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State Counsellor in London, meets with Myanmar ambassadors

A MYANMAR delegation led by State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi arrived at Heathrow Airport in London at 7.15 pm local time on Saturday.

The delegation left Yangon on Saturday to pay an official visit to the United Kingdom and the United States to attend the 71st United Nations General Assembly.

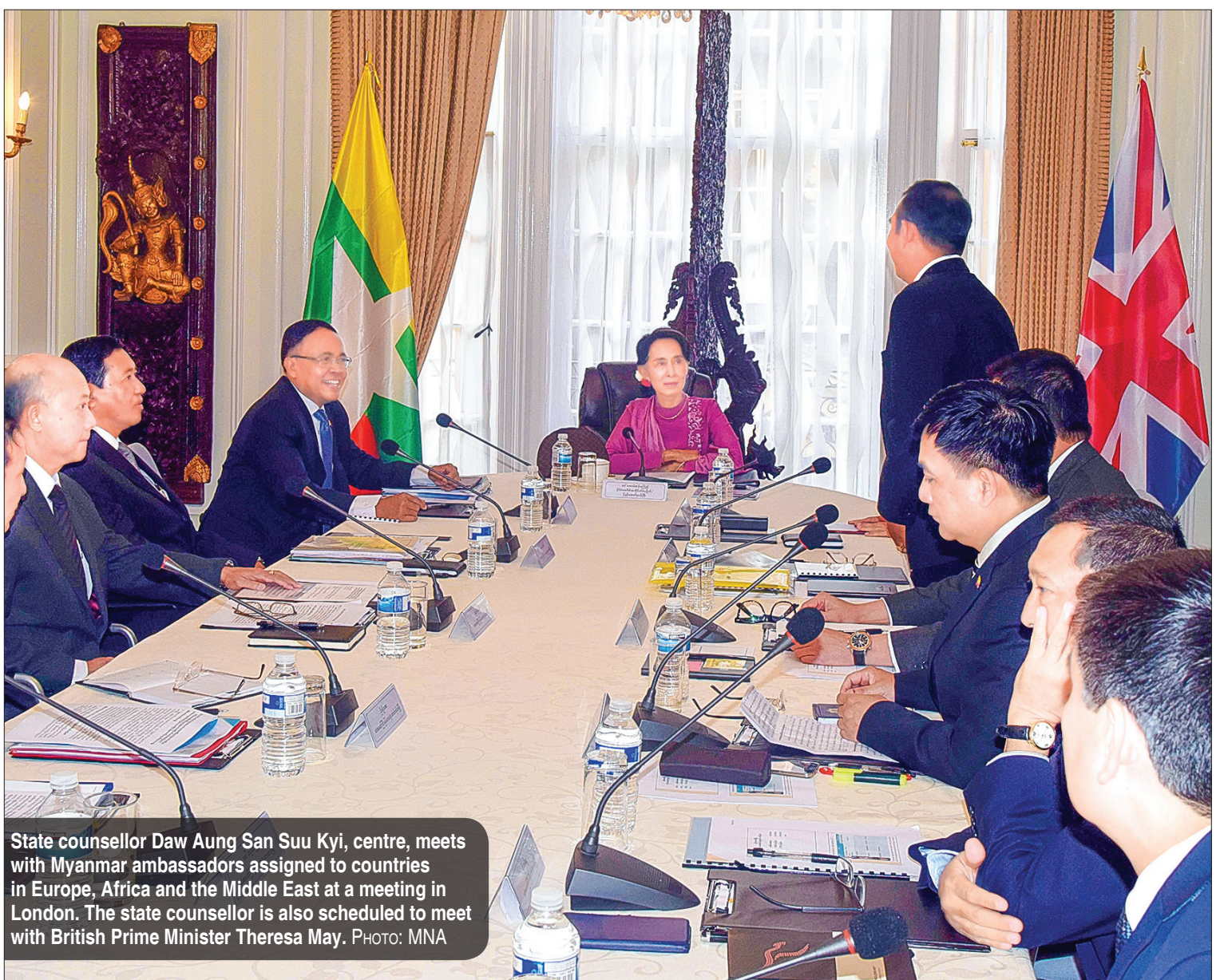
They were welcomed at the airport by Ambassador of Myanmar to UK U Kyaw Swa Min and Ambassador of Britain to Myanmar Mr Andrew Patrick.

The State Counsellor met with 12 Myanmar ambassadors assigned in countries in Europe, the Middle East and Africa yesterday.

During the meeting, the State Counsellor clarified priorities in Myanmar as well as the country's foreign policy, saying that Myanmar has friendly relations with all countries in the world, practicing the non-aligned policy.

She urged the diplomats to give protection to Myanmar citizens in the countries in which they are assigned and to protect the interests of Myanmar. She also clarified undertakings for development of the political, economic and social sectors of the country. In turn, the ambassadors reported on their efforts in their respective countries for bilateral relations and mutual cooperation.

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State counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, centre, meets with Myanmar ambassadors assigned to countries in Europe, Africa and the Middle East at a meeting in London. The state counsellor is also scheduled to meet with British Prime Minister Theresa May. PHOTO: MNA

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Practitioners in Mandalay want to amend Traditional Medicine Council Law

THE current Myanmar Traditional Medicine Council Law needs to be amended because of its numerous loopholes, said Dr Kyaw Thein Htay, the pro-rector of the University of Traditional Medicine in Mandalay.

Plans are underway to submit a proposal relating to the amendment of the existing laws to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (Union Parliament), he added.

Faculty members of the Uni-

versity of Traditional Medicine in Mandalay on Saturday gathered at the university to discuss the amendment of the 16-year-old law.

The current law, which has been in effect since 2000, includes 11 chapters. Almost all chapters need to be amended to promote role of local traditional medical practitioners and protect their rights by amending some outdated provisions.

Views of senior faculty mem-

bers on the issue on rewriting the law have been collected, said Ko Hein Soe Kyaw, a student from the University of Traditional Medicine, who agreed that some changes need be made.

For instance, under the current law, the traditional medicine council comprises 11 members. The number of participants in the council is likely to be increased in the new law, officials said.—Aung Thant Khaing

Myanmar Girls Guides and Scouts honoured

MYANMAR Girls Guides and Scouts Association was honoured for its achievement in increasing its membership by the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

At the recent 12th Asia Pacific Regional Conference in Kathmandu, Nepal that ended on 2 September, Dr Daw Tin Hla Kyi, the Chief of Myanmar Girls Guides and Scouts Association, and Daw Myat Thinzar Tun, the Trainer-In-charge, made a presentation about the progress of the scout sector in Myanmar from 1916 to 2016. —GNLM



Dr Daw Tin Hla Kyi and Daw Myat Thinzar Tun receiving the certificate of honour. PHOTO: KO LATT (MNA)

Mandalay footballers to get their old pitch back

A sports field in downtown Mandalay between 35th and 71st streets, on which currently stands the temporary Mingalar Market, will reportedly be rebuilt once the market has been taken down, according to the Mandalay City Development Committee (MCDC).

The temporary market was erected to provide a place of trading for displaced sellers after the original Mingalar Market burnt

down, while the decision to take down the market comes in a bid to provide young people with a place to play football, together with a current dearth of space to build sports fields in the city. “We consulted with football and sport enthusiasts on utilizing the space to build the market. We had to erect the temporary Mingalar Market here for lack of any alternative locations. Once the market is taken down,

the space will be reused as a sports field,” U Thet Naing Htun, joint secretary of the MCDC, told Myitmakha News Agency. For the meantime, he added that consultations would be made with staff from Mandalay University in a bid to allow football enthusiasts to use the university’s football fields in the time leading up to the dismantling of the temporary market.—Myitmakha News Agency

Fishermen from Bago Region’s Waw Township struggling to make ends meet

FISHERMEN in Bago Region’s Waw Township are struggling to make ends meet after being forbidden from catching fish in local rivers and ponds, their local stomping grounds, residents have expressed to Myitmakha News Agency.

“We’ve been fishing as a means of a livelihood for many years. We don’t try and catch fish in ponds which have been auctioned off, but yet we’ve recently had our nets confiscated from us at whilst fishing in local creeks and fields.

Us poor folk are now left with no place to catch fish,” said U Aung Thauang, a fisherman from Waw Township.

According to the Department of Fisheries, Waw Township boasts a total of 65 ponds which have either been auctioned off or for which a form of tax is being paid.

Since the local creeks fall under part of an area of auctioned-off ponds, it has reportedly rendered the creeks out-of-bounds to small-scale fishermen.

The administrator of Bo U Sein village addressed Bago Region Hluttaw on August 31 stating that roughly 400 local people from five different villages made their living from fishing in local ponds and irrigation chan-

nels, with the banning of fishing activities in these areas having been to the detriment of their livelihoods.

Citing a bid by the current government to eradicate poverty in Myanmar, local fishermen expressed to Myitmakha News Agency that they implore the authorities to provide them with an alternative area to fish so that they can continue to earn a living as they know how.

“The current problem is the revoking by pond owners of the right for local fishermen to fish, not only in officially demarcated ponds, but even in small irrigation channels by the sides of fields which fall up the area of the pond ownership.

It’s augmented the hardships faced by the poor even more,” said U Than Htun, administrator for Bo U Sein village.

According to article 43 of the Fisheries Law, fishing activities are not permitted without being in possession of a rental grant license or permit issued in accordance with the law, while those found to be in violation of article 54(a) of the same law could face a fine of K50,000, a six-month stint in prison, or both.—Myitmakha News Agency

Slips for Hpa-an’s affordable housing project sold off to third parties

ENTITLEMENT slips for units in an affordable housing project to be built in the vicinity of Hpa-an’s Industrial Zone, Kayin State, are already being bought and sold, local real-estate agents have told Myitmakha News Agency.

The ‘slips’, which require the holder to pay off the value of the affordable housing unit with a sum of K30,000 a month over a period of 30 years, reportedly went on sale to those entitled to buy them back on January 26 earlier this year, with payments starting to be made this July.

“The slips are currently fetching K500,000 each. They were issued out in January with the first installments required to be made from July. But those who received the slips resold them after just a couple of months of making payments, citing an array of excuses from not being able to continue to afford installments to being relocated to a different region with work. The market price for the slips includes two months of payments already made,” said Ko Zaw

Lay, a real-estate agent from Hpa-an.

The affordable housing project is comprised of 2,560 studio apartments measuring 20 by 30 feet across a three-story building, and is earmarked for construction nearby the Hpa-an - Hlaingbwe highroad in Nyein Chan Thar Yar San Pya village through the concerted efforts of the Mya Htay Kywe Lin and Infrastructure of Myanmar companies.

The majority of individuals who have purchase housing slips are from Yangon, Hpa-an and the Myanmar - Thai border town of Myawady. Buyers reportedly include those who desire to live in the housing-estate as well as business opportunists who anticipate an increase in value of the housing slips once the project has been fully implemented.

“I live in Myawady. I’ve bought [a slip] so that I can have a base in Hpa-an, allowing me to travel and stay there freely. A sum of just K30,000 a month must be paid, so the housing unit can be

paid-off slowly. I bought my slip for K440,000 with two month’s worth of installment having already been paid on it,” said Ma Nan Thandar, a resident of Myawady.

A member of staff from the Mya Htay Kywe Lin Company, who wished to remain anonymous, told Myitmakha News Agency that he believes the reselling of the slips is due in part to no action being taken by the company against such activities, highlighting a need for all official documentation relating to the slips to be systematically exchanged between buyers and sellers, while the company themselves did not intend for such to happen, issuing out the slips to people through a lucky draw system.

“Of course, it’s something buyers [of the slips] need to check; that they have the contract and receipts for all paid installments. I’m not in a position to say whether the buying and selling [of slips in this manner] is legal or not. Those that have purchased the slips will naturally try and resell them should they encounter any problems.



The affordable housing project in Hpa-an is expected to complete two years after the project launches. PHOTO: MYITMAKHA NEWS AGENCY

There needs to be a level of trust between buyers and sellers,” he said.

But chair of the Mya Htay Kywe Lin Company, U Saw Than Mya spoke confidently on the matter at a public consultation on the housing project’s implementation, which is yet to be confirmed, held in Hpa-an’s City Hall at the start of September, during which he stated that slip holders are entitled to resell their slips as long as it means no disruption or delays to the regular monthly payments of K30,000.

It has been estimated that con-

struction of the Hpa-an’s affordable housing project will take two years, with a tentative completion date of July 2018. The housing project has been divided up with 30 per cent allocated to Myanmar citizens, 40 per cent set aside for regional government staff and civil servants, with the remaining 30 per cent given to the companies responsible for the building of the housing estate. The project is reportedly being implemented on 20 acres of land bought from regional government.—Myitmakha News Agency

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Vice President U Myint Swe delivering a speech at the 13th China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit. PHOTO: MNA



Vice President U Myint Swe visits Guangxi Museum of Nationalities. PHOTO: MNA

Vice President U Myint Swe attended the opening of the 13th China-ASEAN Expo and the China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit at the Nanning International Convention and Exhibition Centre in the southern Chinese city of Nanning yesterday.

China's Vice Premier Mr Zhang Gaoli and heads of the member countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) delivered addresses at the event.

The Chinese vice premier said the cooperation between

China and ASEAN over the past 25 years has grown significantly, leading to the establishment of comprehensive strategic relations among them.

China vowed to promote free trade in the ASEAN region, with trade between the mainland and the bloc reaching US\$472 billion in 2015, a 58 per cent increase from 1991. The Chinese vice premier called for greater pragmatic cooperation in the implementation of the "One Belt, One Road" scheme and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road project to achieve mutual bene-

fits.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, Vice President U Myint Swe described the launch of China-ASEAN Expo as a symbol of greater friendship, trade and social integration between the peoples of China and ASEAN countries.

U Myint Swe called for concerted efforts to build a more integrated China-ASEAN community through the implementation of the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road project, saying that a more unified ASEAN plays a critical role in bridging econom-

ic development gaps among its member nations.

The vice president welcomed China's initiatives in the establishment of the Asian Infrastructure Development Bank, stressing that closer ties between China and ASEAN will yield good returns.

The vice president expressed his belief that the new free trade deal to be signed between China and ASEAN will reach US\$1 trillion in bilateral trade and US\$150 billion in investment.

Vice President U Myint Swe

met correspondents from China's eight news agencies and responded to queries on relations, economy and trade between the two countries.

The vice president visited the Guangxi Museum of Nationalities and the Myanmar Trade and Investment Promotion Centre in Nanning.

In the evening, he visited the Myanmar Consulate, where he met the staff, their families and scholars. After the meeting, he attended a dinner hosted at the consulate.—*Myanmar News Agency*

Defence Services Deputy C-in-C concludes RoK visit

A Myanmar military delegation led by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice Senior General Soe Win arrived Yangon yesterday after paying a visit to the Republic of Korea.

The delegation visited the Defence Expo Korea 2016 held in Kintex, Seoul, South Korea, and

Seung-Jin Training Centre on 9th September.

On 10th September, they visited the Panmunjeom Demilitarized Zone. Deputy Minister of Defence of South Korea Mr Hwang In Moo hosted a luncheon in honour of the Myanmar delegation before they left for Myanmar.—*Myanmar News Agency*



Vice Senior General Soe Win visits Panmunjeom Demilitarized Zone. PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY

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Among the dignitaries were: Myanmar Ambassador to Britain U Kyaw Swa Min; Myanmar Ambassador to France U Han Thu; Myanmar Ambassador to Russia U Tin Yu; Myanmar Ambassador to Germany Daw Yin Yin Myint; Myanmar Ambassador to Italy U Myint Naung; Myanmar Ambassador to Belgium U Paw Lwin Sein; Myanmar Ambassador to Kuwait U Aye Khaing; Myanmar Ambassador to Saudi Arabia U Ko Ko Latt; Myanmar Ambassador to Serbia U Myo Aye; Myanmar Ambassador to Norway Daw Maw Maw; Myanmar Ambassador to Austria U San Lwin and Myanmar Ambassador to Egypt U Myint Lwin. While in London, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi plans to meet British Prime Minister Theresa May before heading to the US, where she is scheduled to meet President Barack Obama, Vice President Joe Biden and members of the US Congress. She is also scheduled to attend the UN General Assembly in New York from September 20 to 26 and meet UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon.—*Myanmar News Agency*

Real-estate augmented out-of-reach for families across Rakhine State

A SURGE in the numbers of land investors in Rakhine State's urban centers has augmented the price of real-estate to such an extent that it is no longer easily affordable by normal working-class families, residents have informed Myitmakha News Agency.

Including the provincial towns in the vicinity of industrial zones such as Sittwe, Kyaukphyu and Ponnagyun, the price of a bog-standard 60 by 40 feet plot of land in Mrauk-U, Minbya and Taungup currently fetches between K30 - 600 million

dependent upon location desirability. "Some plots of land in Sittwe's urban wards are going for about K100 million, while those beside the main road can fetch even more than K600 million. The majority of proprietors utilize their land by opening up banks, hotels or stores on it. The fact that all these land owners are businessmen make's it rather difficult for the next group of people who want to buy property," said U Maung Lu Aye, company director of Great Laywaddy Construction.

Real-estate owners cite manipulation of the market; economic development in large urban centers; rental of land by INGOs and NGOs for the opening of offices; and an influx of wealthy folk from the countryside to towns, as all connected to the exacerbation of land prices.

"The village is bustling with people as it's located by the side of a main road, and is made up of over 1,000 households. The price of a 60 by 40 feet plot of land in the village fetches nothing less than K10 million at the

moment. How will poor families ever be able to live on land they actually own anymore?" U Aung Kyaw Maung, a resident of Ponnagyun Township, told Myitmakha News Agency. The price of land along the side of Yangon - Sittwe highroad which cuts through Sittwe, Ponnagyun, Kyaukdaw, Mrauk-U and Minbya Townships, together with land located in the vicinity of Special Economic Zones, is reportedly continuing to sharply increase in price.—*Myitmakha News Agency*

Efforts made to hold biannual MMA bouts in Myanmar

THE Myanmar Letkamaung Company is reportedly making plans to hold two mixed martial arts (MMA) competitions in Myanmar every year.

The Myanmar Letkamaung Company will reportedly join forces with the One Champion Group, currently organizing MMA competitions in the country, to hold at least two every year.

“We’re working to hold at least two competitions a year. The number of Myanmar Lethwei fighters that actually bout is few. It’s only the famous fighters that get such an opportunity, as the rookies and amateurs have to prioritize their time to earning a living. The primary objective of our initiative is to give more opportunity for other Lethwei fighters to bout,” U Zay Thiha, from the Myanmar Letkamaung

Company, told Myitmakha News Agency.

The MMA competition is a sport which uses techniques from a cross-section of different martial arts from across the globe. Dissimilar from traditional forms of Myanmar martial arts, such as Lethwei, mixed martial arts bouts are full-contact and fought inside a steel cage.

“Yeah, I think it’s good what they’re proposing,” says professional Myanmar Lethwei fighter and national champion, Htun Htun Min, “Something should be done to raise awareness of the sport [MMA] among people in Myanmar.”

MMA competitions are currently broadcast around the world to audiences of over a million from over 115 different countries. —Myitmakha News Agency

It’s official: Mingalar Market to be rebuilt

THE fire damaged Mingalar Market, located in Yangon’s Mingalar Taungnyunt Township, will be completely rebuilt from scratch once the rainy season has drawn to a close, the Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC) has announced.

“The Minister [of Yangon] has informed us of the plans. There is a design for the new Mingalar Market. The current standing market will be rapidly torn down with the new market to be built in its place without delay,” stated YCDC committee member, Daw Than Myint Aung.

The statement was made during a meeting convened at City Hall on September 5 between YCDC committee members Daw Than Myint Aung and Daw May May Thway together with 27 representatives of shopkeepers from the current Mingalar Market.

The decision to rebuild the market comes in part from a vote held on May 16 to gauge whether

the collective desire of shopkeepers favoured complete reconstruction or renovation to the current building, with the results revealing a higher percent in favour of the market being reconstructed. The rebuilding of the market will reportedly take between 15-18 months, longer than if it was renovated, which would have taken just one year.

It has been anticipated that shop units measuring 49 square feet will be built, in lieu of the current narrow 25 square foot units which comprise the fire damaged market, in a bid to mitigate against the blocking of passageways by shop stock which is reportedly a regular cause headaches for both shoppers and deliverymen.

“[Current] shop units are 25 square feet. The passageways are also narrow. Shop owners habitually dump their stock by the side of their unit at times when they don’t have enough space inside to store it,” Daw Than Myint Aung

told Myitmakha News Agency. “The bustle of sellers, buyers and deliverymen means it gets very cramped. For sure, the shop units in the new market need to be at least 49 square feet. But if would be even better if they were even more spacious than that.” The expansion in size of shop units to 49 square each could see the building hit seven floors, while the narrow shop units of the current market reportedly caused undesirable hindrances in putting out the blaze.

“[The rebuilding of the market] is the effort of the state. Of course, we’ll take what their giving. There’s no doubt we’ll be assigned a top floor shop unit since they will all be wider; how could we possible acquire a full shop unit on the ground floor? Apparently, building work will commence with the onset of the winter season,” said U Ye Myint, a representative of shopkeepers from the fourth floor of Mingalar Market. —Myitmakha News Agency

Crime NEWS

Truck overturns on Yangon-Mandalay Road

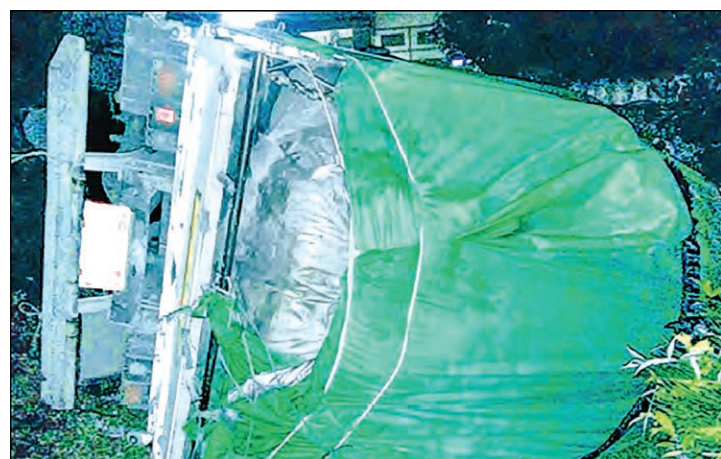
There were no serious injuries when a vehicle overturned Saturday on the old Yangon-Mandalay highway near Kyaukdaga Township in Bago Region, according to police.

A cargo truck loaded with bags of onions being driven by Zeya Lin, 28, en route from Mandalay to Yangon, skidded and overturned between mile posts Nos. 114/6 and 114/7 at

around 5 a.m. after the driver lost control of his vehicle, police said.

The right side of the truck was badly damaged after the single-car accident, but the driver escaped with minor injuries.

Action is being taken against the careless driver by local police. —Khin Ko (Kyaukdaga)



The overturned truck being seen. PHOTO: KHIN KO (KYAUKDAGA)

Yaba pills worth K360 million seized in Myawady border town

THREE men on Friday were arrested by police after they were found in possession of a large cache of yaba pills in Myawady, a border town between Myanmar and Thailand.

Acting on a tip-off, an anti-drug squad searched Sai Nwet Hsai Lon at the corner of Chitkyiyaya Hsihsai Street and Bayintnaung Street in Ward-4 in Myawady. Police discovered 90,000 yaba pills worth approximately K27 million.

According to the police investigation, two other people were arrested on the same day near the town’s monastery after police found about K90 million worth of yaba tablets in their possession.

The three suspects were involved in the case— Sai Nwet Hsai Lon, Sai Htoo and Sai Lon—are facing charges under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. —Tin Win Hlaing (Kawkeyik)

Illegal group arrested for gambling

Eighteen people were charged with illegal gambling on Friday in Mandalay Region, police reported yesterday.

After a tip-off to police from a member of the public, police raided a house owned by Win Min Than, 39, of Ward-A in Pyigyidagun Township, where authorities found 17 others involved in illegal gambling in the form of card games. Found on the premises was K2.4 million and gambling-related accessories

All those present were arrested. —Ko Ye



Gamblers seen with the stake. PHOTO: KO YE

Three arrested for snatch-and-run robbery

THREE men suspected with snatch-and-run robberies in Yangon were arrested by local police on Friday, thanks in part to social media users who wrote on Facebook about the case that included strong evidence.

After the tip-off, police

searched and arrested the three men—Ko Zin (aka Nyi Nyi Paing), Hla Min (aka Chit Min Oo) and Arka (aka Arka Oo) — who were found at a tea shop in North Okkalapa Township in Yangon.

According to the police in-

vestigation, it was found that the suspects allegedly committed several cases of theft, robbery and burglary in townships including Thakayta, Dagon Myothit (North and South), North Okkalapa, Yankin, Thingangyun and Mingaladon townships. —Kyemon

Illegal raw jade transporter seized in Nawnghkio

ACTING on a tip, police officers on Friday inspected a car en route from Mandalay at the Oriental toll gate on Mandalay-Lashio Road and discovered multiple kilograms of uncut jade rock.

The transporter, Ton Paung (aka Ko Sai), 30, was charged under the Myanmar Gemstone Law for illegally transferring raw gemstones. According to investigators, the suspect was carrying 114 gemstones weighing 228.6087 kilograms in his vehicle and was unable to prove ownership.

Police are still investigating the case. —Soe Win (Nawnghkio)



Ton Paung (a) Ko Sai seen together with raw jade stones seized. PHOTO: SOE WIN (NAWNGHKIO)

LOCAL Business

Reduction in cost of poultry feed could possibly result in decrease of chicken price

THE price of chicken is likely to decrease if the cost of poultry feed is reduced, said Dr. Kyaw Win, the chairman of Myanmar Poultry Business Association.

Poultry feed is 70 per cent of the cost in poultry farming, officials said. Other costs include 17 per cent for breeding chicks, 8 per cent for labour and 5 per cent for medicine.

The illegal inflow of chicken also affects the chicken market. This year, the price of chicken has been unstable due to the rise in the cost of breeding chicks and the illegal inflow of chicken

into the domestic market.

The illegal chicken import through border channels adversely affects the poultry farming sector.

The suspension of the mobile inspection teams resulted in the increased flow of illegal chicken imports, according to the chicken breeders.

To enhance the development of the poultry business, swift action must be taken against the illegal importers. A government subsidy is also required in this sector to ensure a strong market, it is learnt. —200



A chicken farm in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon being seen.
PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE

Myanmar-Thailand border trade reached almost \$500 million in first five months

TRADING between Myanmar and Thailand via border trade camps was worth nearly US\$500 million over the past five months, according to the Department of Trade.

The trade value through the two borders has increased by over \$100 million compared to the same period last year.

Between April and early September this year, the total border trade value of the two countries reached \$499.861, including trading of over \$340 million worth of products from the Myawady Border Trade Camp.

To promote trade between the two nations, border trade camps including Tachilek, Myawady, Kawthaung, Myeik,

Nabule/Htikhi and Mawtaung have been opened on the Myanmar side.

Myanmar mostly exports agricultural products, animal products, mining materials, forest and fishery products to its trade partners. Myanmar's neighbouring countries import personal goods, raw materials and capital goods.

Myanmar has inked cross-border trade agreements with Thailand, India, China and Bangladesh. The trading process has been carried out through 15 trade camps with those countries.

Plans are underway to further expand the border trade camps at strategic areas along the borders.—*Kyu Kyu*

Indonesia bulk buying rice

INDONESIA has agreed to buy 300,000 tonnes of rice from Myanmar, according to officials from the Myanmar Rice Federation.

Myanmar has 500,000 tonnes of rice ready for export to foreign countries. Indonesia has entered into an agreement to buy more than half of that amount, it is learnt from the federation.

Myanmar mainly exports low quality rice to foreign countries at US\$330 per tonne. During four months of this fiscal

year, Myanmar has exported 400,000 tonnes of rice to foreign countries which is a decline of over 200,000 from the same period of the last fiscal year.

China buys 80 per cent of the exported Myanmar rice, officials said. From 21st to 27th August, 654 tonnes of Aemahta (low-quality rice) and 950 tonnes of parboiled rice were exported to European Union countries whereas 2,300 tonnes of Aemahta was exported to China, it is learnt.—200

48 shops in Mandalay fined for failing to place commercial tax stamps on vouchers

FROM 1 April to 22 August this year, Mandalay Region Internal Revenue Department fined 48 shops for failing to put commercial tax stamps on their vouchers, said its Assistant Director U Kyaw Aung Moe.

The department collected tax revenues of K88,488 and K13.1 million in fines.

"Every country in the world collects taxes. We have to take action against those who fail to

abide by the laws. The country's tax revenue will increase if people pay their taxes correctly," U Kyaw Aung Moe said.

In an effort to crack down on tax cheats, U Kyaw Aung Moe said members of the public will be rewarded for turning in tax offenders. "Among the tax avoiders are hotels and restaurants, he said. "Consumers can inform the IRD about it and enjoy 10 per cent of the fine." U Thein Htaik

Oo, a tour guide said: "I pay taxes as I want to be a dutiful citizen. Some restaurants put tax stamps on their vouchers. I report it to the IRD if the shop fails to do it. Lack of effective action may lead to less trust in it." Since 1 May, 2015, the IRD has collected commercial taxes. From 1 May to 31 March, the department fined 166 restaurants and eight hotels, earning K42.1 million in fine.—*Aung Thant Khaing*

Extractive industry to be permitted under a limit

TIMBER production will be permitted under certain restrictions in the coming fiscal year, despite the suspension of logging in the forestry sector during this fiscal year, according to the Ministry of Natural Resource and Environmental Conservation.

Timber production was forced to come to a halt this year, resulting from excessive deforestation in previous years. But officials said timber production will be resumed under limited permits next year, so as not

to make those who are engaged in this industry to suffer from a shortage of raw materials. The volume of extraction will be reduced, said U Kyaw Zaw, from the Ministry of Natural Resource and Environmental Conservation.

The ministry will exert a sustained effort at reforestation and conservation in the forests across Myanmar, it is learnt.

There are three schemes concerning the timber extractive industry. The first one is that

timber production is permitted every two years to fulfill the requirements of raw materials for the value-added export product. The second scheme allows timber production only for self-sufficiency. The last allowance is for the import of products substituting wood to fulfill the local requirements for raw materials. The private sector is required to help in the reforestation, said Dr. Sein Win, the chairman of the Myanmar Timber Entrepreneurs Association.—200

Tourism bank to open to provide credit

PLANS are currently being made for the opening of Tourism Banks in Yangon and the capital, Naypyidaw, the Myanmar Tourism Federation (MTF) has told Myit-makha News Agency.

The initiative comes in a bid to provide businesses in the tourism sector with credit loans which are currently otherwise uneasily obtainable.

"Companies operating restaurants and hotels can't borrow money from banks. Construction companies and factories, however, can apply to banks for credit. Upon presentation of the idea to the Minister for Hotels and Tourism during the erstwhile administration, we told him how the founding of a such bank for our industry would be beneficial,"

said U Maung Maung Swe, vice chair of the MTF. The establishment of a Tourism Bank would prioritize the lending of credit to those working within the tourism industry, while the excess finances received from running banking operations would then reportedly be used to provide loans to enterprises in different sectors.—*Myit-makha News Agency*

Huge potential for China-ASEAN cooperation: Cambodian PM

NANNING — China and ASEAN have huge potential for cooperation given the ASEAN Community's robust demand, said Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Techo Hun Sen on Sunday.

The ASEAN Community, a market with more than 600 million people, has strong demand for power, information technology, agriculture and scientific research, said Hun Sen at the opening ceremony of the 13th China-ASEAN Expo on Sunday in south China's Nanning City.

To realise sustainable and inclusive growth, ASEAN needs the participation of all dialogue partners, espe-

cially China, he said.

Cambodia values cooperation with countries within and outside the region. It will continue to pursue a diversified economy and open its market wider for further integration with ASEAN, said Hun Sen.

"We care about connectivity in fields including infrastructure, institutions and people-to-people exchange," said the Cambodian prime minister.

ASEAN will make it a priority to push construction of cross-border infrastructure, which covers investment in telecommunications, transportation networks and power, he said.—Xinhua

Thailand finds 21 new cases of Zika in Bangkok, including pregnant woman

BANGKOK — Twenty-one new cases of locally-transmitted Zika virus have been confirmed in central Bangkok, including a pregnant woman who later gave birth with no complications, Thailand's public health ministry said on Sunday.

Residents in the Thai capital were urged not to be alarmed after the cases were confirmed in the Sathorn area of the city, an up-market neighbourhood popular with the city's expatriate

community and part of the capital's business district.

"Of the 21 cases confirmed in the Sathorn area there was one pregnant woman who recovered and gave birth successfully," Ministry of Public Health spokesman Suwannachai Wattanayingcharoenchai told Reuters by telephone.

"Mother and newborn are safe," he said, adding that the pregnant woman's husband had recently returned from Singapore.

Thailand first recorded

the Zika virus in 2012 and the Bangkok Metropolitan Authority conducts regular testing for the virus.

The new Thai cases follow confirmation from Malaysia on Wednesday of its first case of the Zika virus in a pregnant woman, a 27-year-old living in a southern city next to Singapore.

Island city-state Singapore reported its first locally infected Zika patient on 27 August and since then, the number of reported infec-

tions has swelled to more than 300.

Zika infections in pregnant women have been shown to cause microcephaly, a severe birth defect in which the head and brain are undersized, besides other brain abnormalities.

Suwannachai said that 30 pregnant women with Zika were being monitored in Thailand. So far, six of the women had given birth without complications or any birth defects.

Sixteen out of Thailand's 76 provinces have confirmed cases of Zika since January this year, according to the health ministry, but no birth defects or deaths have been reported.

"There have been no deaths or complications so far, so I urge our brothers and sisters not to be alarmed," said Suwannachai.

Although microcephaly is typically detected during ultrasounds in the late second and early third trimester of pregnancy, it can be detected as early as 18-20 weeks gestation, according to the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention—Reuters



A worker fumigates the area to control the spread of mosquitoes in Bangkok, Thailand, on 12 February, 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Militant suspected in Bangladesh cafe attack killed himself, police say

DHAKA — A suspected militant believed by Bangladesh police to have been among the planners of a July cafe attack that killed 22 people killed himself during a police raid on a hideout in the capital, police said on Sunday.

The July attack in Dhaka's diplomatic quarter was claimed by the Middle Eastern jihadist group Islamic State and was one of the most brazen in Bangladesh, hit by a spate of killings of liberals and members of religious minorities in the past year.

The government has pinned the blame on domestic militant groups, but secu-

rity experts say the scale and sophistication of the incident suggest links to a trans-national Islamist network.

National police chief Shahidul Hoque said the dead man, identified as Abdul Karim, was suspected to be one of the planners of the cafe attack, and to have rented a flat for the militants who carried it out.

"He killed himself inside the flat so that we can't collect information from him through interrogation," another official, Sanwar Hossain, told reporters on Sunday, without elaborating. Police, who had earlier said they shot the man during Saturday's raid on the

hideout, gave no reason for the change.

Three women who were wounded and arrested in the raid also tried to kill themselves, Hossain added.

Five officers from the police counter-terrorism unit were wounded when women militants attacked them with chili powder, explosives and knives, police have said.

One of the women could have been the wife of a man killed last week in a shootout with police and believed to have trained the cafe attackers, police said.

Police have killed more than two dozen suspected militants in shootouts since the July attack, including

its presumed mastermind, Bangladesh-born Canadian citizen Tamim Ahmed Chowdhury.

The United States believes elements of Islamic State are "connected" to operatives in Bangladesh, US Secretary of State John Kerry said during a visit to Dhaka last month.

The targeting of foreigners — nine Italians, seven Japanese, an American and an Indian were among those killed — could hurt foreign investment in the poor South Asian economy, whose \$28-billion garments export industry is the world's second largest.—Reuters

Brunei airline bans onboard use of fire-prone Samsung phones

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN — Brunei's flag carrier Royal Brunei (RB) Airlines has banned the use of fire-prone Samsung Galaxy Note 7 phones on its flights following a global recall on the devices over battery problems.

"In light of recent con-

cerns raised about Samsung Galaxy Note 7 devices," RB Airlines stated in a notice posted on its website late Saturday night, "with immediate effect passengers are strongly advised not to switch on or charge these devices onboard the aircraft."

The national carrier said Samsung Galaxy Note 7 phones are also prohibited from carriage in checked-in baggage. Brunei's Department of Civil Aviation also confirmed to local media that the Samsung Galaxy Note 7 phones are prohibited from being used in other airlines

that fly from the Brunei International Airport, including AirAsia and Malaysia Airlines. The South Korean smartphone maker last week suspended sales of the handsets and issued the recall on 2 September after a number of phones reportedly burned while charging.—Xinhua

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North Korea says sanctions push after nuclear test 'laughable'

TOKYO/SEOUL — North Korea said on Sunday a push for further sanctions following its fifth and biggest nuclear test was “laughable”, and vowed to continue to strengthen its nuclear power.

The isolated state on Friday set off its most powerful nuclear explosion to date, saying it had mastered the ability to mount a warhead on a ballistic missile, ratcheting up a threat that its rivals and the United Nations have been powerless to contain.

A US special envoy met with Japanese officials on Sunday and said later the United States may launch unilateral sanctions against North Korea, echoing comments by US President Barack Obama on Friday in the wake of the test.

“The group of Obama’s running around and talking about meaningless sanctions until today is highly laughable, when their ‘strategic patience’ policy is completely worn out and they are close to packing up to move out,” state-run KCNA news agency cited a North Korean foreign ministry spokesman as saying in a statement later on Sunday.

“As we’ve made clear, measures to strengthen the national nuclear power in quality and quantity will continue to protect

our dignity and right to live from augmented threats of nuclear war from the United States,” KCNA added.

The UN Security Council denounced North Korea’s decision to carry out the test and said it would begin work immediately on a resolution. The United States, Britain and France pushed for the 15-member body to impose new sanctions.

Obama said after speaking by telephone with South Korean President Park Geun-hye and with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on Friday that they had agreed to work with the Security Council and other powers to vigorously enforce existing measures and to take “additional significant steps, including new sanctions”.

“We will be working very closely in the Security Council and beyond to come up with the strongest possible measure against North Korea’s latest actions,” said US envoy Kim on Sunday.

“In addition to action in the Security Council, both the US and Japan, together with the Republic of Korea, will be looking at unilateral measures, as well as bilateral measures, as well as possible trilateral cooperation,” he



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un is pictured during a test-fire of strategic submarine-launched ballistic missile in this undated photo released by North Korea’s Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) in Pyongyang, on 25 August 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

said, referring to South Korea by its official name.

South Korea’s top nuclear envoy also spoke to his Chinese counterpart late on Saturday by telephone and emphasized the need for fresh countermeasures including a new UN security council resolution during their

call, the South Korean foreign ministry said in a statement.

South Korea said on Saturday that the latest test showed North Korea’s nuclear capability was expanding fast and that North Korean leader Kim Jong Un was unwilling to alter course.

Another KCNA report on

Sunday said North Koreans were “delighted” by the nuclear test.

“The enemies can no longer deny the strategic position of our country as a nuclear weapons state,” Jong Won Sop, a teacher at the University of National Economy, was quoted as saying. —Reuters

Japan, US seek ‘strongest possible’ measures against North Korea

TOKYO — Top envoys from Japan and the United States agreed to seek the “strongest possible measures” against North Korea on Sunday, two days after the reclusive state conducted its fifth nuclear test in the face of global opposition.

“We will be working together very closely in the (UN) Security Council and beyond to come out with the strongest possible measures against North Korea’s actions,” Sung Kim, US special representative for North Korea policy told reporters following his meeting with Kenji Kanasugi, director general of the Japanese Foreign Ministry’s Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau in Tokyo.

Kim added that the two countries will also look at unilateral measures, bilateral measures and trilateral cooperation with South Korea in response to “provocative and unacceptable behavior by the North Koreans.”

The US special envoy on North Korea is visiting Japan and South Korea through Tuesday following the nuclear test and recent ballistic missile launches.

Kim did not elaborate on the measures, saying, “We don’t have any specific measures to announce today but I can assure that both the United States and



Kenji Kanasugi (L), director general of the Japanese Foreign Ministry’s Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau, shakes hands with Sung Kim, US special representative for North Korea policy, ahead of their talks at the ministry in Tokyo on 11 September 2016. The two envoys agreed to seek the “strongest possible measures” against North Korea, two days after the reclusive state conducted its fifth nuclear test in the face of global opposition. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

Japan are looking at full range of possibilities in terms of unilateral actions that can be implemented.”

Following the nuclear test by North Korea, the UN Security Council convened an emergency meeting Friday, where they vowed to promptly work on “appropriate measures” in response to the isolated country’s actions,

including a reference to a possible sanctions resolution.

“There is a strong commitment in the Security Council that we must come up with strongest possible response as quickly as possible. We are just getting started with that process so I think it’s too quick to predict the exact timeline at this juncture,” Kim said.—Kyodo News

China, Russia naval drill in South China Sea to begin Monday

BEIJING — China and Russia will hold eight days of naval drills in the South China Sea off southern China’s Guangdong province starting from Monday, China’s navy said.

The exercises come at a time of heightened tension in the contested waters after an arbitration court in The Hague ruled in July that China did not have historic rights to the South China Sea and criticised its environmental destruction there.

China rejected the ruling and refused to participate in the case.

The “Joint Sea-2016” exercise will feature surface ships, submarines, fixed-wing aircraft, ship-borne helicopters and marines, the Chinese navy said in a statement on Sunday on its official microblog.

The two countries will carry out defence, rescue and anti-submarine operations, as well as “island seizing” and other activities, it added.

Marines will participate in live-fire drills, island defence and landing operations in what will be the largest operation ever taken together by the two countries’ navies, the statement said.

China announced that it had

called the “routine” naval exercise in July, saying the drills were aimed at strengthening co-operation and not aimed at any other country. China and Russia are veto-wielding members of the UN Security Council, and have held similar views on many major issues such as the crisis in Syria, often putting them at odds with the United States and Western Europe.

Last year, they held joint military drills in the Sea of Japan and the Mediterranean.

China claims most of the South China Sea, through which more than \$5 trillion of trade moves annually. Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan and Viet Nam have rival claims.

China has repeatedly blamed the United States for stoking tension in the region through its military patrols, and of taking sides in the dispute.

The United States has sought to assert its right to freedom of navigation in the South China Sea with its patrols and denies taking sides in the territorial disputes. Russia has been a strong backer of China’s stance on the arbitration case, which was brought by the Philippines.—Reuters

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An unspoken part of human capital development

Kyaw Thura

A local business tycoon had a conversation with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi long before the 2015 election. He has maintained a close connection not only with the previous government but also with the incumbent one.

"I heard people say your National League for Democracy is short of people with intellectual capacity," said the tycoon to the party's chairperson.

"Do you by any chance know who's who in the party?" she asked him without a pause.

"No one else but the people here in this country" was his quick response.

"For your information, the people of our country have long been deprived of the opportunity to build and enhance their capacity. We have no choice but to form the party with them," she enlightened him about the background of the situation.

It struck the local business tycoon what he should do and how the private institutions could support the government in its democratic reforms by helping it improve its own mechanisms.

The entire intellectuals of our society must come together to make generous efforts in their areas of expertise by lending a helping hand to the government in its democratic reforms to improve socio-economic development.

All things considered, the need for capacity building at all levels of society merits urgent attention as well as special mention. The government must make the best possible use of private assistance because this undertaking is too enormous to handle alone.

Donors invited to renovate Bagan Pagoda

WELL-wishers home and abroad are invited to donate cash to the funds for the repair and renovation of the damaged ancient religious structures in Bagan and NyaungU areas.

A 6.8 magnitude earthquake, centring 12 miles west of Chauk in Magway Region, struck the country's historic site of cultural heritage on 24 August.

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Yey Khin Taw Pwe Thabin of the month Tawthalin

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Y EY Khin Taw Pwe Thabin is Royal Regatta Display Festival annually held in the month of Tawthalin [September] by Myanmar Kings. It is one of Myanmar 12 traditional monthly festivals around Myanmar Lunar Calendar.

Here the two water related activities of Myanmar people deserve explanation so as to differentiate them. Myanmar word Khin (ခင်း) means "to display". But Myanmar word Kin (ကင်း) means "to patrol". We Myanmar people have Myanmarised some English words. English word "patrol" was Myanmarised as patayaung (ပတ်တရောင့်). So we now use Myanmar own word kin (ကင်း) as ကင်းစောင့်, ကင်းလှည့် ရေကင်း or use Myanmarised Patayaung as ပတ်တရောင့်လှည့် ပတ်တရောင့်စောင့်. But regarding water patrol we still use our own Myanmar word Yey Kin a&uif;

Yey Kin is water patrol. All Myanmar Capital Cities [Nay Pyi Taw] were walled and encircled by moats with bridges on all four sides. For Security and defense reasons, patrol boats were kept day and night in the moat so that no enemy could swim across the moat to try to enter the walled capital city. These patrol boats had musical bands to keep patrols always alert. The band played Yey Kin music and songs.

Yey Khin Taw Pwe Thabin, only in the month of Tawthalin every year which Myanmar kings held to display his naval strength, followed by boat and all water crafts races.

Myanmar being an amphibious country with substantial terrestrial and aquatic bodies and a long sea coast line is bound to develop both land and water defenses since the earliest time of kingdom. Though Myanmar chronicles and literature randomly mention four features of Myanmar Army such as

- (1) The Elephantry
- (2) The Cavalry
- (3) The Chariotry and
- (4) The Infantry

in accordance with the Buddha's Jataka Stories, none inscriptions and other epigraphs as well as Myanmar visual and performing arts have kept records of Myanmar water and land military strengths as Yey Ah and Kyi Ah (ရေအား တွင်းအား) Yey Kyaung (ရေကြောင်း) and Kyi Kyaung (တွင်းကြောင်း). Even for a grand parade or royal progress display of both water and land forces always kept company with the king.

The month Tawthalin is calm and pleasant given a regular

climatic condition. The monsoon is receding but all aquatic bodies are still brimful. Hence an old Myanmar saying says 'တော်သလင်း၊ မြစ်တွင်းသင်းဖြူခင်း' [In Tawthalin, water surface in the river looks like a mat spread out —no waves, only ripples. So it is a favorable month to hold the festival of Royal Regatta and boat races. In the ambient surroundings charged with the fragrance of Yin mar flowers [Chukrasia Tabularis] which is the designated flower of this month, annual royal r regatta festival and traditional boat races were held without fail by Myanmar Kings and people.

In one of Myanmar chronicles titled "Konbaung Set Maha Yazawun taw Kyi" the last Myanmar king, King Thibaw's [1878-1885 A.D] royal regatta festival was recorded as follows:-

"On the 11th Waxing moon of Tawthalin, nobles and high officials came out to the shore of the River Ayeyawaddy on the western direction of the Golden Palace, to make arrangements for the celebration of the annual Regatta and boat race festival".

Min Gyi Min Htin Maha Sithu, Deputy Minister and lord of Wet Ma Sut Town- three of them took the change of preparations for boat races. The first boat had no match to compete with. So it was kept aside.

Next two pairs turned up- Let Ywe Gyi and Let Thit Hlaw Ka Taw Gyi in one pair and Pyi Long Ant and Ywe Gyi in another pair. They ran the race. Later the following boats came up in sequence in the racing line- 12 Hlaw Ka Taw Gyi boats, 22 Hlaw Ka Taw boats such as Paleik Shwe Khe, Asey Khan Taung Lone, Pwe Taing Kyaw, Htwet Taing Ya; 28 rowing boats such as Shwe Tone, Min San, Taung Lone Hmaing, Shwe Laung Gyi, Yin Pone, Mingala Yan Hnin, Kho Taung Shwe

Khe; 29 Laung Taw boats such as Thone Lu Tauk Pa, Thone Lu Pu Zaw, etc...45 war boats belonging to Royal Gunnery, various Hlaw Ka Taw boats belonging to the nobles, ministers and high officials".

"On the 13th waxing moon, ships such as Setkya Yin Pyan, the sea voyager, Yatana Yin Thar, Yatana Yin Pyan, Setkya Yan Hlwin, 3 riverine ships competed. Finally the two rowing boats Kho Taung Shwe Khe and Mingala Yan Hnin had second round of race because objections were raised when Mingala Yan Hnin was defeated in the first round held previous day. With the royal permit, these two boats competed second round in which Mingala Yan Hnin plucked the flower of victory. So ended the Royal Regatta and boat races".

Regarding the royal regatta Myanmar chronicles, literature, visual and performing arts have fully recorded. Among them, one literary piece titled "Yatoke Than Youk Maw Kun" composed by one Poet Laureate named Nawade the second of late Konbaung Period of Myanmar history graphically gave the account of the grand royal regatta held by King Bagyidaw in honour of the Chinese Embassy on an official arrival to his Capital.

Mawkun is a kind of poetic composition which records an event or events of historic importance Nawade the second was reputed for his literary talent. He composed 14 Maw Kuns and 6 Ratus.

Myanmar and China exchanged diplomatic missions, with complimentary gifts and religious relics since the time of Pyu Kings of Myanmar and Chinese emperors of T'ang Dynasty. Both countries kept this customary practice as their time honored tradition. During the reign of King Bagyidaw [1819-1837 A.D] one Chinese embassy from Beijing arrived bringing credentials and

royal gifts to be presented to King Bagyidaw who accorded a grand red carpet reception to the Chinese State Guests. A magnificent Regatta was held in their honour. Grand titles were conferred upon them in addition to priceless presents by Myanmar Kings. On return, Myanmar Embassy was sent with them to the Court of Beijing with royal letters and gifts. Equal treatment was accorded to Myanmar Embassy. A grand Gala of Fireworks was held for 5 nights and sumptuous banquets were held in honour of Myanmar embassy. When Myanmar embassy arrived back to Nay pyi taw of King Bagyidaw, all members of the mission were awarded with titles, promotions and gifts.

All these events were recorded in 62 stanzas of Yatoke Than Yauk Mawkun which A was submitted to King Bagyitaw in February 1823 A.D. The royal regatta was described in poetic language in the stanzas 16 to 28. From them we can glean and learn that the following are different water crafts of different ranks and categories that participate, in the Royal Regatta and boat races:-

Ceremonial Barges and Boat in order of Yey Khin Taw Protocol.

1. Pyi Gyi Mun
2. Karaweit
3. Nawara
4. Thonen Lu Pu Zaw
5. Lin Zin
6. Pa Thone
7. Pyi Kone
8. Thara Bu
9. Loka Beik Hman
10. Dwa Laung
11. Thuwa
12. Than Thu Mara
13. Manoke Thiha
14. Naga Deva
15. Thatkadan
16. Lwan Kyin
17. Tharaka
18. E Kin
19. Thara Beik Hman

20. Kama Kaw
21. Thin Kanet
22. Hlaw Ka Taw Gyi
23. Ginga Zeya Hlaw Ka Taw
24. Kaw Ka Nuda
25. Thu Yaung
26. Kein nari
27. Kein nara
28. Pyinsa Yupa
29. Thatta Yupa
30. Nawa Yupa
31. Datha Yupa
32. Dwa Datha Yupa
33. Thone Lu Tauk Pa
34. Tala Hein
35. Shwe Tone
36. Shwe Nan Sin

War Boats

1. Ya Naing Hlaw Ka Taw
2. Phone Taw Naing
3. Pyi Lone Ya
4. Thuya Nga Gyin
5. Set Naya Shwe
6. Min Taya Set Kyi
7. Pegu Naing-gan
8. Sit Hlyin Aung
9. Thu Ye Tu Lut
10. Ye Hlyant Kyaw
11. Ye Mun Taung
12. Pyi Lone Naing
13. In Byaw
14. In Ma
15. Taungoo In Ma
16. Zimme In Ma
17. Pyay In Ma
18. Bye Ta Yaw
19. Thu Ye Kyaw
20. Sit Hlyin In Ma
21. Sit Hlyin In Ma
22. Kyae Khaung
23. Kaung Myit Sit
24. Ye Sit
25. Marabin Hlaw Ka Taw
26. Pyi Lone Yu
27. Thu Ye Pala Hwet
28. Zala Ka Pin
29. Am. Lone
30. Phone Taw Naing-gan

Racing Boats

1. Let Thin
2. Let Ywe
3. Pyi Lone Ant
4. Ywe Kyi

5. Pyi Lone Kyaw
6. Pwe Taing Kyaw
7. Pwe Lone Tin
8. Twe Taing Aung
9. Pwe Taing Aung
10. Myit Taing Naing
11. Twe Taing Win
12. In Pyaw
13. In Pyaw
14. Tha Lwin Pyu
15. Kyaw
16. Htwet Taing Ya
17. Pyaing Taing Ya
18. Lu Lin Kyaw
19. Kat Thu
20. Ku Root
21. Than pan
22. Lone Pyi
23. Shwe Laung
24. Pyi Lone Ya

Pyi Kyi Mon Royal Barge which led the ceremonial barges and boats in the order of Yey Khin Taw [Royal Regatta] Protocol was the largest double barge on which the Lion Throne hall of the King was constructed under the roof topped with 7 tier pyatthat [canopy], the symbol of sovereignty. There on that throne Their Majesties were seated in full state regalia when the regatta was in ceremonial procession. The Pyi Kyi Mon Barge was not only rowed by uniformly dressed rowers on either side but also pulled gracefully by two boats on its either side. The speed and the movements of the rowers must be in harmony with the music and song of Royal Boat Music and Songs ရေခင်း တော်သံနှင့်သီချင်း. The modes of the movement of rowing numbered 37 in the order of 7 tone musical scale. Special songs Eh, An, Luta အဲ၊ အန်၊ လွှတ်ဘူး were composed by royal composers for this occasion and ceremony. They were awarded handsomely at the conclusion of the Regatta.

On pages 74-76 of Shwebon Nidan by Zeya Thein Khaya, 37 different styles of oarsman ship were described as follows: -

Obeisance to Lord Buddha
March of Golden Laung Boat
Start of Golden Laung Boat
Line of Golden Barge
Pick up oars
Raise oars
Line up oars
Await oars
Standup oars
Cross oars
Hide oars
Wave oars
Display oars
Oars move like roofing a house
Oars move like a diving sea gull
Oars move like a hovering sea gull
Oars move like a duck with wings spread out
Oars move like a swimming duck
Oars move by quick hands
Oars move as if calling
Oars move like an angel stealing a flower
Oars move like an angel plucking a flower
Oars move like an angel catching a flower
Oars move like an angel's floral basket
Oars move like a mace on the shoulder
Oars move like tattooing
Oars move in the design of Yazamat Kyi fence
Oars move in the design of Yazamat Nge fence
Oars move in the style of shading sun light
Oars move in the style of projecting sun light
Oars move in the style of a curtain
Oars move in the style of lifting a curtain
Oars move with 3 quick steps
Oars move in the design of a half-bloom jasmine flower
Oars move in the design of a Hsin Swe Wan Shet
Oars move in the design of a Kein nara with wings spread out
Oars move in the design of a golden bird fluttering its wings
Water borne handsome man-

ly males of 16 to 25 years of age were recruited for training in 37. oarsmanship. The best among them were selected for Regatta. They were dressed uniformly. Gold helmets, white long sleeve shirts decorated with sparkling ornaments and scarlet nether garments, and oarsman shoes. They sang boat songs to boat music, made chorus, cheers and applause at the signal of master conductor.

After Regatta, they were recruited for posts in war flotilla [Navy]. The highest post in Myanmar navy was Hlawka Thone daung Hnu [Commander of 3000 Hlaw ka taw war ships.] Hlay Thin Atwin Wun [Interior Minister in charge of all water crafts] was the chief manager and administrator.

Regatta and boat races were also naval exercise and recruiting of Myanmar Kings. Rakhine, Mon, Myanmar Kings kept a strong flotilla of boats, barges, rafts and ships for transport, communication, trade commerce in peace time and for military purpose in times of war. For Rakhine rajas, command of the

sea was a strategic necessity, if they were to hold their sway in the Bay of Bengal. Strong armadas of war galleons were stationed at their ports and sea coasts to ward off the invaders from the sea, and constructed solid stone fortresses to defend their capitals against besiegers. Rakhine Navy was founded by Kings Minbin [1531-1553 A.D] and Min Yazagyi [1593-1612 A.D]. their successors maintained and further enlarged it. King Minkhamaung [1612-1622 A.D] with a fleet of 200 sea going "crafts as big as galleys" broke up the power of the Portuguese in his Kingdom. King Sandathudama [1652-1684 A.D] repulsed the invading Moguls. The period [1550-1666 A.D] was the peak of Rakhine ascendancy in power sustained by well-armed warships.

The same was true of Mon Kings. Their capital city Hamsavati Pegu on the bank of the Pegu River was well protected by good fleets of war ships and boats in times of war and many water conveyances for trade and communication. Adi peace time. King Rajadart [1385-1423 AD] Queen Shin Saw Pu [1453-1472 A.D] and King Dhammazedi [1472-1492 A.D] used war ships and boats for trade, commerce, pilgrimages and Socio-cultural activities because there were no wars -only a long period of peace.

Myanmar counterpart of King MM Khamauung was King Anaukphet Lun [1605-1628 A.D] who in 1613 marched from Inwa to Than-hlyin by land and water to break up the Portuguese strong hold under the command of a notorious Feringhee freebooter adventurer Philip de Brito 120,000 men and 400 war vessels of considerable strength and size were employed. Than-hlyin was captured and destroyed and de Brito was, done to death by impaling.

Kings Alaungpaya [1752-1760 A.D.] Hsin by UShin [1763-1776 A.D], Boda Wpaya [1782-1819 A.D] and Thayawaddy [1837-1846 A.D] kept their naval strength strong so that they used for war as well as for annual display [Royal Regatta]. September of 1841 King Thayawaddy and his court came down to Yangon with 25,000 men via the Ayeyawaddy River with the declared reason of worshipping Shwe Dagon Pagoda. But his ulterior motive was to alarm the British by display of his military strength. He built a palace city not far from Shwedagon Pagoda, built fortresses and held regatta and boat races. A big bell was east and setup at the north east corner of the Shwedagon Pagoda Platform. We can still read over 100 lines of inscription recording graphically on the body of Thayawaddy Bell his state progress from Capital Inwa to Yangon, his defense and religious works and his return to Inwa.

The writer of this article humbly request the government and the people of our country to hold state Regatta festival and boat races in Tawthalin annually to inspire the up-coming generations to keep up their true patriotic spirit.



Photo taken on 31 August, 2016, shows the site where the World Trade Centre's twin towers fell in the 11 September, 2001 terrorist attacks, in Manhattan, New York. New York will mark 15th anniversary since the attacks with a ceremony at Ground Zero on 11 September, 2016, commemorating the nearly 3,000 people who lost their lives in the coordinated acts of terror on US soil. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

NY to mark 15th anniversary of 11 September attacks

NEW YORK — New York will mark 15 years since the 11 September, 2001 terrorist attacks with a ceremony at Ground Zero on Sunday morning, commemorating the nearly 3,000 people who lost their lives in the coordinated acts of terror on US soil.

The memorial, to be held at the site where the World Trade Centre's twin towers fell, will start with a moment of silence at 8:46 a.m. in observance of the exact time the first hijacked airplane struck the North Tower 15 years ago.

All of the names of the 2,983 victims are read out during the annual ceremony, punctuated by five other moments of silence before

the program ends at 12:30 p.m.

In addition to 2,753 people who died in New York after hijacked planes struck the two WTC towers, 184 were killed when a third plane hit the Pentagon and 40 died in the crash of Flight 93, which went down in a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania after passengers and crew resisted hijackers. The total also includes six victims of the WTC bombing on 26 February, 1993.

The 9/11 Memorial Museum, which opened in 2014, is reserved during the day for visits by family members of the victims, while the memorial plaza with reflecting pools at Ground Zero reopens to the public at 3 pm From sunset

until dawn on Monday, two bright lights representing the twin towers will shine into the sky as a tribute to all the victims.

US presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump will pause their campaigns for the day in observance of the anniversary. Neither candidate is making an appearance at Ground Zero.

According to a Pew Research Centre poll released on Wednesday, 40 per cent of Americans believe that terrorists are more capable of launching a major attack on US soil than prior to 11 September, 2001. Of those who expressed this view, 58 per cent identified as Republican while 31 per cent were Democrats.—*Kyodo News*

Third Spanish vote in a year would deliver hung parliament — poll

MADRID — Spain's third national election in a year would deliver yet another hung parliament and give rival parties no new options in terms of forming a government, a poll published on Sunday showed as the prospect of another ballot edges closer.

Leaders have struggled to form a new administration since last December after upstart political parties won widespread support in a general election — forcing several forces, including some traditional rivals, to try and reach pacts.

After the 20 December ballot, a fresh election on 26 June did nothing to resolve the impasse, with all parties, including the conservative People's Party (PP) of acting Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy, falling short of a parliament majority.

Rajoy lost a confidence vote

among lawmakers in early September on his bid for a second term, setting the clock ticking on yet another election that would likely fall in December.

The PP would win once again, an opinion poll by GAD3 published in ABC newspaper showed, increasing its parliamentary seats to 142 from 137 in June and 123 on 20 December.

But that would still be shy of the 176 needed for an absolute majority, even if the PP managed to again draw on support from smaller liberal party Ciudadanos ("Citizens") in any subsequent confidence vote.

Ciudadanos' seats would fall from 32 in June to 30 in another election, according to the poll, drawn from 802 interviews in the week after Rajoy's failed attempt to form a government.

Other parties would also lose

ground, including the centre-left Socialists, who have steadfastly opposed another PP term in office.

The Socialists would garner 81 seats, compared to 85 at the last election, while Unidos Podemos ("Together We Can"), a leftist alliance that erupted onto Spain's political scene in the wake of a deep economic crisis, would get 70, down from 71 seats last time.

Spaniards' frustration with the eight-month political deadlock is on the rise, meanwhile, according to a survey published in El Pais. It said 71 per cent of people were against a third election, and that abstention would rise sharply, to 37 per cent from 30.2 per cent in June.

Spain's economy has so far largely withstood the uncertainty, removing some of the urgency leaders might otherwise have faced to form a government.—*Reuters*



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‘Islamic State-inspired’ Australian charged with terrorism after stabbing

SYDNEY — A Sydney man was charged on Sunday with committing a terrorist attack and attempted murder that police said seemed to have been inspired by Islamic State, after he repeatedly stabbed a stranger on the street.

The 22-year-old stabbed the 59-year-old man who was walking through a park on Saturday, and attacked police who arrived, making statements that they said led them to conclude he was motivated by IS.

“We know this person has strong extremist beliefs inspired by ISIS,” New South Wales Police Deputy Commissioner Catherine Burn said at a news conference, using an acronym for the militant group originally known as Islamic State in Iraq and Syria.

The victim was in critical but stable condition, Burn said. Names of both men have been withheld by the police.—*Reuters*

Forces loyal to eastern Libyan commander claim control over key oil ports

BENGHAZI, (Libya) — Forces loyal to eastern Libyan commander Khalifa Haftar took control of key oil ports in Ras Lanuf, Es Sider and Brega on Sunday, said Ahmed al-Masmari, a spokesman for the forces.

But an official from the force that previously controlled the ports, the Petrol Facilities Guard, said there was still fighting at Ras Lanuf.

Masmari said clashes were continuing at another oil port, Zueitina, and around the nearby town of Ajdabiya.—*Reuters*

Militants gun down retired judge in North Afghanistan

MAIMANA, (Afghanistan) — Armed militants gunned down a retired judge in Afghanistan's northern Faryab province on Sunday, police said.

“The terrorists shot dead a judge named Mohammad Jalal in Khawja Sabzposh district today and made their good escape,” police spokesman in the province Abdul Karim Sarosh told Xinhua.

Without providing more details, the official asserted that Jalal was a retired judge.

Meantime, a local official on the condition of anonymity blamed Taliban militants for assassination of the judge, saying that armed insurgents kidnapped Jalal last year and asked him to stop working with the government.

Taliban militants who are active in Faryab province have yet to claim responsibility for the killing.—*Xinhua*

Brazilian man gets 56 yrs in prison over triple murder in Japan

RIO DE JANEIRO — A Brazilian court Friday sentenced a man to 56 years and nine months in prison over the 2006 murders of his girlfriend and her two sons in Japan.

The defendant Neves Edilson Donizeti, 53, returned to Brazil after allegedly committing the murders in Yaizu, Shizuoka Prefecture, in December 2006. The Japanese government asked Brazil to try the man in the absence of an extradition treaty between the two countries.

Donizeti was arrested in the state of Sao Paulo in 2008, but went into hiding following his release from detention later that year while on trial. He was detained in 2013 and his trial reopened.

It is not immediately known whether Donizeti appealed the ruling.—*Kyodo News*



People look at the site of a suicide bomb attack in the central Allawi district of Baghdad, Iraq on 11 September 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Explosions in and around Baghdad kill 12: police, medical sources

BAGHDAD — Five explosions in and around Baghdad killed at least 12 people on Saturday and wounded 27 others, police and medical sources said.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility, but Islamic State regularly targets civilian areas and security forces in the capital.

The ultra-hardline insurgents have lost ground in the past year to US-backed government forces and Iranian-backed Shi'ite militias, but such bombings show the group can still strike outside the territory its controls in northern and western Iraq.

The deadliest blast came in

Arab al-Jabour, an area of date palm groves on Baghdad's southern outskirts, when an improvised explosive device went off near a civilian vehicle, killing four civilians. A bomb in a local marketplace in Taji, a northern suburb that hosts a large military base, killed three people and wounded nine, the sources said. A suicide bomber in the central Allawi district of Baghdad detonated his explosives vest, killing two and wounding eight.

Two roadside bombs in the northern al-Husseiniya district and in Yousifiya, south of the city, killed three and wounded 10.—

Reuters

Turkey removes two dozen mayors over alleged Kurdish militant links

ANKARA — Turkey has removed local mayors deemed to support Kurdish militants and appointed new administrators in two dozen municipalities mostly in the largely Kurdish south-east, a provincial governor's office said on Sunday.

The 24 municipalities were run by local associates of the pro-Kurdish opposition Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP), the third largest party in the national parliament, the Diyarbakir governor's office said.

President Tayyip Erdogan said on Thursday that the campaign against the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) militant group, which has waged a three-decade insurgency for Kurdish autonomy, was Turkey's largest ever and that the removal of civil servants linked to them was a key part of the fight.

The crackdown comes as Ankara also pushes ahead with a purge of tens of thousands of supporters of US-based Muslim cleric Fethullah Gulen, accused by Turkey of orchestrating an attempted coup in July. Gulen denies any involvement.

The mayors of four other municipalities, three from the ruling AK Party and one from the nationalist MHP opposition, were also removed on Sunday over alleged links to Gulen.

Erdogan and the government view the HDP as an extension of the Kurdish PKK militant group. The HDP denies direct links and says it promotes a negotiated settlement to the insurgency.

There were internet and phone outages in several areas across the southeast on Sunday, local residents said, although the reason was not immediately clear.

On Friday, police detained dozens of people and used water cannon to disperse several hundred teachers demonstrating against their suspension from classrooms in the main regional city of Diyarbakir.

More than 40,000 people, most of them Kurds, have died since the PKK launched its insurgency against the Turkish state in 1984.

The PKK is regarded as a terrorist organisation by Turkey, the United States and the European Union.—Reuters

At least 21 civilians killed in Saudi-led air strikes in Yemen: residents

SANAA — At least 21 civilians were killed in two separate air strikes by the Saudi-led coalition in northern Yemen on Saturday, residents said on Sunday, as fighting intensified in the country before the Muslim Eid al-Adha feast.

They said at least 15 civilians were killed when war planes targeted workers drilling for water in the Beit Saadan area of the Arhab district north of Sanaa, and that 20 other people were

wounded.

Residents said Saudi-led coalition warplanes, apparently mistaking the drilling machine for a rocket launcher, bombed the site and killed four workers. The planes conducted a second raid when residents of the village rushed to the scene, killing at least 11 more and wounding 20.

A spokesman for the Saudi-led coalition could not immediately be reached for a comment. The coalition, which has been

fighting to roll back gains made by the Iran-allied Houthi group since 2014 and restore ousted President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi to power, says it does not target civilians.

UN-sponsored talks to try to end the fighting collapsed in failure last month and the Houthi movement and allied forces loyal to former president Ali Abdullah Saleh resumed shelling into neighboring Saudi Arabia.

Saturday's attacks were the latest in a series of strikes that have hit schools, hospitals, markets and private homes.

Local media put the number of dead and wounded at the water-drilling site at around 100 and published pictures of burned bodies and mangled equipment, and videos showed workers collecting mutilated bodies and carrying them away in blankets.

In the second attack on Saturday, residents reported an air strike hit the home of Sheikh Maqbool al-Harmali, a local tribal chief in Hairan district of Hajjah province, killing six civilians.

The United Nations says more than 10,000 people have been killed in the fighting, many of them civilians.—Reuters



A man looks at a hole caused by a Saudi-led air strike on a building in the northwestern city of Saada, Yemen on 10 September 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Iran welcomes Syria deal, urges political solution

DUBAI — Iran, a close ally and military backer of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, welcomed a US-Russian deal for a truce in Syria, saying on Sunday the conflict should be ended through politics.

The agreement, by the powers that back opposing sides in the five-year-old war, promises a

nationwide truce from sundown on Monday, improved access for humanitarian aid and joint military targeting of hardline Islamist groups.

"Iran supports any ceasefire and peace plan to end the humanitarian crisis in Syria or limit it that involves a political solu-

tion ... based on the Syrian people's votes," said Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Hossein Jaber Ansari, quoted by the state news agency IRNA.

"Iran has always believed that there is no military solution to the Syrian crisis and that it should be resolved through peaceful means,"

he added. Washington and Moscow reached the breakthrough deal early on Saturday to try to restore peace in Syria, but air strikes hours later on a busy market place that killed and injured dozens added to rebels' doubts that any ceasefire could hold.

Russia and Iran are both pro-

viding crucial military support to President Assad against rebels and jihadi fighters in Syria's civil war. Iran has sent what it said were military "advisers" to help Assad and allowed Russian fighter-bombers to use an Iranian base to launch operations in Syria in August.—Reuters

Mother Teresa's canonisation celebrated in NE India



Girls pray in front of a portrait of Mother Teresa during a peace rally to celebrate Mother Teresa's canonisation in Agartala, capital of Indian northeastern state of Tripura, on 10 September 2016. PHOTO: XINHUA

Woman kissed by sailor in famed photo at World War II's end dies

WASHINGTON — Greta Friedman, the woman in white kissed by a sailor in New York's Times Square in a photograph symbolizing the end of World War II, has died at age 92, media reports said on Saturday.

Her son, Joshua Friedman, said she died on Thursday in Virginia after suffering a series of ailments, including pneumonia, NBC News reported.

CBS News said she would be laid to rest with her late husband, Mischa Elliot Friedman, at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

Friedman, then a dental assistant on a break, was the woman in one of

the most famous pictures of the 20th century, the moment Americans learned of the Japanese surrender on 14 August, 1945.

Photographer Alfred Eisenstaedt snapped a sailor in a dark uniform kissing Friedman with his arms around her and her white-clad body bent backwards as revelers in New York's Times Square celebrated the victory over Japan, or V-J Day.

"I did not see him approaching, and before I know it I was in this vice grip," Friedman told CBS News in 2012. After the embrace, Friedman and the sailor, quartermaster George Mendonsa of Rhode Island, went their separate ways.

Eisenstaedt's photo, "V-J Day in Times Square," ran the following week in Life magazine.

The photographer recalled in his 1985 book "Eisenstaedt on Eisenstaedt" that a sailor in Times Square was kissing women randomly. When he saw a flash of white, he took four shots in 10 seconds.

"If she (Friedman) had been dressed in a dark dress I would never have taken the picture. If the sailor had worn a white uniform, the same," he said.

Mendonsa and Friedman were not identified until 1980 when Life asked the unknown pair to come forward. Mendonsa told CBS he and his future wife had been celebrating the

end of the war when he began kissing women in the street.

In a 2005 interview with the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project, the Austrian-born Friedman said she later designed dolls' clothes, worked in summer theater and became a book restorer.

She moved to Frederick, Maryland, and graduated from Hood College in 1981, the same year her son and daughter graduated from university.

Friedman said of the photo, "It was a wonderful coincidence, a man in a sailor's uniform and a woman in a white dress ... and a great photographer at the right time." —Reuters

France's Sarkozy outlines measures to get tough on militants

PARIS — France needs to get tough on militants by creating special courts and detention facilities to boost security, the country's former President Nicolas Sarkozy said in an interview published in Sunday newspaper *Le Journal du Dimanche* (JDD).

The French capital was once again put on high alert last Sunday after a car loaded with gas cylinders was found near Notre Dame cathedral in an incident that could have been an attack on a Paris railway station.

Security is a key topic in the presidential elections in 2017, as more than 230 people have been killed in militant Islamist attacks on French soil since January 2015.

Sarkozy's comments come after French President Francois Hollande, a Socialist, took a swipe at his opponents this week, saying their hardline reactions to a wave of militant attacks demonstrated an intent to destroy France's social model.

Sarkozy took an even tougher approach on Sunday by proposing to systematically place French citizens, suspected of having militant links, in special detention facilities.

"Every Frenchman

suspected of being linked to terrorism, because he regularly consults a jihadist website, or his behaviour shows signs of radicalisation or because is in close contact with radicalised people, must be preventively placed in a detention centre," Sarkozy said in the interview.

Sarkozy, who announced last month his candidacy for the April 2017 presidential election, has said there is no place for "legal niceties" in the fight against terrorism.

According to French Institute for Public Opinion, Ifop, voters turned out to have most confidence in former Prime Minister Alain Juppe to guarantee security, with Sarkozy in second place, Prime Minister Manuel Valls in third, and Hollande a distant 8th.

French Justice Minister Jean-Jacques Urvoas said in a separate interview with the French newspaper on Sunday he planned to make proposals next week to Valls to ease prison overcrowding.

"I do not advocate creation of facilities dedicated to terrorists...The real challenge is to prepare the release of those who are sentenced for a short or medium term," Urvoas said. —Reuters



Former French President Nicolas Sarkozy delivers his speech during a meeting in Poissy, near Paris, France, on 6 September 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Extension of the Closing Date of Invitation for Cooperation in High Grade Paper Mill (Thabaung) Under No.(3) Heavy Industries Enterprise, Ministry of Industry

Regarding to the invitation of Expression of Interest for High Grade Paper Mill (Thabaung), under No.(3) Heavy Industries Enterprise, Ministry of Industry, the Closing Date is extended to 30th November, 2016 instead of 15th September, 2016. (Reference to the advertisement in the Global New Light of Myanmar on dated 14th and 15th July, 2016).

The investors who interested in those cooperation are required to submit their Draft Proposal, in which mentioning kinds of business, to Technology Development Department, No.(3) Heavy Industries Enterprise, Ministry of Industry at Office No. (37) Nay Pyi Taw, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, not later than 4 pm (Myanmar Standard Time) on 30th November, 2016.

(For more information, contact No. 95 67 408335, 408129)

Indian Army kills 4 militants in Indian-controlled Kashmir

NEW DELHI — The Indian Army foiled an infiltration bid in Indian-controlled Kashmir on Sunday by gunning down four militants after a fierce encounter, a defence official said.

"Soldiers posted along the Line of Control, the military control line between India and Pakistan, spotted intruders in Nowgam sec-

tor of Kashmir's Kupwara district in the wee hours. When challenged, the four militants opened fire, forcing the security forces to retaliate," he said.

The four militants were killed in the ensuing encounter and four assault rifles recovered from their possession, the official said.

In a separate incident, a policeman was killed and

two persons sustained injuries in a gunfight between the security forces and militants in Poonch district, local TV channels reported. Reports said the clash is still on and security forces are also combing nearby areas.

The two gunfights came amid unrest in Kashmir, where more than 75 people have been killed in

violence since the killing of 22-year-old militant commander Burhan Wani by Indian security forces two months ago.

Pakistan has eulogized Wani, while India accuses Islamabad of fanning violence in Kashmir over which the two arch-rivals have fought at least three major wars in the past 65 years. —Xinhua

Cracks in building hamper search after Bangladesh factory fire

DHAKA— The fire at a food and cigarette packaging factory in Bangladesh that killed at least 26 people has been extinguished, but heavy smoke and the risk of the building collapsing further were hampering the search of the premises, officials said on Sunday.

Saturday's blaze was the country's worst industrial accident since the Rana Plaza building collapse of 2013 that killed 1,135 garment sector workers, and raises further questions about Bangladesh's safety record.

"The building is hot and it is not possible to enter," said Ajit Kumar Bhomik, a senior official with the fire department, early on Sunday. "Also there are huge cracks in the building, so it is very risky to enter without precautionary measures."

He said that the death toll from the blaze had risen to 26. Some fear it could increase further once search efforts begin.

The cause of the fire in the Tongi industrial zone about 20 km (12 miles) north of the capital, Dhaka, was not immediately known, but officials said a boiler explosion probably triggered it. The blaze broke out as workers prepared to swap shifts in the early hours of Satur-



People stand on a bridge as a firefighter truck drives at the site of a fire at a packaging factory outside Dhaka, Bangladesh, on 10 September 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

day morning. Mikail Shipar, government secretary with the ministry of labour and employment, told Reuters the government was now going to investigate safety at all of the hundreds of factories in the Tongi industrial zone.

"We checked the design of this factory and initially it is our understanding that it was a one floor building and later the floor had been raised, similar to case of Rana Plaza," he said.

Shipar added that an investigation would be carried out and if anyone was found guilty of negligence, action would be taken.

"I have already been

asked to formulate a project to inspect all the factories in all four industrial zones in the country," he said. The location of the boiler in the building was also being scrutinized. The fire is the latest in a series of industrial accidents in the South Asian country, which is the world's second biggest garment exporter behind China.

The Rana Plaza disaster sparked demands for greater safety in the country and put the onus on foreign companies sourcing clothing from Bangladesh to act. The disaster led to the creation of two international coalitions designed to help fund

improvements to building and fire safety at thousands of garment factories across Bangladesh.

One official on Saturday said that the government's focus so far had been mainly on garment factories, and less so on other industries, but that was now likely to change.

The blaze at Tampaco Foils caused the partial collapse of the factory building, which packages various items, including food and cigarettes, for several local companies and global brands such as British American Tobacco (BATSL) and Nestle (NESN.S).—Reuters

Clinton sparks ire by calling Trump backers 'basket of deplorables'

NEW YORK — Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton took aim at supporters of Republican rival Donald Trump by saying half of them belonged in a "basket of deplorables" as people who were racist, homophobic, sexist, xenophobic, or Islamophobic. But Clinton, in a statement on Saturday, walked back the remarks, saying she regretted using the word "half" and seeking to refocus on what she described as episodes of "deplorable" behaviour by Trump and his campaign.

Her remarks at a fundraiser Friday night unleashed a fierce response from Republicans and Trump supporters on social media on Saturday and threatened to distract from her efforts to paint Trump as unqualified for the presidency.

Speaking at a LGBT fundraiser in New York, Clinton said Trump had given voice to hateful rhetoric through his behavior as a candidate for the White House in the 8 November election.

"To just be grossly generalistic, you can put

half of Trump's supporters into what I call the 'basket of deplorables,'" Clinton said. "Unfortunately there are people like that. And he has lifted them up."

Some of those were irredeemable, she said, but they did not represent America.

The other basket of Trump's supporters constituted individuals desperate for change who felt let down by the government and the economy, Clinton added.

"They don't buy everything he says, but he seems to hold out some hope that their lives will be different," Clinton said. "Those are people we have to understand and empathize with, as well."

Trump's campaign pounced on Clinton's candid views.

"Hillary Clinton's low opinion of the people that support this campaign should be denounced in the strongest possible terms," said Mike Pence, the governor of Indiana and Trump's running mate, speaking at the Values Voter Summit in Washington.—Reuters

Britain eyeing work permits to control EU immigration — interior minister

LONDON — Britain's interior minister Amber Rudd said on Sunday she was looking at a work permits system to control migration from the European Union, responding to Brexit voters' demand for tighter border controls.

Although formal negotiations on leaving the EU have yet to begin, Britain is searching for a way to satisfy voters who backed leaving the EU because they wanted lower immigration and an end to open borders with the bloc, whilst meeting the needs of an economy in which some sectors depend on foreign labour.

"Work permits certainly has value," Rudd told the BBC, saying her department was examining immigration control systems and that no deci-

sions had yet been made.

Britain currently has a visa system for non-EU nationals, but under EU rules citizens from within the 28-country bloc are free to live and work in Britain.

"What we're going to look at is how we can get the best for the economy, driving the numbers down but protecting the people who really add value to the economy," Rudd said.

Earlier this month Prime Minister Theresa May rejected a "points-based" system to screen immigrants - something Brexit campaigners promised to implement - stirring fears among some voters that her government was not taking a hard enough line on key issues like immigration.

But May has said the

June 23 vote to leave the EU showed Britons wanted to control the movement of people from the bloc.

Rudd, a close ally of May, backed the government's long-standing target of bringing net annual migration into Britain, currently at 327,000, down below 100,000.

Migration controls are likely to form one of the most contentious negotiating points in talks with the EU on leaving the bloc, as Britain looks to tighten border controls without losing access to the EU single market.

Britain's EU partners are so far adamant that it cannot enjoy full trade benefits unless it continues to provide free movement for EU nationals.

—Reuters

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Philippine revenge drama wins Venice Film Festival's top prize

VENICE — A nearly four-hour long movie about a woman's thirst for revenge and her feelings of forgiveness after 30 years in jail for a crime she did not commit won the Venice Film Festival's top prize on Saturday.

Director Lav Diaz has described "Ang Babaeng Humayo" ("The Woman Who Left") as a testimony to the struggles of the Philippines after centuries of colonial rule.

"This is for my country, for the Filipino people, for our struggle, for the struggle of humanity," the 57-year-old said as he accepted the Golden Lion award for his black-and-white movie.

Diaz, who at the Berlin Film Festival in February had premiered a film that ran over eight hours, said he hoped the latest recognition would create more appreciation for longer movies.

"Cinema is still very young, you can still push it," he said.

Twenty US and international

movies featuring top Hollywood talent and auteur directors were in competition at the world's oldest film festival, in its 73rd outing this year. The event is seen as a launching pad for the industry's award season.

All the movies that won awards were examples of directors' "lack of compromise, (their) imagination, original vision, daring, and a kind of pure identity," said Sam Mendes, known for directing James Bond movies "Skyfall" and "Spectre", who headed the jury. "It's taken me out of my comfort zone."

Mendes said he hoped the awards would help the films get distributed. The runner-up Grand Jury prize went to Tom Ford's thriller "Nocturnal Animals", the second feature by the celebrated fashion designer. The Best Director award was shared by Russia's Andrei Konchalovsky for the Holocaust drama "Rai" ("Paradise") and Mexico's Amat Es-



Director Lav Diaz (C) poses with actress Charo Santos-Concio (L) and actor John Lloyd Cruz (R) as they attend the photo call for the movie 'Ang Babaeng Humayo' (The Woman Who Left) at the 73rd Venice Film Festival in Venice, Italy on 9 September, 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

calante for "La Region Salvaje" ("The Untamed").

Commenting on Escalante's drama, which opens with a naked woman being pleased by a tentacled creature, jury member and Venezuelan director Lorenzo Vigas said the movie affected all the judges emotionally.

"We liked the lack of sentimentalism. We felt he really took risks making the film. It's a film that pushes the medium forward," he said. American Emma Stone took the Best Actress prize for her role in the musical "La La Land" and Argentine actor Oscar Martinez was named Best Actor

for his performance in the comedy-drama "El Ciudadano Ilustre" ("The Distinguished Citizen").

German actress Paula Beer received the Marcello Mastroianni Award acknowledging an emerging performer, for her role in post-war drama "Frantz". — Reuters



Director Ewan McGregor attends a press conference to promote the film American Pastoral at TIFF the Toronto International Film Festival in Toronto, on 10 September, 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Actor Ewan McGregor admits to nerves in debut as director

TORONTO — Scottish actor Ewan McGregor admitted to being "very nervous" about making his directorial debut with the movie adaptation of Philip Roth's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, "American Pastoral".

The film, which premiered Friday night at the Toronto International Film Festival, also sees McGregor in the lead role of the hard-working man in late 1960s America whose family begins to fall apart after his daughter Merry (Dakota Fanning) becomes politically radicalised.

McGregor, 45, said he had spent years waiting for the right directorial opportunity to emerge but felt pressure in interpreting Roth's work on the big screen.

"I was very nervous," said the star of "Trainspotting" at a news conference on Saturday.

"I think it's a massive responsibility to take on — a responsibility to the producers, a responsibility to Philip Roth, a responsibility to everybody who had read that novel and who liked that novel," he added.

He also wanted to make sure the film "represented me in some way."

McGregor said Roth has seen the film and reacted positively to the adaptation of his 1997 masterwork, voted one of Time magazine's 100 greatest novels. "It was very important to me that Philip liked the book," he said. — Reuters

I couldn't control my destiny as an actress: Jessica Alba

LONDON — Actress Jessica Alba says she enjoys being in control of her billion-dollar business after she was left frustrated by Hollywood.

The 35-year-old actress first made a name for herself in television show "Dark Angel", before starring in movies such as "Into the Blue", "Fantastic Four" and "Sin City."

These days though, she's mainly kept busy with her The

Honest Company, which has become a billion-dollar enterprise since she founded it in 2011.

Alba says her route to becoming a business woman was made a lot easier because of her pragmatic and ambitious approach to working in the movie industry.

"I weirdly always approached Hollywood like a business, but now I have an actual business to put that mindset to,"

she smiled during an appearance on "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert".

"For me as an actress in Hollywood I was never in control of the marketing, the distribution, the final cut, the edit and so so much of my life was in someone else's hands. So it was quite frustrating because I like to control things, so to try and control my destiny as an actress (I wasn't able to). —PTI

Actress Angelina Jolie visits Syrian refugee camp in Jordan



US actress and special envoy to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Angelina Jolie (1st R) talks to children during a visit to a Syrian refugee camp in Azraq, Jordan, on 9 September, 2016. PHOTO: XINHUA

India acid attack survivor redefines beauty at NY Fashion Week

NEW YORK — An Indian model scarred in an acid attack challenged perceptions of beauty as she strutted down the runway at New York Fashion Week to promote a ban on the sale of corrosive substances used to maim thousands of women and children each year.

A smiling Reshma Quereshi, 19, opened the FTL Moda show on Thursday to applause in a long-sleeve, white gown with embroidered appliques by Indian designer Archana Kochhar during her first trip to the United States.

The buzz and glamour of the event was a world away from Allahbad, India, where she suffered severe facial burns and lost an eye two years ago after being attacked with sulfuric acid by her estranged brother-in-law and two men.

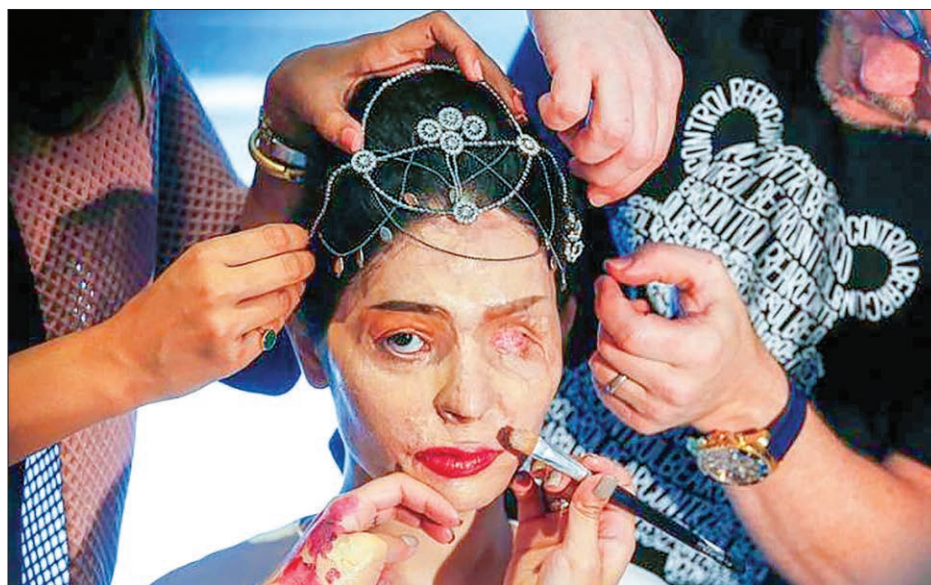
Quereshi never thought she would be going abroad, much less modeling in New York.

After enduring numerous skin graft surgeries and contemplating suicide, she met the founder of Make Love Not Scars, a group that helps survivors of the gender-based crimes.

Quereshi is the face of the group's online video campaign, which has been viewed by 1.3 million people and led to her appearance in New York.

"I couldn't believe it was happening to me," Quereshi said about the trip through a translator. "In that moment I felt extremely happy."

She said she hopes her turn on the catwalk will inspire hope and confidence in other acid attack survivors and spur countries to regulate the sale of cheap and easily available acids.



Indian model and acid attack survivor Reshma Quereshi has make up applied before walking to present Indian designer Archana Kochhar's Spring/Summer 2017 collections during New York Fashion Week in the Manhattan borough of New York, US, on 8 September 2016.

PHOTO: REUTERS

ulate the sale of cheap and easily available acids.

"No one else understands what an acid attack is

except the survivors themselves," she said. "I do not want this to happen to anyone else."

About 1,500 acid attacks are reported each year, but Jaf Shah, the executive director of the Lon-

don-based charity Acid Survivors Trust International (ASTI), said the real number is many times higher.

"There are whole swathes of regions across the globe where acid attacks are occurring but are not being recorded," he said in an telephone interview.

"It is not reported for fear there might be reprisals from the perpetrators due to the fact that survivors and their immediate family have no confidence in the police or the judiciary to take action."

India has the highest number of recorded attacks, which are often a form of revenge by jilted husbands or rejected suitors. ASTI describes it as a global phenomenon that occurs in countries ranging from Afghanistan and Iran to Nigeria and Colombia.—Reuters

Thousands protest bullfighting in Spain as calls for ban strengthen

MADRID — Several thousand people rallied in Madrid on Saturday to demand a ban on bullfighting, adding their voices to a growing animal rights movement that has prompted some local authorities to clamp down on the centuries-old tradition.

Bullfighting is still

common in Spain and the practice retains a loyal following. Some annual events such as the San Fermin bull runs through the crowded streets of the northern city of Pamplona attract many tourists too.

But a backlash against bullfights and other blood sports is also gaining force,

and each year — partly due to a long economic crisis — there has been a decline in the number of corridas, where audiences watch elaborately dressed toreros confront bulls at close range with red capes and swords.

"It makes me sad that some people want to have fun at the expense of another living being. There are other ways to pass the time," said Mari Paz Rojo, 42, an administrative assistant, as she marched through the capital with thousands of other demonstrators.

"We don't want Spaniards to be identified with bullfighting, this is not our national fiesta," she added. Animal rights political party Pacma said Saturday's rally was the biggest anti-bullfighting protest to date. Surveys show public support for bullfighting has waned in recent decades in

Spain. An Ipsos Mori poll from January, carried out for animal welfare organisation World Animal Protection, found that only 19 per cent of adults in Spain supported bullfighting, while 58 per cent opposed it. Though Pacma does not have any lawmakers, its share of votes has increased in recent general elections, including in ballots in December and June.

Politically the issue has been divisive. Spain's parliament, under the centre-right government of the People's Party (PP), moved to protect bullfighting in 2013, declaring it a cultural asset and enabling it to draw on public funding.

But some regions have cracked down on elements of these festivals, including northeastern Catalonia, which banned bullfighting outright in 2011.—Reuters



Peruvian bullfighter Andres Roca Rey performs a pass to a bull during a bullfight at the Malagueta bullring in Malaga, southern Spain, on 18 August 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

MRTV News Channel

(12-9-2016, Monday)

6:00 am	• Paritta by Venerable Mingun Sayadaw	3:35 pm	• Tasty Trip
7:35 pm	• People's Talk	4:10 pm	• University of Distance Education (TV Lecture) — Third Year (English)
8:35 am	• Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competitions	4:35 pm	• Socio Economic Scenes
9:35 am	• Women In Myanmar Society	5:20pm	• This Week's Special Interest
10:35 am	• The Farmer	5:35 pm	• Yes or No Talk Show (Choice on Degree)
11:15 am	• ASEAN Programme	6:35 pm	• Law Affairs
11:35 am	• MRTV's Youth Programme	7:15 pm	• TV Drama Seires
12:35 pm	• Teleplay (Part-1)	8:00 pm	• News / International News / Weather Report
1:00 pm	• Fine Arts-Bosom of Dramatic Peeformance	9:00 pm	• News / International News / Weather Report
2:20 pm	• KARAOKE World Championships (KWC) Myanmar 2016 (Level-1) (Group-3)	10:00 pm	• News
			• Teleplay
			• TV Drama Series

Note/Hourly News Bulletins (Local + International)

MRTV Entertainment Channel

(12-9-2016, Monday)

06:00	Pm	Weather Report
06:15	Pm	International Movie Songs
06:40	Pm	Ngwe Saung
06:55	Pm	MRTV Entertainment Music
07:35	Pm	International Drama Series
08:15	Pm	MRTV Entertainment Music
08:20	Pm	International Movie
10:10	Pm	MRTV Entertainment Music
10:20	Pm	Myanmar Video
(00:00 Am ~ 06:00 Am) Transmission (Repeat - 06:00 Pm ~ 12:00 Pm)		
(06:00 Am ~ 08:20 Am) Transmission (Repeat - 06:00 Pm ~ 08:20 Pm)		
08:20	Am	Myanmar Video
10:00	Am	MRTV Entertainment Music
10:15	Am	International Movie
(12:00 Pm ~ 04:15 Pm) Transmission (Repeat - 06:00 Am ~ 10:15 Am)		
04:15	Pm	Pyi Thu Ni Ti
04:35	Pm	Myanmar Masterclass: Artist Khin Maung Zaw
04:45	Pm	Cartoon Movie "SpaceChimps 2-Zartog Strike Back"
06:00	Pm	Close Down.
From 12-9-2016 (Monday) 6:00 pm		
To 13-9-2016 (Tuesday) 6:00 pm		

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Today Fresh

07:03	Am	News
07:26	Am	Exquisite Myanmar Silk
07:45	Am	Sweet Delicacy of Patheine
07:53	Am	Gardener: Rose Plantation
08:03	Am	News
08:26	Am	Myanmar National Poet And Literary Icon; Prolific Writer of Poems & Prose — Min Thu Wun (Ep-1) In Memory of Him & His Childhood
08:51	Am	Yoghurt Vendor
09:03	Am	News
09:26	Am	A Bike Ride in pursuit of Mural Art (Ep-2)
09:44	Am	Sagaing: Guitars
09:53	Am	Paper Art Creator
10:03	Am	News

10:26	Am	Gardener: King Orange Plantation
10:40	AmChanges
10:55	Am	Goldsmith

(11:00 Am ~ 03:00 Pm) - Sunday Repeat (07:00 Am ~ 11:00 Am)
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Prime Time

07:03	Pm	News
07:26	Pm	Food Trip (EP-6)
08:03	Pm	News
08:26	Pm	Taste orf Myanmar (Rakhine Monte Ti)
08:49	Pm	Horse Cart Driver

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Brutal Golovkin bludgeons Brook to retain middleweight belts

LONDON — Middleweight marauder Gennady Golovkin retained his WBC and IBF titles when challenger Kell Brook was pulled out by his corner five rounds into a compelling fight on Saturday.

Kazakh Golovkin had won his previous 22 fights by knock-out but was rocked by unbeaten welterweight world champion Brook in the early exchanges before his superior power told.

Brook, who suffered a suspected fractured eye socket, won the second round with a left uppercut that produced huge roars from the huge O2 Arena crowd, who were mainly supporting the

British underdog.

He was still standing his ground in the fourth but by the fifth it became clear the step up from welterweight to fight the man who has brutally dominated the middleweight division for six years was a step too far.

There was little coming back as Golovkin landed some thumping blows and trainer Dominic Ingle threw in the towel which was initially unseen by the referee. Some of the crowd booed, but afterwards Brook said the eye injury had left him with restricted vision. Unbeaten Golovkin took his record to

36 wins. "Kell is a huge fighter, a very good fighter, but he's not a middleweight. I respect him, he is good, but not so strong," 34-year-old Golovkin said at ringside.

"I respect Kell, he's a warrior. And his corner, for his career, for his family, was correct. It was game over." Brook was wobbled by a huge body shot in the first round but connected with a couple of stinging jabs. Golovkin has rarely been hurt in his outstanding career but he was marked around the face by the end of the second as the skilful Brook landed a fearsome uppercut.

The 34-year-old Golovkin looked rattled in the third as he missed with some sledgehammer shots, although he landed enough to leave Brook's right eye swollen.

The fourth round looked about even, with Golovkin relentlessly moving forward in search of the knockout and Brook countering with some precise jabs. There was a menace about Golovkin in the fifth though and he began to unload in devastating fashion, forcing the intervention of Brook's corner as the gallant Sheffield fighter tasted defeat for the first time in his 37-fight pro career.—Reuters



PHOTO: REUTERS

Djokovic/Wawrinka big-game talents in US Open final

NEW YORK — World number one Novak Djokovic has enjoyed a whirlwind trip to Sunday's US Open final, but the top-seeded Serb expects hard work ahead when he meets Stan Wawrinka at Arthur Ashe Stadium.

Defending champion Djokovic, who became the third man to hold all four grand slam singles titles at once after his triumph at Roland Garros in June, owns a 19-4 career head-to-head advantage over the Swiss third seed. He leads 4-2 in grand slam meetings against Wawrinka, with three of Djokovic's victories going five sets, including a memorable 2013 Australian Open fourth-round decided 12-10 in the fifth set. "He's a big match player. He loves to play in the big stage against big players, because that's when he elevates his level of performance," said 12-times slam winner Djokovic. "He just gets much better." Gifted by a second-round walkover and two retirements along the way, Djokovic has spent less than nine hours on court, completing 13 sets through six rounds at Flushing Meadows, reaching the final 6-3, 6-2, 3-6 6-2 over 10th seed Gael Monfils. The hard-working Wawrinka has been on court twice as long, 17 hours, 54 minutes, playing 23 sets.

—Reuters



Gennady Golovkin celebrates with his team at the end of the fight for IBF & IBO World Middleweight Titles at The O2 Arena, London on 10 September. PHOTO: REUTERS

Kerber begins reign as number one with US Open win

NEW YORK — Germany's Angelique Kerber began her reign as world number one in imperious style battling past a determined Karolina Pliskova 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 to win the US Open final on Saturday and claim her second grand slam title of the year.

Kerber, who officially takes over from Serena Williams as the world's top ranked player on Monday, underlined her number one status displaying the heart of a champion as she fought off a fierce challenge from Czech 10th seed Pliskova on a steamy afternoon at Arthur Ashe Stadium.

The 28-year-old began the grand slam year beating Serena Williams to lift the Australian Open title and celebrated again on Saturday when she became the first German to win the US Open in 20 years.

Kerber recovered from a break down in the third set, pouncing on her wilting opponent with two breaks in the third set to end a compelling, high-quality battle of attrition that stretched for two hours and seven minutes.

"It's just amazing," a beaming Kerber, told an adoring crowd after being handed the winner's cheque of \$3.5 million. "I won my second grand slam in one year. That's the best of my career." "Actually just incredible. "When I was a kid I was always dreaming to be the number one player in the world and win grand slams and today is the day I won my second grand slam here, especially in New York. I'm the number one player on Monday."—Reuters



Angelique Kerber (GER) poses with the trophy after her match against Karolina Pliskova (CZE) on day thirteen of the 2016 US Open tennis tournament at USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in New York, on 10 September. PHOTO: REUTERS