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Daw Aung San Suu Kyi Stresses Role of Cultural Heritage for National Unity



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi holds talks with Mexican President Mr Enrique Pena Nieto at UN headquarters. PHOTO: MNA

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi expressed interest in using cultural heritage to help unite the people of Myanmar.

In discussing the challenges of managing the transformation with UNESCO Director-General Irina Bokova on the margins of the 71st session of the UN General Assembly on 20 September, the State Counsellor shared her interest in bringing museums up to standard so they can be places where young people can meet and learn about their common past.

“We would like to use cultural heritage as a binding force rather than a divisive force,” said Daw

Aung San Suu Kyi.

The Director-General praised this approach, referred to UNESCO’s work to put heritage in young hands, and indicated a readiness to contribute. Ms Irina Bokova pledged support to Myanmar’s democratic reform process and the restoration of Bagan in the aftermath of last month’s earthquake.

The Director-General expressed appreciation for State Counsellor and Foreign Minister Daw Aung San Suu Kyi’s call for restoration work in Bagan, the location for an outstanding complex of 11th century Buddhist temples, to be carried out under UNESCO’s

technical guidance.

The State Counsellor stressed the importance of research, including the use of proper materials in professional renovations, in order not to repeat past repair practices using substances such as concrete.

Noting that UNESCO deployed a team to Bagan 48 hours after the August 24 earthquake, the Director-General indicated that a comprehensive plan for restoration has now been prepared.

“We are extremely committed to support the process of inscription of Bagan as a World Heritage Site and will send a strong message that we are not going to rush

with safeguarding and restoration, but look with the greatest care for authenticity and use of traditional materials,” she said. Ms Bokova also affirmed UNESCO’s support for education reform, including strengthening teacher education. State Counsellor and Union Foreign Affairs Minister Daw Aung San Suu Kyi reiterated that education is a priority for the Government, indicating the establishment of a National Advisory Education Council to coordinate policy.

Finally, the Director-General commended the State Counsellor and Foreign Minister for her participation in World Press Freedom

Day and the country’s work with UNESCO on media legislation and capacity building for journalists. The Minister emphasized the importance of professional standards and countering hate speech, in particular through social media. “With freedom comes responsibility, we have to keep emphasising this,” she said.

The State Counsellor also held talks separately with Prime Minister of Denmark Mr Lars Lokke Rasmussen, Mexican President Mr Enrique Pena Nieto and Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at UN headquarters yesterday.—GNLM



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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw passes agreement on loans from ADB, French Development Agency



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

THE Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session was held for the 13th day with the majority of parliamentarians agreeing to loans to be

taken from the Asian Development Bank and the French Development Agency for three ministries yesterday.

Regarding the proposed loan, Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr Aung Thu said that the

ministry will use the money in implementation of development initiatives with transparency and accountability in cooperation with local farmers, regional governments, relevant ministries, parliamentarians and private companies.

Likewise, Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi also pledged to implement the education projects efficiently and transparently.

In his clarification, Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr Myint Htway vowed to cooperate with the ADB in the ministry's project implementation including appointments of experts in line with international standards.

Next, Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win elaborated on the benefits of taking foreign loans, calling on the parliament to en-

sure efficiency and transparency in implementing the projects.

The proposed loans are set to be divided among the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health and Sports.

Then, four lawmakers held discussions on the Joint Public Accounts Committee's report on national planning of the Union government for 2015-2016 FY, and the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved the committee's report.

During yesterday's Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session, the Joint Bill Committee's report on the controversial Peaceful Assembly and Peaceful Procession Bill was presented and the abolition and extended formation of town, ward and village-tracts in Ayeyawady, Magway and Sagaing Regions were put on record.— *Myanmar News Agency*

Pyithu Hluttaw

Yangon-Dala bridge construction to begin after tender process; says Union Construction Minister

CONSTRUCTION works will kick off on the Yangon-Dala Bridge following a tender for companies to build it, Union Minister for Construction U Win Khaing told the Pyithu Hluttaw yesterday, adding that the planned construction of the bridge is set for completion during the 2020-2021 FY.

The selected axis for construction of the bridge connecting Phoneyi Street in Lanmadaw Township of downtown Yangon to Bo Min Yang Street in Kamarsit ward in Dala Township has the least negative impacts, said the Union minister.

The ministry will take care of traffic management in cooperation with a Korean consulting firm to mitigate traffic congestions during the bridge construction, said the Union minister, adding that no other location for construction of the Yangon-Dala

bridge was viable and there is no plan to build a tunnel under the Yangon river.

Regarding the proposed construction of the Thetkalthang river-crossing bridge between Ngapudaw and Labutta Townships, the Union minister replied that the ministry found a new axis to build a road in 2011 as the proposed construction of a 9,500 foot bridge would be too expensive.

The new road will have seven small and large bridges and the construction of a bridge is in progress, said the Union minister, adding that one of the remaining six bridges that will be 4,000 feet in length will be constructed with the use of a K766 million Union fund next fiscal year.

On a plan to resettle those whose houses were removed for the Kitsapanadi bridge project, the Union minister replied that 69 households were provided with

K20, 000 each for house removal charges and new land plots in Kitsapa ward, west of Yangon-Sittwe road.

Altogether 47 households accepted the plan but the remaining 22 asked for different new plot at that time, said the Union minister, adding that there is no plan to allow the land plots they asked for in Shwe Mangan Kwetthit as the land plots are in the area of an Agricultural School. Next, Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win submitted the Myanmar Investment draft law to the parliament, and U Nay Myo Tun, member of Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee, read out the committee's report on the draft law. Then, the Pyithu Hluttaw approved 15 amendments to a bill to protect Citizens' Privacy and Security submitted by the Bill Committee.— *Myanmar News Agency*



Speaker U Win Myint receives Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Hong Lian in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker meets with Chinese Ambassador

PYITHU Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint received Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Hong Lian at a hall of the Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Also present at the call were Deputy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Ti Khun Myat and officials from the Pyithu Hluttaw Office.— *Myanmar News Agency*

Amyotha Hluttaw approves Bill to amend Civil Service Law

THE Amyotha Hluttaw approved the Bill to amend Civil Service Law during its 34th day meeting yesterday.

U Sai Tun Aung, member of the Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee, read out the committee's report on the bill and the Amyotha Hluttaw approved it following the submission of a proposal to approve by the Chairman of the Un-

ion Civil Service Board.

A question and answer session followed, with Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr Myint Htway responding to questions regarding the health sector.

Regarding the appointment of civil assistant surgeons at teaching hospitals where there are specialists, the Union minister said 1,708 fresher doctors who will perform

their duties this November will be assigned to the teaching hospitals in regions and states for one and a half years or two years.

When they are assigned to specialist hospitals in Yangon and Mandalay they will be provided with specialist training through a rotation process assigning them to different hospitals, added the Union minister. Moreover, the ministry will offer on-the-job training programs for fresher doctors, enabling them to gain confidence in themselves before they are assigned to township and station hospitals, said the Union minister.

Responding to a call for the

reopening of the Labutta Township People's Hospital in Ayeyawady Region, the Union minister replied that it is impossible to reopen the township hospital as it was upgraded into a 200-bed district facility.

Next, the Union minister responded to a call for the provision of pharmaceutical equipment to the Mindat District People's Hospital along with more appointments of specialists, the opening of a traditional medicine hospital and the construction of staff quarters. He said that increasing the appointment of specialists to the hospital is difficult at the moment

due to a shortage of physicians and radiologists across the country. There could, however, be more medical equipment provided to the hospital.

He continued to say that there is no plan at this time to open a traditional medicine hospital in Mindat but staff quarters for traditional medicine centres in Mindat, Matupi and Kanpetlet will be built depending on allocated funds next fiscal year. The ministry has plans to open a traditional medicine clinic in Paletwa Township during the next fiscal year, added the Union minister.— *Myanmar News Agency*

Amyotha Hluttaw

President U Htin Kyaw meets with outgoing Canadian ambassador

President U Htin Kyaw received Mr. Mark McDowell, the Canadian Ambassador to Myanmar, who has completed his tour of duty in Myanmar, at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Also present at the reception were Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Ohn Win and other officials.—*Myanmar News Agency*



President U Htin Kyaw bids farewell to Mr. Mark McDowell, the Canadian Ambassador to Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi holds talks with Prime Minister of Bangladesh Mrs Sheikh Hasina at the UN Headquarters in New York. PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY

US Embassy in Yangon announces US\$10million loan programme for Myanmar SMEs

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's visit to the United States illustrated the strong and growing friendship between Myanmar and the US, said US Ambassador to Myanmar Scot Marciel during a news conference at the US Embassy in Yangon yesterday.

"The United States is committed to supporting the people of Myanmar and their government in their pursuit of inclusive economic growth and development," said the ambassador.

Ambassador Marciel and USAID Mission Director Teresa McGhie also announced that the U.S. government will back over US\$10 million in new loans to small and medium enterprises in Myanmar, in keeping with last week's pronouncement of a U.S.-Myanmar Partnership.

At a signing ceremony afterwards, the USAID Mission Director and representatives from ASA Microfinance (Myanmar) Limited, LOLC Myanmar Mi-

cro-Finance Company Limited, Myanmar Development Partners Company Limited, Pact Global Microfinance Fund and Proximity Designs inked an agreement on the loan guarantee program in the presence of the US Ambassador to Myanmar.

Implementation of the loan guarantee program is set to last

for seven years in Myanmar, providing responsible financing for over 5,000 local businesses to grow and create jobs for people across the country. Ambassador Marciel yesterday reaffirmed the US's commitment to a partnership with Myanmar that was insisted upon by President Barack Obama.—*Win Nandar*



US Ambassador Mr Scot Marciel talks to media at the press conference held at the US Embassy in Yangon. PHOTO: YE HTUT

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's U.N. General Assembly Speech to be broadcast live on MRTV, Myanmar Athan Radio today

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi will deliver a speech on the second day of the 71st Session of the United Nations General Assembly at UN Headquarters in New York, the United States today.

The State Counsellor's Speech at the U.N. General Assembly will be broadcast live on Myanmar Radio and Television and Myanmar Athan Radio program, MRTV-4, Up to Date, MITV Channel via live coverage of the event from Reuters at estimated 10pm Myanmar

Standard Time today.

MRTV will announce in case the time for delivering of the speech by the State Counsellor is changed.

The 71st Session of the United Nations General Assembly is scheduled to be held from 20 to 26 September. The theme of the present session is "Sustainable Development Goals: A Universal Push to Transform our World" proclaimed by President of the General Assembly Peter Thomson of the Republic of Fiji.—*Myanmar News Agency*

Two ministries of Shan State government renamed

THE President's Office issued an announcement of name changes for two ministries of the Shan State government yesterday, as approved by the Shan State Hluttaw.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock has been re-

named as the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation and the Ministry of Resources and Environmental Conservation has been renamed as the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment Conservation.—*Myanmar News Agency*

Union Minister visits IDP camps in Myaing Gyi Ngu

CLASHES between the Tatmadaw and the Kilo Htoo Baw Karen Organisation (KKO) — a splinter group in Myaing Gyi Ngu, Kayin State, have occurred, resulting in the displacement of about 4,000 people since early September.

Local authorities and relief organizations have been providing food and clothes for the displaced people.

The Information and Public Relations Department has also

provided a mobile library for the victims, and distributed educative pamphlets on landmine awareness.

At the meeting with IDPs, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye pledged that the ministry would provide them with vocational training and reiterated the government's pledge for the rehabilitation of the IDPs.—*GNLM*

Yangon Region Govt provided with funds for flood victims



U Moe San Aung of BMF.
PHOTO: THURA LWIN (ECO)

PHILANTHROPIC associations and donors have funded the rehabilitation of those affected by floods last year in Yangon Re-

gion.

As he accepted the donation yesterday at the offices of the Yangon Region Government, U Phyo Min Thein, Chief Minister of the region, expressed his thanks to Kanbawza's Brighter Future Myanmar Foundation-BFM and IGE, pledging transparency for disbursement of the funds.

At the ceremony, Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein and Yangon Region Security and Border Affairs Minister Col Tin Aung Tun accepted the donation of more than Ks366million, including Ks100million from KBZ's BFM and another Ks100million from the IGE company.

Last year's flood destroyed infrastructures impacting the

livelihoods of the farmers in the flood-hit areas in Yangon Region, and billions of kyat would be needed for the rehabilitation, said the Chief Minister.

Clarifying the donation, U Moe San Aung of the BFM said the foundation also set up funds in regions and states nationwide assisting the regional governments concerned in quick response to the disasters. BFM established a K100 million fund in 14 regions and states. Meanwhile, it imported 200,000 warm articles of clothing and is delivering the clothing to people in areas that are expected to experience the most serious cold weather due to La Nina in the coming winter.—*Thura Lwin (Eco)*

Philippines planning to buy rice from Myanmar

THE Philippines has offered to buy rice from Myanmar through a government to government channel, according to the Investasian news agency.

The Philippines is made up of many small islands, making agricultural land scarce. In order to fulfill the nation's need for food products it has to import large quantities of rice. The Philippines is, in fact, becoming one of the world's largest rice importers.

This year's severe EL Niño further exasperated the Philippines' need for rice, causing their imports to increase further.

Indonesia also offered to buy 300,000 tonnes of rice from Myanmar. Myanmar and the Philippines will sign a contract soon, according to the Myanmar Rice Federation.

Myanmar has the potential to increase its rice exports substantially by harnessing modern technology and making use of newly opened channels of commerce, according to a World Bank report.

The current selling price for a bag of rice has fallen from about K1000 to K500. The price of rice will decrease more in the future, said a rice trader.—*Min Thu*

Crime NEWS

Two robbers given jail term with rigorous labour

POLICE, in cooperatin with the neighbours, arrested two robbers who forcibly entered the house of U Sai Maung Hla and Daw Nan Tin Yee, who are engaged in the money exchange business, and sent the robbers to the court of law for trial.

Lar Khaing Chon aka Aik Sai, 20, of Maing Yu village, Kutkai Township, was given a jail sentence of eight-years and nine-months with rigorous labour. Meanwhile, Yan Yoe Neint, aka Like Neint, 20, of Aung Myitta ward, NamKham township, was given a sentence of 5-years and 3-months with rigorous labour by the township court.

In February, three men attempted to rob the house in Nam



Lar Khaing Chon aka Aik Sai and Yan Yoe Neint, aka Like Neint.
PHOTO: NYAN MIN (NANT KHAN)

Kham town, northern Shan State, wielding a gun and a steel sword. Only two of the men were arrested. The third suspect, Lauk Phy-

int, managed to escape.

The police have filed charges against him. —*Nyan Min (Nant Khan)*

More than 6 million Yaba pills seized in Maungtaw, Rakhine State

AN anti-drug squad in Maungtaw, Rakhine State, seized more than 600,000 yaba pills in a car at a private quarry in Maungtaw on 17 September.

According to information released by the police yesterday, two men were arrested: Shaung

Shu Zu Har and Moe Zaw Oo who were found at the quarry in connection with the case.

Following interrogation of the suspects police also searched another quarry and found more than 6.2 million yaba pills worth of K12 billion kyat.



Shaung Shu Zu Har and Moe Zaw Oo. PHOTO: SUPPLIED BY POLICE

Similarly, a combined team comprising members of a local anti-drug squad and the police force, acting on a tip-off, searched the home of one Nuru Lamain, in Latha Village, MyoU Village-tract in Maungtaw Township on Monday and discovered more than 600,000 yaba pills. The team also confiscated K27 billion found during the search. The police arrested Anwar Bay Gaung, 38, and Anwar Sarde, 19, found at the home.

On the same day, a combined team comprising members of a local anti-drug squad and police force in Kyauktada Township discovered 27,800 yaba pills hidden in car being driven by one Thet Lwin Soe near Nanthida Jetty. 800 yaba pills were found in his hotel room.

Charges have been filed against all suspects.—*Kay Khaing*

Heroin seized in Shwebo, Muse and Kengtung

A LOCAL anti-drug squad in Monywa seized raw opium weighing 25.8 kilograms from Kyaw Myint Oo, Than Aung and Kyaw Moe who were found on board a passenger vehicle at the Myaung Gyi Ywar check point on Shwebo-Myitkyina road, Shwebo township on Sunday.

On the same day, police unit 22 from Muse stopped a motorcycle being ridden by one Twin Shon Chan with Pain Mine Chin on the back near Man Haung village, Namhkam township. Upon

conducting a search, police discovered 4,000 yaba pills.

Police from Kengtung township seized yaba and heroin from a home in Whay Pon village, Kengtung Township. Acting on a tip-off, police searched the home of one New Paw Mar Nay Lin and discovered 2,727 yaba pills and raw opium weighing 820 grams. Sai Yee Tit was found together at the house. Police have filed charges against all suspects under the Anti-Narcotic Law.—*Myanmar Police Force*



Kyaw Myint Oo, Than Aung and Kyaw Moe. PHOTO: MPF

Man arrested for robbery in Twantay

A MAN was arrested and another suspect remains on the loose after a robbery and assault at the home of Daw Yin Mya on Dala-Twantay road in Pait Swe village, Twantay township, Yangon Region on Sunday.

According to an investigation, Yin Mya's sister-in-law discovered one of the suspects leaving the home after he has stolen some items. Upon entering

the home to inspect the robbery she came face to face with a second burglar who was assaulting Daw Yin Mya by strangulation. When the sister-in-law yelled out for help, the second suspect tried to flee the scene but was caught by a concerned neighbor. The police said that Daw Yin Mya was seriously injured. Police are still searching for the other suspect.—*Maung Yin Oo / Tin Tun*

LOCAL Business

Share prices of three listed companies at YSX turn the downward trend

THE share prices of three listed companies at the Yangon Stock Exchange (YSX) have slumped, according to a daily announcement of share trading released by YSX.

The three listed companies are First Myanmar Investment (FMI), Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holdings (MTSH) and Myanmar Citizens Bank (MCB). The prices of shares on 15th September were Ks18,500 per unit of FMI, Ks42,000 per unit of MTSH and Ks7,600 per unit of MCB whereas share prices on 19th September were Ks18,000 per unit of FMI, Ks43,000 per unit of MTSH and Ks7,800 per unit of MCB. The change rate of FMI and MTSH shares slumped by Ks1,000. Officials said there was no need for stock investors to panic.

"It is normal for stock prices to rise and fall", said U Thein Wai, the chairman of FMI. "We do not want the shareholders to be concerned about share prices". —200



People are seen outside Yangon Stock Exchange in Yangon. PHOTO: NYI ZAW MOE

Shops at DDPC Shopping center to open on 9th October

THE shops at DDPC Shopping Center built by Dawei Development Public Co., Ltd (DDPC) will officially open on 9th October.

DDPC Shopping Center, the first shopping center in Dawei, was slated to open on 16th March, but that date has since been revised, it is learnt.

DDPC Shopping Center will create more job opportunities for local residents. The center is expected to offer one-stop services in a convenient location, said U Kyaw Thein Naing, C. G officer from DDPC. The boutiques, shoe stores, jewelry shops and other fashionable shops will be included at the centers. The center will open from 8am to 10 pm every day.

"Offering many things at the same place is comfortable for us," said Daw Yee Yee Htay, a local from Dawei.

There are 34 locations on the ground floor, which has already been sold out, representatives said. The company is gearing up to sell 34 more rooms on the upper floor, it is learnt.

DDPC Shopping Center is expected to become the pride of Dawei, creating job opportunities and earning more income for the local economy, said U Myat Ko, the former Chief Minister for Taninthayi Region in the previous government. He made his remarks at the opening ceremony of the center. — *Myitmakha News Agency*

Hot line services provided at MACCS

TO make it easier for users of Myanmar Automated Cargo Clearance System (MACCS), hot line services are provided, said an official from the Customs Department.

The system aims at facilitating the issuance of trading licences. MACCS is slated to of-

ficially launch in November. The system is currently being utilized experimentally from August to October.

The detailed information concerning MACCS system has already been uploaded onto the website of the Customs Department, he added.

Training courses are being systematically provided to the staff from the Customs Department in order to increase expertise of MACCS during the experimental period.

The Japanese government has provided machines, technical assistance and monetary help un-

der the Grant Aid program, with the aim of facilitating the import and export procedures of Myanmar using an online system.

The system aims to expedite the inflow of imports and exports and to facilitate other related documents so that movement of goods can be streamlined. —200

Foreign exchange rate falls then rallies, CBM increases rate

THE foreign exchange rate seemed to be on a downward trend on the black market in early September, but the rate then climbed to Ks1,246 per US dollar on 19th September. Additionally, the rate set by the Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) is on the rise, said an observer of the currency exchange market.

The foreign exchange rate continues to rise, and the Central Bank of Myanmar set a high exchange rate. The exchange rate on 14th September was Ks1,217 per US dollar, Ks1,220 per US dollar on 15th September, Ks1,223 per US dollar on 16th September and Ks1,230 per US dollar on 19th September.

ber. The exchange rate on 20th September is set at Ks1,235 per US dollar by CBM.

The highest exchange rates were Ks1,236 per US dollar on 15th September. Ks1,246 per US dollar on 16th and 17th September, Ks1,244 per US dollar on 18th September and Ks1,246 per US dollar on 19th September. The lowest exchange rate is Ks1,241 per US dollar on 19th September, it is learnt.

The world gold price is negatively related to the exchange rate.

However, Myanmar's gold price is witnessed to be at a high price. The local gold price reached Ks870,200 per tickle on 19th September. —*Ko Htet*

Hot-air ballooning transport to launch in October

HOT-air ballooning transport will resume in October after a four-month suspension due to weather conditions, said an official from the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism.

Hot-air ballooning in Myanmar is a popular excursion for tourists and locals to enjoy the scenic beauty in places such as Bagan. The balloon can lift off

only in clear weather. With rainy season coming to an end, hot-air ballooning can begin again. The course of the balloons depend on the wind direction that day. Pilots can control only the up-and-down movements of the balloon.

There are four companies engaged in hot-air ballooning transport, with a total of 32 hot-air balloons. Prices of ballooning

ranges from US\$250 to US\$380, it is learnt.

Hot-air balloons fly mostly above ancient Bagan, but sometimes above Inlay Lake, Monywa, Mandalay, Pakokku and Mawlamyine, it is learnt.

A hot air balloon ride is not a budget friendly experience, but most people consider it a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. —200

MRA Plaque to be issued for restaurants in Inlay and Bagan

MRA Plaques will be issued to restaurants in Inlay and Bagan by the Myanmar Restaurant Association (MRA) to ensure the health security for consumers, said Dr Nay Lin, the chairman of Myanmar Restaurant Association (MRA).

Currently, MRA has been drawing up the rules which the restaurateurs have to obey with

the assistance of the law experts. The rules include utilizing fresh fruits, vegetables and goods approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of Myanmar, training staff to be skillful and learning the methods of proper food and clean cooking methods.

After the rules are formulated, they will be instituted by the restaurant owners. Training

courses will be offered to the staff of restaurants and, upon completion, an MRA Plaque certified by MRA can be displayed at the restaurants.

The training and issuance of the certificates will be conducted across Myanmar. The plan will start in the Inlay area and Bagan, which are both very popular tourist destinations. — 200

North Korea's Kim guides new rocket engine test, calls for satellite launch

SEOUL — North Korean leader Kim Jong Un supervised a ground test of a new rocket engine to launch satellites, the North's state media reported on Tuesday, the latest in a rapid succession of missile-related tests this year by the isolated state.

Kim asked the scientists and engineers to make "preparations for launching the satellite as soon as possible on the basis of the successful test," the official KCNA news agency said, indicating the North may soon launch another long-range rocket.

The test was conducted amid global condemnation of the North's fifth nuclear test earlier this month and a call by the United States, Japan and South Korea this week for greater pressure on Pyongyang over its disregard for United Nations resolutions banning missile and nuclear programmes.

North Korea has been testing nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles at

an unprecedented rate this year under Kim's direction, including the launch of a satellite in February that was widely seen as a test of long-range ballistic missile technology.

The North's *Rodong Sinmun* newspaper carried photographs of Kim on a podium overlooking the vertical test stand that housed a rocket engine which blasted a column of flame.

A spokesman for South Korea's military, Jeon Ha-gyu, said the test was likely of the performance of a new engine that can be used for a long-range missile.

A satellite image dated 17 September provided to Reuters by the Washington-based 38 North showed preparations for an engine test, including a heavy crane over the vertical engine test stand and a shelter that would house the rocket engine.

"This test is another important development



Soha Satellite Launching Station is seen in Sohae, North Korea, in this satellite image taken on 17 September, 2016 released by 38 North. PHOTO: REUTERS

pointing to the first launch of a bigger, better space vehicle to place satellites in higher orbits, which could happen in the not too distant future," said Joel Wit, founder of the 38 North website, which monitors

North Korea.

North Korea claimed after its nuclear test this month that it had mastered the ability to mount a warhead on a ballistic missile, a worrying prospect for neighbours South Korea

and Japan. Developing an effective intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) would put the continental United States in range of the North's nuclear weapons.

Joshua Pollack, editor

of the US-based Nonproliferation Review, said North Korean media's description of a rocket engine with 80 tonnes of thrust would make it "a very powerful rocket, well beyond anything the North Koreans have shown the world before."

The test, Pollack said, may be the result of cooperation with Iran.

The US Treasury said in a January announcement of sanctions on people involved in Iran's missile programme that Iranian technicians had in recent years "travelled to North Korea to work on an 80-tonne rocket booster being developed by the North Korean government."

North Korea earlier this month fired three missiles that flew about 1,000 km (600 miles) each and in August tested a submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM) that international experts said showed considerable progress.—*Reuters*

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Thai court finds British rights activist guilty of defamation



British rights activist Andy Hall leaves the Bangkok South Criminal Court after hearing the court verdict on charges of defamation and computer crimes over a report on alleged ill-treatment of migrants, in Bangkok, Thailand on 20 September 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

BANGKOK — A British rights activist was found guilty by a Thai court on Tuesday of criminal defamation and given a three-year suspended sentence, a move rights groups said sets a worrying precedent.

The Bangkok South Criminal Court found Andy Hall of the Migrant Worker Rights Network guilty of defaming Natural Fruit Company, a large pineapple wholesaler that supplies the European Union, over

a report published in 2013 that he helped author for Finnwatch, a Finland-based watchdog group.

The report alleged labour abuses at a processing plant owned by the firm and led to several companies terminating their contracts with Natural Fruits.

The court found Hall guilty of criminal defamation and computer crimes and sentenced him to four years in prison, but reduced the sentence by one year "due to his history of doing public good and his record as a rights defender", a judge said. The court will suspend the sentence, the judge said, meaning Hall will be free unless he breaks the law during that period.

Thailand's harsh defamation and cyber crime laws have drawn criticism from rights groups concerned

about curbs on freedom of speech in the military-run country.

The court said in its ruling that Hall did not interview a large enough sample size in his report for Finnwatch.

It said the investigation by state auditors found no widespread abuses at Natural Fruit Company and that Hall did not give the company enough time to respond before submitting the report to Finnwatch.

Natural Fruit chairman Wirat Piyapornbaiboon said he was pleased with the verdict.

"Today I have fought for my honour and the honour of Thailand," Wirat told reporters.

Hall said the ruling would send "shockwaves in the international community".—*Reuters*

Japan pledges \$2.8 billion in refugee aid over three years

UNITED NATIONS — Japan will provide \$2.8 billion to help deal with the global refugee crisis over three years from 2016, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said on Monday.

Abe made the new pledge at a United Nations summit on refugees on the sidelines of the annual UN General Assembly. He said the money would be for "humanitarian and self-reliance assistance"

for refugees and migrants, and go to help host countries and communities.

Abe said current refugee and migrant movements were unprecedented and amounted to "serious ongoing humanitarian crises." He said Japan wanted to collaborate closely with other countries.

At last year's General Assembly, Abe said Japan would provide about \$1.6 billion to assist Syrians

and Iraqis displaced by war and for building peace across the Middle East and Africa.

While Japan has been a major donor in helping deal with an international crisis presented by a record 21.3 million refugees globally, it has taken in only a tiny number of refugees itself.

Abe said Japan had been providing assistance to Syrian refugees and

host communities in various countries, including Turkey and Jordan. He said as part of its efforts to promote self reliance, it was providing vocational training in central Lebanon to Syrian refugees and Lebanese youth in cooperation with the UN refugee agency. It was also assisting the UN Development Program with irrigation projects, Abe said.—*Reuters*



An aerial view shows flooded area due to heavy rains caused by Typhoon Malakas in Nobeoka, Miyazaki Prefecture, southwestern Japan, on 20 September 2016.
PHOTO: REUTERS

Typhoon Malakas hits southern Japan, heading towards Tokyo

TOKYO — A strong typhoon made landfall on southwestern Japan on Tuesday, bringing heavy rain that caused floods, forcing flight cancellations and prompting local authorities to issue evacuation advisories for more than 600,000 residents.

Typhoon Malakas is expected to head northeast along Japan's Pacific coast towards Tokyo before going out into the Pacific Ocean by early Wednesday morning, the Japan Meteorological Agency said.

It will likely be downgraded to a depression by 9:00 am on Wednesday, the agency said.

In six prefectures in western Japan including Kumamoto, which is still recovering from strong earthquakes that hit the region earlier this year, evacuation advisories were issued for about 632,500 people, Jiji news agency said.

Jiji said two people were slightly injured in southern Kyushu, while public broadcaster NHK reported more than 100 domestic flights have been cancelled.

The Meteorological Agency said torrential rain is expected on Japan's Pacific coast towards Tuesday night, and has advised caution against floods, mudslides and high waves. —Reuters

United Nations Secretary-General's message on The International Day of Peace

21 September 2016

Every year on the International Day of Peace, the United Nations calls on warring parties to lay down their arms and observe a 24-hour global ceasefire. The symbolism of a day without fighting is a crucial reminder that conflict can and must come to an end.

But peace is about much more than putting weapons aside. It is about building a global society in which people live free from poverty and share the benefits of prosperity. It is about growing together and supporting each other as a universal family.

The theme of this year's Peace Day highlights the 17 Sustainable Development Goals – the SDGs – as Building Blocks for Peace. Conflict often starts when people compete over limited resources. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is our blueprint to prevent such conflicts from arising by making sure no one is left behind.

When the 193 Member States of the United Nations unanimously adopted the 17 Sustainable Development Goals last September, their message was clear.

Sustainable development is essential for lasting peace, and both depend on respect for human rights. We need to protect our planet. And only by working together can we make our common home safe for future generations.

All of us can be sustainable development advocates and spread the word about the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs. And we can all hold our governments to account for keeping their pledge to the future.

Let us all work together to help all human beings achieve dignity and equality; to build a greener planet; and to make sure no one is left behind.

On this International Day of Peace, express your commitment to peace by becoming a champion of the Sustainable Development Goals.—UNIC/Yangon

US, China to step up cooperation on North Korea

NEW YORK — US President Barack Obama and Chinese Premier Li Keqiang agreed on Monday to step up cooperation in the United Nations Security Council and in law-enforcement channels after North Korea's fifth nuclear test, the White House said.

China and the United States are also targeting the finances of Liaoning Hongxiang Industrial, a Chinese conglomerate headed by a Communist Party cadre, that the Obama administration thinks has a role in assisting North Korea's nuclear programme, the *Wall Street Journal* reported on Monday.

UN diplomats say the two countries have started discussions on a possible UN sanctions resolution in response to the nuclear test earlier this month, but Beijing has not said directly whether it will support tougher steps against North Korea.

Obama met Li on the sidelines of the annual United Nations General Assembly session in New York. "Both leaders condemned North Korea's 9 September nuclear test and resolved

to strengthen coordination in achieving the denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula, including by invigorating cooperation in the United Nations Security Council and in law enforcement channels on North Korea," a White House statement said.

China is isolated North Korea's most important diplomatic backer and its biggest trading partner.

It has been angered by Pyongyang's repeated nuclear and missile tests and signed on to increasingly tough UN sanctions, but it has said it believes such steps are not the ultimate answer and called for a return to talks with North Korea.

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi told his Japanese counterpart last week China opposes "unhelpful" unilateral sanctions on North Korea but will work within the United Nations to formulate a response.

Washington has pressed Beijing to do more to rein in North Korea. The United States has said it is willing to negotiate with the North if the country

commits to get rid of its nuclear weapons, which Pyongyang has refused to do.

The US Department of Justice (DoJ) is preparing as early as this week to announce legal action against Chinese firms suspected of providing financial assistance to Pyongyang, the *Journal* reported, citing officials familiar with the matter.

It said DoJ prosecutors visited Beijing twice last month to make their Chinese counterparts aware of alleged criminal activities being committed by Liaoning Hongxiang Industrial.

A social media post last week from the police in Liaoning, the northeastern border province of China, said they were investigating the firm's alleged long-term involvement in "serious economic crimes" and that relevant suspects were cooperating.

A report by Asan Institute for Policy Studies in Seoul and C4ADS in Washington says it identified more than \$500 million in trade from January 2011 to September 2015 between the North and the Liaoning Hongxiang

Group, which states on its website that it trades heavily with the North.

The figure includes more than \$360 million in imports from North Korea by one group company, Dandong Hongxiang Industrial Development Co., an industrial machinery and equipment wholesaler.

"While no judgement is being made on the final use of these funds, trade at this volume is of particular note. By one estimate, this amount would have been almost enough to both fund North Korea's uranium enrichment facilities, and to design, make and test its nuclear weapons," the report said.

Certain assets related to the company, its founder and top executive Ma Xiaohong, and some of her relatives and associates, have been frozen by Chinese authorities in recent weeks, according to government and corporate filings cited by the *Journal*.

The Asan report said its trading of goods that could qualify as potential military and nuclear dual-use products under US export

restrictions were of particular concern.

The companies identified have had dealings with sanctioned North Korean entities, the report said.

Chang Yong-seok, senior researcher at the Institute for Peace and Unification Studies, Seoul National University, said this case was symbolic and could have real practical impact.

"This was the US taking China into consideration and working with China. More such cases may follow if the US or South Korea have firm evidence ... Chinese companies that have capacity for producing or securing goods for North Korea may be worried now," he said.

China's Foreign Ministry said relevant departments were investigating Liaoning Hongxiang Group and were following the provisions of UN resolution 2270, which imposed tighter sanctions on North Korea in March in response to its fourth nuclear test in January and the launch of a long-range missile a month later.—Reuters

Opinion

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Be aware of propaganda strategies

Khin Maung Aye

WITH propaganda techniques, panic mongering is often used when people are afraid, because people lose their ability to think rationally when they are terrified. With panic mongering, there is never a break from the fear. The idea of employing this technique is to terrify and terrorise the readers and/or audience during every waking moment.

Another technique is character assassination. Instead of wasting time debating the idea, some prefer a quicker route to dispensing with their opponents – go after the person's credibility, motives, intelligence, character or, if needed,

sanity. Another way is rewriting history – lying about the historical facts even when they can be proved to be false. The reason is that the dogmatic minds actually find it easier to reject reality than update their viewpoints. There is another propaganda strategy – scapegoating. This strategy works best when people feel insecure or scared. Technically, this strategy is a form of both fear mongering and diversion. The simple idea is that if you can find a group to blame for social or economic problems, you can then go on to justify violence and subvert responsibility for any harm that may befall them as a result.

One more technique is bullying, which works best with people who lack confidence either in themselves or in their grasp of subjects under discussion. This lack of confidence is exploited to force their submission or compliance. As with the preceding technique, the strategy of confusion works best with the less confident and self-possessed readers and/or audience. The idea is to deliberately confuse an argument but insist that the logic is airtight and imply that anyone who disagrees is either too dumb or too fanatical to follow along.

There is also a strategy called saturation. There are

three components to effective saturation: being repetitive, being ubiquitous and being consistent. There is a psychological effect of being exposed to the same message over and over, regardless of whether it is true or if it even makes sense. If something is said enough times by enough people, many will come to accept it as truth. There are other propaganda techniques like projection flipping, conflating violence, populism, invoking the Christian God, disparaging education, guilt by association and diversion. The more the readers are aware of these techniques, the less likely they are to work on you.

International Day of Peace: Building Blocks for Peace

Dr. Khine Khine Win

“THE Sustainable Development Goals: Building Blocks for Peace: is the theme for 2016 International Day of Peace. September 21 is designated as the International Day of Peace and was established in 1981 by the United Nations General Assembly. On that day United Nations invites all nations and people to honor a cessation of hostilities during the day and to otherwise commemorate the Day through education and public awareness on issues related to peace. Peace is the United Nations' highest calling. The United Nations defined peace as the collection of attitudes, beliefs and actions that demonstrate a concern for worldwide human rights and a positive regard for life. Peace is very important not only for the Nations but also for the globe. However, peace is not a one-time act. True peace is built over time, with many different processes and ap-

proaches that move conflict into lasting, peaceful relationships. It requires action at many different levels, by different people, in different ways, and at different points in a conflict. Increased understanding – of different cultures, languages, and concerns – can go a long way toward reducing conflict.

Let's see the 2030 agenda for sustainable development goals. This is the agenda for next 15 years in 5 critical areas for humanity and the planet. They are People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace and Partnership. Regarding the Peace, the world leaders are determined to foster to peaceful, just and inclusive societies which are free from fear and violence. There can be no sustainable development without peace and no peace without sustainable development. They are interdependent and mutually reinforcing. Every single one of the sustainable development goals is a building block in the global architecture of peace. No doubt, we need sus-

tainable peace for sustainable future.

In order to achieve all sustainable development goals, there must be peace within countries as well as within globe as un-peaceful somewhere is un-peaceful everywhere. Here, let me quote the words by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, the State Counsellor “The news of peace restored in other countries keeps us cheerful, because we humans are somewhat of the same mind. Peace in one place raises hope for peace in the other place”. Without peace we cannot hope for stability, human rights, effective governance and sustainable development. Again, Peace is the linchpin in implementation of sustainable development goals.

So how do we build peace? What are the blocks for building peace? Education is one of the essential tools for Peace. We need to educate the public by raising the positive impact of peace and negative impact of conflict. Without knowledge they may not have

the ability to understanding the meaning of peace. If there is peace, we can eradicate illiteracy, enable ethnic people to pursue higher education and promote ethnic literature will be carried out.

Trust is also an essential ingredient in building peace. Without trust there can be no genuine peace. In order to build peace, first we need to build trust. Without peace nothing good things can happen. No education, no rule of law, no good governance, no good economic, no peaceful life and so on. Peace provides the appropriate environment for many other things such as better economic performance, more inclusive societies, including gender equality and better measures on ecological sustainability.

Inclusiveness is also one of the blocks to build peace. Indeed, there is another block, understanding. If we desire a society of peace, we need understanding each other. We cannot achieve such a society through violence.

If we want to achieve the 17 goals for sustainable development for our planet, we absolutely need peace everywhere in the world. Peace only can make our dreams comes true. To achieve global goals, we need world peace. If you want our future with sustainable development, stop fighting and let's build peace.

“The news of peace restored in other countries keeps us cheerful, because we humans are somewhat of the same mind. Peace in one place raises hope for peace in the other place”.

Chinese companies showing interest in Myanmar avocados

A NUMBER of Chinese companies have plans to visit Myanmar and meet with local traders to start importing avocados, according to the Myanmar Fruit and Vegetable Producers Association (MFVP).

The MFVP showed such fruits as avocados, mangoes, pomelos, watermelons and honeydew melons as well as Myanmar thanakhar and tea leaves at a fruit exhibition which was held in

China from 11 to 14 September. Over 30 companies from China offered to buy avocados from Myanmar at the exhibition, it is reported.

Avocado is mainly grown in

Shan and Chin states. Winrock International has been providing agricultural technological assistance to Myanmar since 2014. A Hong Kong company offered to buy avocados at a relatively high

price of US\$5.5 per kilogram.

China currently imports avocado mainly from Peru, Chile and Latin America, making Myanmar an attractive nearby source. – *Min Thu*

New Myanmar Investments shares admitted to trading

MYANMAR-focused investment company Myanmar Investments International confirmed on Tuesday that following its announcement on 13 September regarding its \$4.22m gross fundraising, the 3.25 million were new ordinary shares of nil par value each and 811,368 new warrants were admitted to trading on 16 September.

The AIM-traded firm said the proceeds of the fundraising will be used to fund its investment pipeline, in order to take advantage of a number of live investment opportunities.

“It is expected that subject to market conditions, the proceeds will be deployed within six months,” its board said in a statement.

“The issued share capital of the company following the fundraising is 30,553,627 ordinary shares, with voting rights.” —*Share Cast News*



A vessel carrying containers is seen in the Yangon River.
PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE

PEACE IS A MANY SPLENDOURS THING

“The ultimate tragedy is not the oppression and cruelty by the bad people, but the silence over it by the good people”
Martin Luther King Jr.

“Peace is what the world wants most of all- peace between nations, peace within nations, peace between families, peace within families, peace between individuals, but first we must try and find peace in ourselves”
The Walsingham Peace Initiative

“Music and rhythm find their way into the secret places of the soul.
The hills the sea and the earth dance.
The world of man dances in
Laughter and tears.”
Saint Kabir

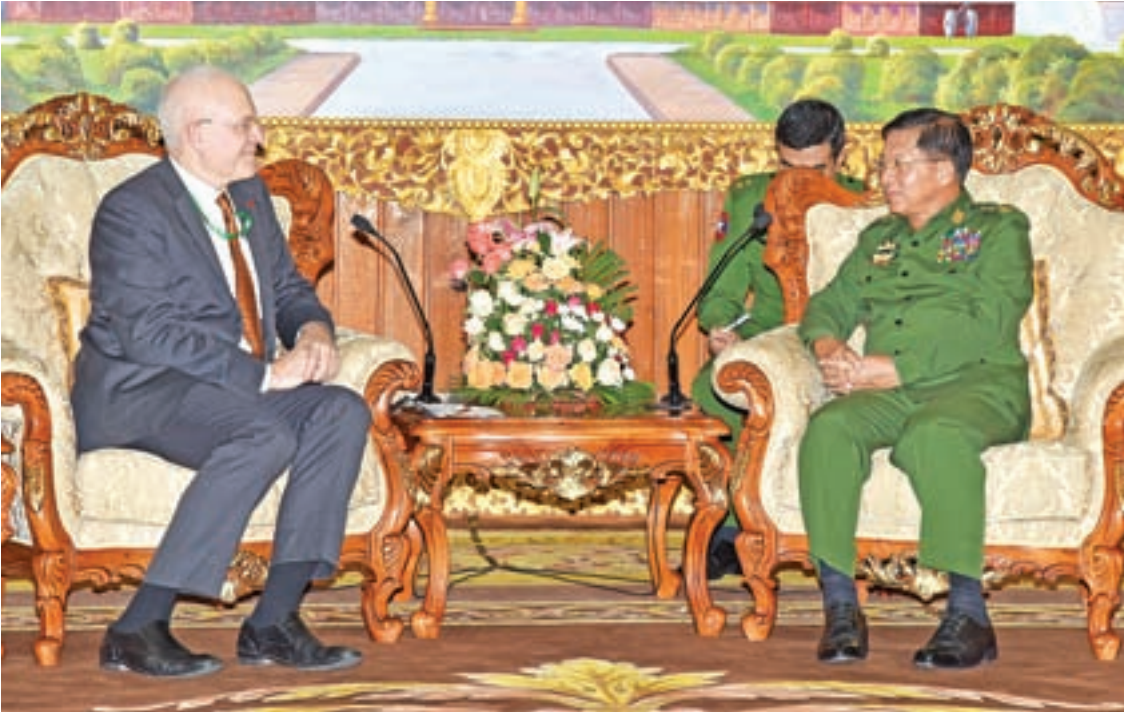
“We are not truly civilized if we concern ourselves with the relation of man to man. What is important is the relation of man to all life.”
Albert Schweitzer

“We can celebrate peace and justice in everyday life by changing individual attitudes about domestic violence.”
Anne Paine

“As they used to say
What if they gave a war and nobody came?
How worthwhile if they declared a day of peace and everybody came “
Edward Asner

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Commander-in-Chief receives outgoing Canadian ambassador



Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives outgoing Canadian ambassador. PHOTO: MNA

COMMANDER-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing met with Mr. Mark McDowell, Canadian Ambassador to Myanmar, who has completed his tour of duty in Myanmar, at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

At the meeting, the two officials discussed measures being taken for peace and stability for the development of the country. The meeting also focused on development in border areas, the removal of landmines and the promotion of the relations and co-operation between the two armed forces. — *Myanmar News Agency*

DRI busts gang that smuggled in 7,000 kg gold from Myanmar

THE Delhi Zonal Unit of Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) has busted a gang that has, in the last two-and-half-years, smuggled 7,000 kg of gold worth over Rs.2,000 crore through Indo-Myanmar border.

The international racket, involving huge illegal outflow of unaccounted foreign currency, was being run allegedly by Guwahati-based Narendra Jain and his associate Sartaj from Chandni Chowk in Old Delhi, along with their accomplices. The accused have been arrested and sent to judicial custody.

According to DRI investigations, the smuggled gold was being brought to Delhi using Jet Airways flights from Guwahati. In all, 617 such trips were undertaken by the gang. Suspected involvement of the airlines’ employees is also being investigated, said the agency.

An airline spokesperson told The Hindu: “The said authorities had contacted Jet Airways to seek information on carriage of cargo from Guwahati to Delhi from certain Customers. The airline fully cooperated and provided all information sought by the authorities. Jet Airways complies with rules, regulations and laws of the land they operate in, including matters relating to carriage of all types of shipments.”

The DRI said the gold consignments were declared “valuable cargo” to evade detection. Unlike in international flights, where Customs unit keep a check on cargo, there is no such mechanism to verify the authenticity of claims by passengers in domestic flights.—*The Hindu*

Experts discuss update on palm oil nutrition

MYANMAR and Malaysian palm oil experts gave talks on quality and safety assurance of Malaysian palm oil in Yangon yesterday.

The talks was organized by Malaysian Palm Oil Board (MPOB) with opening remarks by Director-General Dr Ahmad Kushairi Din of MPOB, Chairman of Myanmar association of edible oil traders U Myint Kyu, Ambassador of Malaysia to Myanmar Mr Mohd Haniff Abd Rahman, Deputy Minister for Plantation Industries and Commodities of Malaysia Mr Datuk Datu Nasrun Datu.

The experts also discussed latest R & D on food applications of palm oil, latest update on palm oil nutritional research, new approaches on palm oil in non-food applications, quality and standardization of oils and fats in Myanmar and market opportunities of Malaysian palm oil in Myanmar.—*Myanmar News Agency*



Talks on quality and safety assurance of Malaysian palm oil in progress. Photo: MNA

US investigators seek motive for NY, NJ weekend attacks

LINDEN, (N.J.) — Investigators were searching on Tuesday for clues to the motive behind the bombings and attempted bombings in New York and New Jersey over the weekend and to determine whether the Afghanistan-born suspect had accomplices or was radicalised overseas.

Ahmad Khan Rahami, 28, was arrested on Monday in Linden, New Jersey following a dramatic gun battle with police after they were summoned by a neighbourhood bar owner who thought the bearded man sleeping against his closed tavern's front door in the pouring rain resembled the bombing suspect.

Rahami and two police officers were wounded in the exchange of gunfire.

Authorities did not offer any immediate information on the possible motives of Rahami, who

was charged by Union County prosecutors with five counts of attempted murder in the first degree and two second-degree weapons charges.

More charges were expected to be brought against Rahami in federal court. New York's mayor called the bombing that injured 29 people in the bustling Chelsea district "an act of terror."

Rahami, who lived with his family above the First American Fried Chicken restaurant in Elizabeth, New Jersey, is also suspected of planting a bomb that exploded on the New Jersey shore on Saturday, a device found near the New York blast, and up to six more devices found near the Elizabeth train station on Sunday night. The bombings and subsequent manhunt prompted even greater security in America's biggest city, already on high alert

for a gathering of world leaders at the United Nations in New York for the annual General Assembly this week. An additional 1,000 officers were deployed.

While officials did not give much information about Rahami, CNN, citing unnamed law enforcement sources, reported that Rahami travelled multiple times to Afghanistan and Pakistan in recent years, including a year-long stay in Pakistan until March 2014. Police were looking into whether he was radicalised overseas, CNN said.

The *New York Times* reported that no evidence had yet been found that Rahami had received military training overseas but said FBI agents were trying to determine if his actions had been guided by Islamic State militants or any other terrorist organisation.—*Reuters*

"Saving our Ship: A Global Response to Refugees and Migrants" by Ban Ki-moon Secretary-General of the United Nations

Perhaps no issue on the global agenda is more susceptible to manipulation by grandstanding demagogues than refugees and migrants. 'Us' versus 'them' is a timeless if irresponsible unifier, used throughout history to obscure our common humanity by those with dangerously self-serving interests. The difference now is that more people are on the move than ever before, and in an era when storylines spread with viral speed, we see xenophobia rising and too often erupting into violence.

This week's United Nations Summit for Refugees and Migrants represents a breakthrough at a breaking point. With so many shrill voices dominating the debate, governments from around the world are responding in measured tones that can yield real results if promises are kept.

The Summit marks the first-ever gathering of top leaders to discuss refugees and migrants. It will adopt a groundbreaking consensus agreement: the New York Declaration. Fittingly, that document honours a city renowned for its vibrant diversity—symbolized by the Statue of Liberty standing tall in New York Harbor. Most importantly, the Declaration sets a principled and pragmatic approach for addressing the challenges of people on the move while upholding our most cherished values.

The stakes are high. There are 244 million migrants in the world. More than 65 million people are now forcibly displaced. Half of them are children. Refugees running for their lives too often face grave dangers on their journey to safety. When they arrive, many suffer discrimination and even detention. Facing difficulties in a mobile world, they often travel farther in search of safety and stability. But legal pathways are scarce, and unscrupulous smugglers take advantage, charging exorbitant sums for a risky chance to escape.

Wars are lasting longer and refugees are finding it harder to return home — with the length of displacement in some cases stretching across generations. Contrary to prevailing impressions, the vast majority of refugees are not in rich countries; 86 percent are in the developing world. And the poorer countries hosting refugees do not receive nearly enough help. Last year, United Nations humanitarian appeals received barely more than half the funds that were sought.

Resettlement options are also a fraction of what they should be. Nearly a million people were identified as needing resettlement in 2015, but just over 100,000 received it.

The challenges are enormous — but we should not forget the benefits. With the right approach, refugees and migrants can bring benefits to both their adoptive societies and their home countries. This well-documented upside should not be lost in the debate.

The New York Declaration should be seen in the wider context of new and ambitious international efforts to improve conditions where people live so they are not forced to leave. Central to this is the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, our global plan for peace and prosperity on a healthy planet. We are also pushing to prevent and resolve conflicts — and to sustain peace once the guns fall silent.

The Summit will feature testimony from those directly affected. I am especially looking forward to meeting again with an extraordinary young woman I first encountered last month at the Olympic Games in Rio.

Yusra Mardini is Syrian — but she competed on the new refugee team established for athletes who, like millions of other people around the world, have been forced out of their homelands.

Before she swam in races, Yusra was in a race to save lives.

Last year, she left Syria on an overcrowded boat. When its engine died, she dove into the Aegean Sea and started pushing the vessel, along with a few other swimmers among the group. It took a gruelling three hours to reach the shore. They arrived exhausted — but they had proven the power of human solidarity to ferry us to safety.

Humanity is together in one boat. Stoking fear, blaming the 'other' or scapegoating minorities will only increase the dangers for all.

Wise leaders understand that we should instead endeavour to save everyone, optimize the contributions of each, and steer our common ship to our shared destination: a future of opportunity and dignity for all.—*UNIC/Yangon*

On New York mission, Theresa May seeks to shore up UK influence after Brexit



Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May speaks during a high-level meeting on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants at the United Nations General Assembly in Manhattan, New York, US, on 19 September, 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

NEW YORK — On a mission to shore up British clout after the shock vote to leave the European Union raised questions over the future unity of the West, Prime Minister Theresa May will tell leaders on Tuesday that Britain will not turn away from the world.

In her maiden speech to the United Nations General Assembly, May will sketch her views on how to deal with terrorism, mass migration and modern slavery while also calling for modernisation of the 71-year-old organisation.

On Brexit, May will tell the General Assembly that the Brit-

ish people "did not vote to turn inwards or walk away from any of our partners in the world," according to remarks released by her office.

She told reporters in New York on Monday that she was "batting for Britain" after the Brexit vote.

The 23 June vote took many investors and chief executives by surprise, triggering the deepest political and financial turmoil in Britain since World War II and the biggest ever one-day fall in sterling against the dollar.

Britain's allies fear that its exit from the EU could mark a

turning point in post-Cold War international affairs that will weaken the West in relation to China and Russia, undermine efforts toward European integration and hurt global free trade.

Britain retains its role in the NATO military alliance as the EU's biggest defence spender, its permanent veto-wielding seat on the UN Security Council and four submarines armed with nuclear ballistic missiles. But some diplomats and CEOs are worried that Brexit could torpedo Britain's economic interests and clout, a suggestion that riles British ministers.—*Reuters*

Air strikes hit aid convoy as Syria says ceasefire over



A boy inspects a damaged aid truck after an airstrike on the rebel held Urm al-Kubra town, western Aleppo city, Syria on 20 September 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

BEIRUT — Syrian or Russian aircraft struck an aid convoy near Aleppo on Monday and killed 12 people, according to a war monitor, as the Syrian military declared a one-week truce brokered by the United States and Russia over.

The United Nations confirmed the convoy was hit but gave no details on who carried out the attack or how many died as world leaders converged on New York for their annual UN gathering under the shadow of fresh violence in the Syrian civil war.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights monitoring group said the

attacks were carried out by either Syrian or Russian aircraft, adding that there had been 35 strikes in and around Aleppo since the truce ended.

A humanitarian aid group said the death toll was higher. Fourteen Syrian Arab Red Crescent volunteers were killed, Elhadj As Sy, secretary general of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, told a UN summit.

At least 18 of 31 trucks in a UN and Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC) convoy were hit along with an SARC warehouse, said UN spokesman Stephane Dujar-

ric. The convoy was delivering aid for 78,000 people in the hard-to-reach town of Urm al-Kubra in Aleppo Governorate, he said.

UN aid chief Stephen O'Brien said initial reports indicated many people had been killed or seriously wounded, including SARC volunteers, and that if the "callous attack" was found to be deliberate it amount to a war crime.

"Notification of the convoy ... had been provided to all parties to the conflict and the convoy was clearly marked as humanitarian," he said in a statement, calling for an immediate, independent investigation.

The attack appeared to signal the imminent collapse of the latest effort by the United States and Russia to halt Syria's 5-1/2-year-old civil war.

"We don't know if it can be salvaged," said a senior Obama administration official of the effort by the United States and Russia, which back opposite sides in the conflict. "At this point the Russians have to demonstrate very quickly their seriousness of purpose because otherwise there will be nothing to extend and nothing to salvage," the official, who spoke to reporters on condition of anonymity, added.—Reuters

Congo anti-government march turns violent in capital, 17 dead

KINSHASA — Congolese police on Monday clashed with protesters marching against what they claim is a bid by President Joseph Kabila to extend his mandate, killing at least 17 people and prompting a threat of further sanctions from the United States.

The protest, attended by thousands, came at a time of growing local and international pressure on Kabila to step down when his term of office legally ends in December. The opposition accuses him of plotting to extend his

tenure in the central African copper producer by delaying elections that were supposed to be held in November until at least next year. His supporters deny this.

"The sad and painful death toll from these barbaric and extremely savage acts is as follows: 17 dead of which three were policemen," said Interior Minister Evariste Boshab, condemning "the use of violence to incite disorder and chaos".

United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon confirmed the death toll and



Congolese policemen detain opposition activists participating in a march to press President Joseph Kabila to step down in the Democratic Republic of Congo's capital Kinshasa, on 19 September 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

urged Congolese national security forces to exercise restraint.

The president of opposition party Reformist Forces for Union and Solidarity (FONUS) Joseph Olenga Nkoy said 53 people were killed in the clashes while a

local rights official said 25 protesters were shot. Earlier on Monday, a Reuters witness saw a crowd burning the body of a police officer in the Kinshasa suburb of Limete in an apparent act of retaliation for police gunfire.—Reuters

Palestinian assailant with knife shot dead in West Bank — Israeli army

HEBRON — A Palestinian armed with a knife attempted to stab an Israeli soldier at a checkpoint in the occupied West Bank on Tuesday and was shot and killed, the Israeli army said.

The incident occurred at the entrance to Bani Na'im, a village to the west of Hebron that has been tightly secured by Israeli forces in recent months because of earlier attacks by Palestinians from the area.

The army said the assailant approached a checkpoint with a knife and attempted to stab a soldier. "Responding to the immediate threat, forces fired at the assailant, resulting in his death," it said in a statement.

The Palestinian health ministry confirmed a Pal-

estinian had been killed but had no immediate details of his name or age.

There has been a surge in stabbings and related attacks by Palestinians targeting Israeli security forces in recent days, ahead of the Jewish new year holiday and the anniversary of a wave of violence that began last October.

On Monday, Israeli forces killed two Palestinian assailants in the West Bank and two Israeli police officers were stabbed near the Old City of Jerusalem.

Tuesday's death raises to seven the number of alleged attackers — six Palestinians and a Jordanian — killed since Friday in incidents in which Israeli authorities said at least nine Israelis have been wounded.—Reuters

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Thousands flee Greek migrant camp fire as tensions flare

ATHENS — Thousands of people fled a migrant camp on the Greek island of Lesbos on Monday night after fire ripped through tents and destroyed containers during violence among residents, police said.

It was not clear what caused the blaze, but Greek media said clashes had erupted following a rumour that hundreds of people would be deported.

A police official on Lesbos said nearly 60 per cent of the Moria camp was destroyed in the fire.

Tensions have boiled over at overcrowded camps on Greece's islands as the slow processing of asylum requests adds to frustration over difficult living conditions there. On Lesbos, the damage was "extensive, tents and containers burned down" and nearly everyone, among them unaccompanied children, had evacuated the site, the police official said on condition of anonymity. Many later returned.



Refugees and migrants stand at the closed gate of the Moria migrant camp, after a fire at the facility, on the island of Lesbos, Greece, on 19 September 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

A police official in Athens said two riot police squads were being deployed to the island.

UNHCR, the United Nations refugee agency, said the fire was linked in part to poor living conditions and a prevailing feeling of uncertainty among many in the camp.

"They don't know when their asylum claims will be processed, some people feel they don't have enough information," said Roland Schoenbauer, a spokesman in Greece. "People are sick of waiting."

More than 5,700 refugees and migrants are on Lesbos, stranded there by a

European Union deal with Turkey preventing them going beyond the island until their asylum claims are processed. Those who do not qualify will be deported to Turkey.

Thousands have applied for asylum and the wait is long, ranging from weeks to months. Just over 500

people have been deported to Turkey since March but none of those who have requested asylum were among those, Greece says.

Despite a slowdown in arrivals from Turkey compared to last year, more than 13,500 migrants and refugees are now living on eastern Aegean islands, nearly double a capacity of 7,450.

"The situation is difficult," Christiana Kalogirou, prefect of the north Aegean region, told Greek TV. "There is a great need for decongestion of the islands ... in the future things could become much more difficult," she said.

Including those on the islands, there are 60,000 migrants and refugees stranded in Greece, mostly Syrians, Iraqis and Afghans who made risky journeys in flimsy inflatable boats. Their journey to northern or western Europe was cut short in March, when countries along the Balkans closed their borders.—Reuters

Dodik will brief Putin on current situation in BiH

BANJALUKA — Republika Srpska (RS) President Milorad Dodik said on Monday his upcoming meeting with Vladimir Putin represented a continuity and that he would brief the Russian president on the current political situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH). "We will discuss economic and political matters. I will brief the Russian president on the current political situation in BiH and the illegal work of the High Representative, who has violated an international agreement", said Dodik, adding that he would thank Russia for understanding and backing international law and the Dayton Agreement. Russia "insists on consistent implementation of the Dayton Agreement but, at the same time, it is not ready to support the violence of the international High Representative," he told the RTRS. Dodik will travel to Russia on 23 September, two days before the RS Day referendum.—Tanjung

THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS MYANMA RAILWAYS

Amendment of Invitation for Bids

Date: 19th September 2016

Loan Agreement No: MY-P4 dated 5th September, 2014

IFB No: MR/BD/107

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2. Bidding will be conducted through procedures in accordance with the applicable Guidelines for Procurement under Japanese ODA Loans, and is open to all Bidders from eligible source countries. The Eligible Nationality of the Applicants shall be Japan in the case of the prime contractor. In case where the prime contractor is a joint venture, such joint venture will be eligible provided that the nationality of the lead partner is Japan, that the nationality of the other partners is Japan and/or the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and that the total share of work of Japanese partners in the joint venture is more than fifty percent (50%) of the contract amount.
3. The Myanma Railways, Ministry of Transport and Communications now invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for the procurement of 370,000 units of FD Clips and 256 sets of Sleeper's Moulds. ("the Goods").
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5. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders on the submission of a written application to the address above, and upon payment of a non-refundable fee Myanmar Kyat one hundred and twenty thousand (120,000 Ks.) or United States Dollar one hundred (US\$ 100).
6. The provisions in the Instructions to Bidders and in the General Conditions of Contract are the provisions of the Standard Bidding Documents under Japanese ODA Loans for the Procurement of Goods.
7. Bids must be delivered to the above address at or before 14:00 p.m. on 3rd November 2016 and must be accompanied by a Bid Security of Japanese Yen twenty five million (JPY25,000,000) or United States Dollars two hundred twenty thousand (US\$220,000)..
8. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at 14:00 p.m. at the office described above.

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Clinton, Trump vie for world leaders' attention in New York

NEW YORK—With national security again a major US election issue after bombings in New York and New Jersey, Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump sought to burnish their foreign-policy credentials on Monday by meeting world leaders at the United Nations.

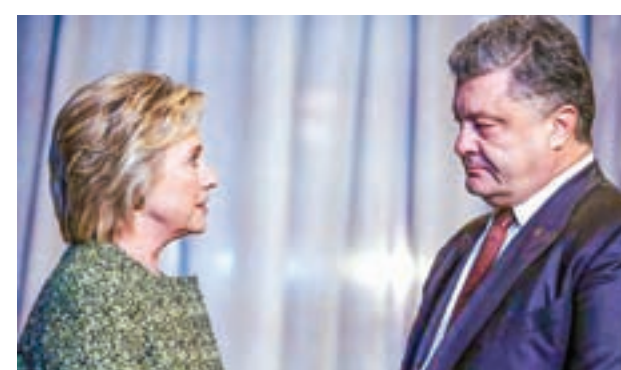
For Clinton, the Democratic presidential nominee, it was a return to a role she knows well after she served as President Barack Obama's secretary of state for four years.

Trump, the Republican nominee, is a newcomer to the global stage who is hurriedly trying to play catch-up.

In rapid succession, Clinton met briefly with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, and then Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko.

Trump also met Sisi minutes after the Egyptian leader spoke with Clinton in the same Manhattan hotel.

The meetings came on a day that started with Clinton suggesting Trump's harsh rhetoric toward Muslims aids the Islamic State militant group's recruiting



US Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton attends a bilateral meeting with Ukraine's President Petro Poroshenko (R) at a hotel in New York, US on 19 September, 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

efforts. Trump pushed back, arguing the United States was less safe as a result of Obama and Clinton's policies.

Security questions arose in each of Monday's bilateral sessions, which took place as world leaders gathered for the UN General Assembly, with Clinton and Abe discussing concerns over North Korea and maritime issues involving China.

Clinton and Trump both spoke with Sisi about working more closely with Egypt to combat the Islamic State threat.

Trump's campaign released a statement saying that Trump "highlighted

how Egypt and the US share a common enemy and the importance of working together in defeating radical Islamic terrorism."

With Clinton, Sisi also discussed his goal of moving Egypt toward "a new civil society, a new modern country that upholds the rule of law and respects human rights and liberties." Clinton and Poroshenko addressed Russian incursions into Ukrainian territory. Clinton started the session by saying Ukraine faces "very real problems and threats from Russian aggression" and that she was "anxious to know how we can be supportive."—Reuters

First Japanese private hospital opens in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH — The first Japanese private hospital opened in Cambodia's capital Phnom Penh on Tuesday, with the aim of helping to reduce the flow of Cambodian patients to neighbouring countries.

The four-storey Sunrise Japan Hospital was opened in the presence of Cambodia's Prime Minister Hun Sen and Japan's parliamentary vice foreign minister Kiyoshi Odawara.

The hospital provides a 52-bed health service with more than 100 members of staff, of which 30 per cent are Japanese.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, Hun Sen highlighted the significance of having a Japanese hospital in the country, which, he said, will help provide good health services to Cambodians and also bring trust to foreigners visiting the country as investors and tourists.

He added that Japan has contributed a great deal to Cambodia's development in many fields, including infrastructure, such as bridges and roads, which form part of Japan's contribution to connectivity between members of the Association of South-east Asian Nations and to Japan-Mekong cooperation, which helps narrow the gaps between ASEAN member states.

Hun Sen said he appreciated the quality of Japanese health care that he personally had received

since 1997, relating to his glass eye, and that he is seeking an appropriate time to take advantage of newly established direct flights between Phnom Penh and Tokyo to undergo a medical check-up in Japan in the near future.

At the ceremony, Odawara read a statement on behalf of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, saying the hospital had materialized after Abe and Hun Sen held talks on this issue in 2013.

Abe was quoted as saying "health is one of the major sectors" that Japan has focused on with Cambodia, and that the hospital will strengthen relations between the two countries and their people.

Shigemi Kitaraha, the founder of and adviser to Sunrise Japan Hospital said "our goal is the development of high quality and sustainable medical services in Cambodia."

"The opening of Sunrise Japan Hospital is the starting point of this long journey," he added.

According to Kitahara, the hospital will offer emergency medical treatment for brain and heart disorders, injuries from traffic accidents and medical check-ups, and will continue working toward the establishment of general hospital services, including obstetrics, pediatrics and rehabilitation and their associated information technology and education systems.—*Kyodo News*

Putin firms control with big win for Russia's ruling party

MOSCOW — Vladimir Putin cemented his supremacy over Russia's political system when his ruling United Russia party took three quarters of the seats in parliament in a weekend election, paving the way for him to run for a fourth term as president.

Opposition activists and European observers questioned how free and fair the vote had been, however, although there were no immediate signs the result might spark street protests of the kind which erupted after the last such election in 2011.

With most votes counted, United Russia, founded by Putin almost 16 years ago after he first became president, was on track on Monday to win 76 per cent of the seats in Russia's Duma, the lower house of parliament, up from just over half in 2011. That would be its biggest ever majority. Putin's spokesman called it "an impressive vote of confi-



Russian President Vladimir Putin greets Prime Minister and Chairman of the United Russia party Dmitry Medvedev during a visit to the party's campaign headquarters following a parliamentary election in Moscow, Russia, on 18 September, 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

dence" in the Russian leader and dismissed critics who noted a sharp fall in turnout.

Around 4 million fewer Russians voted for United Russia compared to 2011, data from the Central Election Commission showed, while overall turnout fell to 48 per cent from 60 per cent, exposing growing apathy about a political system

and elite which critics say tolerates no genuine opposition.

Liberal opposition parties failed to win a single seat. Dmitry Gudkov, the only liberal opposition politician to hold a seat before, said he had been beaten by a United Russia candidate whose chances he said had been lifted by poor turnout.

"The question now is... how to live with a one-party parliament," Gudkov said.

European election monitors said the vote was marred by numerous procedural irregularities and restrictions on basic rights. Russian officials said there was no evidence of widespread fraud. Near complete results showed especially low turnout in Moscow and St. Petersburg, where protests against Putin erupted after the last parliamentary election in 2011. Putin and his allies have since tightened protest laws and made life difficult for civil society groups which take money from outside Russia, branding them "foreign agents."

Presiding over a government meeting at the Kremlin on Monday, Putin hailed the election result, saying it showed voters still trusted the country's leadership despite an economic slowdown made worse by Western sanctions over Ukraine.—*Reuters*

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Leonardo DiCaprio walks down King St as he arrives on the red carpet for the film "Before the Flood" during the 41st Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF), in Toronto, Canada, on 9 September 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

DiCaprio's 'Before The Flood' a wake-up call on climate change: director

LONDON — Turning a blind eye to climate change will come at a price the world can no longer afford to pay, the director of a documentary produced by Hollywood star Leonardo DiCaprio said on Monday.

"We can no longer turn a blind eye to the issue of climate change. We are at a crucial moment where if we don't act now, we will forever pay the price," Fisher Stevens said in a statement.

"My hope is that this film provides a global wakeup call about our inevitable fate should we fail to act."

The film follows environmental activist DiCaprio and Stevens as they travel from Canada's oil sands to tiny Pacific islands, interviewing world leaders such as the Catholic Church's Pope Francis and US President Barack Obama, climate scientists and academics.

DiCaprio's interview subjects discuss and document the negative impacts of industrialisation and increasing consumption on the health of the planet.

"The fact that we are still debating any of this is just utter insanity to me," DiCaprio told the audience after the film's world premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival earlier this month.

Oscar-winning DiCaprio said he rushed to release his upcoming climate change documentary ahead of November's US presidential elections to issue a clarion call to American voters in time to influence their decisions.

"We cannot afford, at this critical moment in time, to have leaders in office that do not believe in the modern science of climate change," DiCaprio said.

On Friday, UN officials said at least 20 countries had indicated they would join the Paris climate

change agreement at a United Nations event on 21 September.

This was in addition to the 27 that had already done so, raising hopes the deal will enter into force by the end of 2016.

To take effect, the Paris climate agreement needs ratification by at least 55 parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, representing at least 55 per cent of global emissions.

"Before the Flood" will premiere in Europe at the BFI London Film Festival on 15 October and airs on National Geographic Channel globally on 30 October.

DiCaprio, who won an Oscar this year for playing a fur trapper battling nature's elements in "The Revenant," was an executive producer on 2014 Oscar-nominated documentary "Virunga," about the threatened gorillas in the Democratic Republic of Congo.—Reuters

Priyanka Chopra twirls her way to best-dressed list at Emmys

LOS ANGELES — Actress Priyanka Chopra has become the toast of fashion critics as she made an understated yet stylish debut appearance at the Emmys wearing a Jason Wu one-shouldered all-red gown.

Priyanka kept her accessories limited to just a diamond ring and drop diamond earrings. The make-up was also minimal barring her stand-out red pout, which became an instant hit with fashion experts.

Even her neatly tied ponytail scored brownie points. Many international websites with the likes of E! Online, Vogue and People put Priyanka at the top of their best-dressed Emmys list, which also had Hollywood actresses Sofia Vergara, Taraji P Henson, Sarah Paulson, Emily Ratajkowski, Kristen Bell and Michelle Dockery.

The 34-year-old "Quantico" actress enjoyed every moment at the ceremony as she happily posed, twirled and spun around at the red carpet, showing off the delicate layers of her gown.

When asked if she was nervous before the Emmy red carpet, Priyanka said, "No nerves, only for the heat outside, can't wait to get inside air-conditioning. I am conserving my energy."

"Quantico" season two goes on air on 25 September.

Sharing her excitement about it, she said, "We have an explosive first episode. At the end of the first episode, people are going to say 'Wait, what?' But that's what we like. Guys, it is 'Quantico'."

The actress was also asked if she will be seen doing the trademark slow-motion run in the "Baywatch" big screen reboot, in which she plays the main antagonist.

"I have done slow-mo all my career and I will leave all the slow-mo to Dwayne Johnson and Zac Efron in 'Baywatch'. I am the antagonist in the movie and I will only walk in slow-mo in the movie. Running is too much of an effort," Priyanka said.

Making the most of her maiden appearance as a presenter, the actress repeated her twirl on stage as her co-presenter Tom Hiddleston lent her the perfect support.

The duo presented the Outstanding Directing for a Limited Series, Movie, or Dramatic Special award to "The Night Manager" director Susanne Bier. Hiddleston played the lead in the drama. Earlier this year, the actress presented at Academy Awards. The actress is now gearing up for the second season of her American series "Quantico", which goes on air on 25 September.—PTI



Actress Priyanka Chopra arrives at the 68th Primetime Emmy Awards in Los Angeles, California US, on 18 September 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Jason Aldean tops Billboard album chart, holds off Drake

LOS ANGELES — Country singer Jason Aldean debuted at the top of the weekly US Billboard 200 album chart on Monday, edging out rapper Drake's long-standing "Views."

Aldean's "They Don't Know" sold 138,000 album units, which comprised 131,000 albums, 62,000 song sales and 1.4 million online streams, according to figures from Nielsen SoundScan.

The Billboard 200 album chart tallies units from album sales, song sales (10 songs equal one album) and streaming activity (1,500 streams equal one album).

The figures for Aldean's record reflect the trend for country music listeners to buy full albums over single songs and streaming music.

In comparison, Canadian R&B singer Drake's "Views" climbed one spot to No. 2 this week on the strength of streaming activity. "Views" sold just 8,400 albums and 77,000 songs in its 20th week on the chart, but was streamed nearly 64 million times.

Other new entries in the top 10 of the Billboard 200 chart this week include British alt-rockers Bastille at No. 4 with "Wild World," folk group Head & The Heart at No. 5 with "Signs of

Light" and rocker Jack White at No. 8 with "Jack White Acoustic Recordings."

Also new on the chart this week is veteran British rockers The Beatles' "Live at the Hollywood Bowl" at No. 7.

The record is a remastered re-release of the band's 1977 album featuring live performances at the Hollywood Bowl venue from 1964 and 1965.

The new record coincides with "The Beatles: Eight Days a Week — The Touring Years," a new documentary released last week on the Fab Four's touring years, directed by Ron Howard.—Reuters

Burberry inspires nostalgia, Christopher Kane elevates Crocs

LONDON — Floral prints and Victorian ruffles defined Burberry’s first “see-now-buy-now” collection at London Fashion Week on Monday, while Christopher Kane opted to spin a high-fashion twist on the utilitarian Crocs slip-on boating shoes.

British label Burberry debuted both menswear and womenswear collections on the runway and made them immediately available to purchase through physical and online stores, eschewing the traditional six-month wait from runway to retail.

The androgynous collections drew inspiration from Virginia Woolf’s 1928 novel “Orlando,” a

tale of a gender-shifting aristocratic poet, and from British interior designer Nancy Lancaster’s English country house designs.

Burberry chief creative officer Christopher Bailey told Reuters he was inspired by the idea of “living through different periods and the fluidity of gender.”

“I think our industry is changing quite dramatically, as are all industries, because of technology, because of different behaviours,” he said.

“I wanted to try to reflect that a little bit in the collection, having these very historic parts to the collection, historic references and crafts, but also have a real modernity and a

contemporary approach to the way we communicate this collection.”

A star-studded front row at Burberry that included Vogue editor-in-chief Anna Wintour, model Cara Delevingne and actresses Felicity Jones and Lily James, watched a palette of garden hues in deep verdant greens, dusky pinks and earthy yellows on the runway.

Highlights included jackets and deconstructed trench coats inspired by British military styles, ruffle-collared blouses, and tapered trousers in fabrics ranging from silk and cashmere to denim and wool.

Over at Scottish designer Christopher Kane’s



Models present creations at the Burberry catwalk show during London Fashion Week Spring/Summer 2017 in London, Britain, on 19 September 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

show at the Tate Britain museum, foam Croc shoes studded with unpolished gems were the talking point.

Kane’s spring/summer 2017 collection, entitled ‘Make Do and Mend,’ was inspired by wartime efficiency, with geometric print tops layered over

floral motif skirts, printed coats, oversized knit cardigans and dresses held together by safety pins.

The collection featured busy prints, floral confectations, embroidered black leather and leopard prints in palettes of navy blue, burnt orange, shimmering bronze and dusky pinks. The show

was attended by Poppy Delevingne, Daisy Lowe and actress Salma Hayek.

Fashion blogger Susie Lau called the Kane collection “monumental,” adding, “I think he was really reflecting back on the last 10 years of his career and there were a bit of everything that he has done.”—Reuters



A banner for communications software provider Twilio Inc., hangs on the facade of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) to celebrate the company’s IPO in New York City, US, on 23 June 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Twilio buys video messaging software; unveils call-quality features

FRANKFURT — Twilio Inc. isn’t a name many consumers will recognise, even though it has recently led a modest revival in the US market for technology initial public offerings by nearly quadrupling in value since its stock market debut in June.

The software maker is making a small acquisition on Tuesday that promises to allow customers ranging from big consumer messaging apps to telecom operators and retailers to reach billions of consumers with new video messaging features such as augmented reality, without the hassle of downloading plug-ins. Twilio doesn’t have customers in the usual sense. Instead, it has signed up more than a million developers who use its soft-

ware to build voice, video or text messaging features into apps, including WhatsApp, Uber and Airbnb. It makes money when usage takes off, charging fractions of a cent per user.

The cloud-based communications supplier aims to sustain its lead in a market it pioneered eight years ago, teaming up with hundreds of rival start-ups and independent software projects, as well as giants Cisco and Avaya Inc. Twilio said it has agreed to acquire a team of ten Madrid-based developers and proprietary technologies they built for large group communications via video conferencing, file transfer, chat or desktop sharing and which don’t require users to first download plug-ins.

—Reuters

Exhibition brings horrors of Syria to Buenos Aires

BUENOS AIRES — Residents in Argentine capital Buenos Aires on Monday (19 September) were able to see the horrors of the Syrian civil war firsthand through an Amnesty International installation set up in a subway station.

A banner outside the installation along the corridors of the Carlos Pellegrini subway station, just below the city’s Obelisk monument reads: “To understand what is happening in Syria, nothing better than being there for a minute.”

Residents are invited a simulated Syrian living room. A motion sensor, then triggers an explosion using television screens, set up behind a window frame, giving the impression you are experiencing

the blast. The installation intends to create awareness of the plight of millions of people crippled by war. Syria is experiencing one of the worst humanitarian tragedies in its history. This crisis has forced more than half of the population to flee their homes and has devastated thousands of families.

There are currently over 60 million people worldwide who have been displaced from their homes.

A thirty-six-year-old businessman, Julio Cesar Montenegro, said he couldn’t imagine living in Syria at a time like this.

“You don’t even think about it. You see it only on the news. To see it from an angle as though you were in the place is something

that gets to you. It gets to you because, if you have children, just imagine to be in a place like that. It makes you feel bad,” Montenegro said.

A week-old Syrian ceasefire brokered by the United States and Russia was in deep trouble on Monday as a rebel official said it had practically failed and signaled insurgents were preparing for a full resumption of fighting.

The agreement is the second ceasefire negotiated by Washington and Moscow this year in the hope of advancing a political end to a war now in its sixth year, which has killed hundreds of thousands of people.

A twenty-seven-year-old manager, Abel Gimenez, said he felt fear upon

seeing the video.

“Fear, you feel very scared to see it through that window. The truth is it must be difficult to live like this, thank God it does not happen here,” Gimenez said.

“We have simulated a living room, which could be any house in Syria and through the windows, we simulated using television screens, the reality seen from a house in Syria. You can see bombings, destruction and the consequences of these years of sustained civil war afflicting the country,” added Amnesty International Argentina Director, Lea Tandeter.

The installation will be open to the general public until 27 September. It will be closed at the weekend.—Reuters



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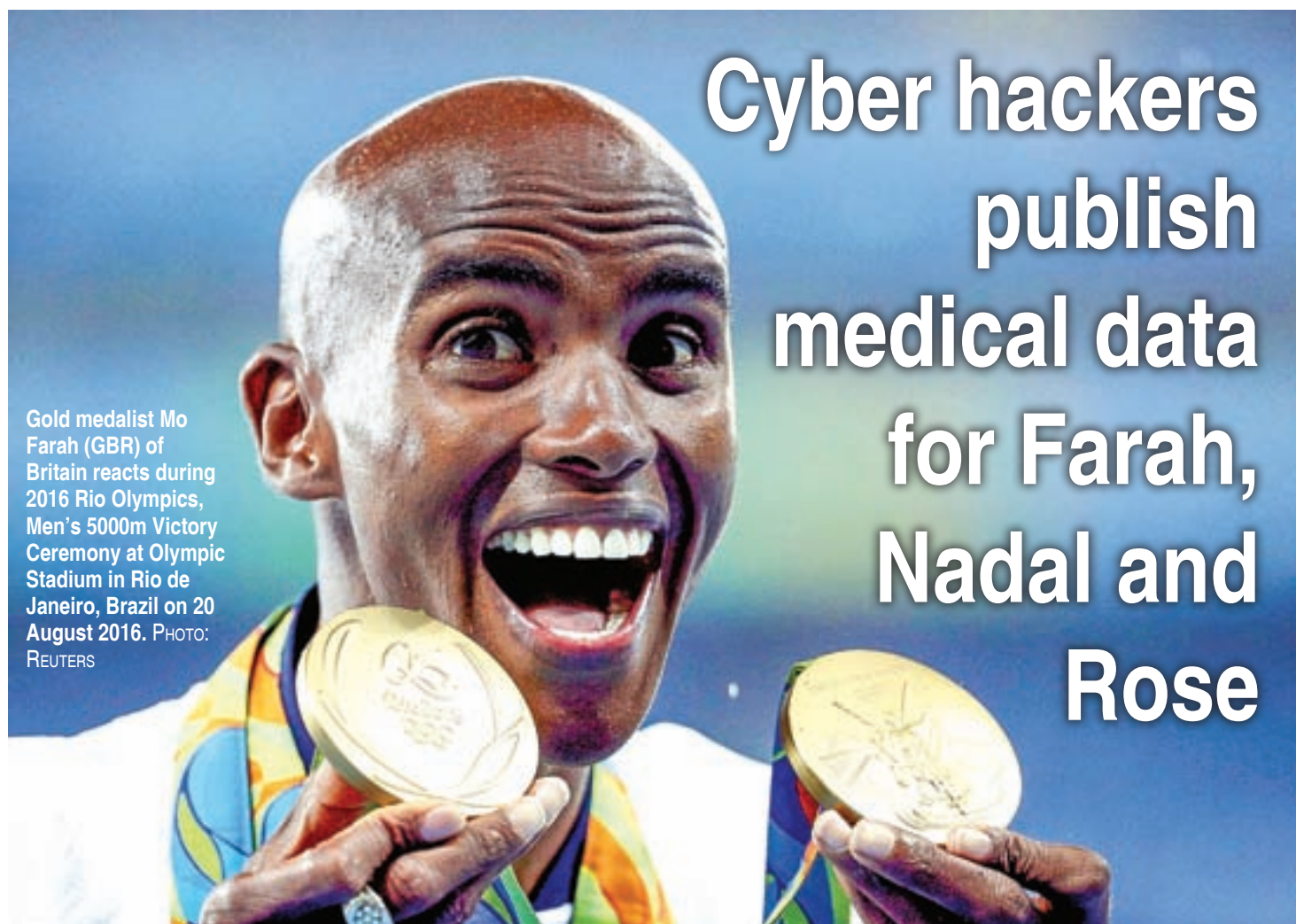
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Gold medalist Mo Farah (GBR) of Britain reacts during 2016 Rio Olympics, Men's 5000m Victory Ceremony at Olympic Stadium in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on 20 August 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Cyber hackers publish medical data for Farah, Nadal and Rose

LONDON — Olympic champions Mo Farah, Rafael Nadal and Justin Rose were among athletes targeted on Monday in the latest leak of confidential medical documents that the world anti-doping agency (WADA) says were hacked by a Russian cyber espionage group.

Britain's Farah became only the second man to retain the 5,000 and 10,000 metres Olympic titles at the Rio de Janeiro Games last month while compatriot Rose won the first gold medal in golf for 112 years.

Spaniard Nadal, a 14-times tennis grand slam winner, won Olympic men's doubles gold with Marc Lopez. He also won the men's singles title at the 2008 Beijing Games but missed London 2012 due to a knee injury.

WADA has said it believes the hackers, named as APT28 and Fancy Bears, gained access to its anti-doping administration and management system (ADAMS) via an IOC-created account for the Rio Games.

Documents relating to Farah, and published on the fancybear.net website, showed that the distance runner had no active Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs) at the time of the Olympics.

He received intravenous infusions of saline solution, morphine sulphate and vicodin administered orally during a period in hospital between 3-5 July, 2014 when he had collapsed after a training run.

Prior to that, he was given a TUE for an 80mg dosage of the corticosteroid triamcinolone in

October 2008.

Rose had authorisation for daily dosages of the anti-inflammatory drug prednisolone between May this year and 20 June.

The documents relating to Nadal, who was out for more than two months with a wrist injury that forced him to miss the French Open and Wimbledon before the Olympics, showed exemptions in 2009 and 2012.

The fourth release of data so far concerned 26 athletes from Argentina, Belgium, Burundi, Canada, Denmark, France, Britain, Hungary, Spain and the United States.

Other high-profile names included Burundi's Francine Niyonsaba, British cyclist Calum Skinner and double Olympic rowing gold medallist Helen

Glover.

TUEs allow athletes to take banned substances for verified medical needs and there is no suggestion any of those named have broken any rules.

WADA has said the "criminal attack" has recklessly exposed personal data in an attempt to smear reputations.

The agency has also said it believes the attacks are being carried out as retaliation for investigations that exposed state-sponsored doping in Russia.

Fancy Bear has previously posted data for US athletes Simone Biles, Elena Delle Donne, and Serena and Venus Williams as well as Tour de France-winning British cyclists Bradley Wiggins and Chris Froome.—Reuters

Rooney conundrum is Mourinho's biggest headache

LONDON — Of all the managerial dilemmas facing Manchester United's Jose Mourinho after three success defeats, the future of his captain Wayne Rooney is by far the most pressing.

The England captain, deployed in a central midfield role this season, has been a peripheral figure in a team struggling to gel and his lacklustre performance in the 3-1 defeat at Watford on Sunday led to widespread calls for him to be dropped.

Rooney mustered one shot, did not play a single through ball and created only two chances for team mates with the nine corners and free kicks he took.

His defensive contribution was also negligible, failing to make a single tackle and registering one block and one interception in a tetchy 90 minutes during which his main priority appeared to be engaging in a constant dialogue with referee Michael Oliver.

"Alex Ferguson knew it more than three years ago... Wayne Rooney is no longer worth a place in the Manchester United team," veteran United watcher Jim White wrote in the *Daily Telegraph*.

"Slow of thought and legs, United are a side currently functioning as if running through custard and much of the blame lies with the continued selection, in the most critical position in the team, of a man who is playing on his reputation." Mourinho has never been afraid to make tough decisions during his trophy-laden managerial career and he faces a huge one on the 30-year-old Rooney, who is four goals short of overtaking Bobby Charlton as the club's all-time leading scorer.—Reuters

Wenger surprised by Bendtner's move to Forest

LONDON — Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger was surprised by his former striker Nicklas Bendtner's move to second-tier side Nottingham Forest, but hoped it would revive the Dane's stalled career.

Bendtner, who joined Forest on a free transfer earlier this month, struggled to establish himself under Wenger in nine years at Arsenal and is set to face his old club in the third round of the League Cup later on Tuesday.

Bendtner made just 83 starts under Wenger but the Frenchman felt the Danish international has all the qualities to succeed at former European champions Forest.

"It was a surprise to me that Nicklas signed for Nottingham Forest, but at some stage he needs to restart his career," Wenger told Arsenal's website.

"Sometimes when you are a player of his quality, you just need an opportunity. We know he is a top-quality player, but he needs to play.

"Of course he has a point to prove. He's playing at a level he is not used to. But he did start his career at this level at Birmingham City with Steve Bruce, where he did very well.

"Nicklas is humble enough and focused enough to show he can fight again."

The 28-year-old Bendtner,

who also had loan spells with Sunderland, Birmingham City and Juventus, said though he spent nearly a decade with the London club, it felt like a "distant memory".

"(Arsenal) feels like a long time away. I had been there a long time but so much has happened since, so it's a little bit of a distant memory," he told BBC Radio Nottingham.

"Things happen in football, it's a quick career and you have 15 or 20 years.

"I was there at an early age and there's many things — ups and downs — that have happened but it's in the past and I only look to the future."—Reuters



Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger. PHOTO: REUTERS