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MORE than 160 people from 41 households were sent back home of their own accord last Friday and 136 more were sent yesterday to their villages in Maungtaw Township.

These movements represent the first two batches out of 409 family members from 115 households sheltering at the Aungmyay Bodhi Monastery in Maungtaw following the October-9 violent attacks on border outposts in the township.

Meanwhile, authorities said yesterday that teachers who returned home during the holiday will be recalled by 24 October when the schools reopen after October holidays.

At a meeting held at the Rakhine State Cabinet's Guest House in Sittwe yesterday, U Aung Than Oo, director-general of the Basic Education Department said, "Now that the area gained stability, schools will be reopened on 24 October, after October Holidays. For this, teachers who returned home during the holiday will be recalled in time for schools' regular term."

At the meeting plans for locals who fled in fear from Buthitaung and Maungtaw region were made. It was decided that those people will be supplied with needed aid by respective ministries.

The meeting was attended by Union Ministers Lt-Gen Ye Aung, Dr Win Myat Aye, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu, State Cabinet's ministers and departmental officials.

## Villagers sheltering at monasteries return home to Maungtaw, Buthidaung



Villagers are seen on their way back to native villages in Maungtaw Township. PHOTO: MYAWADY

Dr Soe Lwin Nyein, director-general of Public Health Department asserted that doctors, nurses and health staff have been giving medical help to the residents in Buthitaung Maungtaw region around the clock and more staff would be sent if needed.

"As now is the time for paddy to be harvested, manually-pulled reaping machines will be delivered to the areas and training to

use modernised reaping methods will be conducted," said Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye.

Afterward, attendants took part in the discussion, submitting plans to be implemented in Buthitaung Maungtaw region by their departments.

After the meeting, Union Ministers, State Chief Minister and party visited the temporary camp opened for the people who fled their abodes temporarily, as-

suring that necessary assistance including food and clothing has been given out and the authorities are ready and willing to help those if they return home as the stability of the area has been achieved.

Provisions such as rice, oil, salt, onions, potatoes and etc., have been given out to those who returned home. They replied they had phone contacts with their families and they knew the situ-

ation of the area.

They will go back home soon as it is time for them to reap paddy, it is learnt.

The ministers and party inspected the construction of temporary tents, equipping electric power lines, building of insect-proof lakes and public toilets to prevent cholera, 24-hour health-service.

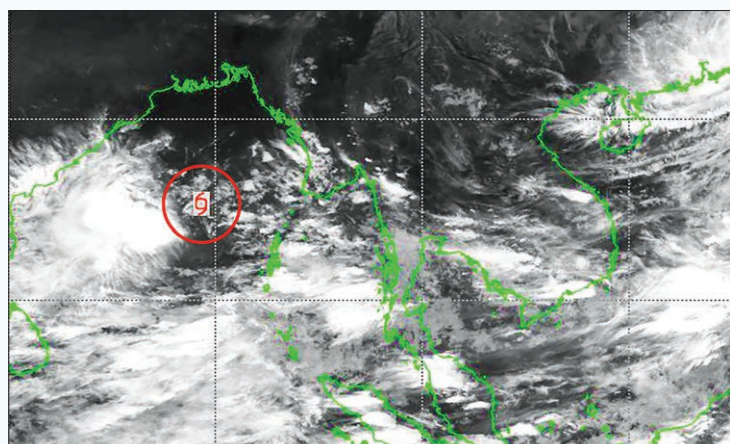
Then the party met with a local Muslim community at the meeting hall of State Cabinet Office, Sittwe.

In the meeting, it was stated that the Union Cabinet is making concerted efforts for the development and stability of Rakhine State and fulfilling necessities, and the government is to find and arrest any offenders involving in the armed attacks and that the government needs Muslims to help the nation by joining in discovering destructive elements.

Starting from 19 October, locals taking shelters at the Aungmyay Bodhi Sasana Yeiktha Monastery, who fled the villages—Phawutchaung, Udaung, Mawrawati, Thayay Konebaung, Kaingyi, Kantharyar, Pyarthar and Aung Mingalar—are being sent to their places of origin.

Presiding Sayadaw of the monastery, Ashin Mani Sara, Union Minister Lt-Gen Ye Aung, Lt-Gen Aung Kyaw Zaw of the office of Defence Services, Maj-Gen Maung Maung Soe, the Commander of Western Command cordially spoke to them.—*Myanmar News Agency*

## DMH issues orange alert as depression heads to Myanmar



The red circle shows the depression in the Bay of Bengal. PHOTO: DMH

DEPARTMENT of Meteorology and Hydrology issued an orange storm alert yesterday evening as a depression forming in the Bay of Bengal is moving towards Myanmar.

A depression prevailing in the east-central Bay of Bengal is likely to further intensify into a cyclone within 48 hours as from yesterday evening, according to the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.

The announcement of the weather bureau said yesterday that the depression moved to

East-North East direction and located at the area about 240 miles south-west of the Coco Island, about 360 miles south-west of Patheingyi, 440 miles south-west of Yangon and 235 miles west-north-west of Port Blair of India.

The weather bureau said in its 7 pm announcement yesterday that rain with thunder is expected within 24 hours as from yesterday at 3 pm over Ayeyawady Region, Taninthayi Region, Kayah State, Mon State, Bago Region and Yangon Re-

gion, with isolated rain fall in Rakhine and remaining regions and states. Heavy rain fall is also expected over parts of Taninthayi Region and Mon State, with 80 degree of certainty.

The depression can give big waves with surface wind of 35 miles per hour in the sea closing with the Ayeyawady Delta, Martaban gulf, along the Taninthayi Coast and off shore in Myanmar's sea.

Yangon and Mandalay are expected to see one or two rain-falls today—*GNLM*

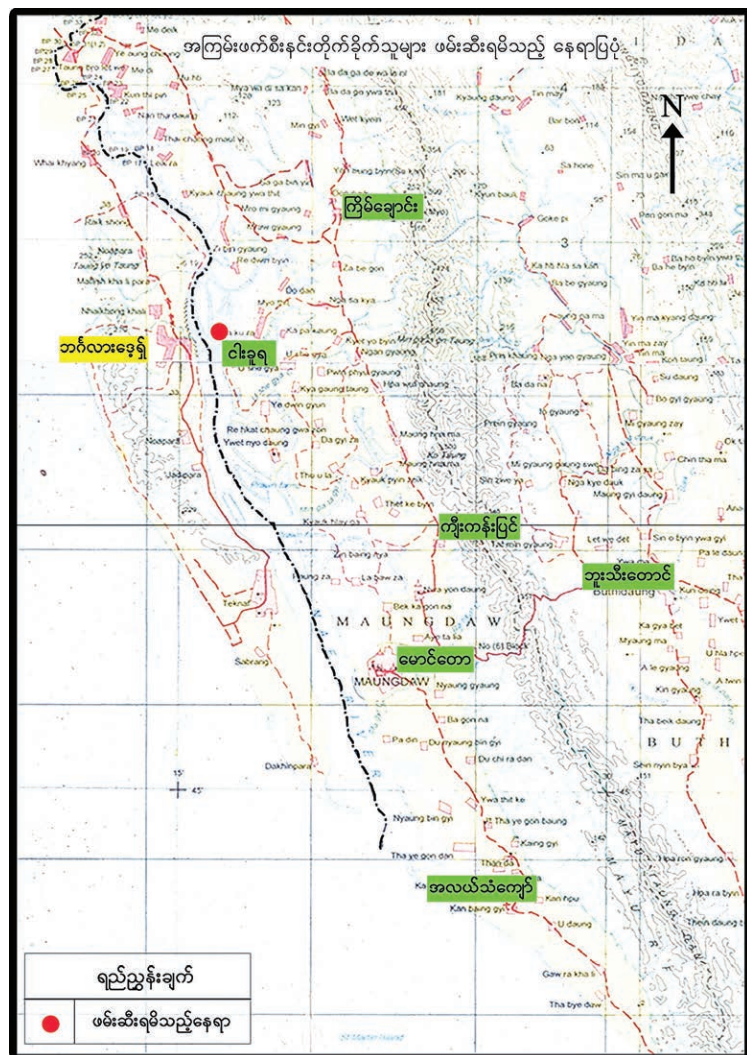


## 6 more suspects in Ngakhura village armed attack arrested

ACTING on information received, a Tatmadaw-Police-Combined Force launched an area clearance operation in Maungtau Township, Rakhine State at 7:30 am on Wednesday, arresting suspects identified as Phaw Wi Kham, Phaw

Tein Kham, Mahmed Shar, Har Saung Shar, Hu Saung Shar and Mahmed Sardet.

Those arrested have been taken to Ngakhura Police Station. Area clearance operations are continuing.—*Myanmar News Agency*



The map showing the location of arrest of six suspects.  
PHOTO: MNA

## Investment commission branches to be opened in all regions and states in 2017

ACCORDING to U Aung Naing Oo, director-general of the Directorate of the Myanmar Investment and Company Administration, Investment Commission Branches will be opened in all regions and states in 2017 for the smoothness of working processes of local and foreign investors in making investments in the country, it is learnt.

DMIC opened an Investment Commission branch in Kayin State on 6 October, with plan to open more branches in Bago and Magwe Regions no later than the 2016 fiscal year.

Later, entrepreneurs residing in states and regions will be able to have their companies registered in their respective areas without losing time and money, the DICA stated, and MIC also will give necessary

suggestion on investment, it is learnt.

Presently, DMIC has already opened branches in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Mawlamyaing, Monywa, Patheingyi, Dawei and Taunggyi.

Following the emergence of the new law on investment, business persons can directly submit any matters to their respective branches, no longer needing to go up to the MIC.

Under the new law, respective state and region branches will have the right to decide on business plans with the exception of strategic economic projects, capital enterprises, industries which will harm the natural environment, businesses operating on state-owned buildings and estates and businesses that are worth scrutinising.—*Ko Moe*



The framework review meeting on political dialogue in Yangon on 21 October. Photo: Phoe Htaung

## DPN takes overseas travel leave at 4th day of framework review meeting for political dialogue

ALTHOUGH the fourth framework review meeting continued for the fourth day at the National Reconciliation and Peace Centre in Yangon yesterday, the DPN, the delegation of the UNFC, was unable to participate in the discussions as it had arranged to go abroad.

“The DPN is unable to attend the meeting today as it has already arranged to go abroad. However, we are going to send our discussions to them. We will submit our

findings and terms of reference to the UPDJC meeting for approval. The UPDJC is chaired by the State Counsellor,” UPDJC Secretary U Hla Maung Shwe said.

However, some analysts said that it is too early to organise political dialogues. Patron of the Pao National Liberation Organisation U Khun Okkar said that some people are questioning why national level political dialogues are being introduced so soon. But it is neither too early nor too late.

The dialogues are being held in accordance with the provisions of the NCA, he added. He then expressed optimism regarding the peace process.

“When the Union peace conferences have been organised six or seven times, we will be able to conclude an agreement to build a federal union,” he said.

The UPDJC meeting is scheduled to be held on 28 October in Nay Pyi Taw.—*Myanmar News Agency*

## EU injects funding into MPF training assistance

THE European Union has committed 30 million Euros toward a five-year project titled ‘Support to the Reform of the Myanmar Police Force (2016-2021)’, it has been learned.

The EU previously implemented a two-year capacity building project in December, 2013. However, that programme was cancelled before it could be completed, reportedly due to dis-

agreements between EU trainers and the Ministry of Home Affairs and a lack of parliamentary oversight for the programme.

Under the five-year project, police training programmes, crowd management, crime investigation and awareness of human rights and media relations will be upgraded and taught.

A ceremony to sign a Memorandum of Understanding

between the Myanmar Police Force and the International and Ibero-American Foundation for Administration and Public Policies was held at MPF headquarters yesterday afternoon.

It was attended by Chief of the MPF Police Maj-Gen Zaw Win, the ambassador of the EU to Myanmar and representatives of FILAPP.—*Myanmar News Agency*

## Monsoon agricultural loan amounting to K90,000 million disbursed in Mandalay region

ACCORDING to U Win Myint, the Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank (Branch) had disbursed K93,880.11 m for 129,1938 acres of farmland in Mandalay Region. The target is K96,652 million.

It is said that farmers holding Land Form(7) were disbursed loans at an interest rate of K8 in September as the last batch outnumbered the targeted amount.

Monsoon Agricultural Loans are disbursed no later than September and allotment permission is to be submitted to the headquarters. After disbursing, the excess amount was returned, he added. This was attributed to the untimely receipt of land form

7 in some villages and refusals to take loans of their own accord.

Agricultural Banks are required to disburse loans depend-

ing upon the types of crop. In some cases, applications were found to seek loans for false crops.—*Aung Thant Khaing*



Farmers plants rice seedlings in Mandalay. Photo: Aung Thant Khaing



## President U Htin Kyaw and wife to visit Viet Nam in near future

AT the invitation of His Excellency Mr. Tran Dai Quang, President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, U Htin Kyaw, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, and wife Daw Su Su Lwin will pay a state visit to the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam in the near future. In conjunction with the state visit, the President will also attend the 8th CLMV Summit, the 7th ACMECS Summit and World Economic Forum on the Mekong Region to be held in Ha Noi.—*Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

## VP U Henry Van Thio enjoys Performing Arts Competitions

PATRON of the Leading Committee for Organizing 22nd Myanmar Ethnic Traditional Performing Arts Competitions Vice President U Henry Van Thio enjoyed the competitions at Yezin Universities Campus in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The vice president watched the competitions of a Rakhine traditional group dance, a dance

of Chin people, a dance of Kayin people and rural dances of people in Mandalay and Ayeyawady regions at the University of Veterinary Medicine and Myanmar traditional music competitions at the University of Forestry and song and violin competitions at the University of Agriculture. —*Myanmar News Agency*



Artistes perform at 22nd Myanmar Ethnic Traditional Performing Arts Competitions in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi shakes hands with Mrs Luan Thuy Duong. PHOTO: MNA

## State Counsellor receives ambassadors

DAW Aung San Suu Kyi, State Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, received ambassadors of Russian Federation and Viet Nam individually at the Guest Room of the Foreign Ministry.

In her meeting with Russian Ambassador Mr Nikolay Listopadov to Myanmar, both sides ex-

changed views on matters relating to the increased bilateral relations and co-operation, peace and reform processes in Myanmar under implementation.

In the meeting with Vietnamese Ambassador Mrs Luan Thuy Duong, matters on increased strategic aligned relations between the two countries, increased co-

operation in trade, investment, education and cultural sectors were discussed.

The Vietnamese ambassador expressed her heartfelt acknowledgement for the success in the previous general election and acclamation for ongoing successes in the process of national peace.—*Myanmar News Agency*

## Enhancing economic co-operation between BIMSTEC members discussed

1. At the invitation of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, State Counsellor of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Her Excellency Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, paid a State Visit to India on 17 October 2016 and arrived back to Nay Pyi Taw at 1920 hrs. on 19 October 2016. Prior to the State Visit, the State Counsellor attended the BIMSTEC Retreat and BRICS-BIMSTEC Outreach Summit held in Goa, India on 16 October 2016.
2. On the same day at 1300 hrs., the State Counsellor together with BIMSTEC leaders attended the Luncheon hosted by Chief Minister of Goa, Mr. Laxmikant Parsekar. The State Counsellor then held a bilateral meeting with His Excellency Mr. Maithritala Sirisena, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to further strengthen the bilateral cooperation.
3. In the evening, the State Counsellor attended BIMSTEC Retreat together with the leaders of BIMSTEC member countries: Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Nepal and Thailand. The leaders exchanged views on strengthening economic cooperation among BIMSTEC member countries and focusing their cooperation on such prioritised areas as connectivity, trade and investments, counter-terrorism, cyber security, transnational crimes and energy. The BIMSTEC Leaders' Retreat issued an outcome.
4. On the same day, the State Counsellor attended BRICS and BIMSTEC Leaders Outreach Summit together with the leaders from BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) and BIMSTEC member countries. The leaders discussed cooperation between two groupings on area of mutual interest, ways to enhance and exchanged of views on important global and regional issues including counter-terrorism, climate change, disaster management, combating against drugs and human trafficking. The Myanmar delegation led by the State Counsellor attended the BRICS and BIMSTEC Leaders' Summit Dinner Reception hosted by the Prime Minister of India.
5. After the Dinner, the State Counsellor had a bilateral meeting with President of the People's Republic of Chi-

na His Excellency Mr. Xi Jinping. During their meeting, they cordially discussed strengthening of bilateral relations and co-operation, following up the agreements reached during the State Counsellor's previous visit to PRC, exchange of visits at different levels, continued co-operation on issues of mutual interest in regional organizations and launching of the bilateral mechanism to discuss security and stability of the border areas.

6. To commence the State Visit to India, the State Counsellor left Goa for New Delhi by special flight in the morning of 17 October 2016 and made an overnight stop at "Rashtrapati Bhavan", Guest House of the Presidential Palace.
7. On 18 October 2016 at 0900 hrs., the State Counsellor was accorded a ceremonial welcome by the Prime Minister of India at the forecourts of the Presidential Palace. The State Counsellor paid tribute to India's leader Mahatma Gandhi at his memorial, Raj Ghat, in New Delhi and also signed the guestbook at the memorial.
8. At 1000 hrs., the State Counsellor met with Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Minister of External Affairs of India at the Presidential Palace.
9. The State Counsellor met Shri Pranab Mukherjee, President of the Republic of India at the Presidential Palace and exchanged views on India's democratic state building experiences and Myanmar's ongoing efforts for democratic transition. Later, the State Counsellor attended the private luncheon hosted by the President of India.
10. In the evening, the State Counsellor gave interviews to India based local and foreign news agencies namely Times Now, Hindustan Times and Washington Post, at the Embassy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. The State Counsellor also met the staffs and families of the Myanmar Embassy and Office of the Military, Naval and Air Attaches' and attended the dinner hosted by the Embassy.
11. On 19 October 2016, the State Counsellor attended the Myanmar-India Business Roundtable held by the Confederation of India Commerce and Industry (CII). She gave a keynote speech on Myanmar's economic and

investment policies, new investment law and trade and investment opportunities in Myanmar and responded to the questions raised by the business community.

12. In the afternoon, the State Counsellor called on Prime Minister Modi at the Hyderabad House and attended the working Luncheon hosted by the Prime Minister to discuss strengthening bilateral relations and cooperation. During their discussion, the Prime Minister and the State Counsellor cordially discussed wide-ranging issues including lending support to Myanmar's democratic transition process, cooperation in border security, and counter-terrorism, settlement of remaining boundary issues as early as possible, implementation of a pilot project on provisioning and installation of LED based energy efficient lighting, providing more diplomatic trainings and assisting in development a diplomatic academy in Myanmar and accelerating the implementation of the ongoing development projects funded by India in various sectors.
13. During the visit, Myanmar and India exchanged three MoUs, namely, the MoU on designing and implementing an academic and professional capacity building program for the insurance industry of Myanmar between Financial Regulatory Department, Ministry of Finance and Planning of Myanmar and the Insurance Institute of India, MoU on the Cooperation in the Field of Power Sector between Ministry of Electric and Power of Myanmar and Ministry of Power of India and MoU between the Central Bank of Myanmar and the Reserve Bank of India.
14. The State Counsellor and the Prime Minister held a joint press conference and briefed the press on the highlights of the discussions and points of agreements reached during the State Visit.
15. The State Counsellor left New Delhi by special flight at 1520 hrs. on 19 October 2016 and reached Nay Pyi Taw at 1920 hrs.
16. The Joint Statement was issued during the State Visit and was published separately on State media.—*Ministry of Foreign Affairs*



# LOCAL Business

## Mung bean hits high on domestic market

THE PRICE of mung bean has seen a rise on the domestic market within the last week due to an increase in foreign demand for the crop. One tonne of mung bean sold for over K1.5 million this week, local merchants say.

The price of beans and pulses has not remained stable this month despite India increasing its import of beans and pulses from Myanmar.

The selling price for a tonne of mung bean on Thursday was K1.5 million while pigeon pea was worth Ks1.05 million. On Wednesday, merchants sold a tonne of mung bean for K1.4 million and pigeon pea for K1.0 million. One tonne of mung bean was worth K1.5 million on 10 October, a tonne of pigeon pea, K1.0 million.

Between April and the first week of this month the country earned US\$872.3 million from the export of over 758,000 tonnes of beans and pulses including over \$450 million from the export of over 322,000 tonnes of mung bean, over \$220 million from nearly 229,000 tonnes of green gram export and over \$97 million from the sale of 80,768 tonnes of pigeon pea.—*Kyu Kyu*



Tourists taking pictures of a damaged pagoda in Bagan, on 25 August 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

## Hotels and tourism sector likely to attract more FDI next FY: experts

MYANMAR's hotel and tourism industry is likely to receive more foreign direct investment next year as many foreign companies eye the sector due to what is believed to be its bright future, according to the estimation of experts.

According to the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, over US\$2.9 billion in 52 investment projects including FDI and joint-venture

investment have been allowed in the hotels and tourism sector.

Among non-citizen investors, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam have topped the tourism investor list of Myanmar, followed by Hong Kong, Luxemburg, Japan, Malaysia, UK and UAE.

The ministry expects that international tourist arrivals are likely to reach more than 7 million over the next three years. The

country hosted over 4.5 million foreign travelers last year, an increase of 52 per cent compared with 2014. The ministry estimates that the number will increase to 5.5 million this FY.

Myanmar will top the list of tourism development countries, according to the World Travel and Tourism Council's estimation about future prospects and sustainable development of 180

countries during the period between 2015 and 2025, based on tourism contribution to the GDP ratio, development rate, employment opportunities, investments and exports.

Transportation plays an essential part in tourism development, which requires a focus on infrastructural development and better services, an expert said.—*Khine Khant*

## Signing of JV Agreement for 2nd Zone of Thilawa SEZ in Myanmar

MMS Thilawa Development Co Ltd has signed an Amendment of Joint Venture Agreement with the Japan International Cooperation Agency—JICA, Thilawa SEZ Management Committee—TSMC and Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holdings Public Ltd for the development of a new phase in the Thilawa Special Economic Zone-SEZ.

The agreement was signed by responsible personnel of both sides in the presence of Union Minister for Commerce Dr Than Myint and Japanese Ambassador Mr Tateshi Higuchi in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Through this amendment joint venture agreement, MJTD, a joint venture between the aforementioned partners MMSTD, JICA, TSMC and MTHS and is developing the Thilawa SEZ, can

now proceed to undertake industrial development at the 101-hectare Phase 1 of "Zone B,".

MJTD, founded in 2013, has been developing the Thilawa SEZ's 405-hectare "Zone A"

which was successfully opened in September 2015.

Currently, 72 investors from 17 countries have been permitted to run business in the Thilawa SEZ.—*GNLM*



The signing ceremony of Joint venture agreement amendment of Thilawa Special Economic Zone (Zone B). PHOTO: SUPPLIED

## Malaysia to exhibit its Forest City Development housing project in Yangon

A REAL ESTATE expo will take place in Yangon at the end of this month with organisers planning to showcase condominium flats under the Forest City Development housing project, originally developed in Malaysia.

The event will be held on 29 October at Yangon's Melia Hotel, displaying condominium apartments constructed on island No.1 of four islands built on by the Malaysian government in partnership with China-based Country Garden Pacific View.

U Kyaw Min Zin, executive officer of KAE Alliance Co, invited local businesspersons to visit the event to observe services offered by foreign countries.

Mr Caleb Loh from the Country Garden Pacific View Co said a total of 10,500 condominium apartments have been sold under the programme.

Each apartment will be sold at a price of at least K2 million. The buyer will have to pay 25 per cent of the total value of apartment in advance. The rest will be paid only after the project is completed.

Since 1 December 2015, the Forest City Development project has been operating on island No. 1. It will conclude after 20,000 condominium apartments and 280 detached houses have been built. The project is estimated to be finalised by 2019.—*Myitmakha News Agency*



# Thailand at a crossroads following king's death, PM says

BANGKOK — Thailand is at a crossroads following the death of revered King Bhumibol Adulyadej, Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha said on Friday, urging Thais to stick together and become a “leading country”.

King Bhumibol, 88, died on 13 October at a Bangkok hospital. Many public events in the country have been canceled and most people are wearing black after the military-led government declared a year of mourning.

Prem Tinasulanonda, 96, the leader of the powerful Privy Council, has assumed the role of regent until Crown Prince Vajiralongkorn becomes king.

Prime Minister Prayuth



Thailand's Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha is dressed in black as he arrives at a weekly cabinet meeting at Government House in Bangkok, Thailand, on 18 October 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

has said the crown prince's accession could happen within seven to 15 days, or more, after King Bhumibol's death.

The ruling junta has sought to reassure the country that the king's death will not derail plans for a return to democratic rule, which include a general election in late 2017. Prayuth has stressed that business and government should carry on as normal.

He told officials at a seminar on Friday that Thais face two starkly different paths for their future without King Bhumibol, who ruled for seven decades and was seen as a father figure by many people.

“His majesty has not

left us. He is still in the earth, the water, the air,” Prayuth said.

“Our country is between two paths: one is failure. The second is that we can all help create history in Thailand,” he said.

“Let us not forget Thailand has had a monarchy for 700 to 800 years. We have managed to survive because of the monarchy. Though the world is changing we must not forget our roots.”

Sensitivity over the role of the monarchy in Thailand has risen since the king's death and there have been growing calls on social media for critics of the royal family who live abroad to be brought back to face justice.

The government said

on Tuesday it would ask other countries to extradite people suspected of insulting the monarchy.

Criticism of the king, queen, heir or regent is a crime in Thailand that is punishable by up to 15 years in prison for each offense committed.

Thailand's central bank governor Veerathai Santiprabhob said on Friday that the economy was recovering gradually but that “some businesses, such as entertainment, could be affected” by the year of mourning.

“Foreigners are watching which way we will go,” Prayuth said on Friday.

“We have to prepare to be a leading country.”

—Reuters

# Australia, with tight gun curbs, announces new firearms amnesty

SYDNEY — Australia on Friday announced a gun amnesty for next year after a criminal intelligence report estimated there were 260,000 illegal firearms in the country.

Australia introduced tight curbs on gun ownership after the massacre of 35 people by a lone gunman in and around a cafe at a former prison colony in Tasmania in 1996.

The country has had no mass shootings since and has been held up by many abroad as an example of the need for tight controls. The amnesty comes amid a debate over gun laws that has

opened up a rift in the ruling Liberal Party, pitting Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull against the man he overthrew ahead of a key party gathering this weekend.

“The amnesty will

provide an opportunity for those individuals who, for whatever reason are in possession of an unregistered firearm, to hand it in without fear of being prosecuted,” Justice Minister Michael

Keenan told reporters in Melbourne. “While Australia has some of the strongest firearm controls in the world, illicit firearms remain the weapon of choice for criminals.”—Reuters

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# Indonesian militant inspired by Islamic State had weapons, ammunition

JAKARTA — Indonesian authorities on Friday said an Islamic State-inspired militant who injured three police officers this week on the outskirts of the capital, Jakarta, had prepared several pipe bombs and owned live ammunition and weapons.

Thursday's attack was the latest in a series of incidents linked to Islamic State in the world's largest Muslim-majority nation this year, as concerns grow over a resurgence in homegrown militancy.

Police found bomb-making materials, live ammunition, and a samurai sword during a search of the militant's house, a national police spokesman said.

“He had prepared several of those pipe bombs,” the spokesman, Boy Rafli Amar, told a news conference. “We are now investigating who he has been in communication with.”

Islamic State on Friday claimed responsibility for the attack, through its news agency, Amaq.

The attacker, who stabbed three police officers and threw a pipe bomb that



A policeman holds a rifle at location where a suspected supporter of Islamic State attacked policemen in Tangerang, Indonesia's Banten province, on 20 October 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

failed to detonate, was shot and died of his wounds.

Police confirmed the attacker, Sultan Aziansyah, was a member of Indonesian militant group Jamaah Ansharut Daulah, which supports Islamic State.

The umbrella group, formed last year through an alliance of splinter groups backing Islamic State, is led by jailed Islamist cleric Aman Abdurrahman, who is serving a nine-year pris-

on sentence for aiding a militant training camp.

Authorities believe Islamic State has more than 1,200 followers in Indonesia and nearly 400 Indonesians have left to join the group in Syria.

Police are on the alert for any Indonesians who return home after Iraqi forces this week launched an offensive to take back the Islamic State stronghold of Mosul.

Authorities are monitoring about 40 of those who returned, concerned they could be linking up with existing networks, police chief Tito Karnavian told Reuters on Monday.

In January, four militants mounted a gun and bomb attack in the heart of Jakarta, the first attack in Southeast Asia claimed by Islamic State. Eight people were killed, including the militants.—Reuters



## Philippine minister 'clarifies' Duterte comments, says trade with US safe

MANILA — The Philippines will maintain trade and economic ties with the United States, Trade Minister Ramon Lopez said on Friday, a day after President Rodrigo Duterte announced his "separation" from Washington.

Duterte made his comments in Beijing, where he was paving the way for what he calls a new commercial alliance as relations with long-time ally Washington deteriorate.

"With that, in this venue, your honors, in this venue, I announce my separation from the United States," Duterte told Chinese and Philippine business people to applause at a forum in the Great Hall of the People.

"Both in military, not maybe social, but economics also."

Duterte's efforts to engage China, months after a tribunal in the Hague ruled that Beijing did not have historic rights to

the South China Sea in a case brought by the previous administration in Manila, marks a reversal in foreign policy since the 71-year-old former mayor took office on 30 June.

Lopez sought to explain Duterte's comments.

"Let me clarify. The president did not talk about separation," Lopez told CNN Philippines in Beijing.

"In terms of economic (ties), we are not stopping trade, investment with America. The president specifically mentioned his desire to strengthen further the ties with China and the ASEAN region which we have been trading with for centuries."

He said the Philippines was "breaking being too much dependent on one side".

"But we definitely won't stop the trade and investment activities with the West, specifically the US."—Reuters

## Thai junta fines former PM Yingluck, orders assets seized over failed rice scheme



**Former Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra arrives at the Grand Palace to offer condolences for Thailand's late King Bhumibol Adulyadej, in Bangkok, Thailand, on 14 October 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS**

BANGKOK — Thailand's ousted prime minister Yingluck Shinawatra said the military junta that overthrew her has ordered her assets seized and fined her 35 billion baht (\$996.87 million) over a rice subsidy scheme critics say halmorhaged billions of dollars.

The scheme, which paid farmers above market rates for their rice, was a flagship policy of Yingluck's administration and helped sweep her to office in a 2011 gen-

eral election.

After her 2014 overthrow, Yingluck was charged with criminal negligence over the rice subsidy scheme and is now fighting the charges in court.

Yingluck told reporters outside a Bangkok court on Friday that she had received a notice two days ago ordering her assets to be seized.

"In terms of the order, it is not right and it is not just," Yingluck said. "I will use every channel available to fight this."

The rice subsidy scheme was a populist policy engineered by Yingluck's brother, former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra, who was toppled in a 2006 coup.

Her supporters say the case against Yingluck is part of a military plan to wipe out the influence of the Shinawatra family. The junta denies it is singling Yingluck out.

In addition to cases against Yingluck and senior members of her former cabinet, the junta is investigating some 850 cases related to the rice scheme for graft, government spokesman General Sansern Kaewkamnerd told Reuters. Many of the cases involve

lower ranking public officials and members of the private sector, he said.

An advisor to Yingluck, who declined to be named because of the sensitivity of the matter, told Reuters that the asset seizure was done using section 44 of the interim constitution which gives junta chief Prayuth Chan-ocha, who is also the country's prime minister, absolute power to give any order deemed necessary to "strengthen public unity and harmony".

Yingluck has 45 days to appeal the order. Analysts said that the seizure of Yingluck's assets was part of a military plan to limit the influence of Yingluck and her brother, Thaksin.

"It is part for the course of the military coup which was to put down the Thaksin challenge once and for all," Thitinan Pongsudhirak, a political science professor at Chulalongkorn University, told Reuters.

The junta said it staged the 2014 coup to bring stability following months of unrest. It denies staging the coup to limit the influence of Thaksin, his family and their political allies.—Reuters

## Typhoon kills 12, destroys rice fields in Philippines, takes aim at Hong Kong

BENGUET (Philippines)/HONG KONG — Typhoon Haima, the strongest storm to hit the Philippines in three years, killed at least 12 people and inundated vast tracts of rice and corn fields, officials in Manila said on Friday, before it took aim at Hong Kong.

Philippine authorities said they were assessing the extent of damage to infrastructure and crops, but confirmed that thou-

sands of hectares of farmland were destroyed in northern provinces.

Eight of the victims were from the Cordillera region, said Ricardo Jalad, chief of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, citing reports the agency received from provincial officials.

In Cagayan alone, where the super typhoon made landfall late on Wednesday with destruc-

tive 225 kph (140 mph) winds and heavy rain, between 50,000-60,000 hectares of rice fields were flattened and flooded, said the provincial governor Manuel Mamba.

"It was like we were hit by another Yolanda," he told a radio station, referring to the 2013 super typhoon known internationally as Haiyan which killed at least 6,000 people and destroyed billions of pesos worth of property.—Reuters



**Local residents stand near a road damaged at the height of Typhoon Haima in Benguet province, in northern Philippines, on 21 October 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS**

## M6.6 quake hits western Japan, no major damage reported



**Gravestones damaged by an earthquake are seen in Kurayoshi, Tottori prefecture, Japan, on 21 October 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS**

TOKYO — An earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 6.6 struck Tottori and other areas of western Japan on Friday afternoon, the Japan Meteorological Agency said, causing a power outage and damage to some houses. No tsunami warning was issued.

While the government said there were about a dozen reports of injuries, Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary Koichi Hagiuda said there had been no reports of "major damage" so far.

"There are no abnormalities at nuclear power plants," industry minister Hiroshige Seko said separately, adding he has instructed his ministry to work closely with municipalities to grasp the extent of the damage.

The 2:07 pm quake registered lower 6 on the Japanese seismic intensity scale of 7 in Kurayoshi, Yurihama and Hokuei in Tottori Prefecture, and upper 5 in a wide

area of Tottori and Okayama prefectures, according to the agency.

The agency said the quake originated in central Tottori Prefecture on the Sea of Japan coast at a depth of around 11 kilometres, revising the earlier-announced 10 km. It warned that the area that logged strong quakes could experience quakes with a magnitude of up to lower 6 in the next week or so. The prefecture and its vicinity were struck by a series of quakes Friday before and after the major quake.

There were reports of several people sustaining injuries and damage to homes, according to local fire departments.

West Japan Railway Co. said it was forced to temporarily suspend operation of shinkansen bullet trains between Shin-Osaka and Hakata. Okayama Airport located south of Tottori temporarily closed its runway.—Kyodo News



# UN officials urge youth to fight against violent extremism

ISTANBUL — United Nations officials on Thursday called on young people around the world to stand against violent extremism as terror groups like the Islamic State are increasingly targeting the youth.

As part of the changing world, “the youth must be actively engaged in shaping lasting peace, contributing to mediation and reconciliation,” said the high representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilisations (UNAOC), Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser.

Addressing a meeting in Istanbul on the role of youth in preventing and countering violent extremism, Al-Nasser stressed that “peaceful and inclusive” societies can only be sustainably built with strong participation and commitment of the youth.

“Meaningful participation of youth is needed in achieving peace more than ever before,” he said, particularly at a time when conflicts and chaos are spreading across the Middle East and North Africa.

Participants from 35 countries discussed the means to empower the youth to prevent them from falling into the hands of terrorist organisations.

Some young people, in their pursuit of an identity and a role in society, have been attracted by the Islamic State and other ex-



UN Assistant Secretary-General Cihan Sultanoglu. PHOTO: XINHUA

tremist groups, noted Al-Nasser.

Disengagement, exclusion and marginalization are leaving young people vulnerable to the recruitment of terror groups, he said.

UN Assistant Secretary-General Cihan Sultanoglu listed access to decision-making process, education and a decent job as crucial factors that would empower the youth against violent extremism.

In the opinion of Turkey's Deputy Prime Minister Tugrul Turkes, a political and administrative approach should be adopted to enable the youth to raise their voices in each and every platform.

He emphasized the importance of improving intercultural relations and promoting a culture of peace among the youth for an

effective struggle against extremism.

In addition, UN officials have urged local communities and non-governmental actors to develop strategies to help address conflicts in a non-violent way while promoting tolerance and peace.

Youth Solidarity Fund and Young Peacebuilders in West Africa were cited as examples of youth-led programs developed under the UNAOC umbrella to raise awareness about the danger of sectarianism, extremism and radicalisation.

Established in 2008, the Youth Solidarity Fund provides direct funding to outstanding projects that promote the youth's participation in and contribution to intercultural and interfaith dialogue.

Young Peacebuilders in West Africa, guided by the principle that youth are key actors to achieve peace, is an educational program that enhances the ability of young people to foster mutual respect, understanding and long-term positive relationships between peoples of different cultures and religions.

UNAOC officials said that the programs were developed in a way that could be replicated in other regions around the world.—Xinhua

## British PM May's Conservatives see majority cut in Cameron's constituency

LONDON — British Prime Minister Theresa May's ruling Conservative Party held the parliamentary constituency vacated by David Cameron but saw its majority cut significantly as thousands of voters flocked to a pro-European Union opposition party.

Just weeks after Britons backed Brexit, former Prime Minister Cameron said he would resign as a lawmaker from the southern English seat of Witney, which bucked the national trend by voting to remain in the European Union.

On Friday, the Conservatives retained the constituency, garnering 17,313 votes, but saw their share of their vote fall from 60 per cent to 45 per cent compared to the General election result last year.

The second-placed Liberal Democrats, Britain's most consistently pro-European party, won 11,611 votes, significantly increasing their vote share to 30 per cent, according to official results. The opposition Labour Party slipped into third place.

In the West Oxfordshire area



Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May leaves Number 10 Downing Street to attend Prime Minister's Questions at parliament in London, Britain, on 19 October 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

which contains Witney, 54 per cent of voters backed remaining in the European Union, whilst nationally 52 per cent of Britons supported leaving the bloc in the 23 June referendum.

The pro-EU Liberal Democrats campaigned heavily in the seat hoping to cause an upset by winning over centrist Conservative voters disillusioned by May's push for a “hard Brexit”, which would see Britain outside

of the European single market.

Larry Sanders, the brother of US Senator Bernie Sanders, stood for the Green Party and came fourth in the poll.

In a separate election, Britain's main opposition Labour Party retained a northern English seat in a vote caused by the killing of lawmaker Jo Cox, just a week before the 23 June referendum on EU membership.—Reuters

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Viet Nam cancels flights to China's Hong Kong ahead of Typhoon Haima

HANOI — The national flag carrier Viet Nam Airlines has canceled ten flights from Viet Nam to China's Hong Kong and Taiwan due to Typhoon Haima.

Accordingly, as many as six flights scheduled to leave Viet Nam's capital Hanoi and southern Ho Chi Minh City for Hong Kong on Thursday evening and Friday have been canceled. Extra flights will be provided on Saturday, said the airlines.

Earlier, a total of four flights arriving and departing from Taiwan on Thursday were also delayed.

As Typhoon Haima edges closer to Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Observatory issued the No 8 Northwest Gale or Storm Signal at 6.10 am HKT on Friday, bringing transport and public services to a standstill.—Xinhua

#### Philippine military says South Korean ship hijacked

MANILA — Armed men believed to be members of the Abu Sayyaf group have hijacked a South Korean vessel off the island of Tawi-Tawi in the southern Philippines seizing its two crew members, a spokesman for the Philippine military said on Friday.

Army Maj. Filemon Tan of the Western Mindanao Command, said in a statement that the South Korean vessel was hijacked on Thursday by 10 armed men aboard a speedboat of Bongao, in Tawi-Tawi.

He said the captain of the ship MV Dong Bang Giant, a certain Park Chul Hong, and a Filipino crew member Glenn Alindajao were kidnapped by the attackers.

“Reports disclosed that that perpetrators are alleged followers of Abu Sayyaf group under Jul Hassan based in Sulu,” the statement read.

Tan said that all military units have been alerted to look for the missing crew members.

“As of press time, validation and intelligence monitoring are currently being conducted by the military in coordination with local chief executives and the locals to track down the perpetrators and safety rescue the victims,” Tan said.—Xinhua

#### Vucic, IMF: Discussions on salaries, pensions to continue

BELGRADE — Serbian PM Aleksandar Vucic and representatives of an IMF mission on Friday failed to reach an agreement on the extent of a pension and salary increase, but there are plans to continue discussions on the matter in about ten days, the government press office said in a statement.

At a meeting with Vucic, the IMF representatives commended the good results achieved by Serbia and the state of its budget in terms of revenue, improved tax collection and expenditure cuts.

It was also noted that Serbia was still on the right path of stable macroeconomic and fiscal indicators.

The Mission said Serbia had made progress in restructuring the EPS and Srbijagas.

Vucic and the IMF officials, who are in Belgrade for discussions on the sixth review under a 1.2 bln euro precautionary standby arrangement with Serbia, also discussed topics related to the deal.—Tanjug

#### 5,000 tariff lines cut down to zero under Viet Nam-EEU FTA

HANOI — Some 5,000 tariff lines will be cut down to zero after a free trade agreement (FTA) between Viet Nam and the Eurasian Economic Union (EEU) took effect on 5 October.

The tax cuts will be implemented in three phases from now to the end of 2018, which is in accordance with Viet Nam special import list for 2016-2018 period, reported the state-run news agency VNA on Friday.

Specifically, by the end of 2017, import taxes on 4,959 types of goods will drop to zero through the FTA between Viet Nam and the EEU.

Products set to enjoy the tariff cuts include materials for production and processing such as footwear, garment-textile, seafood, electronic spare parts and products, agricultural products and steel among others.

In 2018, as many as 144 more tariff lines will be eliminated, increasing the number of zero-tax lines to 5,103.

The EEU, which groups Russia, Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, signed the FTA with Viet Nam in May 2015, the first of its kind between the EEU and an external partner.—Xinhua



# Opinion

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## How to manage crises

Khin Maung Aye

**A**S disasters or any type of disruptive events are unavoidable, it is needed to manage them. In this function, a crisis management plan is required. First, it is necessary to be aware of what a crisis is, what a crisis management plan is, what is to consider in crisis management planning, what to consider in declaring a disaster to activate a crisis management plan and why an organisation needs a crisis management plan.

A crisis is, in fact, a significant unexpected disruptive event that has impact upon an organisation's personnel, facilities, information systems or critical records which in turn creates uncertainty and is likely to have a substantial impact upon profitability,

reputation, or ability to operate normally if not handled in an appropriate manner (Rebecca Folk, MBA). The event could be large or small in nature, internal or external to the organization and could be a natural disaster or human in origin.

A crisis management plan is the communications and decision-making component of an overall Business Continuity Plan (BCP). A thorough crisis management plan makes easy rapid communication to ensure overall safety to both internal and external stakeholders. And what is more, it incorporates policies and procedures to perform an impact assessment, and a plan to control media interaction during an event or crisis (Paradigm Solution In-

ternational).

It is quite obvious that the requirements on the part of the organisations in management of crises will vary. The key to crisis management planning is to have a set of processes and procedures to be used as a guideline for crisis management. It is worth noting here in this juncture that only when the organisations have the predeveloped crisis management plans, will the executives be able to address effectively a worst scenario or long lasting crisis.

When it comes to when to declare a disaster, the comparative importance of a crisis may vary based on the situation encountered and importance to the organization. In fact, a disaster declaration

ought to be based on the anticipated length of the disruption and the projected impact of the crisis upon the organisation concerned. It is suggested when declaring an event a disaster that the following factors be taken into account: causalities; damages; loss of revenue; inability to perform important functions; tendency to lose customers, loss of security etc.

To sum up, it should be remembered that not all incidents and issues escalate to crisis level. And while a crisis preparedness programme should scale across all types of issues and crises, a crisis plan is meant to be activated only when an issue escalates or has the tendency to escalate to crisis level (Melissa Agnes).

## Belittling the Hluttaw Impacts on the Country and Its People

Commissioner

**T**HE article of Yamin Myat Aye with the title "Corruption threatening the Myanmar people" was published in Myanmar Alhin daily dated 16-9-2016.

Under the sub-heading of the Amendment of Laws the following statement was mentioned -

"Likewise, the Anti-corruption law has protected the interest of the cronies and former authorities. A total of 232 new laws which protected the interest of them were enacted during the tenure of the previous Government. Those laws have made the present Government get headache and put into the difficult situation."

The law makers of the first Pyidaungsu Hluttaws are very desperate for the statement. It is indeed the first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw that enacted the following laws: -

(a) Laws newly formulated and promulgated	43
(b) Laws repealing old laws and substituting new laws	50
(c) Partially amending laws	103
(d) Repealing laws	17
(e) Budget laws (Laws which are enacted yearly)	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>232</b>

Therefore, it is not true that all the 232 laws enacted during the previous government's tenure were newly formulated laws.

Moreover, the author mentioned the name of the Anti-corruption Law in Myanmar in a wrong way. Actually, the bill was thoroughly debated in the both Hluttaws many times and was enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 28 October 2013 as its Law No. (23/2013).

At the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw sessions, when the Law was adopted, the representatives of NLD, including its leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, who have formed the present Government and Hluttaws with the overwhelming support of the people and who had won the seats in 2012 by elections, took part in law making process. The representatives of the national races and the Tatmadaw (Armed Forces) were also present at those sessions.

According to the slogans of the Hluttaw:

People's Voice	-	Hluttaw Voice;
People's Will	-	Hluttaw Will; and



MPs arrive parliament to attend Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. PHOTO: MNA

People's Expectation - Hluttaw Implementation, the Hluttaw conducted the questions and answers sessions, moving the motions and enacting the laws. The Hluttaw had already proved that its actions were not nominal, not rubber-stamped and they were not perfunctory actions in both home and abroad. The Hluttaws are veins and spirit of the State. If there is no Hluttaw, there will be no Democracy. We all understand that the existing democracy in the country is because of the existence of the Hluttaw.

The statement of the author that the present Government has having headache because of the laws enacted by the first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has adversely affected the good image of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw which enacted the laws with dignity.

The following points cause undesirable implications such as:

- (a) Factually incorrect on the legislation;
- (b) Damaging the dignity of the Hluttaws and insulting the people;
- (c) Causing misunderstanding upon the previous Government and the present Government by the people.

The article has caused the misunderstanding on the democratically elected Hluttaw and Government which are

now all-out striving for peace and development in the country. The article has shown the limited knowledge and attitude of the author.

In this connection, I would like to state that the main responsibility of the Hluttaw is Legislation which is vested upon it by the State and its people. The functions of Hluttaw and MPs are :

- (a) Legislation;
- (b) Representation;
- (c) Check and balance.

Hluttaw has enacted laws for the interest of the State and its people. The laws are enacted not with the will and consent of a single MP, but with the will of the majority of the MPs.

Due to the historical background of Myanmar, there are old laws enacted only by the decisions of the ruling authorities. That is why, the process of repealing and substituting old laws and formulating new laws are now taking place in the Hluttaw.

When the time is up for change, first and foremost change should be the creation of laws which protect and safeguard the interest and fundamental rights of the people. The statements belittling the people's representatives and Hluttaw may amount to insulting the people.



## Commander-in-Chief (Army) statement on ferry accident

THE Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) issued a statement concerned with the accident of the Aung Soe Moe Kyaw dated yesterday.

The statement says that the C-I-C is sorry to learn that 68 people were confirmed dead, that the Tatmadaw has been offering necessary assistance as much as it can and praises the local people, departmental staff,

members of the Tatmadaw, the police and the fire brigade.

The statement also suggested there are still requirements for the safety of passengers.

The sunken boat was recovered on 19 October, and soldiers and members of fire brigade who helped to retrieve the bodies when the boat was recovered will be honoured with certificates.—*Myanmar News Agency*

## Transport authority to invite tenders this month to repair bus stops

YANGON Region Transport Authority will invite tenders for its new project to repair but stops installed along roads in Yangon this month, said Dr Maung Aung, secretary of the YRTA.

Initially, about 250 of the approximately 1,000 bus stops will be reconstructed under the new programme.

Priority will be given to the bus stops located near junctions and traffic lights, as well as near the descent of flyovers, especially in six downtown townships after scrutinising the current situation of bus

stop facilities.

The new programme will help systematically supervise bus lines as well as reduce traffic jams and road accidents in the commercial city.

Two or more bus stops have been constructed in one place and some public transport buses have operated along roads in Yangon in an unsystematic way.

The upgrade of bus stops is part of the authority's plan to improve Yangon's bus transportation system to provide better services to the residents.—200



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing holds talks with Vietnamese Ambassador Mrs Luan Thuy. PHOTO: MNA

## C-in-C of Defence Services receives Vietnamese Ambassador

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received Ambassador of Viet Nam to Myanmar Mrs Luan Thuy Duong in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

At the meeting, they discussed matters on promoting

bilateral cooperation and friendship and relations between armed forces of the two countries.—*Myanmar News Agency*

## Crime NEWS

### Mandalay fire causes loss of Ks13 million, destroys 10 houses

A FIRE on Thursday occurred in Maha Aungmye Township in Mandalay, destroying 10 houses built low-cost construction materials with zinc on the roof and leaving no people injured.

The blaze started at a 30x40 feet shop located on 38th Street between 70th and 71st streets in Maha Nwe Ward in the township at around 6.45 p.m. on October 20.

The fire caused a loss in excess of Ks13 million but no casualty nor injury is reported, said U Kyi Win, director of Mandalay Region Fire Services Department, adding that the depart-

ment is now making investigation about the case.

Eight fire engines, 70 fire fighters plus other 130 auxiliary members were involved in the fire fighting. The department used more than four-gallon water to put out the flame within over one hour.

Action is being taken against U Myint Htay, owner of the shop, under Section 285 of the Penal Code. The criminal can under section 285, related to negligence with respect to a fire or combustible matter, face up to three years in prison, a fine or both.—*Aung Thant Khaing*



The fire on Thursday in Mandalay destroys 10 houses.

PHOTO: AUNG THANT KHAING

## A new national vision for children in Myanmar

ORGANIZED by the Ministry of Planning and Finance with UNICEF support, the high level conference “New Vision, New Results for Children in Myanmar” gathered Ministers with key responsibilities for child-related issues – Education, Health and Sports, Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, and Home Affairs – as well as parliamentarians, NGOs, development partners and youth.

Participants analysed a fresh set of data on children in the country and discussed necessary policies and plans, many of which are already in the making.

“The new government is committed to improving the lives of children as a key national development priority, and this conference is a concrete step in this regard.

Myanmar will focus on the implementation of SDGs through the strengthening of a statistical platform by a well-functioning M&E system to evaluate the progress. We will discuss a new national vision for children and define key priority results”, says U Kyaw Win, Minister of Planning and Finance”

Recent surveys and studies, such as the preliminary results of the Demographic and Health Survey (DHS) and the 2014 Census, are generating new data and anal-

yses that are key to understanding the situation of children. These are some examples:

- In Myanmar, despite making up 34 per cent of the population, children represent over half of Myanmar's poor
- Between 100 and 150 children under 5 die every day
- Nearly 30 per cent of children do not have access to clean drinking water sources while almost 20% do not have any toilets.
- 3.6 million children were out of school at the time of the census – almost 25 per cent of the school-aged population
- More than 1.2 million children aged 5-17 are working, and on average they work 52 hours per week

The discussions were framed within the Sustainable Development Goals and the more than 120 child-related indicators adopted by the international community in 2015.

“With a new committed administration, a new budget in preparation, recently available sets of data, newly developed plans and policies, and the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals and related indicators, Myanmar now has all elements to deliver new results for its children. It is the right time to act”, says Bertrand

Bainvel, UNICEF Representative to Myanmar.”

Throughout the one and a half day conference, the participants focused on four key priority areas, namely: ensuring the best start in life for every child (which includes access to birth registration, early childhood care and nutrition, health, water, sanitation and hygiene, and universal cash transfers); meeting the right to quality education for every child; protecting children from violence, trafficking and exploitation, as well as children in contact with the law; and reducing children's vulnerabilities to external shocks and poverty.

Participants also emphasised the need to build an environment that is conducive to the realisation of children's rights in Myanmar, by prioritising children in the national peace dialogue and in budgets, developing new indicators to track progress, and building partnerships with civil society organisations, parliaments, development partners, and children and adolescents.

“Formulating a new vision and new results for all of its children today, is the surest way for Myanmar to adopt a model of development that can be sustained tomorrow”, concludes Bertrand Bainvel.



# Islamic State retaliates as Iraqi forces push on Mosul

BAGHDAD — Islamic State launched a major counter-attack on the city of Kirkuk on Friday as Iraqi and Kurdish forces pursued operations to seize territory around Mosul in preparation for an offensive on the jihadists' last major stronghold in Iraq.

Islamic State's assault on Kirkuk, which lies in an oil-producing region, killed six members of the security forces and two Iranians who were part of a team carrying out maintenance at a power station outside the city, a hospital source said.

Crude oil production facilities were not targeted and the power supply continued uninterrupted in the city. Kirkuk is located east of Hawija, a pocket still under control of Islamic State that lies between Baghdad and Mosul.

With air and ground support from the US-led coalition, Iraqi government forces captured eight villages south and southeast of Mosul. Kurdish forces attacking from the north and the east also captured several villages, according to statements from their respective military commands overnight.

The offensive that started on Monday to capture Mosul is expected to become the biggest battle fought in Iraq since the US-led invasion in 2003.

The United Nations says Mosul could require the biggest humanitarian relief operation in the world, with worst-case scenario forecasts of up to a million people being uprooted.



Peshmerga forces stand behind rocks at a site of an attack by Islamic State militants in Kirkuk, Iraq, on 21 October 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

About 1.5 million residents are still believed to be inside Mosul, and Islamic State has a history of using civilians as human shields. The fighting has forced 5,640 people to flee their homes so far from the vicinity of the city, the International Organisation for Migration said late on Thursday.

A US service member died on Thursday from wounds sustained in an improvised explosive device blast near Mosul.

Roughly 5,000 US forces are in Iraq. More than 100 of them are embedded with Iraqi and Kurdish Peshmerga forces, advising commanders and helping them ensure coalition air power hits the right targets, officials say.

However, the Kurdish military command complained that air support wasn't enough on Thursday.

"Regrettably a number of Peshmerga have paid the ultimate sacrifice for us to deliver today's gains against ISIL. Further, Global Coalition warplane and support were not as decisive as in the past," the Kurdish command said in a statement.

Prime Minister Haidar al-Abadi, addressing anti-Islamic State coalition allies meeting in Paris via video link, said the offensive was advancing more quickly than planned.

Islamic State denied that government forces had advanced. Under the headline "The crusade on

Nineveh gets a lousy start," the group's weekly online magazine Al-Nabaa said it repelled assaults on all fronts, killing dozens in ambushes and suicide attacks and destroying dozens of vehicles including tanks.

In Kirkuk, Islamic State attacked several police buildings and a power station in the early hours of Friday and some of the attackers remained holed up in a mosque and an abandoned hotel.

The militants also cut the road between the city and the power station 30 km (20 miles) to the north.

At least eight militants were also killed, either by blowing themselves up or in clashes with the security forces, security sources said.

Kurdish forces had dislodged the militants from all the police and public buildings they had seized before dawn, they said.

Kurdish NTV TV footage showed machine gun fire hitting a drab two-floor building that used to be a hotel, and a car burning in a nearby street.

Islamic State claimed the attacks in online statements, and authorities declared a curfew in the city where Kurdish forces were getting reinforcements.

Kurdish Peshmerga fighters took control of Kirkuk in 2014, after the Iraqi army withdrew from the region, fleeing an Islamic State advance through northern and western Iraq.—Reuters

## South African police destroy 22,999 firearms

JOHANNESBURG — South African police on Thursday destroyed 22,999 firearms in Johannesburg which were used to commit crimes in various parts of the country.

The firearms were smelted so that they do not fall into the wrong hands and are used to commit crimes, police said.

The destroyed firearms included shotguns, revolvers/pistol and rifles. Included in the destroyed firearms were the 3,156 from the police which were obsolete and not serviceable.

"The destruction of the firearms will go a long way to ensure that people live in a safe and secure environment. We want to work with the society to ensure that there are no illegal firearms in our communities," said Acting National Police Commissioner Lieutenant General Khomotso Phahlane.

He also encouraged gun owners to observe rules guiding gun ownership like licence renewals after every five years.

Lobbying and Advocacy Director at Gun Free South Africa, Adele Kirsten, welcomed the destruction of firearms which she



A staff member shows an illegal rifle to be melted at a factory of the Scaw Metals Group, Germiston, southeast of Johannesburg, South Africa, on 20 October 2016. PHOTO: XINHUA

said are causing physical and psychological damage to the South African society.

She said the destruction shows that the country is serious about a gun free society.

Guns kill the active citizens who contribute positively to the economy of the country and also kill breadwinners, Kirsten said.

She said, "Last year government hospitals spent over six billion rand (about 432 million

US dollars) to treat 20,000 people who were shot.

"We support the destruction of the firearms and want a gun free society where everyone will feel safe. In this country 16 people are shot everyday," said Kirsten.

Vernon Smith, Deputy President of the Gauteng Provincial Community Police Board, said the move will prevent firearms from being used to commit crimes.—Xinhua

## NATO trains Afghan troops to make air strikes more accurate

LOGAR PROVINCE, (Afghanistan) — NATO forces have begun a new programme to train Afghan soldiers to pinpoint ground targets for aircraft flying overhead, hoping that it will help stem militant advances in recent months and reverse a sharp rise in civilian casualties.

The alliance has shifted most military responsibility on to Afghanistan's armed forces since it ended its main combat mission after 2014, including building up air capabilities that are crucial to holding back Taliban gains.

A growing number of mainly small Afghan aircraft have been firing increasingly powerful weapons at militants with little or no guidance from the ground, a problem that US advisers like Lieutenant Colonel Andy Janssen are trying to address.

"When you're in the air, the picture of what's going on is vastly different than when you're on the ground," he told Reuters during a recent training exercise in Logar Province, just south of the capital Kabul.

"The ability to talk a pilot's eyes to the target effectively is huge. The effectiveness of the strikes goes up exponentially when you do that."

About 60 students are cur-

rently at various levels in the programme, with officials hoping to field nearly 100 so-called Afghan Tactical Air Controllers (AT-ACs) by March next year, in time for an expected seasonal upswing in Afghan Taliban fighting after mountain snows melt.

While air "spotters" are no guarantee that the right target will be hit, greater accuracy from air strikes is crucial on two fronts.

Afghan ground forces have struggled to contain a stubborn insurgency that is fighting to topple the Western-backed government and drive out foreign troops, and their reliance on effective air support is increasing.

And civilian casualties from air strikes have spiked this year, with 133 Afghans killed and 159 wounded in the first nine months of 2016, 72 per cent up from the same year-ago period.

While no separate data were available for attacks carried out by Afghan, US or NATO aircraft, the United Nations said two-thirds of this year's civilian casualties were caused by the local air force.

The UN also said Afghanistan had 41 aircraft capable of conducting air strikes by June, up from 28 at the end of last year.—Reuters



# Crash landing feared as Europe's Mars lander still silent

FRANKFURT/BERLIN — Thrusters intended to slow a European lander as it neared Mars on Wednesday fired for less time than expected before contact with the vehicle was lost, leaving scientists uncertain whether it touched down safely or broke apart.

The Schiaparelli probe, part of a broader mission to search for evidence of life on the Red Planet, was to test technologies during the descent and on the surface for a rover scientists hope to send to Mars in 2020.

Its descent marked only the second European attempt to land a craft on Mars, but it has shown no signs of life since it stopped transmitting around 50 seconds before Wednesday's planned touchdown.

"We've had two over flights

(by Mars orbiters) and there was no signal," the European Space Agency's (ESA) Spacecraft Operations Manager Andrea Accomazzo told journalists on Thursday.

The disc-shaped 577-kg (1,272 lb) Schiaparelli is part of the Russian-European ExoMars program that is seeking signs of life.

The primary part of the mission this year, bringing the Schiaparelli lander's mothership into orbit around Mars, was meanwhile a success.

That craft, called Trace Gas Orbiter, will use an atmospheric probe to sniff out methane and other gases around Mars linked to organic life. It will also act as a data relay station for the rover, which is due to follow in 2020.

Landing on Mars, Earth's

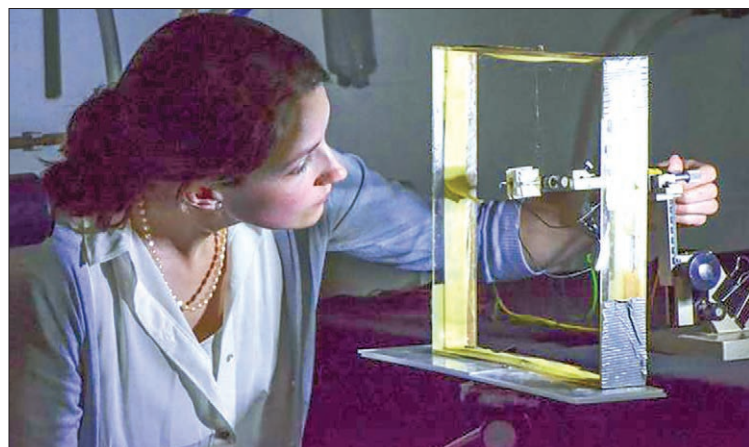


A full-size model of the European ExoMars entry, descent and landing module, Schiaparelli is seen during a press conference at the European Space Agency (ESA) Headquarters in Darmstadt, Germany, on 20 October 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

neighbor and at its closest some 35 million miles (56 million km) away, is a notoriously difficult task that has thwarted most Russian efforts and given NASA

trouble as well. The US space agency had a setback of its own on Wednesday. Its Juno spacecraft lost its main computer and science instruments shortly be-

fore it was due to make an orbital pass near Jupiter, scuttling highly anticipated close-up observations of the largest planet in the solar system. —Reuters



Dr. Beth Mortimer from the Zoology Department at the University of Oxford tests the web of the garden cross spider, in Oxford, Britain, on 30 September 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

## Spiders can 'tune' webs for good vibrations, researchers say

OXFORD (England) — Spiders can control the tension and stiffness of their webs to optimize their sensory powers, helping them locate and identify prey as well as partners, according to researchers at Oxford University.

Much in same way that notes travel along a plucked guitar string, spider transmits vibrations in different frequencies, sending information back to the spider.

"Spiders use vibrations not only from prey which is caught in their web, where obviously it's important that they know ...where it is and what it might be," researcher Beth Mortimer told Reuters.

"But vibrations are also important in courtship ... A lot of males will actually generate a very specific kind of musical pattern which the females can use to determine not only that they're a male but they're the right species and whether she might want to mate with them as well."

Spiders can also use the information to assess their web's condi-

tion, she said.

As part of a study published last month in collaboration with the Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, researchers in Oxford took a web from the garden cross spider — *Araneus diadematus* — and sent measured pulses into its silk strands.

They used a laser to measure vibrations propagating through the web, showing how the waiting spider altered wave amplitude by changing tension and silk stiffness.

"They're able to very closely change the tension of their webs... This means they have a mechanism for directly controlling both the tension and the stiffness of their silk fibers," Mortimer said.

"(These mechanisms) allow them effectively to tune their web's properties so that they can control how sensory information is getting to them in the middle of the web."

Mortimer plans to conduct similar tests with more exotic species, including golden orb-weaver spiders. —Reuters

## Smart mouth — Chinese fish fossil sheds light on jaw evolution

WASHINGTON — A bottom-dwelling, mud-grubbing, armoured fish that swam in tropical seas 423 million years ago is fundamentally changing the understanding of the evolution of an indisputably indispensable anatomical feature: the jaw.

Scientists said on Thursday they unearthed in China's Yunnan province fossils of a primordial fish called *Qilinyu rostrata* that was about 12 inches (30 cm) long and possessed the telltale bones present in modern vertebrate jaws including in people.

*Qilinyu* was part of an extinct fish group called placoderms, clad in bony armour covering the head and much of the body and boasting jaws armed with bony plates that acted as

teeth to slice and dice prey.

Fish were Earth's first vertebrates when they appeared more than half a billion years ago, but they were primitive and jawless, with sucker-like mouths.

Placoderms were the first vertebrates with jaws, a pivotal evolutionary advance that enabled them to grasp prey, but they had no teeth. Teeth appeared for the first time in later fish.

*Qilinyu* had three bones, the dentary, maxilla and premaxilla, that characterize the modern vertebrate jaw seen in bony fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, though they are absent in the cartilaginous sharks and rays.

Scientists long viewed placoderms as a fascinating evolu-

tionary dead-end. But the fossils of *Qilinyu* and another placoderm called *Entelognathus* that also possessed the three bones indicate that the elements of the modern jaw first appeared in placoderms.

The maxilla and premaxilla are bones of the upper jaw. The dentary is a bone of the lower jaw.

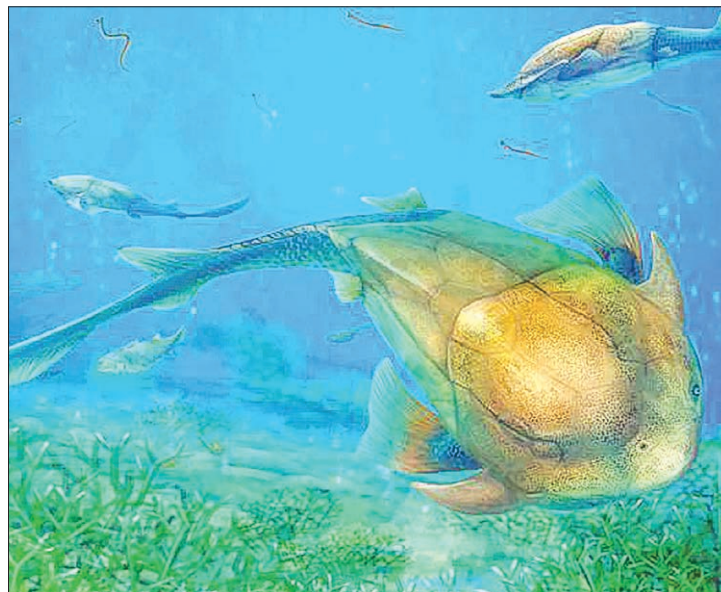
It appears they evolved from the bony plates that placoderms used to sheer flesh in lieu of teeth, said paleontologist Per Ahlberg of Sweden's University of Uppsala, who helped lead the study published in the journal *Science*.

"In us, the lower jaw is made entirely from the dentary. Most of the upper jaw is composed from the maxilla, but the bit that carries the incisor teeth is the premaxilla," Ahlberg said.

The findings contradict the long-held notion that the modern jaw architecture evolved later, in the earliest bony fish.

"Now we know that one branch of placoderms evolved into modern jawed vertebrates," said study co-leader Zhu Min, a paleontologist at Chinese Academy of Sciences' Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology and Paleoanthropology. "In this sense, placoderms are not extinct."

*Qilinyu* had a flat underside, ate soft-bodied mud-dwelling invertebrates. It was a modest member of the placoderm group, which included Earth's first true monster, a fish called *Dunkleosteus* with huge, powerful jaws that was bigger than a great white shark. —Reuters



This illustration shows the fish called *Qilinyu* that lived 423 million years ago during the Silurian Period. A fossil of the fish was unearthed in China's Yunnan province and is described in the journal *Science*. PHOTO: REUTERS



# Some opposition changes to Colombia peace deal 'inviolate': president

BOGOTA — Several modifications to a peace deal with Colombia's FARC rebels suggested by the country's opposition are "inviolate," President Juan Manuel Santos said on Thursday, adding he remains committed to salvaging the accord.

The government will take some opposition suggestions for changes to the accord with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, to guerrilla leaders, Santos said in a televised address.

The government has been meeting with representatives of the right wing opposition and others who campaigned against the deal in hopes the rebels will accept changes to the accord.

The peace deal was rejected in a surprise plebiscite result this month, shortly before Santos was



Supporters of the peace deal signed between the government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) rebels gather at Bolivar Square during a march for peace in Bogota, Colombia, on 20 October 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to end the country's 52-year war.

Many opposition proposals were "reasonable"

Santos said on Thursday, but others are "totally inviolate".

The deadline for meetings with those against the

accord has now passed, he said.

"We're going to work at top speed to achieve a new deal," Santos

said. "We have already established mechanisms with the FARC to review (the suggestions) and decide on necessary adjust-

ments."

"We want to finish this soon, very soon."

Opponents of the deal, including former President and current Senator Alvaro Uribe, have argued that transitional justice procedures do not punish the FARC enough for human rights violations like killings and kidnappings and that the rebels should not be granted seats in Congress.

Uribe and his top allies reiterated in an open letter dated Wednesday that they are willing to meet with the FARC, but said the president must make big changes to the deal.

"Is the President open to the profound changes that our popular mandate demands or is he limiting himself to receiving documents via his secretaries in order to pass them on to this illegal armed group," the letter read.—Reuters

## Reshuffle looms as Greek PM, sagging in polls, seeks debt relief

ATHENS — Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras is considering a cabinet reshuffle to reverse a slump in popularity by sidelining ministers he sees as obstacles to winning debt relief from international lenders, government sources say.

Tsipras wants reforms to achieve debt restructuring and to get Greece into the European Central Bank's quantitative easing programme. Doing so may appease austerity-jaded Greeks by persuading them that years of financial sacri-

fice are paying off.

Energy Minister Panos Skourletis, who opposes some key privatisations demanded by lenders, including selling a stake in Greece's PPC power company, was among the ministers who could be replaced, one source said. Finance Minister Euclid Tsakalotos was expected to keep his post, the officials said.

Asked to comment on a possible reshuffle, government spokeswoman Olga Gerovassili told Skai TV only that the government's

aim was the "flexible, fast, effective" management of the country.

A reshuffle would be testament to Tsipras's delicate balancing act between implementing painful bailout reforms and boosting his leftist Syriza party's popularity ratings which have been sagging for months. Syriza is trailing the conservatives.

He was first elected 21 months ago promising to end years of austerity for Greece, imposed by international creditors. But

he was forced to reverse course by the prospect of the country being kicked out of the euro zone and pursue deeper reforms under a third international bailout. He was re-elected in September last year.

"If he (Tsipras) needs a cabinet which can conclude the review as swiftly as possible then a reshuffle would indeed ease the points of contention," said one of the sources, adding that it could happen as early as this month.

A second official said



Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras arrives at the EU summit in Brussels, Belgium, on 21 October 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Tsipras has been mulling the move for some time but has not made any final decision, while a third official said a reshuffle was not expected to be broad but would affect the structure of ministries.

Another bailout re-

view, which includes unpopular labour reforms, fiscal issues and privatisations, started in Athens on Friday. Tsipras had scheduled meetings with his European counterparts in Brussels to discuss the review.—Reuters

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## Trump, Clinton tension seeps into jokes at annual charity dinner

NEW YORK — US presidential campaign tensions seeped into a high-profile charity dinner on Thursday as Donald Trump joked about sending Hillary Clinton to prison and she alluded to Trump's statements about women by estimating how he might rate the Statue of Liberty's attractiveness a four, maybe a five.

The candidates shared the stage at a formal dinner in New York City named for the state's former governor, Alfred E. Smith, less than 24 hours after finishing their third and final presidential debate in Las Vegas on Wednesday. The annual event, which raises money for needy children, typically offers presidential hopefuls a respite from the tension of the campaign trail. But Trump and Clinton opted to instead trade sharpened barbs that reflected the acrimony of the 2016 White House campaign.

Trump spoke first and set the room on edge with bitter jabs at his rival, with

his label of Clinton as "corrupt" drawing boos.

"With all of the heated back and forth between my opponent and me at the debate last night, we have proven that we can actually be civil to each other," Trump said. "In fact just before taking the dais, Hillary accidentally bumped into me and she very civilly said, 'Pardon me.'"

"And I very politely replied, 'Let me talk to you about that after I get into office,'" said Trump, a Republican whose supporters chant "lock her up" at rallies.

Clinton, whose remarks elicited both polite applause and derision, riffed off Trump's derogatory remarks about women's appearances, such as joking in a 2002 radio interview that they become less attractive after age 35.

"Donald looks at the Statue of Liberty and sees a four, maybe a five if she loses the torch and tablet and changes her hair," Clinton said of the New



Democratic US presidential nominee Hillary Clinton delivers remarks at the Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation dinner in New York, US, on 20 October 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

York City landmark.

"Come to think of it, you know what would be a good number for a woman? 45," Clinton said. The president elected on 8 November will be the 45th in US history.

Trump and Clinton sat just a seat apart on the dais, separated by Cardinal Timothy Dolan, the archbishop of New York. At the event's conclusion, they shook

hands — a gesture they avoided at Wednesday's debate.

But the tone of both candidates' remarks was a departure from the past, when political figures and presidential candidates have stuck to a largely self-deprecating and good-natured brand of humour.

At one point at the event, which raised \$6 mil-

lion for Catholic charities supporting children, Trump said Clinton was "pretending not to hate Catholics."

Trump was referring to the apparently hacked personal emails of Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta, published by Wikileaks, which show Clinton staffers criticizing high-profile figures for embracing Catholicism as the most "politically

acceptable" of socially conservative religions.

Alfred Smith IV, the evening's host, perhaps best reflected the tension in the room, and the campaign, in his introductory remarks: "This has been a campaign for the history books," he said. "It has also been a campaign for the psychiatry books." —Reuters

## Japan to open doors for foreign trainees to assume care jobs

TOKYO — A Diet committee on Friday approved bills to enable foreign trainees to take nursing care jobs in Japan, paving way for their enactment in the current Diet session as the rapidly graying country will face a serious shortage of personnel in the industry in coming years. The two bills — one on proper training of foreign interns and the other on amending immigration laws — call for expanding the scope of work foreign trainees can assume, despite concerns about a decline in the quality of service and harsh working environments.

While the Japanese government has explained the reason for the change as "responding to the needs of aging Asian countries," it will effectively help Japan make up for an estimated lack of 380,000 care workers in 2025.

Currently, Japan only accepts foreign care workers from Indonesia, Philippines and Viet Nam under economic partnership agreements with these countries. But the number of such care workers has

remained limited.

Countries like Viet Nam and Mongolia have been urging Japan to allow foreign trainees to assume nursing care jobs.

As the enactment of the bills would lead to a surge in the number of foreigners in the field, some worry the quality of the care service may decline due to language barriers.

In addition, lawyers are concerned the new system does not offer sufficient protection for the interns.

As a slew of human rights infringements have been unveiled, the bills call for setting up a watchdog to investigate organisations and businesses accepting foreign interns. But the Japan Federation of Bar Associations calls for scrapping the scheme, saying such a measure would not resolve the issues fundamentally.

In 2014, the labor ministry checked some 4,000 organisations accepting interns and found more than 70 per cent of them have violated laws on working hours and safety standards.—Kyodo News

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## Radiohead named as first headline act for 2017's Glastonbury

LONDON — Organisers for Britain's Glastonbury Festival named Radiohead on Thursday as the first headline act to be confirmed for next June's event.

The band, known for hits like "Paranoid Android" and "Creep", have previously performed at the green-field music festival in southwest England, with headline appearances in 1997 and 2003.

They will once again take to the festival's Pyramid Stage on 23 June.

Tens of thousands of people each year converge on the Worthy Farm site in Somerset for the festival, which this year saw performances from the likes of Adele and Coldplay.—Reuters

PHOTO: REUTERS

## Tom Cruise brings action-packed 'Jack Reacher' sequel to London



PHOTO: PTI

LONDON — Crowds of screaming fans braced the cold and packed into London's Leicester Square on Thursday to catch a glimpse of Tom Cruise as he premiered his film "Jack Reacher: Never Go Back", which he described as a "classic action" film filled with suspense.

The film sees Cruise reprise his role in the sequel to the 2012 film "Jack Reacher" playing a former US military officer turned fugitive, on a mission to uncover a conspiracy that has accused his colleague, Major Susan Turner, of espionage.

Turner is played by Cobie Smulders — the "How I Met Your Mother" actress — who was also at the European premiere.

"He's just got such a unique wit," Cruise said

about Reacher, a character based on books written by British author Lee Child, who also makes a cameo appearance in the film.

Cruise said he was busy working on his sixth Mission Impossible film and also hinted that he was in talks about taking up his popular role as daring pilot "Maverick" in a Top Gun sequel, although he stopped short of making promises to fans.

"We've been talking about it, it's just the right script ... it's got to be right," he told Reuters.

"Jack Reacher: Never Go Back", was directed by Edward Zwick who worked with Cruise on the 2003 film "The Last Samurai" and said that the two had developed a trust and simply "took up where we left off."—Reuters

## Classical musicians are not entertainers: Sarod maestro Amjad Ali Khan

MUMBAI — Sarod maestro Amjad Ali Khan says classical musicians are not entertainers like Hindi film industry people. "I think Bollywood music is entertainment music. They have cheap wording like 'Hum Tum Ek Kamre Mein Band Ho' and it works while classical music is different. We are not entertainers. Classical musicians are not entertainers, we take ahead the legacy of classical music," Khan told PTI.

The maestro feels when it comes to music, Bollywood it is

a different world. "Their (Bollywood) vision and angle is different like whatever they do should be seen and saleable. Their values are different," he added.

At the same time, the 71-year-old musician says that Hindi films have churned out some good songs too. "There are some good songs with nice lyrics and music in Bollywood. I do like some film music, some of them I find appealing," he said. "There are people who have grown up listening to Lata Mangeshkar, Mohammed Rafi and they

were good. Today singers like Shreya Ghoshal, Sunidhi Chauhan are doing great work," he added. Khan is excited about his performance in "Samaagam", a concert combining Sarod and Orchestra. It will feature iconic works by Indian and American composers. Khan will be performing solo in the concerto for Sarod and Orchestra and Aaron Copland's Appalachian Spring respectively.—PTI

## I am deeply shocked, saddened: Pierce Brosnan on pan masala ad

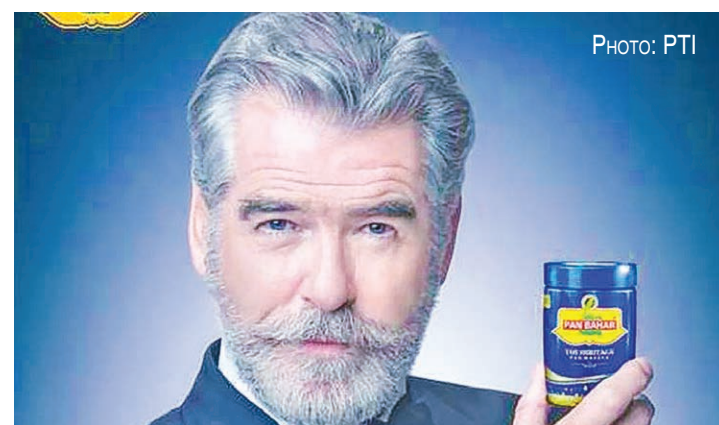


PHOTO: PTI

LOS ANGELES — Hollywood star Pierce Brosnan says he is distressed by the deceptive use of his image in Indian pan masala brand's advertisement. The actor said that he was deeply shocked and saddened to learn the pan masala product he was advertising may include ingredients that can cause cancer, reported People magazine.

Brosnan said he has the "greatest love and affection for India and its people."

"As a man who has spent decades championing women's healthcare and environmental protection, I was distressed to learn of Pan Bahar's unauthorised and deceptive use of my image to endorse their range of pan masala products.

"I would never have entered into an agreement to promote a product in India that is dangerous to one's health," Brosnan said in a statement. The 63-year-old James Bond star said his contract stated that he was to advertise a "breath freshener/tooth whitener," which wouldn't include an ingredient that turns saliva red.

According to the actor, he agreed to advertise a single product only, and that it was presented as "all-natural containing neither tobacco, supari, nor any other harmful ingredient."

"Having endured, in my own personal life, the loss of my first wife and daughter as well as numerous friends to cancer, I am fully committed to supporting women's healthcare and research programs that improve human health and alleviate suffering," the statement continued.

Brosnan has demanded the company to remove his image from all their products, and assured that he had no knowledge that he was endorsing items that would have a negative or painful reaction in India.

"I shall endeavour to rectify this matter. In the meantime, please accept my sincerest and heartfelt apologies to all whom I have offended," the statement concluded.

The actor received a lot of flak and was even trolled on Twitter for featuring in advertisement of the pan masala brand.—PTI

## Hollywood stars Douglas and Renner make first visit to China for celebrity Pro-Am

HAIKOU — Movie legends Michael Douglas and Jeremy Renner enthused about the warm hospitality they have received on their first visit to China, and both expressed a desire to return to make a movie. The Hollywood stars are on the

tropical island of Hainan for the 2016 Mission Hills World Celebrity Pro-Am.

Stars from sport and entertainment have gathered in Mission Hills for World Celebrity Pro-Am, which runs from 21 to 23 October.

Oscar winner Michael Douglas commented: "Everyone has been so warm and so friendly. I get very excited about golf — it's like sneaking out of school!"

"We will be visiting the film studios at Mission Hills Movie Town tomorrow. Movies are a wonderful international language so I hope I have the opportunity to be back here," Douglas added.

Nominated for his role in The Hurt Locker, Renner compared Hainan to Maui in Hawaii where he used to live. "This is a beautiful spot with so many palm trees! I thought 'wow' when I got here and I only wish I had brought my family" he said.

"There are many possibilities that I will shoot a movie in China some time. I'm shooting another Mission Impossible with Tom Cruise so we may be here next year. If that benefits China then it's a win-win," he added.—Xinhua



Michael Douglas (2<sup>nd</sup> L) and Feng Xiaogang (2<sup>nd</sup> R) are seen during the red carpet event MHPROAM2016 in Haikou, on 20 October. PHOTO: REUTERS





Spanish bullfighter Jose Tomas performs a pass to a bull during the last bullfight at Monumental bullring in central Barcelona in 2011. PHOTO: REUTERS

## Spanish court overturns Catalan bull-fighting ban

MADRID — Spain's Constitutional Court on Thursday overturned a ban on bull fighting imposed in Catalonia, calling it a cultural asset protected under national law in a ruling likely to fuel political tensions between the region and Madrid.

Bull fighting, a bloody ritual intended to ennoble both the 'torero' and his victim, has been popular in Spain for generations.

But its appeal has waned as animal rights ac-

tivists and a generation of Spaniards exposed to less traditional values question the legitimacy of an activity they say is barbaric and archaic.

Catalonia, a wealthy region in the country's north east with its own language and customs and a strong and active independence movement, became the first part of mainland Spain to outlaw the spectacle in 2012. But the constitutional court ruled on Thursday that the ban was

invalid as bull fighting was protected under Spanish law and exempt from prohibition at regional level.

Having already refused to accept a ruling from the same court invalidating Catalonia's pursuit of independence, authorities in the region indicated they would ignore Thursday's verdict too.

"There will be no bull-fights in Catalonia again," said Josep Rull, a member of the Catalan parliament. A long-running dis-

pute with the central government over Catalonia's independence drive was sharpened in early October when the region's parliament voted to hold a referendum on secession next September.

Spanish animal rights political party Pacma denounced Thursday's bull fighting ruling, posting on Twitter; "We will not rest until it is abolished in all of Spain." The Canary Islands outlawed the activity in 1991.—Reuters

## Havana confirms has suspended new licenses for private restaurants

HAVANA — Havana's city government temporarily suspended issuing licenses for new private restaurants from September onwards while it ensured existing ones were operating legally, a senior official said on Wednesday, confirming an earlier Reuters report.

The tougher line could hurt Havana's food offerings during the upcoming tourism season and is a fresh sign that Cuba's

Communist-run government is hesitant to further open the economy up to private business.

"This measure is temporary and will remain in place while we audit the services being currently delivered," senior city official Isabel Hamze said in a video published by state-run website Cubadebate.

"We recognise the importance of these businesses for the city and the government wants them to

be successful but within the mark of legality," she said.

Private restaurants have flourished since President Raul Castro loosened restrictions on small businesses six years ago, especially in the capital. There are more than 500 private restaurants in Havana and more than 1,700 across the country. Hamze said the city government met with 129 restaurants owners to discuss regulatory violations such as buying goods

on the black market, fronting for discos, allowing prostitution on their premises and evading taxes.

Other possible violations were contracting entertainment outside official channels, staying open after 3 am, disturbing neighbours, dubious sources of capital and illegal purchases of buildings, she said, confirming what restaurant owners had told Reuters in a report published on Monday.—Reuters

## NPO to offer online Japanese-language classes for foreign children

TOKYO — A Tokyo-based nonprofit organisation will begin offering online Japanese-language classes this month to foreign children who need help to keep up in class at Japanese primary and secondary schools.

Youth Support Center's YSC Global School in Fussa, western Tokyo, is set to offer the service with instruction provided by language education experts via personal computer or tablet to foreign children living anywhere in Japan. The NPO will cooperate with local municipalities and schools without sufficient resources to teach Japanese to non-native children.

Yuran Nakajima, 16, watched a lecture on a PC monitor at YSC's office in Fussa during a trial session in September. Three other students sat in the classroom elsewhere in the city from where the lesson was being taught.

"No problem. I can hear well and feel no difference from being in the classroom," Nakajima, a descendent of a Japanese war orphan in China, said after the rehearsal, during which questions and answers were exchanged in a videoconference-like format. YSC Global School has provided Japanese-language instruction in classrooms to foreign children for payment since 2010. The school hopes to offer the new online service for free, helped in part by financial support from local governments.

For the new service, it will offer one-month or two-month intensive online programmes throughout the year for various proficiency levels, with up to 30 lectures per week.

Through participation in the programmes, YSC Global School expects foreign children to boost their Japanese-language ability enough to follow what is being taught in their classes at Japanese public schools.

Iki Tanaka, 37, who is in charge of the NPO school, said she is considering promoting a scheme for children to receive the online service in school classrooms to ensure foreign students regularly tune in to the lectures.

"It may be difficult for children to sit in front of a PC at home by themselves every time an online class starts," Tanaka said.

As of May 2014, a record 29,198 foreign students attending public primary and secondary schools in Japan needed Japanese language training, as did a record 7,897 Japanese children. But 18 per cent or 6,700 of those children were receiving no special language training, the latest government survey showed. Tanaka pointed out many foreign children who have grown up in Japan go on to join Japanese society.

"We would like to help them master the language as soon as possible so that they can happily go to school and make friends," Tanaka said.—Kyodo News

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• TV Drama Series

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# Pogba double lifts United, Inter joy for De Boer



Manchester United's Paul Pogba scores their third goal during UEFA Europa League Group Stage, Group A, at Old Trafford, Manchester, England, on 20 October. PHOTO: REUTERS

**P**AUL Pogba repaid some of his world record transfer fee with two goals as Manchester United rediscovered their early-season shine, cruising to a 4-1 Europa League win over Fenerbahce to go top of their group on Thursday.

Pogba scored a penalty and rifled United's third into the top corner. Anthony Martial also netted from the spot and Jesse Lingard fired home in the second half before former Old Trafford favourite Robin

van Persie pulled one back for Fenerbahce.

Inter Milan and AS Roma, though, had more testing evenings.

Coach Frank de Boer breathed a sigh of relief when Inter survived an onslaught from Southampton to end a three-match losing streak with a 1-0 victory while Roma conceded twice late on to draw 3-3 at home to Austria Vienna.

Three sides have perfect records after three matches,

Shakhtar Donetsk, Schalke 04 and Zenit St Petersburg all winning to move to the brink of the knockout rounds.

United have six points in Group A after a morale-boosting performance ahead of manager Jose Mourinho's return to former club Chelsea on Sunday.

They went ahead in the 31st minute when Juan Mata was tripped in the area.

Regular penalty taker Wayne Rooney was on the

pitch and needed one goal to join Ruud van Nistelrooy as United's all-time top scorer in Europe but Pogba took the ball and converted from the spot.

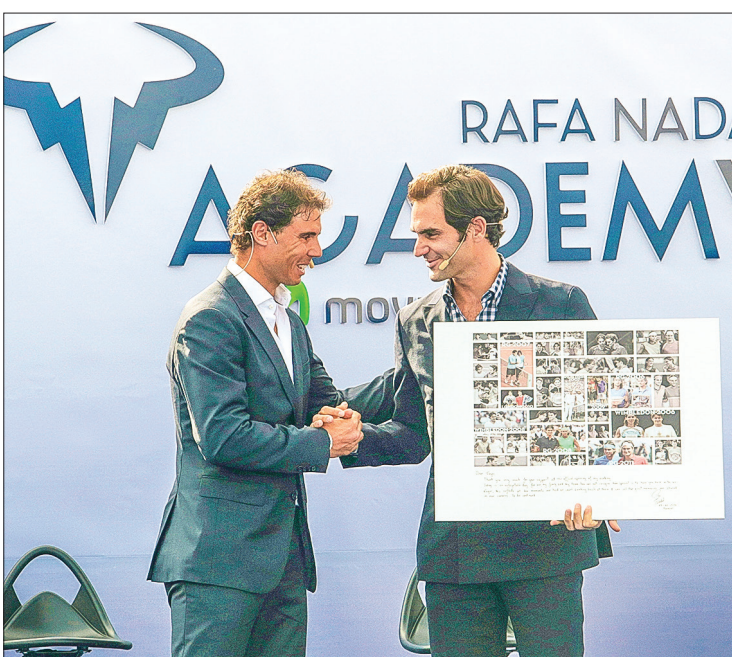
The hosts were handed a second penalty less than three minutes later and Martial took responsibility this time before Pogba lashed home a third goal.

Lingard made it 4-0 three minutes after the restart and Van Persie pulled one back for the Turkish team with seven minutes remaining.

Pogba, criticised following a subdued display in United's goalless draw at Liverpool on Monday, was handed a vote of confidence by Mourinho after scoring twice in a game for the first time in almost two years.

"He needs time," the coach said of the midfielder he signed for 89 million pounds in the close season.

"To be in Italy for four or five years ... I was not expecting it to be a click of the fingers for intensity."—Reuters



Switzerland's Roger Federer holds a gift given by Spain's Rafael Nadal during the opening ceremony of the Rafa Nadal tennis academy in Manacor, Spain, on 19 October 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

## Nadal ends season to recover from left wrist injury

**LONDON** — Former world number one Rafael Nadal called time on his 2016 season on Thursday saying he needed to fully recover from the left wrist injury he suffered midway through the year.

The Spanish 14-times grand slam champion said he would play no more tournaments and would instead begin "preparing intensively" for the 2017 season.

The 30-year-old left hander was forced to pull out of this year's French Open before his third round match, ending his pursuit of a record-extending 10<sup>th</sup> Roland Garros title, and also missed Wimbledon because of the injury.

He returned to win a gold medal in doubles with Marc Lopez at the Rio Olympics but his results since have been disappointing and he lost his opening match to Viktor Troicki at the Shanghai Masters this month.

While the original wrist tendon has improved considerably a statement from Nadal's management said he had suffered a "bone edema" due to an overload on a different area of the joint.

"It is no secret that I arrived to the Olympic Games short of preparation and not fully recovered, but the goal was to compete and win a medal for Spain," Na-

dal said. "This forced recovery has caused me pain since then and now I am forced to stop and start preparing the 2017 season."

"Now it is time to rest and start preparing intensively the 2017 season."

Nadal, ranked sixth, had been due to play in Basel and Paris and was on course to qualify for the ATP World Tour Finals which features the top eight in the rankings. The Spaniard's great career rival Roger Federer will also be missing from the season-ender in London after the Swiss also curtailed his season to recover from a knee problem.—Reuters

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