see how they approach the game but it's all down to us, we need to move the ball around quickly and for the fans to put pressure on them," he said. "If that happens we're practically unstoppable."—Reuters



## Toure will leave Man City in June, says agent

LONDON — Manchester City's midfield powerhouse Yaya Toure will leave the club at the end of the season having not been offered a new contract, his agent said on Monday.

The 32-year-old Ivory Coast international, who was the African Footballer of the Year four times in a row from 2011, joined Premier League City from Barcelona for 24 million pounds in July 2010.

Six years ago Toure was sold by Barca boss Pep Guardiola, who will replace Manuel Pellegrini as City's coach when the Span-

iard leaves Bayern Munich at the end of this season.

"We have waited too long. Manchester City promised a deal but nothing has materialised so Yaya will leave in June," his agent Dimitri Seluk told Sky Sports television.

"Yaya is disappointed, of course, but he is a professional and he remains under contract so he will continue to do his best for City."

Toure has been linked by the media with a move to Inter Milan who are coached by former City boss Roberto Mancini.

"Various offers have arrived for Yaya and we're evaluating

them," Seluk said. "Inter? We're definitely talking about a great club."

"Everyone knows about the relationship between Yaya and Mancini but... we haven't made any decision yet."

The Nerazzurri's project is great and Inter is a fantastic club so it's normal that they want a player of this level."

Toure won the Premier League with City in 2012 and 2014, the FA Cup in 2011 and the League Cup in 2014 and 2016. City visit Paris St Germain in the first leg of their Champions League quarter-final on Wednesday.—Reuters

## Rooney keen to extend England career as competition grows

LONDON — England captain Wayne Rooney believes he still has "a few years left" playing for his country, dispelling speculation that the 30-year-old Manchester United forward could soon bring the curtain down on his international career. A knee injury has kept Rooney out of action since February and the emergence of strikers such as Tottenham Hotspur's Harry Kane and Leicester City's Jamie Vardy has

led to questions over England manager Roy Hodgson's perceived reliance on Rooney.

Like Hodgson, who rejected talk of Rooney's ability to lead England during the 10 June-10 July European Championships in France, the Liverpoolian is not ready to call time on his international career.

"Over the past two years my form for England has been really good. I've scored a lot of goals,"

Rooney told the PFA's 4 The Player magazine.

"I'll keep trying to, first and foremost, help the team be successful and if I can score the goals to help achieve that then that'll be great."

"I've still got a few years left, I feel. I'm a lot more patient now in my play. When I was younger, I could be impatient and I'd end up in positions I didn't really need to be in." Rooney, who will

turn 31 in October, made his international debut at the age of 17 as a substitute against Australia in Feb. 2003 and became the side's youngest-ever scorer with a goal in a 2-1 win over Macedonia seven months later.

Last September, he surpassed Bobby Charlton's long-standing record of 49 goals for England against Switzerland and now has 51 goals in 109 internationals. He scored

his first goal in a World Cup finals against Uruguay in Brazil in 2014 and was England's highest scorer in the Euro 2016 qualifying campaign with seven goals. He is also closing in on Charlton's all-time scoring record of 249 goals for Manchester United and is currently their second-highest scorer with 244 goals, but might need to wait until next season to break it due to his injury.—Reuters