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PEACE DIALOGUE CONTINUES UPDJC MEETING DISCUSS ON APPROVED AGENDA

Myo Myint & Aung Ye Thwin

THE Union Peace Dialogue Joint Committee continued its second-day meeting in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday with discussions on approved agendas for the Union Peace Conference--21st Century Panglong, formation of a joint committee for holding the UPC and matters related to the number of participants to the conference, opening ceremony and dinner.

Daw Saw Mya Yazar Lin of the Arakan Liberation Party expressed her view on the upcoming Union Peace Conference that the conference scheduled to be held on 31 August will pave the way for a sound situation to realize the people's desires and shape the future of the country.

Likewise, Dr Salai Lian Hmung Sakhong of Chin National Front said that the UPDJC reached an agreement on holding a national-level political dialogue covering regional and ethnic matters shortly after the planned Union Peace Conference.

U Thu Wai, the vice-chairman representing the political parties' group, expressed a hope that NCA non-signatory groups would take part in the conference and sign the NCA after the conference that will help participants



U Thu Wai.



Dr Salai Lian Hmung Sakhong.



Daw Saw Mya Yazar Lin.

“ The Union Peace Conference will pave the way for a sound situation.”

prepare for next conferences.

“Political dialogue framework has not been discussed yet and a framework meeting is set to be held after the conference,” he said, adding that the UPDJC meeting focused on inclusion of all in the planned UPC.



The meeting of Union Peace Dialogue Joint Committee continues for the second day in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

Search and rescue operation continues for five missing Myanmar fishermen off Phuket

THE Thai navy and marine police have been searching for five Myanmar fishermen after their trawler capsized off Phuket province on Monday, while four other fishermen were rescued and the skipper dead, police said on Tuesday.

The missing Myanmar migrant workers were among a crew of 10 fishermen aboard the ill-fated fishing boat, named Bamrung Thai Nava One, which had been overturned by high tides in the Andaman Sea about a few nautical miles from Laem Promdep

cape on Phuket island on Monday.

Four other crew-members of the fishing boat, all being Myanmar migrants, had survived the incident and were finally rescued to safety on Tuesday while the boat's Thai skipper, identified

as Prayad Kaewklaharn, 58, was pronounced dead after his body had been retrieved from the sea, the police said.

Navy patrol vessels and helicopters as well as marine police boats have braved the stormy sea and heavy downpours in search

of the five Myanmar crew-members who were reportedly missing from the capsized trawler.

Unfavorable weather conditions and darkness forced the search and rescue mission to be called off until Tuesday morning when it resumed.—Xinhua



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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

US\$ 100m loan has nothing to do with salaries of government employees

THE Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance told the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Session yesterday that the proposed US\$ 100 m loan had nothing to do with the salary increase for government employees and the government had enough funds for their salaries.

The loan is part of a plan for sustainable development of the families, farmers and businesses through a financial system, said the deputy minister.

The government would also use it for capacity building of employees at the Central Bank of Myanmar and its upgrades, said Daw Khin Saw Oo, Vice Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar.

She also told the representatives that the CBM would borrow another US\$ 25 m to set up an advanced training school for employees of the CBM and human resource development and information technology system.

During the session, the proposals of borrowing US\$ 25 million for the CBM and US\$ 75 million for the Ministry of Planning and Finance from the World Bank were passed by vote.

During the session representatives were invited to debate the establishing of an ASEAN- India Centre and the country's signing of an anti-nuclear test treaty. — *Myanmar News Agency*



MPs leave Pyidaungsu Hluttaw building after the parliamentary meeting on 16 July. PHOTO: MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw

Lawmakers second motion to implement crime reduction programme as soon as possible

LAWMAKERS seconded a proposal urging the Union government to implement a crime reduction programme as soon as possible during a Pyithu Hluttaw session yesterday.

U Phone Myint Aung of DaikU Constituency claimed out that political, economic, social and moral decline are the causes of criminal offences and the lack of rule of law is a major cause of crime outbreaks in the country.

Expressing his support for the proposal, the MP stressed the need of the rule of law to reduce crime rate that can undermine the country's investment sector and long-term development, saying that the onus is upon the police members to take harsh measures against crime.

Daw Nann Than Than Lwin of Hpa-an Constituency also seconded the proposal, saying that criminal cases committed by those under the influence of alcohol or drug have been seen even in Yangon.

She also pointed out that many sexual abuse and human trafficking cases facing young women in border areas were reported.

Next, a question and answer session followed, with Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win elaborating on the development of planning and annual budgets based on the country's financial policy that includes taxation policy and expenditure policy. — *Myanmar News Agency*

Amyotha Hluttaw makes cash donation to flood victims



Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than presents K10 million to Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye. PHOTO: MNA

A CASH donation ceremony for flood victims was held at the Amyotha Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw Mahn Win Khaing Than presented K10 million including 221 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives' daily allowance of 4.42 million for one day to Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win

Myat Aye, vice-chairman of the National Disaster Management Central Committee.

Also present at the ceremony were Deputy Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Aye Tha Aung, chairs and secretaries of Amyotha Hluttaw committees, Defence Services personnel Amyotha Hluttaw representatives and officials of the Amyotha Hluttaw Office. — *Myanmar News Agency*

Amyotha Hluttaw

Myanmar to completely switch to digital broadcasting by 2020



Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint. PHOTO: MNA

DIGITAL broadcasting will cover the whole nation by 2020, the Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint told Amyotha Hluttaw yesterday, adding that the transition from analogue to digital broadcasting is in progress with completion of third stage in 2015-2016 FY.

A total of 144 DVB-T2 relay stations have broadcast digital TV programmes, including National Race channels as well as 78 FM stations have started operations following the third stage completion, said the Union Minister.



Union Minister for Transport and Communications U Thant Sin Maung. PHOTO: MNA

Regarding a question about a Naga national race programme to be included in the MRTV's National Races channel, the Union minister replied that a DVB-T2 relay station will be built in the Naga self-administered zone during the fiscal year 2019-2020 and the Naga program will be available on the National Races channel following the completion of the transmitting station in the region.

During the yesterday's Amyotha Hluttaw session, Union Minister for Transport and Com-

munications U Thant Sin Maung responded to a question on transportation safety in Rakhine State.

The Union minister said that a project proposal for a fleet of three vessels to be used in the water transport sector of Rakhine State was presented to the Ministry of Planning and Finance.

Myanmar and Japanese experts made a field trip to Rakhine State last July to assess whether the vessels that will be donated by the Japanese government is suitable for the proposed waterway in the state, added the Union minister. Next, the Union minister also responded to a question on compensation for farmlands in Salin Township of Magway Region, saying that compensation will be given to the farmers who lost their farmlands in Kyangin-Pakokku railroad project following the approval of additional budget for this fiscal year.

Then, Amyotha Hluttaw representatives debated a Bill amending the Civil Servants Law. According to the Hluttaw, parliamentary discussions on the amendment bill will be heard again by the Bill Committee. — *Myanmar News Agency*

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker meets with US Ambassador to Myanmar

SPEAKER of the Pyithu Hluttaw U Win Myint received US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Scot Marciel at the Pyithu Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. Also present at the call were Deputy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Ti Khun Myat and officials of the Pyithu Hluttaw Office. — *Myanmar News Agency*



Speaker U Win Myint receives US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Scot Marciel in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

President U Htin Kyaw takes part in National Environmental Greening Campaign

President U Htin Kyaw attended a tree-growing ceremony of National Environmental Greening Campaign organized by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Accompanied by Vice-President U Myint Swe, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than, the Union ministers, the Auditor-General of the Union, the Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council, the Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar and officials, the President planted a teak tree at Block-16 of Po Zaung Taung forest reserve on Nay Pyi Taw-Tatkon No (1) road.

According to sources, monsoon tree plantation ceremonies for 2016 were held 500 times in regions and states including Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, with 120,000 participants planting 350,000 tree saplings.

So far around 43.5million saplings have been planted during the 2016 National Environmental Greening Campaign that aims to plant 58 million saplings across the country.—*Myanmar News Agency*



President U Htin Kyaw plants a teak sapling at tree-growing ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Accreditation for 21st Century Panglong Union Peace Conference

THE Union Peace Conference - 21st Century Panglong will be held at Myanmar International Convention Center (2) in Nay Pyi Taw on 31 August.

Local and foreign correspondents who wish to cover the event are to click the registration link, Union Peace Conference-21st Century Panglong, at www.moi.gov.mm, the website of the Ministry of Information, to fill out the media registration form. The registration must be done not later than 4 pm on 28 August. Media accreditation cards will be issued at the ministry from 10 am to 4 pm on 30 August.

Foreign correspondents are to apply for visa at the respective Myanmar embassies to cover the event. Please dial 067 412002 of Research and Information Branch of the Information and Public Relations Department, 067 412125 and 067 412126 of the News and Periodicals Enterprise about news coverage of local and foreign-based news agencies and local media.

According to the ministry, arrangements have been made for local and foreign media persons to have reasonable accommodation at Sky Palace Hotel that will provide them with shuttle bus service.—*Myanmar News Agency*

Three ministries clarify undertakings in first 100 days

THE second press conference on the Union government's undertakings in the first 100 days was held in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The following is the brief of the ministries present at the conference.

U Tin Myint, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Home Affairs said the Ministry made efforts in anti-narcotic policing, closed cases involving political activists in the courts, made efforts to tune the police force into a service provision and promoted their image including its character and essence.

The ministry boasted 4,349 arrested in 2,799 drug cases.

Meanwhile, the ministry brought 58,108 cases to court in an attempt to prevent crime.

More than 270 cases involving by political prisoners were closed.

Two heroin factories were busted and around 30 million yaba pills were confiscated, according to the minister.

175 kilograms of raw opium, 60 kilograms of heroin, 500 kilograms of ephedrine and 14 tonnes of caffeine were confiscated during the first 100 days of the new government.

The minister further claimed that the Myanmar Police Force



Police patrols to prevent crime. PHOTO: SUPPLIED

could build more trust with the people by making efforts to reduce public anxiety by ensuring transparency.

The ministry has granted 12,793 land leases in 275 villages nationwide and is currently stepping up efforts to release more village land.

The ministry also opened further public service offices nationwide and has allowed the registration of 1,043 NGOs and 148 INGOs.

Mandalay Jetty to be upgraded

Works on the construction of infrastructure to prevent erosion have been completed by the Ministry of Transport and Communications. The ministry is also seeking ways to get grant assistance from Japan to upgrade the Mandalay Jetty.

The Ministry of Transport and Communications built a 77-metre radar and installed modern machines to watch the

formation of storms and weather patterns.

Myanmar Railways suspended its train services on 16 rail routes due to losses and maintained 14 routes.

Mobile Operation Center

The Ministry of Communication has finalised the agreement with Intelsat Satellite Operator for the Myanmar National Satellite Project. The ministry has also opened 4,428 mobile stations and made arrangements during the first 100 days of the government to open a further 500 GSM stations.

49 MPT brand shops have been opened in regions and states and plans are underway to open a further 20 shops.

The ministry is planning to announce its new policy for transportation sector in the near future.

Affordable housing projects

U Kyaw Lynn, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Construction said the ministry started work on the construction of two affordable apartment buildings with reinforced concrete and steel structure as a model for low-cost housing in the country on 26 May in Ottarathiri Township. An apartment in the building will cost under K10 million.

Meanwhile the ministry is

making efforts to release the Myanmar National Building Code-MNBC, working together with UN-Habitat to make the MNBC law.

Collection of fees for road, bridge use at more than 160 toll gates ended

The Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement stopped the collection of road and bridge fees at more than 160 toll gates nationwide and took measures to reduce road accidents along the Yangon-Mandalay Highway.

U Soe Aung, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, said the ministry laid down five plans and implemented them during the first 100 days of the new government and, of those, three were completed while two are very near to being completed.

No danger from a natural dam caused by landslides in Chin State
The ministry took precautionary measures including a quick response to flash flooding in the case of the collapsing of the natural dam and establishing 66 emergency shelters. It built three dams to prevent the flow of silt from the natural dam in case of its collapsing.

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The Emergency Operation Centre-EOC in Nay Pyi Taw was upgraded and Single Side Band-SSB machines were installed in risk areas.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement has created Help Line and Hot Line, providing 24-hour services to the people.

The ministry is currently working together with Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health and Sports to draft a youth policy which is reported to be 70 per cent complete.

Giving protection to street children and disabled persons

The ministry has finished the draft for a project providing street children and disabled persons in Yangon and Mandalay with protection, reunion with their families and rehabilitation.

Giving protection to vulnerable people in Chin State

The ministry has been in discussions with the Chin State Government to implement a project focusing on providing social security and protection to vulnerable peoples in the state. The ministry is trying to create job opportunities for young people and to give social security and protection to aged people in Chin State.

More than K270 million spent on overcoming water scarcity

The ministry spent K9.942 million from its budget and K9.455 million from the National Disasters Management Fund on supplying drinking water to people facing water scarcity due to El-Nino last summer from 17 April to 31 May. It maintained and built water storage facilities nationwide spending more than K257 million to tackle the El-Nino-induced drought.

Next, officials concerned answered questions raised by media representatives.

Regarding anti-corruption measures, U Tin Myint, permanent secretary of the Ministry of Home Affairs, said that the Anti-corruption Commission, chaired by U Mya Win, formed under the previous government, has performed its task of combat-



Myitnge dural railroad. PHOTO: SUPPLIED

ing graft to date, adding that the Bureau of Special Investigation was responsible for investigating corruption offences under the command of the government before the commission was formed.

The special investigation agency which is currently responsible for money-laundering cases oversaw 39 cases since the ascent of the new government and 29 cases have been concluded, said the permanent secretary.

The agency has also investigated complaints including embezzlement and the misconduct of service personnel in accordance with the instructions of the President's Office and has assisted the commission in investigating graft and corruption, he added.

On a question on whether there will be a special programme for fighting corruption and the Bureau of Investigation will be tasked with anti-graft operations, the permanent secretary replied that measures will be taken in accordance with the instructions of the President's Office.

Action has been taken against graft and corruption offences by the Ministry of Home

2,200 apartments will be sold to service personnel and the people under the arrangements of the Yangon Region Government.

Affairs and the commission's activities will be made known to the public at an opportune time, added the permanent secretary.

Regarding Criminal Investigation Department's performance and alleged IS presence in Pekon, the permanent secretary responded that more arrests related to murder and rape cases were made annually and plans are underway to expose major criminal cases including murder, robbery and burglary with the use of modern equipment.

He stated that information about alleged IS presence in Pekon is false information.

Next, Police Col Zaw Win Aung, director of Administration

Department of the Myanmar Police Force, said that CID exposed hard cases that drew public attentions and counterfeit note cases.

He added that 89.2 percent of major criminal cases and 91.74 percent of other cases were exposed within 100 days by Myanmar Police Force and the CID.

Regarding issuance of permits for grant lands after the 100-day plan, the permanent secretary said applying for grant lands in forest area, vacant, fallow and virgin lands, cultural and archaeological sites and pasture land cannot be allowed.

He went to say that complaints can be made over failure of authorities concerned on work procedures during the prescribed periods.

Next, Director-General U Tun Lwin Oo of the Ministry of Transport and Communications elaborated on transition of state-owned businesses in to corporations including Inland Water Transport.

Regarding suspension or rail transport services, General Manager of Myanmar Railways U Aung Win said that the MR

stopped operations of 16 passenger trains that were not cost-effective and changed service routes of 14 trains, adding that K900,000 was saved from fuel consumption of 299 gallons a day.

Then, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Construction U Kyaw Lin elaborated on construction quality control, Construction Industry Development Board Law-CIDB Law and construction management regulations.

He said that CIDB Law and construction management regulations are being developed by the Ministry of Construction to ensure worksite safety and construction of buildings meeting set standards.

The ministry is seeking land plots to build low-cost residential buildings during the five-year period, said the permanent secretary, adding that the newly-built 2,200 apartments will be sold to service personnel and the people under the arrangements of the Yangon Region Government.

Regarding the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway, he said that it will be upgraded into a six-lane road during the five-year period with the help of international assistance.

The Yangon-Mandalay old road upgrading works are slated for completion in March 2018 and the Yangon-Bago road will also be upgraded into a six-lane highway, he added.

Afterwards, Permanent Secretary U Soe Aung of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement explained the provision of relief supplies to flood victims, assuring that the budget is large enough to help flood victims and the government is ready to provide more funds for recovery works.

Regarding essential supplies for Naga Special Administrative Zone, the permanent secretary said that rice bags were airlifted to the region yesterday and supplies have been transported to Lahe Township with the use of Tatmadaw helicopters.

The government, Tatmadaw and social organisations are working together in the face of disaster, he added.—*Myanmar News Agency*

Only 200 flood shelters operational across the country as waters subside

MANY flood shelters have closed down as floodwaters which swept over swathes of the country have resided, leaving only two hundred reportedly still in operation, according to the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.

Floodwaters have reportedly resided from 71 townships in six regions and two states around the country.

"Relief efforts, in areas affected by flooding, will only be

feasible if records and data are accurate. As such, it's imperative that records on the destruction are properly collected so efforts can be made to rebuild in areas where floodwaters have subsided," said Dr Win Myat Aye, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.

Over 600 hundred charity groups and civil society organizations are currently collaborating in providing food aid and healthcare services to flood victims in the re-

maining shelters.

"Fields and farmlands have been most affected, and we've subsequently instructed government departments concerned to carry out surveys [on these areas]. We've apologized for noting being able to immediately supply seeds and fertilizer to those farmers who are in need," said U Soe Aung, permanent secretary of the aforementioned ministry.

The ministry has financially supported the flood hit regions

of Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Ayeyarwady and Yangon Regions, together with the states of Kachin and Mon, with a reported sum of K500,000 million.

Records of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement for the mid-August reveal that flooding as so far claimed eight lives and continues to leave more than 300,000 people displaced, while over 250 households have also reportedly been destroyed.—*Myitmakha News Agency*

Correction

Please read "the Myanma Apex Bank" instead of "the Myanma Oriental Bank," in the news story "MEB, six private banks to lease K30 billion to SMEs" on the front page of August 15, 2016 Issue of the Global New Light of Myanmar.—*Ed*

LOCAL Business



U Zaw Zaw, Chairman of AYA Bank, extends greetings at a ceremony to Launch First Universal JCB-MPU co-brand cards. PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE

AYA BANK launches the First Universal JCB-MPU co-brand cards

AYA Bank launched the first JCB credit and debit card as AYA Universal MPU-JCB Co-Brand cards in Myanmar yesterday, becoming the first in the country to issue Japanese JCB credit and debit cards.

The Ayeyarwady Bank, also known as AYA Bank, is issuing the “AYA Universal MPU-JCB Co-Brand Card” combining the Myanmar Payment Union-MPU brand and JCB brand.

“Card members can use MPU’s nation-wide merchant network in Myanmar and JCB’s international merchant network with over 31 million locations globally,” said the statement

jointly issued by Ayeyarwady Bank (AYA Bank), Myanmar Payment Union Public Co., Ltd (MPU), and JCB International Co., Ltd (JCBI), the international operations subsidiary of JCB Co., Ltd.

U Zaw Zaw, Founder and Chairman of AYA Bank said, “this is another milestone in Myanmar card payment market, to promote the country’s transition to a cashless economy.”

Kimihisa Imada, Deputy President of JCB international said card members in Myanmar can have a new choice of payment and experience the convenience of shopping abroad with JCB’s worldwide merchant

network with the start of JCB card issuing in the country.

The Card has 4 different kinds of product, Universal Platinum credit card, Universal Gold credit card, Universal Silver credit card, and Universal debit card.

JCB offers platinum card members exclusive JCB platinum services, such as JCB platinum airport lounge service, JCB platinum Concierge Desk, and Special JCB platinum Hotel Services.

Myanmar is the 4th country in the Mekong region where JCB cards are issued, along with Thailand, Vietnam and Laos.—GNLM

Soft-shell crab businessmen faced with difficulty from low demand from abroad

THE low demand from foreign countries is making it difficult for the soft-shell crab businessmen, it is learnt.

The soft-shell crabs are mainly exported to Japan. Previously, the soft-shell crabs sold for Ks8,500 per kilogram. The price of soft-shell crabs has decreased Ks7,000 per kilogram. Therefore, a factory which monthly produce about 100 tonnes reduced the export products to 50 tonnes, it is learnt.

Last year, the demand of soft-shell crab was high. The processing factories of the soft-shell crabs have since reduced production volume because of the low demand. The market is

expected to raise its head at the end of this month, said U Han Myint who is engaged in the breeding enterprise of soft-shell crabs in Kyauk Phyu Township.

The soft-shell crab market should penetrate to European Union (EU) as people from EU countries enjoy soft-shell crabs, it is learnt.

Most of the factories which produce the soft-shell crabs are at Kyauk Tan Township in Yangon Region. The soft-shell crabs are also bred at the blocks in Kyauk Phyu, Rakhine State and Tanintharyi and Ayeyawady regions.

Rakhine soft-shell crabs fetch Ks8,000 per kilogram with eight crabs at Yangon market

whereas the soft-shell crab price per kilogram with twelve crabs are Ks5,000.

The market price is dependent on the demand and offered price from Japan, it is learnt from Japanese dealers.

The export of the soft-shell crabs in 2008-2009 fiscal year amounted to US\$27 million. However, the income from the export of soft-shell crabs has been on the decline, it is learnt from the soft-shell crab exporters to Japan.

Myanmar exports its soft-shell crabs to Hong Kong, China (Taipei), Thailand and Japan after the soft-shell crabs are frozen, it is learnt.—Zar Zar

Garment industry expected to earn US\$10 billion from export in a decade

THE export value from the garment industry under Cutting-Making and Packing (CMP) system is expected to fetch up to US\$10 billion in a decade, it is learnt from Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA).

“We expect garment industry to be in operation with 1,500 factories in 2025, with a total labour force of one million. To meet a target income, CMP enterprises are required to attract the attention of more foreign investors. The garment industry is making a concerted effort to turn the FOB system from a CMP system to create more job opportunities,” said U Myint Soe, the chairman of MGMA.

Currently, the local garment

enterprises practice the CMP system. The local entrepreneurs are depending on 90 per cent of the imported materials.

The following facts have been enshrined in the FOB system. The imported raw materials will be free from taxation and these materials will be controlled by the Customs department. And, these materials can also be purchased under loan contract and so, the foreign banks and Myanmar banks are required to link.

The export volume from garment industry has currently been on the rise. The export value from this sector was US\$1.4 billion in 2014 whereas 1.65 billion was earned from the garment industry in 2015.—Zar Zar



Employees work at a garment factory in Hlaingthayar. PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE

Value of Rice and broken rice export through border areas decreases by over US\$100 million

THE value of rice and broken rice exports through border areas as of 5th August has decreased by over US\$100 million when compared to a similar period of the previous fiscal year, with a total export value of rice and broken rice of about US\$130 million, it is learnt from the statistics of the Commerce Ministry.

The export volume of rice as of 5th August was 282,537 tonnes worth US\$100.733 million whereas that of broken rice, 99,236 tonnes worth US\$29.104 million, fetching about US\$130 million.

Over 950 tonnes of rice were daily sent to Muse depot from 5th to 11th August. Therefore, over 6,600 tonnes of rice entered Muse market within a week. At that time, the exchange rate of a Yuan was Ks176. During this

week, Muse depot was witnessed to receive more rice bags than the previous weeks.

During this year, the rice export via Border trade has been on the decline. In the first week of August, a total of 16,246 tonnes of rice worth US\$5.942 million were exported while only 1,274 tonnes of broken rice worth US\$400,000 were exported. More 2,900 tonnes of rice and over 340 tonnes of broken rice are exported than the last week of July.

Myanmar’s rice is mainly exported to China through border areas. The rice market at border camps has been cool because of the internal affairs in China. The price of low-quality rice (Aemah-ta, Nga Sein and Manawthukha) ranges from 130 yuans to 149 yuans per bag (112-lb) respectively.—GNLM



Indonesia's President Joko Widodo (R) and first lady Iriana (L) walk to greet the visiting Sri Lankan Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe at the presidential palace in Jakarta, Indonesia on 3 August, 2016. PHOTO : REUTERS

Indonesia actively involved in resolving South China Sea disputes — President

JAKARTA — Indonesia is actively involved in resolving territorial disputes in the South China Sea, President Joko Widodo said in a prepared state address on Tuesday.

An arbitration court in the Hague last month ruled that China had no historic title over the busy waterway and had breached

the Philippines' sovereign rights there. The decision infuriated Beijing, which dismissed the court's authority.

"Indonesia continues to be actively involved in conflict resolution in the South China Sea through peaceful negotiations after," Widodo said, referring directly to the ruling.

"We continue to push for peaceful resolutions to international conflicts," he said in a speech marking Indonesia's independence day, which falls on Wednesday.

Widodo also called for police and judicial reform to boost legal certainty in Southeast Asia's biggest economy.—Reuters

Japan to offer high quality infrastructural development support to Africa at TICAD summit

TOKYO — Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will attend the 6th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) in the capital city of Nairobi for the two-day conference, which will mark the first time summit to be held in Africa, sources close to the prime minister confirmed Tuesday.

The external link of TICAD was launched by the government here in 1993, with the previous five related events also held

in Japan aimed at planning means to offer infrastructural development based on superlative quality that taps into the country's high technology.

At the conference in Nairobi, the high-level policy dialogue which will be held with African leaders and Africa's development partners will traverse issues of economic development and investment, as well as those related to trade and sustainable development.

Human security, peace and stable governance are also topics that will be addressed at the upcoming conference, sources with knowledge of the matter said.

"Being a multilateral partnership, the TICAD process also actively promotes South-South and triangular cooperation, in addition to traditional cooperation," according to an official statement from the multilateral partnership organisation.—Xinhua

Australia's favourite fruit banana may be extinct within decade

SYDNEY — According to a new research, Australia's highest selling supermarket product, the banana, could be extinct within a decade, local media reported on Tuesday.

The threat could be coming from something called the Sigatoka complex, made up from three fungal diseases, which poses a huge risk to the world's

banana supply, said PLOS Genetics, a British-based journal which published the report five days ago.

American plant pathologist Ioannis Stergiopoulos was quoted in the journal as saying the Sigatoka complex's fungal diseases—yellow Sigatoka, eumusae leaf spot and black Sigatoka—could potentially wipe out supply in the next

five to 10 years.

Black Sigatoka poses the greatest risk, capable of not only shutting down the immune system of the banana, but also producing enzymes to break down the plant's cell walls.

More than five million bananas are eaten every day in Australia, said the Australian Banana Growers Council.—Xinhua

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Thailand issues arrest warrant for second suspect in deadly blasts

BANGKOK — A Thai military court issued an arrest warrant on Tuesday for a second suspect in connection with a wave of deadly bomb attacks last week that killed four people and injured dozens, police said.

Explosions rocked seven provinces in Thailand's south on Thursday and Friday, just days after Thais voted to accept a military-backed constitution.

No group has claimed responsibility but police and senior officials have publicly ruled out any link to foreign militants.

"The court has approved the arrest warrant for one suspect for the explosions. We can't say who that individual is," said Chaiyapol Chatchaidet, commander of the Counter Crime Planning Division.

It was the second arrest warrant issued in connection with the wave of attacks. Police on Sunday said they had arrested one suspect for arson. Defence Minister Prawit Wongsuwan on Monday said the attacks might have



A policeman stand guards among tourists at Wat Pho temple (Wat Phra Chetuphon Vimolmangklararm Rajwaramahaviharn) in Bangkok, Thailand, on 16 August, 2016. PHOTO : REUTERS

involved southern insurgents hired to carry out the bombings but said the bombings were not an extension of a bloody separatist war in the country's three southern-most Muslim-dominated provinces.

Security experts told Reuters official denial of involvement by Malay-Muslim insurgents was

unsurprising as admitting that southern insurgents could be involved would have serious economic and security implications for Thailand.

Thailand is a mainly Buddhist country, but the three southern provinces of Pattani, Yala and Narathiwat are majority-Muslim and resistance to central

government rule has existed there for decades, resurfacing violently in 2004.

More than 6,500 people have been killed in the region since 2004 in bombings, shootings and arson attacks according to Deep South Watch, a Pattani-based group which monitors the conflict.—Reuters

Afghan air force needs more pilots, as well as more planes

KABUL — The Afghan air force is limited not only by its size. Despite numbering only 130 aircraft, there are not enough pilots and crews to fly them all.

The shortage is hampering Afghan security forces' ability to fight Taliban militants, who are once again gaining territory in the north and south of the country.

Troops on the ground are crying out for more air support, which ranges from firing on the enemy to evacuating casualties from the battlefield. The day Afghan aircraft can meet the high demand is still a long way off.

"Three weeks ago, two of our policemen were wounded in a fight with the Taliban and we waited for five days to transfer them to a hospital," said a border police commander in the eastern province of Kunar, who spoke anonymously because he was not authorised to speak to the media.

"Sometimes we have to wait a week for a helicopter to evacuate our casualties," added the officer, stationed in a remote area close to the Pakistani border.

Advisers for the US-led NATO coalition, which



Crew members of a C208 cargo airplane prepare for flight at a military airfield in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 27 July. PHOTO: REUTERS

is training Afghan armed forces now the alliance's main combat mission is over, say they are struggling to field enough experienced pilots and crews.

"Our challenge is the human capital," said Colonel Troy Henderson, commander of the US Air Force's expeditionary advisory group in Kabul, noting it is relatively easy to buy aircraft but more difficult and slower to find and train pilots.

The roughly 130 air-

craft are not enough, according to Major General Abdul Wahab Wardak, commander of the Afghan air force. And the problem is now compounded by a lack of trained crews for existing aircraft.

The United States has provided a growing number of more advanced aircraft in the past year, seeking to make up for the withdrawal of most international forces.

But in the process of building a special opera-

tions air wing and training crews to fly new aircraft like the small A-29 attack aircraft and C-130 cargo planes, coalition advisers had to pull experienced pilots from other units, Henderson said.

As the US-led coalition scaled back operations, Afghan air force missions more than doubled from 10,060 in 2014 to 22,260 in 2015. From January to May 2016, Afghan aircraft flew 6,930 missions.

US Air Force combat sorties dropped from nearly 13,000 in 2014 to fewer than 6,000 in 2015, with a corresponding decrease in support and reconnaissance missions from around 60,000 in 2014 to just under 33,000 in 2015.

As more aircraft have been fielded by the Afghans, crew shortages are limiting the deployment of widely used aircraft that form the backbone of the air force.—Reuters

Indonesian president fires minister after rumor of holding US citizenship

JAKARTA — Indonesian President Joko Widodo on Monday evening decided to terminate the term of a newly appointed minister after rumor that he is holding both Indonesian and US citizenship, official announced here.

Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Archandra Tahar, who was appointed as minister on 27 July, was fired from his position effective on Tuesday, Pratikno, secretary of state, announced.

"Responding on the public questions about the citizen status of Archandra Tahar, the president decided to fire energy and mineral resources Archandra Tahar," Pratikno said at the State Palace. President Widodo appointed Coordinating Minister for Maritime Luhut Pandjaitan to temporarily take over Tahar's tasks, the secretary of state said.—Xinhua

Defence chief meets SDF troops engaged in antipiracy ops off Somalia

DJIBOUTI — New Japanese Defence Minister Tomomi Inada visited Djibouti in eastern Africa on Monday and met with Self-Defence Forces personnel engaged in an antipiracy mission in nearby waters off Somalia.

"The sea transportation security (situation) continues to require caution. It is essential to steadily implement counter-piracy measures," Inada said in her remarks to the troops, signaling her intention to continue SDF involvement in the mission in the Gulf of Aden, which serves as a key sea lane for ships including those from Japan.

Japan has sent Maritime Self-Defence Force destroyers and P-3C patrol aircraft to participate in multinational antipiracy operations in the waters off Somalia. It has set up an air base in Djibouti for the mission. Inada told reporters later that SDF members to the far-flung area are playing "a very important role" and that she wants to consider ways to reinforce their activities. Inada chose the tiny African country as



Japanese Defence Minister Tomomi Inada inspects the Maritime Self-Defence Force's antipiracy operations in the Gulf of Aden off Somalia on 15 August. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

the destination of her first overseas trip since becoming Japan's defence chief in a Cabinet reshuffle on 3 August. SDF personnel have engaged in antipiracy activities in the Gulf of Aden since 2009. The SDF opened in Djibouti its first full-scale overseas base in 2011 and joined multinational counter-piracy operations led by the United States and Britain in 2013.

More than 200 piracy cases were reported annually at one point in the past, but the number has greatly dropped in recent years. No damage was reported last

year, according to the Japanese government.

Inada separately met with Djiboutian President Ismail Omar Guelleh and her Djibouti counterpart Ali Hassan Bahdon. She will return to Japan Tuesday. The overseas trip has kept the minister away from visiting Yasukuni Shrine in Tokyo on Monday, which was the 71st anniversary of Japan's surrender in World War II, even though she had been a regular visitor to the shrine, which neighboring countries see as a symbol of Japan's militaristic past.—Kyodo News

INVITATION FOR PRICE QUOTATIONS

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received financing from the International Development Association (IDA) towards the cost of the National Community Driven Development Project (NCDDP). The IDA No of the financing agreement is No H814MM. The Department of Rural Development (DRD) of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, in its role as implementing agency of the NCDDP, intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing towards eligible payments under the Purchase Order/Contract for the procurement of PC's, laptops, printers and scanners. DRD now invites eligible suppliers to express their interest in supplying the following items:

Reference Number: G 38 - PC, LAPTOPS, PRINTERS and SCANNERS for immediate use at the Union and Regional Offices

Lot No	Item No	Description	Quantity (No of machines)
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	2	Scanner	1
	3	High speed scanner for internal courier service	1
3	1	Laptop Computers with preinstalled O/S and MS Office	116
	2	Laptop Computers with preinstalled O/S for technical design training	15
4	1	Budget Notebook Computers with preinstalled O/S for MIS-M&E data entry	64

Expressions of Interest must be submitted in a written form to the email address below and clearly indicate the reference number above. Eligible suppliers having expressed interest will receive an INVITATION TO QUOTE (ITQ). Sealed Quotations will be submitted to the address below at the latest at the dead line of **Friday 9 September 2016**, after which no Quotations will be accepted.

The goods will be contracted in 4 (Four) separate contracts. Suppliers will be selected following the Shopping Method as per the "Guidelines for Procurement of Goods, Works and non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers" dated January 2011.

Please submit your Expression of Interest for receiving the ITQ to: U Kyaw Soe, Deputy Director General, Department of Rural Development, Office No.(14), Nay Pyi Taw. For detailed information please contact U Kyaw Swa Aung, Director, Procurement and Logistic Section, Mobile phone 0943434333 or office phone 067409071/ Email: unioncddprocurement@gmail.com. Please indicate your e-mail address as only electronic copies of the ITQ will be sent.

For more information on the NCDD Project please also visit Website: www.cdd.drdmyanmar.org.

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It's really just the middle

Tha Sein

THE democratisation process in Myanmar has started with gusto. A few days into its tenure as a new administration, the government has announced its 100-day work performance plan in the interest of the people who have placed high hopes on it and held a press conference on work performance for first 100 days in Nay Pyi Taw recently.

The new government might appear to be first in the firing line over its work performance for the first 100 days, for it failed to meet all the people's expectations al-

though its development scheme has won public backing and recaptured public esteem.

To be frank, the country emerged from international pariah status when a civilian government took power and initiated a wave of liberal change, which requires a sweeping transformation of the economy away from the crony capitalism that has evolved over the past quarter century.

This is vital for the peace process, which has much to do with power and resources sharing, to succeed. There

was, to put it mildly, unease in all spheres of Myanmar society and especially in the business world as the country lacks a more transparent and outward looking economic system. Without a fundamental restructuring of the economy the significant but tentative steps taken so far may lead only to a downturn with dysfunctional economy.

More to the point, there's a lot that needs to be done. But the challenges are daunting on a number of levels. We have along way to go. We need to address the structural

problems of a once-dynamic economy that is now a regional laggard. With high expectations, people sometimes think it's a done story. But it's really just the middle.

There is no to say democratic change should be stalled: state institutions need to be stronger, more accountable and, in a more multiethnic society, more inclusive. And for that to happen, a pragmatic approach—that appears to be underway under the new government—may be better than trying to recast the process already in place.

Rules and Regulations must be Obeyable

Khin Maung Myint

THE rules and regulations are integral parts of any society. They are in fact the tools essential for keeping a society well disciplined and orderly. It is the duty of every member of the society, or in other words all citizens as a whole, to abide by the rules and regulations of their respective societies. The rules and regulations, on the other hand, must be obeyable. To be obeyable they must be reasonable and practicable.

Every entity: government, business, political, religious, non governmental or social has its own set of rules and regulations. The absence of such rules and regulations would render any entity to become a disorganized one and is sure to fail. While the rules or regulations set by the government organizations concerned every citizen, the rules and regulations of other entities are meant for their respective members or followers only.

The rules and regulations set by the government entities cover almost every aspects in the daily lives of the public. For instance there are the municipal rules and regulations regarding the construction of buildings, access to the water supply mains, the prevention of encroachments of the sidewalks, disposal of garbage, etc, etc. There are also other rules and regulations, such as the traffic rules and regulations, electrical rules and regulations that the consumers and installers must abide,

the use of loudspeakers, and many more. However, as I intend to write about the importance for these rules and regulations to be reasonable and practicable and hence obeyable by the public, I will not be listing everything.

Most of the public are not even aware of the existence of some such rules and regulations, thus they need to be made known to them. Just promulgating them at the time they first came into existence wouldn't be enough. Awareness campaigns should be carried out periodically by using the media, both the print and broadcast, and warning signs should be posted, if necessary, to educate the public. Lack of abidance by the rules and regulations are caused, mostly, due to the ignorance of them by the general public.

As much as the publicity of these rules and regulations are important, they should also be reasonable and practicable to be obeyable. Here, I would like to give a few examples of unreasonable and impractical rules and regulations.

A few years back, honking of horns were prohibited. It was a very thoughtful action on the part of the authorities concerned, but it was too strict to the point of impracticality. The roadside signs that literally meant: "HORN FREE ZONE. NO HONKING FOR ANY REASON" are posted at some places in Yangon. Not that I don't agree with the prohibition of the honking, but it was absolutely unreasonable and impractical.

The car horns are still being incorporated in cars since their invention and would still be installed in the future. They are useful to ward off unnecessary accidents. If there is an imminent danger of collision with another vehicle or if a pedestrian is negligently or recklessly about to cross in front of a moving car, a warning should be given, by first honking and then try to stop the car or make an avoiding manoeuvre. In such dangerous circumstances, the drivers may be compelled to use the horn. So, in my opinion, it should be "NO HONKING, UNLESS NECESSARY". Then only the order or the warning sign would sound reasonable and practicable and hence obeyable.

I can understand the intentions of the authorities to eradicate the bad habits of honking in our country, a trend that is very rare elsewhere in the world. However, that campaign must be reckoned as a failure, because the habits of honking are even getting worse with the growing traffic congestions today. In most other countries, unnecessarily honking is deemed as an insult or swearing.

Another such example is the posting of signs on the Banyardala road and may be elsewhere too, where I haven't been to. Those signs read: "NO PARKING ROAD, PARKING NOT ALLOWED TO ANY CAR", However, I had noticed cars parked around the clock on that road right next to those signs. Whenever I saw those scenes, I felt as if

they are mocking at or even insulting the authorities concerned.

In fact that road needs to be designated as such, and should be enforced strictly. These situations didn't sprung up only recently, but I had been noticing such disregards to the warning orders since four or five years ago. In the beginning there were periodical patrols by the traffic police, however, lack of parking spaces made it impossible for the authorities to effectively enforce the orders issued.

To be able to handle that problem, it would only be fair to solve the parking problems first. Before that can be done, I would like to suggest that the authorities should consider removing those signs temporarily until such time that the parking problems are solved and proper enforcements could be carried out.

To cite yet another example of such absurdity, I would like to recall what I had written in an article about two years ago in the GNLM. The title of which was "Reckless Spitting". Though the title was aimed at spitting, I had included indiscriminate peeing and defecating by the roadsides along the road circling the Kandawgyi Lake. I had mentioned about the warning signs posted along that road that read: "NO LITTERING, URINATING OR DEFECATING. WILL BE SUBJECT TO A FINE OF TEN THOUSAND KYATS IF FOUND". On first seeing those signs I was pleased that the authorities had taken some positive actions at last. However, when I



A scene on the Banyardala road.

looked around if there were garbage bins or litter boxes and rest rooms or toilets in the neighbourhood, there was none. Thus those who couldn't contain themselves are still carrying on doing the business of relieving by the roadsides in full view of the public. At least those signs were no more there now.

So, I would like to conclude my article with some suggestions. Unreasonable and impractical rules and regulations such as those mentioned above should be reviewed. If necessary, they should be abolished, substituted or amended to be in agreement with the prevailing situations and to be more abideable. On the other hand, if they are to remain in place, provisions for the necessary facilities should be in place for the public so that there wouldn't be any excuse for them to disobey those orders.



Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Ohn Maung and wife Daw Khin Than Nwe is welcomed by Singapore's ambassador to Myanmar Mr Robert Chua on their arrival at a reception to mark the 51st Anniversary of National Day of the Republic of Singapore and the 50th Anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between Singapore and Myanmar on 12 August, 2016 in Yangon.

PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY

Foreign visitors allowed to grow commemorative trees around Kan Khon Hna Sint (Seven Lakes) in Kayah State

FOREIGN visitors who come to Kan Khon Hna Sint (Seven Lakes), Kayah State are allowed to plant memorial trees in order to support the environment, it has been reported.

The name and nation of foreign visitors are recorded with their plants to commemorate the visit. Authorities are now arranging eco-tours and treks for visitors after promoting Kan Khon Hna Sint (Seven

Lakes) as a forest destination.

According to U Saw Sal from Ta Ne Le' village near Kan Khon Hna Sint (Seven Lakes), locals are now partaking in the provision of eco-tourist endeavors to both bring jobs to locals and also help preserve the landscape. Five villages in Dimawso Township are a part of the eco-tourism programme.

There are 2,590 acres of

reserved forest including Kan Khon Hna Sint (Seven Lakes) filled with pine wood, teak, iron wood and many other trees.

Kan Khon Hna Sint (Seven Lakes) is located in Dimawso Township of Kayah State. The Myanmar Police Force announced in 2013 that Lwaikaw Township, Dimawso Township and PhuSo Township in Kayah State are accessible to foreign visitors. —Zar Zar

Advanced course on the detection and analysis of wildlife data and illegal timber trafficking held

THE opening ceremony of an advanced training course on the collecting and analysing of data on Myanmar wildlife and the combatting of the illegal timber trade was held at the Shwenandaw Hotel in Nay Pyi Daw on Monday with opening speeches by Police Brig-Gen Myint Htoo, the head of the transnational crime department and U Soe Myine, Myanmar advisor to United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

Present at the ceremony were high-ranking police officers from

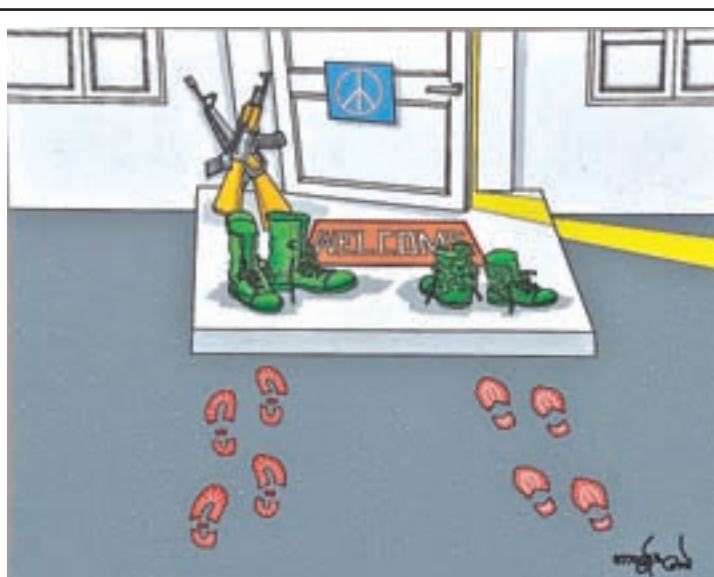
the Myanmar Police Force, officer trainees from the Forest Security Police Force and instructors from the UNODC.

The training focuses on the methods used by timber traffickers, the ways and means of illegal trafficking in wildlife and timber which has been organised internationally and effective ways of preventing and combating these criminal enterprises.

The training course will run for twelve days. — *Myanmar Police Force*



Police officers of MPF and officials of UNODC posing for documentary photo. PHOTO: MPF



Reserved rice and other food should be stowed away for times of natural disaster — MRF

PEOPLE should strive to keep more food products and oil stowed away in case of emergency instead of using national rice reserves following natural disasters, said U Ye' Min Aung, general secretary of the Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF).

The government will buy 30,000 tonnes of re-

served rice before the growing season of Monsoon paddy in order to prevent a shortage of food, according to the Union Minister of the Ministry of Commerce.

Under the tenure of the previous government the MRF paid K 3.5 billion, the Co-Operative Society paid K1 billion and the government paid K10

billion to buy reserve rice, it has been learned.

800,000 tonnes of rice is consumed in Myanmar every year and the production of rice on average is about 12,00,000 tonnes. Rice exports have stopped for one month due to flooding in the north of the country and the need for emergency provisions.—200



Earthquake prevention should be instituted in Chin State, international geologists say

ACCORDING to the research of geologists from the USA, at some point this year a strong earthquake will likely shake India, Bangladesh and the west of Myanmar, namely Chin State. The foreign experts recommend immediate works to reduce potential damage in the region, according to Daw Hla Hla Aung, researcher of the Myanmar

Earthquake Committee (MEC).

"The people in Chin State must prepare to prevent damage from a strong earthquake in the short term and also the long term. For example, houses and buildings must be constructed with earthquake prevention systems and water routes that come from the top of mountains should be changed. The MEC

has pushed the authorities to help protect people and infrastructure in Chin State." said Daw Hla Hla Aung.

Michael Scalar, an earthquake expert from the USA, announced that there is the chance of an imminent earthquake in Chin State according to data collected between 2003 up until 2016.—200

Health care professionals, supplies sent to flood-hit-areas

THE Regional Health department is currently providing health care to residents for diseases caused by water in flooding affected areas of Mandalay region, according to local official Dr. Win Naing.

Twelve townships out of 28 were flooded in Mandalay region. The water level had receded in 7 townships, but 5 townships remain flooded.

"Health staff are on standby to give treatment in flood-hit areas 24/7. Currently the staff are preventing the possible onset of water-borne diseases in receded areas," said Dr. Win Naing.

"(Our team) gave urgent treatment to five children who were suffering from flu in Pathe-



Officials of the regional health department supervising the team in giving healthcare services to local people. PHOTO: AUNG THANT KHING

ingyi Township,' said Dr. Hnein Nwe Ni Aye. Regional authorities are currently dispersing powdered bleach to communi-

ties and training them in its use as an anti-bacterial agent.

Flooding has struck Tadar U, Nyaung U, Madaya, Am-



arapura, Singu, Thabeikkyin, Ngazun, Singaing, Myingyan, Taungtha, Patheingyi and Pyigyidagun. Flooding contin-

ues to effect Nyaung U, Thaungtha, pyigyidagun, Patheingyi and Ahmarapura.— Aung Thant Khing

Crime NEWS

Five people arrested in Hlaingthaya for gambling

FIVE people have been arrested on charges of gambling with K1,107,250 recovered during the bust, according to Hlaingthaya Myoma police station.

Acting on a tip-off police conducted a raid on the Kyar Pan Hotel in Hlaingthaya township on 14 August and arrested five individuals.

The arrested persons have been identified as one Ma Khin Thuzar, 21, and another four Chinese foreigners. The accused have been booked under sections 13/ A and 14/A of the Gambling Act.—*The Mirror*



Ma Khin Thuzar and another four Chinese foreigners. PHOTO: THE MIRROR

Two men dead following petroleum well incident

TWO men died on Sunday afternoon after diving into a petroleum well to recover an oil pipe in Min Hla township.

According to an investigation Aung Min Htay, 31 from Lae Kan village, Palae town-

ship was recovering an oil pipe when he fell into the petroleum well.

Aung Min Htay was quickly killed by the petrol fumes. Zaw Myint, 22, from Min Hla township attempted to rescue

the victim but was also overcome.

Police sent the corpses to the Min Hla general hospital for postmortem.

Police are still investigating.—*Kyaw Zayya*

22-wheel vehicle overturns in Bago

A 22-wheel vehicle carrying fertiliser bags overturned on the Yangon-Mandalay old road in Phyu township, Bago region on Monday.

The accident has been blamed on driver sleepiness.

Police have filed charges against the driver.—*Khin Ko (Kyaukdaga)*



Overturned car being seen. PHOTO: KHIN KO (KYAUKDAGA)

Heroin and yaba seized

AUTHORITIES from Mawlamyine police station seized yaba from a motorcycle rider in Zaykyo ward, Mawlamyine town on 14 August. Acting on a tip-off police searched one Aye Min and discovered 8,600 yaba pills.

On the same day police searched motorcycle rider Aung Than Oo and seized 8,360 yaba pills and 0.45 grams of heroin. According to a connected investigation police also arrested a vehicle driven identified

as one Yethu Aung with Thet Paing Phyo on board and found 16 yaba pills in Pyin- Oo- Lwin.

An anti-narcotics squad comprising policemen from Yangon seized 888 yaba pills from a vehicle at the Pauk Taw intersection, Hlaing Myait road on 13 August. Police arrested Naing Gyi and Aung Pyat Sone. Police have filed charges against all suspects under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.—*Myanmar Police Force*



Aye Min, Yethu Aung with Thet Paing Phyo. PHOTO: MPF

Raw opium seized in Kachin state

A LOCAL police squad in Sardon township seized heroin from a motorcycle rider at Sardon waterfall gate, Kachin state on 13 August. Acting on a tip-off police searched the rider en route to Win Maw from Kan Paik Ti.

The suspect was identified

as one Maung Yaw Baw, 20, with Ma Zay Dan, 19, on board. 4,890 grams of raw opium were discovered. Police have filed charges against them under section 15/19 (A) 21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.—*Township IPRD*

Russia says close to joint military action with US in Aleppo: agencies

MOSCOW — Russia and the United States are close to starting joint military action against militants in Syria's Aleppo, Russian news agencies on Monday quoted Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu as saying.

Fighting for control of the divided city of some 2 million people has intensified in recent weeks and there have been some gains for rebel groups battling Syrian government forces.

Russia backs Syrian President Bashar al Assad in the five-year-old Syria conflict, while the United States wants to see Assad step down. But both are participating in talks to try to find a political solution to end the civil war.

Senior Russian and US military officials have held Geneva negotiations on Aleppo and on restoring an overall ceasefire, UN Special Envoy for Syria Staffan de Mistura said



A man rebuilds a wall of a damaged building in the rebel held al-Katerji district in Aleppo, Syria on 13 August. PHOTO: REUTERS

last Thursday. "We are now in a very active phase of negotiations with our American colleagues," the RIA news agency cited Shoigu as saying. "We are moving step by step closer to a

plan — and I'm only talking about Aleppo here — that would really allow us to start fighting together to bring peace so that people can return to their homes in this troubled land."

Asked about Shoigu's remarks, US State Department spokeswoman Elizabeth Trudeau told reporters in Washington: "We have seen the reports and have nothing to announce ... We

remain in close contact (with Russian officials)." Trudeau said the United States continued to push for a broader cessation of Syria hostilities accord with Russia. The battle for Aleppo is "one of

the most devastating urban conflicts in modern times," Peter Maurer, president of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), said on Monday. "No one and nowhere is safe. Shell-fire is constant, with houses, schools and hospitals all in the line of fire. People live in a state of fear. Children have been traumatized. The scale of the suffering is immense," Maurer said in a statement.

The ICRC reiterated its call on all warring parties to allow humanitarian agencies to deliver supplies to civilians in desperate need of food and clean water across Aleppo. Russia has delivered aid to Aleppo and is helping to rebuild damaged water pumping stations, Shoigu said. About 700,000 people are still living in Aleppo and residents in the eastern part of the city were "hostages of armed groups", he added.—Reuters

Pentagon announces single largest transfer of Guantanamo inmates

WASHINGTON — US officials said on Monday 15 inmates from the Guantanamo prison were transferred to the United Arab Emirates, the single largest transfer of Guantanamo detainees during President Barack Obama's administration.

The transfer of the 12 Yemeni and three Afghan citizens brings the total number of detainees down to 61 at the US naval base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Most have been held without charge or trial for more than a decade, drawing international condemnation.

Obama, who had

hoped to close the prison during his first year in office, rolled out his plan in February aimed at shutting the facility. But he faces opposition from many Republican lawmakers as well as some fellow Democrats.

"In its race to close Gitmo, the Obama administration is doubling down on policies that put American lives at risk," Republican Representative Ed Royce, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said in a statement.

"Once again, hardened terrorists are being released to foreign coun-

tries where they will be a threat," he said.

While Obama's plan for shuttering the facility calls for bringing the several dozen remaining prisoners to maximum-security prisons in the United States, US law bars such transfers to the mainland. Obama, though, has not ruled out doing so by executive action.

"I think we are at an extremely dangerous point where there is a significant possibility this is going to remain open as a permanent offshore prison to hold people, practically until they die," said Naurin Shah, Amnesty Inter-

national's US director for security and human rights.

Shah said keeping Guantanamo open gave cover to foreign governments to ignore human rights.

"It weakens the US government's hand in arguing against torture and indefinite detention," she said.

One of the detainees who was transferred is an Afghan national, identified as Obaidullah, who has spent more than 13 years at Guantanamo. He had been accused of storing mines to be used against American forces in Afghanistan.—Reuters

Air strike on MSF hospital in Yemen kills at least 11

DUBAI — A Saudi-led coalition air strike hit a hospital operated by Medecins Sans Frontieres in northern Yemen on Monday, killing at least 11 people and wounding 19, the aid group said. A Reuters witness at the scene of the attack in the Abs district of Hajja province said medics could not immediately evacuate the wounded because war planes continued to fly over the area and emergency workers feared more bombings.

"The location of the hospital was well known, and the hospital's GPS co-

ordinates were repeatedly shared with all parties to the conflict, including the Saudi-led coalition," the aid group also known as Doctors Without Borders, said in a statement.

It said one of its staff members was among those killed when an aerial bomb hit the hospital compound, also killing 10 patients.

"This is the fourth attack against an MSF facility in less than 12 months," the statement said. "Even with the recent United Nations resolution calling for an end to attacks on medical facil-

ities and high-level declarations of commitment to international humanitarian law, nothing seems to be done to make parties involved in the conflict in Yemen to respect medical staff and patients."

A spokesman for the Saudi-led coalition did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Another air attack hit what MSF described as a school in neighbouring Saada province on Saturday, killing 10 children. The coalition said the bombing had targeted a training facility

run by Yemen's dominant Houthis movement.

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon condemned the air strike on Sunday and called for an investigation, which the coalition said it would conduct, according to a statement sent to Reuters. Dozens of air strikes have hit civilians in Yemen since a coalition of Arab states led by Saudi Arabia began military operations in March 2015 to restore President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi to power and roll back gains by the Iran-allied Houthis.—Reuters

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Milwaukee curfew obeyed after riots over police shooting

MILWAUKEE — Tension eased on Monday night in Milwaukee, as teenagers respected a late night curfew to deter a third night of the rioting that hit the US Mid-western city following the police shooting of an armed black man.

Milwaukee is the latest American city to have been gripped by a trend of violence over the past two years in response to fatal police confrontations with black men.

However, by 10 pm (0300 GMT), the situation in the city appeared calm, city and police officials told reporters, although there had been several arrests earlier in the evening.

"We think we are in, comparatively speaking, a positive place," Milwaukee Police Chief Ed Flynn said, within an hour of the start of the curfew. The situation could change rapidly, however, Flynn warned.

Late on Monday afternoon, dozens of police, some in riot gear, cordoned off Sherman Park, the centre of the neighbourhood where the weekend shooting and subsequent disturbances took place. Nearby, about 100 people held a picnic in a grassy area.



A burned down liquor store is seen after disturbances following the police shooting of a man in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, US on 15 August 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

As the sun set, pedestrians thinned out ahead of the 10 pm (0300 GMT Tuesday) curfew in the area, where police vehicles were seen parked in alleys and along major thoroughfares.

"There is a curfew that will be more strictly

enforced tonight for teenagers," Mayor Tom Barrett told a news conference. "So parents, after 10 o'clock, your teenagers better be home or in a place where they're off the streets."

Barrett renewed his call for state officials to release a video of Saturday

night's shooting in hopes it would convince angry protesters that deadly force against Sylville K. Smith, 23, was justified.

Milwaukee, famed for its breweries, is also one of the most segregated cities in America, with a black population plagued by high

levels of unemployment absent in the mostly white suburbs.

Such inequality has afflicted many US cities over the past three decades, sometimes stoking unrest when police use deadly force.

Police say Smith was

stopped on Saturday afternoon for behaving suspiciously and he then fled on foot between two homes. Smith was carrying a stolen handgun he refused to drop before he was killed, police said.

The shooting led to a first night of violence in which gunshots were fired, six businesses were torched and 17 people were arrested. Police reported four officers were injured and police cars were damaged before calm was restored.

On Sunday night, when police in riot gear faced off with protesters throwing bottles and bricks, four officers were hurt and one person suffered a gunshot wound, police said. Three police squad cars were damaged and 14 people were arrested, authorities said. Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker activated the National Guard on Sunday in case more trouble flared, but despite the violence, police said the guardsmen were not called in.

The weekend shooting in Milwaukee was distinct in that the person killed was armed, according to the police account. The officer who fired the deadly shot was also black.—Reuters

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European safety agency moves towards toughening up pilot screening

BERLIN — The European Commission will propose laws to toughen screening for new pilots by the end of this year after aviation safety authorities called for stricter medical requirements.

Pilot screening and mental health assessments came under scrutiny after a young pilot barricaded himself inside the cockpit and crashed a Germanwings jetliner into the Alps in March 2015, killing all 150 on-board.

Prosecutors have found evidence that the co-pilot, who had suffered severe depression and may have feared losing his job, had researched suicide methods and concealed an illness from his employer, sparking a debate on supervision and medical secrecy.

Among the proposals put forward by

the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) on Tuesday were a comprehensive mental health assessment during initial screening, as well as drug and alcohol checks.

The proposals follow recommendations initially made by a task force set up after the crash. They will now go to the European Commission and serve as the basis for legislation to be presented by the Commission towards the end of 2016, EASA said in a statement.

Directly after the 2015 crash, EASA introduced a rule requiring two crew members to be in the cockpit at all times.

But it relaxed this requirement last month, saying it was up to operators to first conduct a risk assessment and decide whether they wanted to maintain this rule.—Reuters

Auto Telephone numbers will be changed to update exchange at Mandalay S-12 RSU in Mandalay Region

Myanma Posts and Telecommunications (MPT), announced that the existing auto telephone numbers at Mingalar Mandalay Garden City (S-12 RSU-5 Exchange), MPT Guest House compound (S-12 RSU-6 Exchange), Mahar Myaing (S-12 RSU-2&7 Exchange) in Mandalay Region will be replaced on 30-9-2016 as follow. With these new numbers, the customers can use not only call services but also ADSL internet services.

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'Sausage Party' scores with \$33.6 million, 'Suicide Squad' plunges in second weekend

LOS ANGELES — "Sausage Party" scored at the box office this weekend, debuting to a meaty \$33.6 million and providing a much-needed win for struggling Sony Pictures.

In a summer dominated by spinoffs and reboots, the story of a gang of grocery items grappling with the dangers of the kitchen was an antidote to sequelitis and a reminder of the power of original ideas. "It was the something different that adult audiences have been craving," said Jeff Bock, an analyst with Exhibitor Relations. "When comedy pushes the envelope, that's when it works best."

In the case of "Sausage Party," which liberally deploys sex jokes and four-letter words, it's a foul-mouthed affair that more than earns its R rating. The \$19 million animated comedy was also backed by Annapurna Pictures, the maker of "The Master" and "American Hustle." Seth Rogen, Kristen Wiig, Edward Norton, Jonah Hill and Bill Hader are among the vocal cast members. The studio released "Sausage Party" in 3,103 locations, and it now holds the record for the largest August opening ever for an animated film.

"When you have something so fresh, it just stands out to audiences," said Rory Bruer, Sony's distribution chief. "People were blown away by the movie. It's outrageous, off-the-wall fun."

It's good news for Sony, which has had a bruising period



Cast member Salma Hayek takes a selfie with co-stars (L-R) Nick Kroll, Paul Rudd, Seth Rogen, Michael Cera and Danny McBride at the premiere for the movie "Sausage Party" in Los Angeles, California, US, on 9 August 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

at the multiplexes. Flops such as "Ghostbusters," "Pride and Prejudice and Zombies" and "The 5th Wave" have outweighed hits such as "The Shallows" and "The Angry Birds Movie." It gives Sony momentum as it tries to put its recent bad run behind it and prepares for a fall and winter that will bring the debuts of "The Magnificent Seven" with Denzel Washington and "Passengers" with Chris Pratt and Jennifer Lawrence.

And then there are victories that feel more like defeats. "Suicide Squad" topped domestic charts with \$43.8 million, bringing

its stateside total to a hefty \$222.9 million. However, that represented a punishing 67 per cent slide in the superhero movie's second week business, nearly equaling "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice's" 69 per cent sophomore plunge.

It's a signal that the deplorable reviews are catching up with the film and is unwelcome news for Warner Bros., which is trying to launch an inter-connected series of cinematic adventures based on DC Comics characters, but is still struggling to make movies that people like, as well as attend.

The weekend's other major new release, Disney's "Pete's Dragon," faltered, mustering roughly \$21.6 million from 3,702 locations, despite scoring glowing reviews. The remake of the 1977 family film about a boy who befriends a dragon stars Robert Redford and Bryce Dallas Howard. "Pete's Dragon" snagged third place on the charts. It cost \$65 million to make, making its opening a disappointment. Still, Disney believes that it could ultimately make a profit when its foreign grosses are factored into the picture.—Reuters

Robert Downey Jr to star on HBO drama



Hollywood star Robert Downey Jr. PHOTO: REUTERS

LOS ANGELES — Hollywood star Robert Downey Jr is reportedly teaming up with "True Detective" creator Nic Pizzolatto for a drama on HBO.

Pizzolatto is on board to pen the script, while the 51-year-old "Iron Man" actor will star in the project, according to The Hollywood Reporter.

Details about the project are being kept under wraps and it's unclear if there are any official deals as of yet. Sources say the project may be based on Downey's long-gestating Perry Mason reboot, which rather than a Warner Bros Pictures feature is now being eyed for the small screen.

The actor's wife and producing partner, Susan Downey of Team Downey, will apparently executive produce the drama with him. HBO declined to comment.

For Downey, if the deal is struck, it would mark his return to the small screen following his role on Fox's "Ally McBeal".—PTI

Katy Perry's fourth album to be out this fall?



PHOTO: REUTERS

LOS ANGELES — Pop star Katy Perry will reportedly release her fourth record this winter.

The album will feature music inspired by 31-year-old Perry's relationship with actor boyfriend Orlando Bloom, reported Acshowbiz.

"Katy loves performing, so a large part of 2017 is already put aside for a huge world tour. She's ready to be back and be the biggest thing in pop. Her new album will be out in October or November, and the industry is really excited about it," a source said.

"Katy's on a major high. For the first time in a long time, she's really happy in a relationship and it's helping her see everything clearer," the insider said.

The singer's latest Olympic anthem "Rise" will not be featured on her upcoming album. The album, however, will have a potential collaboration with Rae Sremmurd's Swae Lee.

It was previously rumored that the new record was about her never-ending feud with nemesis Taylor Swift.—PTI

Johnny Depp severed his fingertip during fight with Heard?

Los Angeles — Hollywood star Johnny Depp reportedly accidentally cut off part of his finger during a fight with Amber Heard.

The "Pirates of the Caribbean" actor, 53, sliced off the tip of his middle finger during an argument with the "Justice League" actress, 30, at a villa in Australia in March 2015, reported TMZ.

Depp allegedly smashed multiple glass bottles and windows, in addition to slamming a landline phone against the wall. In the midst of anger, he allegedly cut off a portion of his finger.

Sources say Depp then dipped his bloody finger in a can of blue paint and used it to write "Billy Bob" and "Easy Amber" on a mirror inside the bathroom of the villa.



PHOTO: REUTERS

At the time of the incident, Heard was working on a since-unreleased film titled "London Fields" with actor Billy Bob Thornton. Heard re-

portedly claimed Depp falsely accused her of cheating on him with Thornton, now 61, which allegedly kicked off the alarming fight.—PTI

Miller dives over line to deny Felix in 400m

RIO DE JANEIRO — Bahamian Shaunae Miller launched herself over the finishing line with a desperate dive to pip American Allyson Felix to Olympic 400 metres gold by the slimmest of margins in a thrilling final on Monday.

After literally flying across the line in a personal best time of 49.44 seconds, the 22-year-old lay on the track, shaken up and exhausted, as she waited for the scoreboard to confirm she had clinched her first major title.

“I didn’t see anyone until the last 20 metres and the only thing I was thinking was that I must get that gold medal,” said Miller.

“I think (the dive) was just a reaction, my mind went blank, the next thing I knew I was lying on the ground. I’ve got a few cuts and bruises but I’m okay.

“This is the moment I have been waiting for. I am just so happy, so grateful, such emotions I just can’t say.”

Felix, who finished in 49.51, was also on the floor after failing

to claim her fifth Olympic gold medal, let alone the 200-400 double she had originally planned for the Rio Games.

“Disappointment,” said the 30-year-old, struggling to hold back her tears. “It’s been a tough one and I really hoped it would come together tonight.

“I just gave it all I had, I don’t think I had anything left to give. I feel emotionally and physically drained at this moment. I really wanted it, it’s painful.”

Felix was denied the chance to defend her 200m title, and bid for an unprecedented double, after failing to finish in the top three at the US trials while suffering the effects of an ankle injury she suffered in a gym accident earlier this year.

The Californian’s silver medal was, though, her seventh in four Games, the most of any American female track and field athlete at the Olympics.

Silver medalist in the 200m in Athens in 2004 and again in



Beijing four years later, Felix won her only individual gold over the half-lap in London in 2012. She has also won three relay golds and could add to that tally in Brazil.

Second behind Felix in the 400 metres at the world championships in Beijing last year when her strong finish was not enough to rein in the American, Miller had clearly learned her lesson.

She exploded out of the blocks in lane seven and went for broke, her long stride giving her a good lead on the back straight as the shorter Felix powered away inside her.

Miller retained the lead coming off the final bend but started tightening up as Felix surged about 50 metres from the line and the pair were neck-and-neck until the Bahamian’s gold medal-winning dive. Jamaica’s Shericka Jackson took bronze in 49.85 ahead of Americans Natasha Hastings (50.34) and Phyllis Francis (50.41) in fourth and fifth. —Reuters

Teen arrested after goalkeeper attacked on pitch in Sweden

STOCKHOLM — A masked fan ran onto the pitch, attacked a goalkeeper and said he had left a bomb in the stands of a top flight Swedish soccer match on Monday, forcing the game to be abandoned in the final minute.

Police arrested a 17-year-old after the incident at the clash between Jonkoping Sodra and Ostersund, whose keeper Aly Keita was chased and knocked down before a security guard wrestled his attacker to the ground. “I am shocked and angry. It is awful that something like this could happen,” the 29-year-old goalkeeper told reporters, adding he had been struck on the temple.

The youth told police he had left a bomb in the stands, but a search yielded nothing suspicious.

“He is under arrest, we have informed the prosecutor of the arrest and interviews will be conducted with him about the suspected breaches of the law,” Jonkoping police commander Peter Nordengard told reporters.

Referee Jonas Eriksson abandoned the match in the 90th minute with the score tied at 1-1.

A statement from the Swedish FA said the match would not be restarted and that its disciplinary committee would decide if result should stand, or if away side Ostersund should be awarded a 3-0 victory if Jonkoping are found to have failed in their duty of care as match arrangers to ensure security.—Reuters

Former Aston Villa player dies in police stun-gun incident

RIO DE JANEIRO — Tributes poured in for former English premier league striker Dalian Atkinson on Monday after he died when police fired a high-voltage Taser stun-gun at him during an incident in his home town.

West Mercia police said officers had been called to “a report for the concern for the safety of an individual” in Telford, central England, in the early hours of Monday and a Taser gun had been deployed.

Atkinson, 48, whose former clubs included Aston Villa and Spain’s Real Sociedad, was given medical treatment at the scene but later died.

“Aston Villa is saddened to hear of the death of our former striker Dalian Atkinson,” the club said in a statement. “Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this terrible time.”

The incident has now been referred to the Independent Police Complaints Commission, the police watchdog, which said its officers had launched an investigation. A witness told the local paper The Shropshire Star that Atkinson appeared to be staggering in the street towards officers who fired the stun gun at him.

Civil rights groups have spoken of their concern about the increasing use of stun guns and their potential risk. According to figures from the Home Office (interior ministry), police discharged Tasers 1,921 times last year.

Atkinson began his soccer career at Ipswich Town and scored a goal in Aston Villa’s 3-1 win over Manchester United in the 1994 League Cup final.

His strike against Wimbledon in 1992, in which he ran from his own half, beating numerous challenges before chipping the ball over the goalkeeper’s head, was named Goal of the Season by BBC’s “Match of the Day” programme. “Terrible news about Dalian Atkinson. Losing his life after being tasered by police. Thoughts are with this fine footballer’s family,” Gary Lineker, the show’s current presenter, wrote on Twitter. Atkinson’s former teammates and clubs added their messages of shock and sympathy.

“Terribly sad news about our former striker. Our thoughts are with Dalian’s family and friends at this tragic time,” Ipswich said on Twitter. Defender Paul McGrath, who played with Atkinson in the League Cup final, said on twitter: Don’t feel to gud at the moment , Dalian Atkinson was a huge part of the Villa family I played with lovely kid and friend R.I.P pal.”—Reuters

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Late Costa strike gives Conte winning Chelsea debut

LONDON — Animated Chelsea manager Antonio Conte launched his Premier League career with a battling 2-1 victory over West Ham United thanks to Eden Hazard's penalty and a last-gasp Diego Costa strike in an intense London derby on Monday.

Fiery Spain striker Costa, lucky to be on the pitch after a wild challenge on keeper Adrian, thumped a low shot into the net in the 89th minute, sending Conte jumping for joy and embracing his coaching staff and several fans behind the dugout.

"I think the team played a good game with a great intensity and spirit," said Conte. "It is important to find the right spirit and intensity, we know we can improve and we must improve a lot, but today I am pleased for my players."

Conte, 47, has worked his new squad hard in the run-up to the season, with double training sessions.

"I saw a lot of good things, lots of things they were working on in the last days," he said. "We have been working for only one month... I know we can improve through the work. But today it was important to get the victory."

West Ham's James Collins

had threatened to spoil the Italian's debut with a fine half-volleyed goal in the 78th.

Hazard had given the home side a deserved lead straight after halftime, smashing the ball into the roof of the net from the penalty spot after Michail Antonio needlessly tripped up Chelsea's Spanish full back Cesar Azpilicueta in the area.

For Conte, who took Italy to the Euro 2016 quarter-finals, the match at Stamford Bridge offered a taste of the physical side of English football and his charges looked ready for it.

The contest had started at a furious pace, although first-night nerves sometimes got in the way of quality football.

Chelsea midfielder N'Golo Kante, signed from last season's surprise champions Leicester City, got an early yellow card for bringing down striker Andy Carroll in the fourth minute. But there were also touches of brilliance from the 2015 league champions, who plunged down the table last season losing manager Jose Mourinho to the sack in the process.

Monday's Chelsea side looked leaner, fitter and more motivated than under Mourinho at the start of last season.—Reuters



Chelsea's Diego Costa fights the ball with West Ham United's James Collins during Premier League at Stamford Bridge, on 15 August 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Serena withdraws from Cincinnati with shoulder injury

RIO DE JANEIRO — Serena Williams, fresh off a third-round upset loss at the Rio Olympics, has pulled out of this week's Western & Southern Open in Cincinnati with a shoulder injury, the tournament's two-times defending champion said on Monday.

Williams, who had accepted a wild card into the tournament last week after competing at the

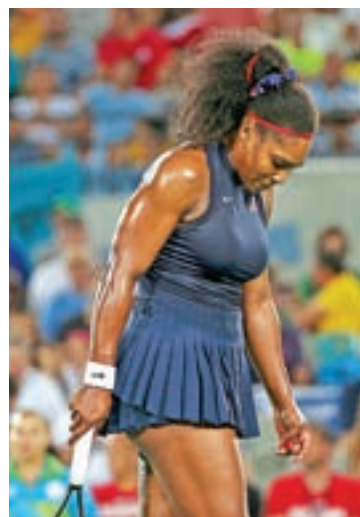


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Olympics, made the decision to skip the key US Open tuneup after a morning practice in Ohio.

"I'm very disappointed I'm not able to compete in the Western & Southern Open in Cincinnati as I was really looking forward to defending my title," world number one Williams said in a statement on the tournament's website.

"My shoulder inflammation continues to be a challenge, but I am anxious to return to the court as soon as possible."

The decision by Williams comes six days after she tumbled out of the singles competition at the Rio Olympics where she suffered a shock defeat to Ukraine's Elina Svitolina.

The withdrawal by Williams means the tournament second seed Angelique Kerber of Germany will claim the world number one ranking if she wins the event. Williams, who will be replaced in the draw by Misaki Doi of Japan, has been the world's top-ranked player for 183 consecutive weeks.—Reuters

Soaring Da Silva is Brazil's new darling

RIO DE JANEIRO — Thiago da Silva won Brazil's first athletics gold of their home Games on an extraordinary, unforgettable Monday night in Rio, producing an Olympic record of 6.03 metres in the pole vault to beat hot favourite Renaud Lavillenie and send the fans into raptures.

A roar to match anything from Sunday's 100 metres final — produced by a crowd a quarter of the size — accompanied the 22-year-old as he sailed over the bar, leaving the French world record holder and defending champion one more chance to beat him.

Lavillenie failed and Brazil had a new, and totally unexpected, hero and their first male athletics gold medal winner since Joaquim Cruz won the 800 metres in 1984.

"The gold — incredible," said Da Silva, who came into the Games with a best of 5.93. "My first time over six metres. My home town wanted me to win."

"The crowd were cheering me too much. I had to fix my mind on my technique, forget the people."



Thiago Braz da Silva (BRA) of Brazil celebrates after winning the gold medal during 2016 Rio Olympics, Athletics Final, Men's Pole Vault Final at Olympic Stadium in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on 15 August 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

There had already been drama aplenty on a night dogged by heavy rain that caused a brief suspension of action.

David Rudisha and Shaunae Miller showed that there are different ways to cross the line first, but their gold medals will be the same after thrilling 800 and 400 metres finals.

Kenya's Rudisha, who won the 800m in world record

style four years ago, delivered a dominant last lap, striding home majestically to become the first man since New Zealander Peter Snell in 1964 to successfully defend the 800m title. Bahamian Miller, conversely, was tying up desperately but hurled herself across the line, crashing to the track in the process, to just get the nod ahead of American Allyson Felix.—Reuters