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OUR SUCCESS IS GLOBAL

State Counsellor assures transparency, accountability in economic system to relieve concerns of the entrepreneurs

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi made a pitch to local and foreign investors, pledging that there would be transparency and accountability in the country's economic system.

At meeting with entrepreneurs and development partners in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday, the State Counsellor clarified a clearer legal frame work and opportunities in the economic sectors in an attempt to relieve the concerns of the entrepreneurs over their want to participate in the country's new economic system.

She also urged the citizens of the country to participate in her government's efforts to effectuate economic development.

"We'll not be retrospective and/or retroactive. We'll only be looking forward. In this function, I'd like to invite not only the local entrepreneurs but also our good friends abroad as well as those entrepreneurs who are interested in investing in our country. Our national development requires concerted effort," she said.

She also called for upgrading the capacity building of the citizens, considering it as the most important factor to national development. "Only when we base sustainable development on the capacity of our countrymen, we can achieve our goal of national development for a long term," she said.

In retrospect, she said Myanmar was once famous for its potential for development, but now this fame has diminished.

"But with the change of time, we've been provided with new opportunities," she said, "Grasping these opportunities, we need to make collective effort for development. Please be aware that we can reach our goal only through diligent effort."

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi also stressed the importance of the rule of law for the success of the businesses saying that the rule law is meant for secure and systematic development, not for imposing of restriction by way of strict laws.

"Only when there prevails the rule of law, we can attract the foreign investors," she said.

She also said that the new government has not seen rapid economic development within the past six months, calling on the attendees to help the new government with genuine efforts to be able to overcome the challenges.

Regarding economic policy, the government have already laid down 12-point policy since July. Since then, the new government has drawn criticisms from people over the 12-point policy which is considered rather general. A more specific policy has been called for.

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi speaking at the meeting. PHOTO: AUNG SHINE OO

The State Counsellor also expressed the government's commitment to modernising the agricultural sector of the country.

"The agricultural sector is our main sector because of the majority of our people are dependent upon this sector. This being so, we have an objective to modernise agriculture in our economic policy. Modernisation is also needed to look forward. We want this to be proactive planning," said the State Counsellor.

She continued to say that the government has formed a committee with donor nations, donor organisations and development partners as Myanmar has a lot of friends and many organisations who want to help the country.

"In fact, our success is global success. The success of our people is that of the whole globe." she added.

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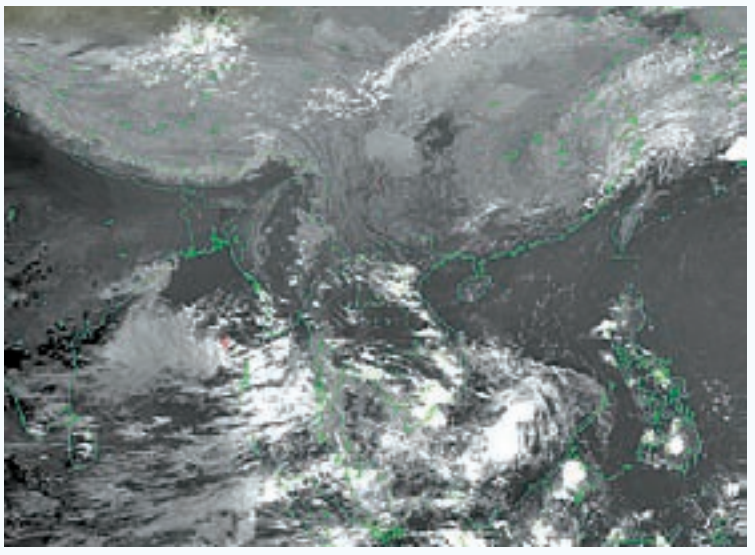

The red circle shows the depression in the Bay of Bengal. PHOTO: DMH

Depression retains strength, may close on Myanmar coast this evening

THE depression over the east-central portion of the Bay of Bengal has moved east-northeast and will move close to the Myanmar coast this evening, according to the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.

The weather bureau has issued an orange storm alert as the depression forming in the Bay of Bengal is moving towards Myanmar.

The depression over the east-central and southeast portions of the Bay of Bengal continues to retain its strength.

Over the past six hours the system has moved in a east-northeast direction at a speed of 8 kmph.

It is centered about (120) miles west-northwest of Coco-Island (Myanmar), (240) miles Southwest of Pathein (Myanmar), (320)miles Southwest of Yangon (Myanmar) and (190)miles Northwest of Port Blair(India).

Due to the depression, Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay Region, Magway Region, Bago Region, Yangon Region, Ayeyawady Region, Taninthayi Region, Rakhine State, Kayin State and Mon State are expected to see heavy rainfall with thunder.

The depression may cause big waves with surface wind of 35 miles to 40 miles per hour in the sea closing with the Ayeyawady Delta, Martaban gulf, along the Taninthayi Coast and off shore in Myanmar's sea.

The department advised trawlers, vessels and ships off and along Myanmar coasts to take precautions.—*GNLM*

9 Humboldt Penguins Arrive

Humboldt Penguins seen swimming. PHOTO: MNA

9 HUMBOLDT Penguins [Spheniscus Humboldti] (4 males and 5 females) to be shown to the public in Nay Pyi Taw Zoological Garden arrived at the Yangon International Airport on Thursday via Narita Airport, Japan.

The penguins, bought at EU 7500 per head from the Nature Resource Network by Htoo Zoos & Gardens Business Unit reached Zoological Garden, Nay Pyi Taw at 1:00am.

These penguin species are found in Eastern Peru, Chile Coastal Areas and Eastern Coast of Pacific Ocean in pairs of both sexes or in groups. They live in nests and breed in rocky coasts and caves. They lay 2-3 eggs at one time and males and females hatch in turn. Its breeding period normally lasts 40-90 days. Its life-span is 20 year approximately.

It lives on sea organisms. It is a medium sized penguin, 26-28 inches long and 10 lbs weight. The rear part of the body and flanks are black and its upper part is blackish grey.— *MNA*

Young entrepreneurs honoured at 1st Myanmar Entrepreneurship Summit 2016

IN accordance with the economic objectives of the State, the 1st Myanmar Entrepreneurship Summit 2016 was held at the Hotel Max in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday evening.

Union Minister for Commerce Dr Than Myint and Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Kyaw Win attended the summit and presented awards.

Dr Thein Naing of Zenith Group, Yangon, won the KBZ Entrepreneur of the Year Award (First) and Ma Aye Phyu Phyu Kyi of Pyinnya Yaung Chi Advanced High School (Taunggyi) won the Myanmar Young Entrepreneur Award (First). The Myanmar Young Social Entrepreneur Award (First) went to Ma Ei Pwint She Zan (Third Story Telling Project, Yangon) and the Myanmar Start-up Award (First) went to Ma May Mon Thu of Myanmar Services Agency, Yangon.

The summit was first of its kind in Myanmar and the first, second and third prizes were presented to winners.

The awards aim at nurturing all-round competent new generation entrepreneurs for the country, to create opportunities for them and to create better results for cr5eativity and efforts with the cooperation of all citizens.

A total for categories of prizes were awarded to youths at the summit, it was learnt.— *Thant Zin Win*

Union Minister for Planning and FinanceU Kyaw Win presents award to a winner 1st Myanmar Entrepreneurship Summit 2016. PHOTO: THANT ZIN WIN

Crime NEWS

Yaba pills and opium confiscated in Shan State (North), Kachin State

A COMBINED team comprising members of Anti-Drug Squad Unit 24 based in Lashio stopped a Shwe Mandalar passenger bus and searched it yesterday near the Oriental toll gate in Lashio, Shan State (North). The police confiscated 19,600 yaba pills from the handbag of Larain and Ma Khaw Myaw. Similarly, on Friday, members of Anti-Drug Squad Unit 2 based in Myitkyina searched a motorcycle ridden by one Than Lwin and seized 1000 yaba pills near the Nyienchanyay Gayhar in Gawnan village on the Myitkyina-Sumparabum road in Myitkyina township, and police members found one Ma Mya Shwe and Maung Naing in the compound of Myitkyina Hospital and searched them. They confiscated 33 soap boxes of opium weighing 422 grams.

Larain and Ma Khaw Myaw being seen together with yaba pills seized. PHOTO: MPF

Similarly, police members of Kyaukme Myoma Police Station searched a hut in a paddy field in Nareikkhant village, Kyaukme township and found Eiksein and Ma Aye Au , Eik Mon and Sai Hwum.

Eiksein and Ma Aye Au had been on the run from the scene by motorcycle. Police continued to search Eik Mon and Sai Hwum and seized 999 yaba pills from them. Police have filed charges against all suspects under the Psychotropic Substances and Anti-Narcotic Drug Law.—*Myanmar Police Force*

Police detain murder suspect within two weeks

THE police detained a murder suspect at Chawdwingon Traffic Lights on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Mayangon Township, Yangon, yesterday evening.

The victim, a taxi driver from South Dagon Township, was found dead with stab wounds on his throat and hand in his taxi in U Ba Han lane in Mayangon Township on 8 October. His Oppo mobile phone was also missing, according to the police.

A ten-foot-long blood stained knife which was disposed of at a roadside bush about 25 feet away from the taxi, a paper pack for the knife and a blood stained towel left at the back of the cab led to the arrest of the suspect, Zarni Tun, 28, from Mayangon Township.

The suspect hired the taxi at Dagon Centre-2 on Pyay Road to U Ba Han Lane, where he robbed the driver of his belongings at knife point on the latter's throat. As the victim refused to give his belongings, the suspect stabbed the victim on his throat and took the mobile phone.

Action has been taken against the suspect according to the law and the police are investigating whether the suspect committed other crimes.—*Myanmar Police Force*

Zarni Tun. PHOTO: MPF

Investment Law guarantees no discrimination between local, foreign firms: Union Minister U Kyaw Win

U Kyaw Win. PHOTO: MNA

UNION Minister for Planning and Finance U Kyaw Win, reassured foreign investors by pledging that they would exercise the Foreign Investment Law in a transparent, simple and effective manner, assuring that there will be no discrimination between local companies and foreign companies.

He made the remarks at a meeting between the State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and entrepreneurs and development partners in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The Union Minister also promised that the assets of companies would not be confiscated unlawfully and companies can spend their earning independently after they have paid taxes and other liabilities.

He also disclosed that the government leases land to investors for 70 years.

"Rules and regulations would be developed to allow businesses to lease land for 70 years including the first 50-year's tenure and another two 10-year's tenures," he said.

The government would also permit investment in terms of boosting agricultural production and value-added products.

He pointed out the weakness of the agricultural sector in terms of lack of quality seeds and weakness in the post harvest technology and invited agricultural technology from foreign countries.

He also promise to crack down on illegal trading, urging the businesses to engage in legal trading in the interests of the country and the people.

"It is found that illegal trade is as high as legal trade and the government will take effective and precise measures to stop illegal trade." said the Union Minister.

During the period from 1992 to 2012, 4.8 million acres of fallow and virgin land were allotted to about 6,000 people and, on average, each one of them received over 700 acres of land.

According to the Union Minister, there is still a lot to do to provide healthcare services for the entire 52 million people of the country. The government wishes to enable the public to enjoy healthcare services at a reasonable price, he said.—*Myanmar News Agency*

Following are excerpts of discussions of diplomats, businessmen at meeting with State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in Nay Pyi Taw

H.E.Mr.Robert Chua.
PHOTO: MNA

Daw Nang Lang Kham.
PHOTO: MNA

U Khin Maung Aye.
PHOTO: MNA

Ambassador of Singapore to Myanmar Mr.Robert Chua

He said that the new government has decisively taken measures to combat corruption since April this year and this will encourage foreign investors to invest in Myanmar. Another important step for the government is the enacting of the new Foreign Investment Law, he pointed out.

Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar

He explained the work progress in financial stability, the stability of the monetary system.

U Win Aung, President of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry

He pointed out the urgent need to reduce the production charges including charges for electricity, distribution and transportation for the production of value-added products, to amend the burdensome rules and regulations and registration process that pave ways for corruption and to establish a correct monitoring mechanism for the rising prices of basic needs and medicines due to inflation and the CPI. Then, he highlighted the importance of cooperation of the government and private sector to negotiate procedural process arisen from laws, rules, and regulations and the adoption of correct economic policies.

KBZ Executive Director Daw Nang Lang Kham

She pointed out the need for cooperation between taxpayers and tax collectors and to eliminate controversial taxation methods.

Concluding Remarks by the State Counsellor

She said that economic sanctions on Myanmar have recently lifted and it is important to grab the opportunity. The people are closely watching whether businesspeople are using the opportunities in their own interest or for the country, she added. She also pointed out that the opportunities will contribute not only to the development of the country but also to the region and the world if everyone uses them in the interest of the country.

Expected economic growth is easily achievable if businesspeople, the administrative sector and donor countries and organisations cooperate in a concerted manner, she added. Then, she highlighted the interdependency of economic growth and political progress by saying that economic growth leads to sustainable political progress and political progress results in economic stability. Then, she added that economic growth is not sustainable without political progress and stability, before pointing out the need to cement the development of the physical life of people, economic growth and social advancement so that they can contribute to the future generations after peace, stability and political progress have rooted.

She explained that success starts with individuals, which, together with correct attitude, will lead the country to the correct path to success and said that she hopes to meet again and again with all participants for the future of the country and the world to make wise, well-intended and prudent decisions.—*Myanmar News agency*

State Counsellor assures transparency, accountability...

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The committee is chaired by State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi while the Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Kyaw Win is vice chairman and it collectively decides as to which sectors are the most needy.

"In so doing, there will be transparency and accountability. In this regard, accountability means not only that of our country people but also that of the donor nations. Of course, a nation's finance comes from its nationals. As this is the public finance, public has the right to know how the public funds are being used," said the State Counsellor.

"They also have the right to participate in our decision making process to a certain extent. However, it is quite difficult to formulate polices which will be in accord with the entire mass of people. This is where a government comes in. But it is important to know what the government will be held accountable for their decisions and actions in performance of its duties," she added.

Regarding development, she invited both the government members involved in formulation of the national economic policy, the donors and also local entrepreneurs to express their respective views as to from where the development should start.

Referring to local successful businessmen in the country including top 158 tax payers attending the meeting, the State Counsellor stressed the importance of paying tax for supporting the country.

"Being a tax payer is a matter to be proud of. This is also the duty of the people. I've very often heard citizens from other countries saying boastfully that they are regular taxpayers, and so, they deserve all the rights," she said.

The tax payers deserve all the rights saying that paying full taxes is deserving full rights, and this should be the country's philosophy.

She also stressed the need to build a culture under which people pay taxes of their own will.

To be able to build this culture, the country need the correct and proper tax laws first. Then, they should be written in a reader-friendly style, she said.

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi also urged the entrepreneurs to behave like the role models, calling for leading the awareness promotion activities and convince the people that they are good citizens because they do not evade paying of taxes.

She stressed that national development should be all inclusiveness, urging the entrepreneurs to be upright quoting an old adage, "Right man in the right place."

"As you all know, the key to success of a business is the trust, which can be earned only through doing things rightly. We should let the world know we're doing business in a right manner. To put it in a nut shell, we need to be free from corruption caused by greed, anger, fear and ignorance. We can't do things according to our whims and fancies. We've to do things within the bounds of law,' she said.

She also urged the entrepreneurs to make formal complaints any time to her office directly or to the ministries concerned.

"Be courageous to complain to the ministries," she said, "you need to keep the clean ministers well informed of what's happening under their ministries."

"I want all the people to realise they are also responsible in the fight against corruption. So I'd like to request you citizens to make formal complaints to the high-ranking public officials and ministers. This is also your duty to make formal complaints," she added.

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LOCAL Business

Export value increases over 2016

THE value of exports as of 14 October in this fiscal year increased by US$6,075.168 million, up from US$5,769.673 million in the same period last fiscal year, according to figures released by the Commerce Ministry.

Of seven export groups, agricultural products, livestock and fisheries products, forest products and other products scaled up compared to last fiscal year. However, the export values of minerals and manufacturing goods has decreased over the period. The increase in the export value of agricultural products is attributed to the higher export volume of various peas and sesame seeds.

The export of various peas as of 7 October fetched US$872.348million while, last fiscal year, they fetched US$700.763million. This represents a gain of US$171.55million, it has been learned from the Ministry of Commerce.

The values of exports as of 14 October this fiscal year is US$3,752.392 million via normal trade and US$2,322.776 million via border trade while import values during that similar period are US$6,502.904 million through sea trade and US$1,467.524million through border trade.—*Mon Mon*

MV Pacific Trader seen in the Yangon River. PHOTO: PHOE KHWA

Mandalay Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Taiwan Trade Centre to cooperate

ENTREPRENEURS from Mandalay and Taiwan have united to join hands in enhancing trade, according to a meeting held on 19 October in Mandalay.

Mandalay businesspeople and Taiwanese businesspeople discussed the trading of fertilizer, chemicals, feedstuff, fibre and textile, rubber and plastic, fuel oil, food and beverage, construction materials and furniture, clothes, footwear and medicines.

Quality products imported from Taiwan have influenced the Mandalay market after a Taiwanese trade expo was held at the Myanmar Event Park in 2015.

The most recent meeting was held at the office of the Mandalay Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

It was attended by chairman U Aung Than, members of the federation and the businesspeople from various associations, a local representative from the Taiwan Trade Centre and businesspeople from Mandalay and Taiwan.—*Thaha Ko Ko (Mandalay)*

Stock prices on YSX rise

THE share prices of three listed companies have risen on the Yangon Stock Exchange (YSX) in recent days, according to an announcement released by the YSX.

Share prices of First Myanmar Investment (FMI) and Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holdings (MTSH) increased by K1,000 per unit with prices of K17,000 and K47,000 per unit respectively while the share price of the Myanmar Citizen Banks (MCB) hit K9,500 per unit on Friday , it has been learned from the YSX.

MYANPIX (Myanmar Stock Price Index) on 21 October sat at 654.73 with a trading volume of 3,807 shares.

It is reported that First Private Bank Limited is soon to begin share trading on the YSX. Six companies have been approved to list on the Yangon Stock Exchange (YSX). They are First Myanmar Investment Company, First Private Bank Limited, Great Hor Kham Public, Myanmar Agribusiness Public Corporation, Myanmar Citizens Bank and Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holdings Public. Out of six, FMI, MTSH and MCB are currently trading at YSX. —*Ko Htet*

Export of fisheries products through Sittwe trade camp on the decline

THE decline in the value of exports shipped through the Sittwe border trade camp has been attributed to the decrease in the fisheries export volume in September when compared to last month.

Exports via Sittwe border trade camp earned US$0.267 milion in September but the figure slumped by US$0.002 million during August.

Freshwater rohu, preserved plum jam, blanket, ginger, plums, tamarind, turmeric, etc are exported through Sittwe border camp. The freshwater rohu was mostly exported from Sittwe, with an export volume of 150 tonnes of rohu worth US$0.156 million in September.

There are fifteen border trade camps in Myanmar: Muse, Lweje, Chin Shwe Haw, Kan Pike Tee, Keng Tung, Tachilek, Myawady, Kawthaung, Myeik, Htee Khee, Mawtaung, Sittwe, Maung Taw, Tamu and Reed. Of 15 trade camps, Muse is trading the largest volume while Mawtaung, Sittwe, Maungtaw trade camps stand at the bottom of the trade volume list. – *Mon Mon*

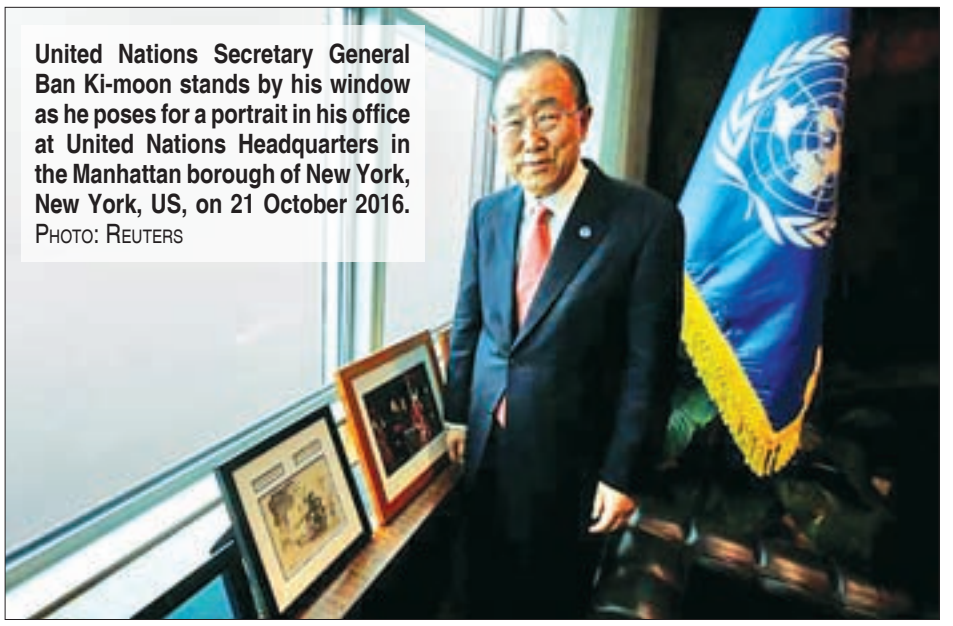
UN chief mulls future in South Korea where he tops presidential polls

UNITED NATIONS — United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said on Friday he will return to South Korea in January after heading the world body for a decade to consider what role he can play in the future of his country amid a push for him to run for president.

"I understand that there are naturally some expectations from many people in Korea that I should make myself available for a better future of Korea that I am conscious of," Ban, 72, who will step down at the end of 2016, told Reuters in an interview.

Ban said it was the first time he had spoken publicly about his future beyond the United Nations. The UN General Assembly last week appointed Ban's successor, former Portuguese prime minister Antonio Guterres, who will start on 1 January.

Ban is the only potential candidate for South Korea's presidential election in December 2017 with consistently more than 20 per cent support in opinion polls. Ban, who served two five-year terms as UN chief, said he plans to return to South Korea in mid-January.



United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon stands by his window as he poses for a portrait in his office at United Nations Headquarters in the Manhattan borough of New York, New York, US, on 21 October 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

"Then after that I will have to discuss with some of my friends, my senior people who can give me good advice, what kind of role I can play for the future of Korea," he said during his first interview since the appointment of his successor.

If he runs, Ban is expected to join the conservative Saenuri Party of current President Park Geun-hye. He would join a small field of potential candidates who have struggled to gain much public support.

Ban said his "options are still open" and "let me just ponder seriously what will be the best way for me to use my time, my experience as secretary-general."

He said for now he was still focused on his job as UN secretary-general and it was "not the right time for me to speculate anything."

Throughout Ban's second term the war in Syria has worsened and prospects for peace anytime soon appear dim. More than 400,000 people have been killed and half the country's 22 million people have been uprooted over nearly six years.

"I deeply regret that the Syrian issue has not been resolved," Ban said. "I am ready to receive all this blame, criticism but sometimes you should know the secretary-general is blamed for what is beyond my own control."

A top issue for Ban, a former South Korean foreign minister, has been how to deal with increasing tensions on the Korean Peninsula following two nuclear tests and a string of ballistic missile launches by North Korea this year in violation of UN Security Council resolutions.

"Never in the past have we seen such heightened tensions on the Korean Peninsula, that is a source of my great concern and worry," Ban told Reuters during the interview in his 38th floor office at the United Nations in New York.

Since North Korea's fifth and largest nuclear test in September, the United States and China, a close ally of Pyongyang, have been negotiating a new draft Security Council resolution. In March, the 15-member council imposed tough new sanctions following its fourth nuclear test in January.

"Sometimes the Security Council has been taking unnecessarily long time in expressing their positions and that kind of sense of lack of unity gives some good excuse for the member states like North Korea not to abide by this resolution," Ban said. Ban said he had met with senior North Korean authorities in New York and elsewhere, on the margins of international conferences, and advised them to address the issue "through a harmonious and reconciliatory way." He had made attempts to visit Pyongyang but they were canceled by North Korea. Ban is generally well-regarded in South Korea, often called "the president of the world" in the media there and seen as a role model by students and parents. Stores carry a range of books on Ban's life and UN tenure, as well as self-help volumes on how to become a world figure and even how to speak like him.

Upon his return to South Korea, Ban said he planned to tell the people of South Korea about what he has achieved in the past decade, such as a UN agenda for the world's 2030 sustainable development and a global agreement to combat climate change, which comes into force next month.

"I'm determined to sprint to the finish line as secretary-general," Ban said. "It's important for me to finish my job as secretary-general until the very last moment of my mandate."—*Reuters*

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Local governments start sending relief supplies after M6.6 quake

TOTTORI (Japan) — Local governments in western Japan on Saturday started sending relief supplies to people affected a day earlier by a strong earthquake with a magnitude of 6.6 in Tottori Prefecture and surrounding areas.

The governments have worked to deliver such supplies as foods and blankets to people staying in evacuation shelters.

The earthquake, recorded at 2:07pm, caused 15 injuries and structural damage to some buildings and homes, according to the Tottori prefectural government.

The Japan Meteorological Agency warned that the area could face more quakes of up to lower 6 on the Japanese seismic intensity scale of 7 in the next week.

As of 7am Saturday, over 2,800 evacuees were staying in shelters in Tottori including the hardest-hit areas of Kurayoshi and Yurihama. Some people spent the night in parked cars.

Of the houses damaged in Tottori, three were destroyed in the town of Hokuei and 161 partially collapsed in the region near Kurayoshi and Yurihama, according to the prefecture.

As some people sustained injuries due to falling roof tiles, neighbouring Hyogo prefectural government sent about 1,000 blue sheets to the quake-affected areas for makeshift repairs to the roofs.—*Kyodo News*

People sheltering in a gymnasium receive food for breakfast in Kurayoshi in the western Japan prefecture of Tottori on 22 October 2016, a day after a strong earthquake with a magnitude of 6.6 hit the area. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

Laos targets 98 per cent of population to have access to electricity by 2030

VIENTIANE — Lao government has set a goal to provide access to electricity for at least 98 per cent of the population by the end of 2030, said a Lao official on Friday.

At present, over 90 per cent of people in Laos have electricity for use in their homes and businesses since the government attempted to expand the electricity grid, according to Khammany Inthirath, Lao Minister of Energy and Mines at a press conference held in capital Vientiane to mark World Energy Day which falls on 22 October. People in Laos enjoy better living conditions today compared to 40 years ago as they have easy access to electricity and there are many more schools, hospitals, factories, and small and medium enterprises, said the official, adding that connection to the electricity grid drives socio-economic development and will help to lift Laos from Least Developed Country status.

The percentage of the population with access to electricity has increased significantly, from just 15 per cent in the mid-1990s to nearly 91 per cent in 2016.

In 1995, Laos had installed power generation capacity of just 210MW, but now has installed power generation capacity of 6,290MW. The country expects to have a total installed power generation capacity of around 7,000MW by the end of this year, when more hydro-power plants are set to become operational, Khammany said.—*Xinhua*

Philippines says to keep US ties but will not be subservient

MANILA — The United States remains the "closest friend" of the Philippines but Manila wants to break away from a "mindset of dependency and subservience" and forge closer ties with other nations, the Philippine foreign minister said on Saturday.

The comments by Foreign Affairs Secretary Perfecto Yasay came two days after President Rodrigo Duterte announced his "separation" from Washington, though he went on to strike a more conciliatory tone on Friday.

Yasay said in a Facebook posting that Duterte had "unmistakably" stated that severing ties with Washington was not in the nation's interest.

However, he wrote that separation "implies breaking away from the debilitating mindset of dependency and subservience — economically and militarily — that have perpetuated our 'little brown brother' image to America, which has stunted our growth and advancement."

He said Duterte had told Chinese President Xi Jinping and other Chinese leaders during a visit to Beijing that "if they are not willing to lend their support... the Filipinos will chart their destiny alone, despite great odds."

Yasay's posting is the latest sign of an administration once again scrambling to put out fires after Duterte's stunning declarations, which if delivered upon could upset the geopolitical balance in a region where China and the United States are vying aggressively for influence.

On Friday, Duterte's economic managers were quick to clarify the Philippines was not cutting economies and trade ties with the United States.

Prior to Duterte taking office in late June, China was a bitter rival of the Philippines, and Manila was one of Washington's most dependable Asian allies.

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte interacts with reporters during a news conference upon his arrival from a four-day state visit in China at the Davao International Airport in Davao city, Philippines on 21 October 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

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.

"It is not severance of ties. When you say severance of ties, you cut diplomatic relations. I cannot do that," Duterte told reporters at a midnight news conference in his southern home city of Davao after he arrived from his four-day trip to Beijing.

Duterte's abrupt pivot from Washington to Beijing is unlikely to be universally popular at home, however. On Tuesday, an opinion poll showed Filipinos still trust the United States far more than China.—*Reuters*

US warship challenges China's claims in South China Sea

Guided-missile destroyer USS Decatur (DDG 73) operates in the South China Sea as part of the Bonhomme Richard Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG) in the South China Sea. PHOTO: REUTERS

WASHINGTON — A US navy destroyer sailed near islands claimed by China in the South China Sea on Friday, drawing a warning from Chinese warships to leave the area.

The US action was the latest attempt to counter what Washington sees as Beijing's efforts to limit freedom of navigation in the strategic waters, US officials said.

The Chinese Defence Ministry called the move "illegal" and "provocative," saying that two Chinese warships had warned the US destroyer to leave.

The guided-missile destroyer USS Decatur challenged "excessive maritime claims" near the Paracel Islands, among a string of islets, reefs and shoals over which China has territorial disputes with its neighbours, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The latest US patrol, first reported by Reuters, is expected to anger Beijing and could further escalate tensions over the South China Sea. The destroyer sailed within waters claimed by China, close to but not within the 12-nautical-mile territorial limits of the islands, the officials said.

The Pentagon said the Decatur "conducted this transit in a routine, lawful manner without ship escorts and without incident." One official said the ship, which sailed near Triton and Woody Islands, was shadowed by three Chinese vessels and that all interactions were safe. The White House confirmed the Reuters report. "This operation demonstrated that coastal states may not unlawfully restrict the navigation rights, freedoms and lawful uses of the sea that the United States and all states are entitled to exercise under international law," White House spokesman Josh Earnest said at a news briefing.

It was the fourth challenge that the United States has made to what it considers overreaching maritime claims by China in the South China Sea in the past year, and the first since May.

China, Washington's main strategic rival in Asia, claims almost the entire South China Sea, through which about $5 trillion worth of trade passes each year. The United States has criticized Beijing's build-up of military facilities in the sea and expressed concerns they could be used to restrict free movement.

China's Defence Ministry said it had declared its "baseline" for the Paracel Islands in 1996, something the United States knew. Despite that, the Chinese government said, the United States had sent a ship into Chinese "territorial waters." A statement from China's Foreign Ministry said the US ship did not ask for permission to enter Chinese territorial waters, and had broken both Chinese and international law.—*Reuters*

Huge crowd of mourning Thais sings royal anthem in honour of late king

BANGKOK — A huge crowd of Thais gathered on Saturday outside Bangkok's Grand Palace to sing the royal anthem in honour of King Bhumibol Adulyadej, who died on 13 October after seven decades on the throne.

The government has declared a year of mourning for the 88-year old king, who was seen as a father figure for generations of people, and, though a constitutional monarch, a calming influence over the country's often turbulent politics.

People dressed in black travelled by bus, boat and on foot to Sanam Luang, a tree-lined open space that has been used for royal cremations outside the river-side Grand Palace, bringing the area to gridlock well before the singing.

Police said more than 150,000 were in Sanam Luang and side streets with more people expected through the day.

The royal anthem, known as Sansoen Phra Barami, is played before the screening of every cinema show in Thailand, when the audience stands to honour the king as pictures of his life and work are shown on the screen.

Saturday's singing was recorded for use in cinemas, organisers said.

"Since he went to heaven we want all Thais to demonstrate their love and sing this song to show before film screenings," Prince Chatri Chalerm Yukol, a movie director in charge of the filming of the singing, told reporters.

Since the king died, people from across Thailand have flocked to the gilded Grand Palace to pay homage to the only king most of them have ever known, who is lying in state there.—*Reuters*

People weep after an announcement that Thailand's King Bhumibol Adulyadej has died, at the Siriraj hospital in Bangkok, Thailand, on 13 October 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Trump gains on Clinton, poll shows 'rigged' message resonates

NEWTOWN, (Pa.)/NEW YORK — Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump gained on his Democratic rival Hillary Clinton among American voters this week, cutting her lead nearly in half, according to Reuters/Ipsos polling released on Friday.

The polling data showed Trump's argument that the 8 November election is "rigged" against him has resonated with members of his party.

"Remember folks, it's a rigged system," Trump told a Pennsylvania rally on Friday. "That's why you've got to get out and vote, you've got to watch. Because this system is totally rigged."

Clinton led Trump 44 per cent to 40 per cent, according to the 14-20 October Reuters/Ipsos poll, a 4-point lead. That compared with 44 per cent for Clinton and 37 percent for Trump in the 7-13 October poll released last week.

An average of national opinion polls by RealClearPolitics shows Clinton 6.2 percentage points ahead at 48.1 percent support to Trump's 41.9 percent.

Trump is slated to give a speech Saturday in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, best known as the site of a decisive Civil War battle and cemetery, and the place where Republican President Abraham Lincoln delivered his famous address. Aides told reporters on Friday night that Trump would make his closing argument to voters in his speech, and preview what he would do in his first 100 days in the White House.

"I think this site is fitting in terms of understanding a positive vision for the Republican party," an aide said.

Republican US presidential nominee Donald Trump holds a campaign rally in Fletcher, North Carolina, US, on 21 October 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Trump's campaign was thrown into crisis after a 2005 video released this month showed him bragging about groping and kissing women. He has since faced accusations — which he has said are "absolutely false" — that he made improper sexual advances to women over decades.

The Reuters/Ipsos survey found 63 per cent of Americans, including a third of Republicans, believe the New York real estate mogul has committed sexual assault in the past.

Reuters contacted a few of the poll respondents who said they felt that Trump had likely "committed sexual assault" but were still supporting his candidacy. Their answers were generally the same: Whatever Trump did with women in the past is less important to them than what he may do as president.

At a Trump rally in Fletcher, North Carolina, Harold Garren, 75, said he was skeptical of complaints from women about Trump's behavior. "I don't believe all of this 30 years later, no," Garren said.

Garren also shrugged off Trump's lewd bragging about women, caught on the 2005 tape. "I've used that barnyard language myself," Garren said, clarifying that it was when he was younger and before he knew better.

Both candidates spent Friday in battleground states, where the vote could swing either way. Clinton, 68, campaigned in Ohio, while Trump, 70, was in North Carolina and Pennsylvania.

Trump, his voice lacking some of its usual energy in his third rally in one day, told voters in Newtown, Pennsylvania they had to vote or else he would have wasted a lot of "time, energy and money."—*Reuters*

Cuba renews call on US Congress to lift economic, trade blockade

HAVANA — Cuba on Friday renewed its call on US Congress to end the economic and trade embargo held against the island for over 55 years, as a sign of a new era in ties between the former Cold War enemies.

At a press conference in Havana, Cuban deputy foreign minister, Abelardo Moreno, said the US legislative body should pay attention to public opinion, which supports the end of economic sanctions against Cuba.

"The American people are responsible for demanding their leaders in Congress lift the economic blockade, because they must represent the opinion of a great majority of the US population and institutions," he said.

A poll by Florida International University conducted in September found that 63 per cent of Cuban-Americans living in Miami opposed the embargo. This group has traditionally opposed closer ties to the Castro regime.

A Pew Research Centre poll in July also showed 72 per cent of Americans in favour of lifting the embargo.

However, the top Republican in the US Congress said on Tuesday he intended to keep the trade restrictions in place, dimming hopes for an end to the embargo in the near future.

"As the past two years of normalizing relations have only emboldened the regime at the expense of the Cuban people, I fully intend to maintain our embargo on Cuba," US House of Representatives Speaker Paul Ryan said in a statement.

In response, Moreno said, "Mr. Ryan can express his opinions but we totally disagree with him."

"His statements show he is clearly getting left behind in history and, most importantly, he is not listening to the vast majority of American voters that want the blockade to end and a full normalization of ties with Cuba," he said.

The deputy foreign minister recognised a recent set of changes approved by President Barack Obama to further loosen the embargo but said they were "very limited."

"There are a series of legal elements and laws included in US legislation like the Torricelli Act or the Helms Burton Act which the president cannot overturn as only the US Congress can do so," he said.

The Torricelli Act, passed in 1992, prevents travel by American citizens to Cuba and foreign subsidiaries of American companies from trading with the island. The Helms-Burton Act, passed in 1996, strengthened the original embargo by penalizing foreign companies that trade with Cuba.—*Xinhua*

NEWS IN BRIEF

London City airport declared safe after 'chemical incident'

LONDON — London City airport was declared safe on Friday after hundreds of passengers had to be evacuated and two were taken to hospital with breathing difficulties in an incident that police suspect was caused by CS gas.

The airport was briefly closed as police and firefighters in protective equipment swept the terminal building of the airport with chemical detectors after several people were taken ill, some of them coughing violently.

"Two complete sweeps of the airport building were carried out jointly by firefighters and police officers ..," the fire brigade said. "No elevated readings were found and the building was ventilated, searched and declared safe."

Later, police said the incident may have been caused by CS gas, used for self-defence and crowd control.—*Reuters*

21 die, 3 rescued in MI-8 helicopter crash landing in Russia's Siberia

VLADIVOSTOK, (Russia) — Twenty-one people died and three others were rescued after an MI-8 helicopter crash-landed in Russian Siberia's Yamal Peninsula due to poor weather conditions.

The two black boxes of the ill-fated helicopter have been found by rescuers on the peninsula in northwestern Yamalo-Nenets Autonomous Region.

One of the injured has been sent to a hospital in nearby Urengoy village for treatment.

"Both black boxes have been found — a flight data recorder and a voice recorder. After investigative procedures, they will be sent for decryption," Russia's RIA Novosti news agency quoted a source from Russia's Federal Agency for Air Transport as saying.

There were 22 passengers and three crew members aboard when the helicopter made the crash landing at 06:57 p.m. (1557 GMT) on Friday 80 km northwest of Urengoy. One of the three seriously injured survivors called the emergency department with a mobile phone.

"Arrived rescuers have found three people in serious condition when entered the ruined helicopter," the Russian news agency TASS reported.—*Xinhua*

Belgian supermarket evacuated over presence of armed man — Belga

BRUSSELS — A Belgian supermarket was evacuated after a man brandished a weapon in the store in Chatelineau, 50 km (35 miles) south of Brussels, the Belgian news agency Belga reported.

There was no immediate indication of a link to terrorism and local police could not be reached.—*Reuters*

Eight militants killed in Afghan northern Kunduz province

KUNDUZ, (Afghanistan) — Government forces raided Taliban hideouts in the northern Kunduz Province overnight, killing eight militants and injured three others, an army spokesman in the province, Abdul Khalil said on Saturday.

According to the official, unit of Special Forces stormed Taliban hideout in Kaltatai area outside provincial capital the Kunduz city early Saturday killing eight armed insurgents on the spot and three more militants sustained injuries.

There were no casualties on civilians and security personnel, the official said. Taliban militants who are active around Kunduz city haven't commented.—*Xinhua*

Tanzania calls for laws to check migration, cross-border crimes

DAR ES SALAAM — A senior Tanzanian government official has proposed for the enactment of laws to govern migration of people to Europe and within the southern African region and check cross-border crimes.

Augustine Mahiga, the east African nation's Minister for Foreign Affairs, said on Friday the scourge of illegal migration and cross-border crimes has increased rapidly in recent years both towards Europe and within southern Africa.

He was speaking in the commercial capital Dar es Salaam at the opening session of the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC)-European Union (EU) Policy Dialogue on peace and security.

He said: "Terrorism and cross-border organized crime continues to impact countries around the world."—*Xinhua*

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All roads should lead to Rome

Myint Win Thein

SOMETIMES completely different organisations have to work toward a common goal as it reflects their common interest. At such times, there is a precious saying to remember, "All roads lead to Rome". The saying refers to the fact that many routes can lead to a given result. It also means that a process should be flexible enough to allow for all stakeholders to participate in a united effort to achieve a common goal. As each stakeholder holds a different point of view and comes from a different background, it is natural that stakeholders tend to prefer a particular process to others to proceed to the common goal. What is most important is not the process but the goal.

When the process is to achieve and the common goal is too rigid, some stakeholders may have difficulty following a particular route and it will take more time and negotiations. In addition, some stakeholders may fall behind others.

On the other hand, too much time and too much negotiation on the process may take their toll and may also force some stakeholders to lose sight of the common goal and as a result, the rest also will not achieve it. However, the common goal is an ultimate aim and no one can afford to lose it. Everyone wants to make the world a better place to live.

Therefore, it is important that a process should be flexible if it is to achieve a common goal. All roads should lead to Rome.

Let's Reaffirm Global Commitments on United Nations Day, 24 October 2016

Maung Maung

THE United Nations (UN) is an international organization founded in 1945 after the Second World War by 51 countries committed to maintaining international peace and security, developing friendly relations among nations and promoting social progress, better living standards and human rights. The United Nations is an intergovernmental organization intent on create co-operation between all the governments of the world. Its original intent was to replace the League of Nations, and prevent another war like World War II from occurring. Aside from world peace its role has grown to include protecting human rights, promoting social and economic development, and providing aid around the world in cases of famine, natural disaster, and armed conflict.

United Nations Day has been celebrated the foundation of this great organization every year since 1948 and it is a great opportunity for us to learn the truth about its past, its present, and what its plans are for the future. This year's UN Day will celebrate its 71st year anniversary on 24 October 2016. There are 193 United Nations (UN) member states and each of them is a member of the United Nations General Assembly. All the member states of the United Nations contribute finances to its operation to help further its goals. Due to its unique international character, and the powers vested in its founding Charter, the Organization can take action on a wide range of issues, and provide a forum for its 193 Member States to express their views, through the General Assembly, the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council and other bodies and committees. **The UN has 4 main purposes:**

- To keep peace throughout the world;
- To develop friendly relations among nations;
- To help nations work together to improve the lives of poor people, to conquer hunger, disease and illiteracy, and to encourage respect for each other's rights and freedoms;
- To be a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations to achieve these goals.

The work of the United Nations reaches every corner of the globe. Although best known for peacekeeping, peace-building, conflict prevention and humanitarian assistance, there are many other ways the United Nations and its System (specialized agencies, funds and program) affect our lives and make the world a better place.

The Organization works on a broad range of fundamental issues, from sustainable development, environment and refugees protection, disaster relief, counter terrorism, disarmament and non-proliferation, to promoting democracy, human rights, gender equality and the advancement of women, governance, economic and social development and international health, clearing landmines, expanding food production, and more, in order to achieve its goals and coordinate efforts for a safer world for this and future generations, whereas the peoples of the United Nations have in the Charter reaffirmed their faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person and in the equal rights of men and women and have determined to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom.

Myanmar became a member state of UN on 19 April 1948 and the United Nations (UN) has been present in Myanmar since the country gained its independence. The UN Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator is the top UN Official in Myanmar for humanitarian recovery and development activities. The UN Country level coordination is managed by the UN Country Team. The UN has provided assistance in Myanmar since its independence in 1948. The UN System in Myanmar works under the leadership of the Resident Coordinator to ensure a harmonized approach to support the achievement of Myanmar's national development priorities within their specific mandate. The UN supports the development of Myanmar, the advancement of human rights, provision of humanitarian assistance and peace-building.

We citizens of Myanmar, some of whom now are serving as an international civil servants under the different United Nations organizations or specialized agencies must at all times need to maintain a broad international outlook and an understanding of the international community as a whole. We should show respect and tolerance in our interactions with colleagues. But on the other hand, we have citizen rights for better protected or ensured when the citizen of Myanmar assume their duties to each other and to the local, regional, national and global community. However, at times, the multicultural nature of our workforce poses a special challenge, as norms and customs acceptable in one culture may be offensive in another. As the integrity of the United Nations depends on the integrity of its staff, we take pride in the diversity of our workforce, which brings together staff from varied backgrounds, cultures and experiences. We should embrace this diversity and view it as an advantage.

The UN standards of conduct set out basic principles and form the ethical and philosophical underpinnings of the international civil service. These guiding principles are integrity, loyalty, independence, impartiality, tolerance, and understanding, freedom from discrimination, gender equality and dignity. Furthermore, provisions or reinforcing existing ones, such as accountability, abuse of authority, conflicts of interest, use of the resources of United Nations organizations, post employment restrictions and respect for different customs and cultures. All these standards of conduct for the international civil service are core values of the United Nations.

Now the world has changed over the decades, most organizations had undergone significant reforms and moved away from rules based to values and results-based systems with increased decentralization and greater responsibilities to lower level management. At the same time, Myanmar's emerging new government is now moving forward on the right path to achieve its democratic reform process in all sectors with more transparency and accountability through its best cooperation with the international organizations and communities for the development of Myanmar.

All kinds of humanitarian assistance activities, international or national, for the improvement of the poor communities of the world are warmly welcome and greatly appreciated by us. However, different geographical places on earth have different culture. Culture refers to the traits of a population's behavior, values, practices, beliefs and religion. We need to understand and respect diverse culture around the world. No matter the different cultures prevail in a certain society or organization the most important thing is that we must live together with mutual respect and sincerity.

All the United Nations Organizations and specialized Agencies in Myanmar are working for the humanitarian development activities in various sectors such as social, politic, economic, education and health…etc. with different objectives, visions, missions to achieve their respective goals. Ultimately, let's reaffirm the global commitments to fulfill the great promise of the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals** on the 71st anniversary of the United Nations Day to bring about just and peaceful world.

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Contestants from Sagaing Region participating in group dancing contest in the 22nd Myanmar Ethnic Traditional Performing Arts Competitions in Nay Pyi Taw on 22nd October, 2016. PHOTO: MNA

Maubin University students found young Sarus Crane

WHILE Students from the Department of Zoology of the Maubin University were being trained in the field for conservation on 20 October, they found a young Sarus Crane (Grus antigone) tied with a rope acting on a tip-off by a local villager. The trainees rescued the young Sarus Crane at the site.—*Naing Lin (WCS)*

The Sarus Crane.
Photo: Naing Lin (WCS)

Myanmar mily delegation arrives back from Russia

Military delegation being seen upon arrival back from Russia. PHOTO: MNA

A Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice Senior General Soe Win arrived back after paying a visit to Russia.

The delegation visited the Scientific Production Cooperation (REKOD) in Moscow, Russia, Friday.

The delegation also visited the Myanmar Monastery in Moscow and presented offertories and donated cash to Presiding Sayadaw of Theravada Buddha Vihara Monastery Bhaddanta Dr Ashin Assariya.

On their arrival at Yangon International Airport, they were welcomed back by Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myo Zaw Thein and senior military officers, Military Attaché of Russia to Myanmar Col Eduard N Okladnikov.—*Myanmar News Agency*

State Counsellor assures transparency, accountability...

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To fight corruption in the country, she emphasizes the duty of the government to upgrade and update the country's education system in order that the educational qualification of the people can be upgraded.

"I want the educational authorities to lay stress on professional and vocational education. Current education system lays emphasis on tertiary education. We need more professional and vocational products than the university graduates to enhance our development," she said.

She called on educated persons not to be self-centered but to be ready for the country's sake.

Concerning the cronies, she said that it is a very sorrowful situation that they have been accused of seeking self interest in forming an unholy alliance with the authorities, and they are said to be doing business not within the framework of law.

"I am really sorry to hear such accusations. Why should our people be so much divided among ourselves? Are such cronies the majority, seeking their self interest only? If it's true, it is a very sorrowful situation," she said.

The State Counsellor continued to say that they should not tie themselves to the past and should be able to proceed, drawing lessons from their past.

Concerning the investment law, she said that the government enacted this law in such a way as to attract the foreign investors, expressing her sympathy to those who are worried that they may not be able to vie with the bigger, stronger foreign investors.

"Believe yourself. Our duty is to help you solve your problem, ease the difficulty," she said, "but, becoming rich in a proper way is good."

"Please forget the past and try to be upright from now on," said the State Counsellor. —*Myanmar News Agency*

POEM:

Language

Is that about blossom
Is that about thorn
Is that about earth
Is that about universe
Is that about sea
Is that about breeze
Is that about economics
Is that about politics
Is that about urban
Is that about arcadian
Is that about sweetheart
Is that about charge .
However much 'be'
However much 'multi'
Uttering from my finger tips
Definitely stated this
Made a model with persage
To bring out entire shape
Let me use till blue in face
' Cos poetry is my Language.

Yin Nwe Ko (Linn)

Pillow fight competition and greased bamboo pole climbing competition held in Mandalay

THE Shin Boe Mei Sutaungpyae Stupa festival took place at the precinct of the Stupa in Chanayethazan township, Mandalay on Thursday.

At the festival, youths competed in a pillow fight on the slippery pole competition.

There was also a greased bamboo pole climbing competition. The Mandalay Myoma Musical band performed at the event.—*Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)*

The greased bamboo pole being climbed by a team.
PHOTO: THIHA KO KO (MANDALAY)

Inquiry finds Syrian government forces responsible for third gas attack

UNITED NATIONS — An international inquiry found Syrian government forces responsible for a third toxic gas attack, according to a confidential report submitted to the UN Security Council on Friday, setting the stage for a showdown between Russia and western council members over how to respond.

The fourth report from the 13-month-long inquiry by the United Nations and the Organi-sation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the global chemical weapons watchdog, blamed Syrian government forces for a toxic gas attack in Qmenas in Idlib governorate on 16 March, 2015, according to a text of the report seen by Reuters.

The third report by the inquiry in August blamed the Syrian government for two chlorine attacks — in Talmenes on 21 April, 2014 and Sarmin on 16 March, 2015 — and said Islamic State militants had used sulfur mustard gas.

The results set the stage for a Security Council showdown between the five veto-wielding powers, likely pitting Russia and China against the United States, Britain and France over how those responsible should be held accountable.

Following the submission of the third report, Russia said the conclusions could not be used to impose UN sanctions.

The report submitted on Friday said that Syrian government forces had used helicopters to drop barrel bombs, which then released chlorine gas. It found those helicopter flights originated from two bases where the 253 and 255 squadrons, belonging to the 63rd helicopter brigade, were based.

It added that the 618 squadron, with navy helicopters, was also located at one of the bases.

However, the inquiry said that it "could not confirm the names of the individuals who had command and control of the helicopter squadrons at the time."

But it added that those "with effective control in the military units ... must be held accountable."

The report confirmed a Reuters report in September that the inquiry had identified the 253 and 255 squadrons, belonging to the 63rd helicopter brigade.

The inquiry focused on nine attacks in seven areas of Syria where a separate OPCW fact-finding investigation had already determined that chemical weapons had likely been used. Eight of the attacks investigated involved the use of chlorine. The inquiry was unable to reach a conclusion in five cases.

Chlorine's use as a weapon is prohibited under the 1997 Chemical Weapons Convention, which Syria joined in 2013. If inhaled, chlorine gas turns to hydrochloric acid in the lungs and can kill by burning lungs and drowning victims in the resulting body fluids.

Syria agreed to destroy its chemical weapons in 2013 under a deal brokered by Moscow and Washington. The Security Council backed that deal with a resolution that said in the event of non-compliance, "including unauthorized transfer of chemical weapons, or any use of chemical weapons by anyone" in Syria, it would impose measures under Chapter 7 of the UN Charter.

Chapter 7 deals with sanctions and authorization of military force by the Security Council. The body would need to adopt another resolution to impose targeted sanctions — a travel ban and asset freeze — on people or entities linked to the attacks.—*Reuters*

Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons' (OPCW) Director General Ahmet Uzumcu. PHOTO:REUTERS

Libya naval forces deny charges of attack on migrant boat

TRIPOLI — Libyan naval forces denied charges from a rescue organisation that one of their crew had attacked a migrant boat packed with around 150 people, causing some to fall into the sea and at least four to drown, a spokesman said.

Some reports said that with the missing the death toll could rise into the 20s.

The Germany-based huni-tarian group Sea-Watch said on Friday a speedboat labeled "Libyan Coast Guard" attacked a migrant boat packed with some 150 migrants, beating them with sticks. Four bodies were later recovered.

Migrant rescues are often complicated in Libya, where the UN-backed Tripoli government struggles to impose its authority, coast guard operations are under-equipped and police units are run by some of the competing armed brigades.

Sea-Watch, one of several non-governmental organisations operating vessels off the coast of Libya, said the speedboat swooped in just as they were about to go to the aid of the overcrowded rubber boat in the early hours of Friday.

The spokesman for the naval forces in Tripoli, Ayoub Qassem denied the allegations about an armed attack on the Sea-Watch operation and said a patrol had only boarded one vessel to check why it was in Libyan waters.

"The crew alleged that we attacked them and a number of casualties have been reported but this is not true at all and we call on them to prove this incident if they are right," he said.—*Reuters*

Aleppo city quiet on third day of ceasefire: monitor

BEIRUT — Calm prevailed across the divided northern Syrian city of Aleppo on the third of four consecutive day-time unilateral ceasefires announced by Russia, but medical evacuations and aid deliveries have still not happened, a war monitor said.

No Syrian or Russian air strikes on the eastern rebel-held side of Aleppo, Syria's most populous pre-war city, have been reported since Russia began the pause in hostilities on Thursday, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said.

But rebels have said they cannot accept the ceasefire, which they say does nothing to alleviate the situation of those who choose to remain in rebel-held Aleppo, and believe it is part of a government policy to purge cities of political opponents.

The Syrian army and Russia have called on residents and rebels in besieged eastern Aleppo to leave the city through designated corridors and depart for other insurgent-held districts under a promise of safe travel, but very few rebels or civilians appear to have left.

"Nobody has left through the corridors. The small number of people which who tried to leave were faced with shelling around the (corridor area) and could not leave," said Zakaria Malahifji, a rebel official with the Fastaqim group, which is present in the city.—*Reuters*

Iraq storms main Christian town near Mosul as Carter arrives in Baghdad

QAYYARA, (Iraq) — The Iraqi army on Saturday stormed a Christian town that had been under control of Islamic State since 2014 as part of US-backed operations to clear the entrances to Mosul, the militants' last major city stronghold in Iraq.

The advance took place as US Defence Secretary Ash Carter arrived on a visit to Baghdad to meet Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi and assess the campaign that started on Monday with air and ground support from the US-led coalition.

A military statement said Iraqi army units entered the center of Qaraqosh, about 20 kms (13 miles) southeast of Mosul, and were carrying out mop-up operations across the town which was emptied of its population in 2014, when Islamic State swept through the region.

Iraqi special units earlier this week captured Bartella, a Christian village north of Qaraqosh.

The offensive on Mosul is expected to become the biggest battle fought in Iraq since the US-led invasion in 2003. Islamic State also controls parts of Syria.

The army is also trying to advance from the south and the east while Kurdish Peshmerga fighters are holding fronts in the east and north.

A Reuters photographer on the southern front saw plumes of smoke rising on Friday from a sulfur factory near that was under the control of Islamic State near the town of Qayyara, filling the air with toxic gasses.

It was not clear if the mili-tants set it on fire to cover their retreat or if it was damaged during the fighting.

The army's media office said about 50 villages had been taken from the militants since Monday in operations to prepare the main thrust into the city of Mosul itself, where 5,000 to 6,000 are dug in, according to Iraqi military estimates.

"It's the beginning of the campaign. We do feel positively about how things have started off, particularly with the complicated nature of this operation," said a US official who briefed reportes ahead of Carter's trip to Baghdad.

Carter signaled during a visit to Ankara on Friday his support for a possible Turkish role in the campaign and said there was an agreement in principle between Baghdad and Ankara — potentially ending a source of tension. —*Reuters*

An Iraqi special forces soldier fires an RPG during clashes with Islamic States fighters in Bartella, east of Mosul, Iraq, on 20 October 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

To improve your Reading Skill

Reading Practice :

Complete the tables on the third column.
Choose NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS from the passage for each answer.

The rising problem of obesity has helped to make diabetes treatments the biggest drug bill in primary care, with almost $600 million of medicines prescribed by doctors last year, according to the NHS Information Centre.

Analysts said that young people contracting the condition, which is often associated with obesity were helping you push up costs as doctors tried to improve their long-term control of the disease and prevent complications.

A total of 32.9 million diabetes drugs, costing $599.3 millions were prescribed in the past financial year. In 2004-05 there were 24.8 million costing $458 million. More than 90 percent of the 2.4 million diabetics in England have type 2 diabetes with the remainder suffering from type 1 the insulin-dependent form of the disease. There are thought to be 500,000 undiagnosed cases of diabetes.

While rates of type 1 have shown slight increases in recent years, type 2 has risen far more rapidly- a trend linked to the increasing number of people who are overweight or obese. Almost one in four adults in England is obese with predictions that nine in ten will be overweight or obese by 2050. Obesity costs the NHS $4.2 billion annually. This year the Government started a $ 375 million campaign aimed at preventing people from becoming overweight by encouraging them to eat better and exercise more.

An NHS Information Centre spokeswoman who worded on the report, which was published yesterday said that diabetes was dominating the primary care drug bill as better monitoring identified more sufferers and widely used medications for other conditions such as statins became cheaper. She said that the data suggested a growing use of injectable insulin in type 2 diabetes care, which was helping to push up costs.

Doctors agreedthat more expensive long-acting insulin, which can cost about $30 per item was being used more often as well as more expensive pills and other agents.

The report an update of the center's June publication Prescribing for Diabetes in England show that the number of insulin items prescribed last year rose by 300,000 to 5.5 million at a total cost of $288.3 million. It marked an 8 percent rise on the $267 million spent in the previous year. However, while the number of anti-diabetic drugs which are mostly in tablet form also rose , the cost dropped slightly to $168.1 million.

Type 2 is increasing. We are seeing it in younger people, and because e it is a progressive disease, people are needing an increasing number of interventions as time goes by, the spokeswoman said, adding that long-a acting insulins such as Glargine were now common. For people who are struggling to control their type 2 diabetes it makes sense, but it is quite a big clinical change from five of ten years ago.

Other anti-diabetic items, such as use of the subcutaneous injection eventide, have also increased and cost $14.3 million. Laurence Beckman, chairman of the British Medical Association's general practice committee, said that he had observed a trend with drugs such as eventide, which costs $80 per item. He said that younger patients could start o cheaper tablets such metformin which costs $3.70 per box, but wee needing increasingly sophisticate treatment to keep their condition in check.

'You are talking about an ever larger number of people getting a large range of drugs to reduce long-term complications. Type 2 is common chronic illness that is getting commoner. It's I everyone's interest to treat people early and with the most effective drug, and these are the more expensive tablets and long-acting insulins,' he said.

Glossary :

Primary care : health care provided in the community, e.g. when people make a first appointment with a doctor

Insulin: a hormone produced in the pancreas {an organ in the body} which regulates the amount of glucose [a type of sugar] in the blood

Lack of insulin causes a form of diabetes.
Obese: very overweight
Subcutaneous: applied under the skin

Name of drug	Cost per item
Insulin	**1**
Exenatide	**2**
Metformin	**3**

Total for…..	Cost of medicine in million dollors
diabetes last year	4
diabetes 2004-5	458
insulin last year	5
insulin 2 years ago	6

Answers : 1.$30, 2.$80, 3. $3.70, 4.$599.3/almost 600, 5. 288.3 6. 267

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YANGON TO BANGKOK

Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
TG-304	09:50	11:45	Daily
TG-2302	15:00	16:55	Daily
TG-306	19:45	21:40	Daily
PG-706	6:15	8:30	Daily
PG-702	10:30	12:25	Daily
PG-708	15:20	17:15	Daily
PG-708	18:20	20:15	3
PG-704	20:00	21:55	Daily
8M-335	7:40	9:25	Daily
8M-331	16:30	18:15	Daily
UB-017	15:10	19:20	1,3,5
UB-017	17:50	19:20	2,4,6,7
UB-019	8:05	9:35	7
UB-019	6:30	8:00	1,2,3,4,5,6

BANGKOK TO YANGON

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TG-303	7:55	8:50	Daily
TG-2301	13:15	14:10	Daily
TG-305	17:50	18:45	Daily
PG-701	8:50	9:40	Daily
PG-707	13:45	14:35	Daily
PG-703	18:25	19;15	3
PG-703	16:45	17:35	Daily
PG-705	20:30	21:45	Daily
8M-336	10:40	11:25	Daily
8M-332	19:15	20:00	Daily
UB-020	11:00	11:30	7
UB-018	20:20	20:50	Daily
UB-020	9:15	9:45	1,2,4,5,6

RGN TO DMK

Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
FD-252	8:30	10:15	Daily
FD-256	13:25	15:10	Daily
FD-254	17:30	19:05	Daily
FD-258	20:05	21:55	Daily
DD-4231	08:00	9:50	Daily
DD-4235	12:00	13:45	Daily
DD-4239	21:00	22:45	Daily
SL-201	11:00	13:00	Daily
SL-207	20:05	21:45	"Daily

DMK TO RGN

Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
FD-251	7:15	8:00	Daily
FD-255	12:05	12:55	Daily
FD-253	16:20	17:00	Daily
FD-257	18:05	18:55	Daily
DD-4234	10:25	11:15	Daily
DD-4230	6:20	7:05	Daily
DD-4238	19:30	20:15	Daily
SL-200	9:05	10:00	Daily
SL-206	18:15	19:05	"Daily

RGN TO CAN

Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
8M-711	20:30	01:05+1	5
8M-711	8:40	13:15	2,4,7
CZ-3056	11:25	16:15	3,6
CZ-3056	17:30	22:35	1,5

CAN TO RGN

Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
8M-712	2:45	4:20	6
8M-712	14:15	15:50	2,4,7
CZ-3055	8:50	10:25	3,6
CZ-3055	14:40	16:30	1,5

RGN TO SIN

Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
8M-231	8:20	12:50	Daily
SQ-997	10:35	15:10	Daily
MI-515	14:20	18:50	1,5
MI-519	17:35	22:10	Daily
MI-522	15:45	20:15	4,6
MI-533	13:10	20:15	2
3k-584	19:15	23:50	2,5
3K-582	11:15	15:50	1,3,4,5,6,7
TR-2823	9:45	2:15	Daily
UB-001	7:30	12:00	Daily

SIN TO RGN

Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
8M-232	13:50	15:20	Daily
SQ-998	07:55	09:20	Daily
MI-522	11:00	12:20	4,6
MI-518	15:15	16:40	Daily
MI-516	12:00	13:25	1,5
MI-533	11:00	12:20	2
3K-583	17:05	18:35	2,5
3k-581	8:55	10:25	1,3,4,5,6,7
TR-2822	7:20	8:45	Daily
UB-002	13:15	14:45	Daily

RGN TO NRT

Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
NH-814	21:45	06:50+1	Daily

NRT TO RGN

Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
NH-813	11:00	15:40	Daily

RGN TO ICN

Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
KE-472	23:30	7:50	Daily

ICN TO RGN

Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
KE-471	18:45	22:25	Daily

RGN TO KUL

Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
AK-505	8:30	12:45	Daily
AK-503	19:30	23:45	Daily
8M-501	7:50	11:50	1,3,5
MH-741	12:15	16:30	Daily
MH-743	15:45	20:05	1,4,6,7

KUL TO RGN

Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
AK-502	6:55	8:00	Daily
AK-502	17:50	19:00	Daily
8M-502	12:50	13:50	1,3,5
MH-742	13:40	14:50	1,6,7
MH-740	10:05	11:15	Daily

RGN TO KMG

Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
CA-416	12:15	15:45	Daily
MU-2032	15:20	18:40	2,4,5,6,7
MU-2012	12:25	18:40	3

KMG TO RGN

Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
CA-415	10:45	11:15	Daily
MU-2031	14:00	14:30	1
MU-2011	08;15	11;25	3
MU-2031	13:55	14:30	2,4,5,6,7

RGN TO TPE

Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
CI-7916	10;45	16:15	1,2,3,4,6

TPE TO RGN

Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
CI-7915	7:00	9:45	1,2,3,4,6

RGN TO PEK

Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
CA-906	23:50	0550+1	3,7

PEK TO RGN

Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
CA-905	19:30	22:50	3,7

RGN TO HAN

Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
VN-956	19:10	21:30	1,3,5,6,7

HAN TO RGN

Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
VN-957	16:50	18:10	1,3,5,6,7

RGN TO SGN

Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
VN-942	12:10	15:00	2,3,4,5,7

SGN TO RGN

Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
VN-943	9:35	11:10	2,3,4,5,7

RGN TO HKG

Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
KA -251	1:10	5:45	1,2,3,4,6,7
KA - 251	1:30	5:55	5
UB-8027	9:45	14:15	1,5,7

HKG TO RGN

Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
KA-250	21:45	23:30	1,2,3,5,6,7
KA-252	22:50	00:30+1	4
UB-8028	15:15	16:55	1,5,7

RGN TO DOH

Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
QR-919	8:15	10:55	1,4,6

DOH TO RGN

Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
QR-918	20:40	6:25	3,5,6

RGN TO CNX

Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
PG -724	13:10	15:05	Daily

CNX TO RGN

Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
PG-723	11:40	12:35	Daily

RGN TO DAC

Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
BG-061	16:15	18:00	1,3,6

DAC TO RGN

Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
BG-060	12:45	15:30	1,3,6

MDL TO DMK

Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
FD-245	12:45	15:00	Daily

DMK TO MDL

Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
FD-244	10:50	12:15	Daily

MDL TO SIN

Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
MI-533	15:20	20:15	2
MI-522	13:40	20:15	2,6

SIN TO MDL

Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
MI-522	11:00	12:50	2,6
MI-533	11:00	14:25	2

MDL TO BKK

Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
PG-710	14:05	16:30	Daily

BKK TO MDL

Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
PG-709	12:00	13:20	Daily

MDL TO KMG

Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
MU-2030	14:05	16:45	Daily

KMG TO MDL

Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
MU-2029	13:20	13:15	Daily

NYT to BKK

Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
PG-722	20:25	22:35	2
PG-722	19:30	22:30	1,2,3,4,5,7

BKK TO NYT

Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
PG-721	18:25	19:35	2
PG-721	17:00	19:00	1,2,3,4,5,7

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3	= Wednesday	6	= Saturday
		7	= Sunday

French plainclothes policemen gather singing the French national anthem in front of the statue of Charles de Gaulle and his wife, during an unauthorised protest against anti-police violence in Calais, France, late on 21 October 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

French police stage fifth night of protest, Hollande pledges meeting

PARIS — French police staged protests in Paris and other cities for a fifth night on Friday, in a movement showing no sign of abating despite President Francois Hollande's government attempts to defuse tensions just months before a presidential election.

Police say they are no longer sufficiently equipped even to defend themselves and have staged five nights of unauthorized demonstrations. Some 3,000 of them took to the streets on Thursday night, they said.

Hundreds of officers protested on Friday night in front of Notre Dame cathedral in central Paris, just opposite the central police headquarters. Other protests took place in Calais, Lille, Toulon and other cities. Speaking from a European Council meeting in Brussels, Hollande said he would meet police representatives at his office early next week to hear their grievances. Police discontent was fueled by an incident in a town near Paris earlier this month, where a gang petrol-bombed four police officers in a patrol car. The car was stationed at a crossroads notorious for smash-and-grab robberies on motorists. Police say the gang tried to prevent the officers from getting out of the burning vehicle. Two of the four were seriously injured and one suffered life-threatening burns.

Unions say a surge in criminal gang activity and militant attacks has put extra strains on police.

Thousands of police and soldiers have been deployed to guard airports, train stations and other sites in response to Islamist attacks that have killed more than 230 people in France in the past two years.—*Reuters*

Cameroon train derails; at least 55 dead, hundreds injured

ESEKA, (Cameroon) — Fourteen people remained trapped on Friday under the wreckage of a packed passenger train that derailed en route between Cameroon's two largest cities, killing at least 55 and injuring 575, the government said in a communique read on state television.

The Camrail inter-city train was traveling from the capital, Yaounde, to the port city of Douala when the accident occurred around 11 am local time (1000 GMT) near the train station in the town of Eseka, around 120 km (75 miles) west of the capital.

"There was a loud noise. I looked back and the wagons behind us left the rails and started rolling over and over. There was a lot of smoke," said a Reuters journalist traveling in a wagon near the front of the train.

Before its departure from Yaounde, he said that a railway employee said additional wagons had been added to the train to accommodate extra passengers, though it was unclear if that played a role in the accident.

The collapse of a section of the main highway between the capital and Douala had prompted increased numbers of passengers to undertake the journey by rail. The two incidents, which occurred on the same day, have now effectively cut the main transportation axis in the Central African country of over 22 million.

"There are the bodies of women, children. There are many," said one employee of Camrail, which is operated by France's Bollore, speaking from the scene of the accident. He said three of his colleagues were among the victims.

Joel Bineli, a passenger on the derailed train, told Reuters he saw dismembered bodies on the tracks at the accident site.

Social media users posted photos taken at the scene of the accident which showed several wagons overturned on a slope beside the rail line.

"Rescue workers arrived and they are pulling bodies from the wagon. I've already counted around 40 bodies they've removed," said Rachelle Paden, another passenger.

Camrail said it had sent teams to the site and the injured were being transported to a local hospital. Others were driven to Douala.

It expressed its condolences to victims' families in a post on its official Facebook page.

A Bollore spokesman confirmed that an accident had occurred, but offered no further details.

Many rail lines in West and Central Africa have a reputation for poor maintenance and failing to respect safety norms. Derailments are relatively common.

Though Bollore is generally viewed as a reliable operator, it experienced another major incident last month when part of a bridge along a line it controls in Ivory Coast collapsed under the weight of a freight train. —*Reuters*

More than 100 treated after chemical accident in northeastern Kansas

ATCHISON, (Kansas) — More than 100 people were treated for respiratory problems after a chemical spill at an MGP Ingredients Inc facility on Friday generated a chemical cloud over the northeastern Kansas city of Atchison before authorities declared the threat over.

Authorities evacuated children from local schools, urged residents to remain in their homes and advised people not to enter the city of about 11,000 people located about 50 miles (80 km) northwest of Kansas City, Kansas. They later said the cloud had dissipated and the danger had passed.

The two chemicals involved in the spill were identified by a city official as sulfuric acid and sodium hypochlorite, which mixed to create a chlorine cloud. MGP Ingredients makes bourbon and rye whiskeys, gins and vodkas, according to its website.

"The cloud was massive," Atchison Fire Department Chief Ted Graf said. "I'm not even sure how to describe it."

Seventy-two people were treated locally for respiratory discomfort and an additional 30 received treatment at regional medical facilities, although the injuries were minor, said Trey Cocking, Atchison city manager. Cocking described the effects of the chemical cloud as being like mustard gas, a chemical weapon.

Cocking said on Friday evening that the US Environmental Protection Agency had declared the area clear after completing air-quality tests.

"I honestly couldn't tell if it was fog or the chemical cloud," said Megan Laflin, 24, of Atchison, who shot a video of the cloud from her parents' house. "I couldn't see two feet in front of me."

The incident occurred at around 8 am when the two chemicals were mistakenly mixed at the MGP Ingredients facility after one was brought in by a semi-tractor tanker, Cocking said.

Founded in 1941, MGP Ingredients employs 320 people, according to the company's website.

"MGP Ingredients has reported the event to the EPA and Kansas and local authorities, and is cooperating fully to investigate and ensure that all appropriate response actions are taken. MGP has also engaged outside experts to assist the investigation and response," the company said in a statement.

"There was no significant damage to its Atchison plant as a result of this incident," it added.

Cocking said cleanup work was under way at MGP on Friday evening.—*Reuters*

Firefighters and other officials congregate in an evacuated area where a chemical spill near a MGP Ingredients plant caused a toxic cloud that injured dozens of people and forced an evacuation in downtown Atchison, Kansas, US, on 21 October 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Mexico arrests ex-police chief linked to student disappearances

MEXICO CITY — Mexico has arrested a former police chief at the heart of an investigation into the disappearance and likely massacre of 43 trainee teachers in the southwestern city of Iguala two years ago, security officials said on Friday.

Felipe Flores was chief of police in Iguala when the students disappeared on the night of 26 September, 2014. He was one of the people most likely to know what happened to the students, according to experts on the case, which hugely embarrassed the government. Flores, who had been a fugitive for two years, was arrested while visiting his wife in Iguala, national security commissioner Renato Sales told a news conference. According to the government's initial findings, the 43 were abducted by corrupt police in Iguala and handed over to a drug cartel, which mistook them for members of a rival gang. Then, the government said, they were murdered, incinerated and ground up, and their remains dumped in a nearby river. So far, the remains of only one of the 43 students have been definitively identified. The parents of the missing are still pressuring the government hard for answers. A group of international experts who reviewed the evidence sharply criticized the government's version of events, helping to dent the credibility of President Enrique Pena Nieto.—*Reuters*

Relatives hold up pictures of some of the 43 missing students of Ayotzinapa College Raul Isidro Burgos during a protest outside at the 27th Infantry Battalion, in Iguala, southern Mexican state of Guerrero, on 18 December 2014. PHOTO: REUTERS

France to start dismantling 'Jungle' migrant camp on Monday

PARIS — France will start removing migrants on Monday from a squalid north-coast camp known as the Jungle and expects to dismantle it in the space of a week, an interior ministry official said on Friday.

The ramshackle camp at Calais houses thousands of migrants and refugees attempting to make it to Britain, which bars most of them on the basis of EU rules requiring them to seek asylum in the first European country they set foot in.

"It is an operation that carries risk," the official said in a briefing to reporters, describing the plan to remove the 6,486 migrants from countries such as Syria, Afghanistan and Eritrea and distribute them to centres across France.

With its improvised shacks and poor sanitation, the Jungle has become a symbol of Europe's failure to solve the migration crisis and a sore point in relations between Britain and France.

Announcing its planned closure last month, President Francois Hollande described the situation there as "unacceptable". A French court this week dismissed a legal challenge by charities who had sought more time to come up with alternative housing.

The ministry official said migrants will have to present themselves at a giant hangar where they will be separated into families, adults, unaccompanied minors and vulnerable individuals, including elderly people and single women.

They will then be bused to a network of 450 reception centers across the country, where they will receive medical checks and, if they have not already done so, decide whether to apply for asylum.—*Reuters*

The French prefect document announces the dismantling of the makeshift camp called the 'Jungle', in Calais, France, on 21 October 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

US policy toward LatAm expected to continue without major changes after election

MEXICO CITY — US foreign policy toward Latin America is unlikely to have major changes no matter who wins the presidential election on 8 November, according to Mexican political experts.

Eduardo Rosales, an expert on international relations from the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), told Xinhua that he believes Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton will beat her Republican opponent Donald Trump. According to Rosales, it is difficult to see a path to victory for Trump, though he has said he would take into account American interests first and foremost when engaging in foreign policy. Rosales said that there will be nothing new if Clinton wins, "as it will be the continuity of a policy."

"Due to internal economic problems in the US, the relationship with Latin America has not been pushed as it should have. We will have to see if there is a new agenda," Rosales added. "What is said during the campaign is one thing and what the new policy will be is another," Rosales pointed out. Silvia Nunez, director of UNAM's North America Research Centre (CISAN), also told Xinhua that the next US administration "would continue its vision of maintaining a bilateral relation with each Latin American country, not as a whole." "There are major divisions within Latin American countries and this scenario contributes to the US (policy) instability in Latin America," said the researcher.

Nunez also believes that Clinton will reach the White House, where she will continue the current policy of closeness with Pacific Alliance countries (Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Peru), "because it suits them."—*Xinhua*

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Sonakshi was comfortable with action scenes in 'Force 2': John

Sonakshi. PHOTO: PTI

MUMBAI — Bollywood actor John Abraham said he was initially apprehensive to ask his co-star Sonakshi Sinha to do action sequences in their upcoming film "Force 2".

In the second installment of "Force", an action drama, John and Sonakshi will be seen doing some heavy duty daredevil scenes.

"There was a scene where I and Sonakshi had to jump... and it was just second day of shoot. I was thinking should I tell her we have to jump... I was actually worried thinking what if she calls her dad (Shatrughan Sinha)," John told reporters here at the song launch event of "Force 2".

But the actor was happy to see that Sonakshi was very comfortable in the action scenes.

"She was like OK. Then I felt she was comfortable doing action sequences. It felt great to see her do action," he said.

The 43-year-old actor said he gets impressed when he sees actresses doing action.

"There is not enough action for heroines in films. We usually like to see them dancing most of the time," he said. The song "Lal Rang" was launched in presence of lead actors John, Sonakshi, Tahir Raj Bhasin, director Abhinay Deo, producer Vipul Shah and Ajit Andhare of Viacom 18 Motion Pictures. John said it was Abhinay's idea to give the actor's voice-over for the anthem song of "Force 2".

"Lal Rang" salutes India's unsung martyrs and for the first time ever John has lent his voice to a track. "I had tears in my eyes while singing it. I also had anger while doing the song. It was a voice over but the experience was fantastic," John said.

The film, a sequel to the 2011 hit "Force", is due to release on 18 November.—*PTI*

New posthumous Prince albums to include unreleased music

LOS ANGELES — Fans of the late singer Prince will get new music from the artist, as two new albums will feature previously unreleased and unheard tracks from the artist's vault of recordings.

"Prince 4Ever," available to US audiences on 22 November, will feature "Moonbeam Levels," originally recorded by Prince in 1982, Warner Bros Records and NPG Records said Friday.

The record will include a selection of Prince's greatest hits such as "Kiss," "When Doves Cry" and "Purple Rain," and will come with a booklet featuring never-seen photos of the artist taken by acclaimed photographer Herb Ritts.

The album is the first posthumous release since Prince's sudden death in April at age 57 at his Paisley Park, Minnesota estate.

An all-star roster of artists including Stevie Wonder and Chaka Khan came together last week in Minnesota to perform a tribute concert to the late artist.

In early 2017, a new remastered and remixed version of Prince's 1984 record "Purple Rain," which was agreed with the artist before his death, will be released, featuring old and new songs. No further details were given yet on this album.

Prince notably blended elements of jazz, funk, R&B, disco and rock in a prolific output of more than 30 albums that have sold over 36 million copies in the United States alone since 1978.

He was also known as fiercely determined to maintain creative control over his music, famously changing his name to an unpronounceable symbol for several years during a bitter contract battle with Warner Bros.

The value of his musical legacy, including an extensive cache of unreleased recordings said to be locked in a vault, has been estimated by some to exceed a $500 million, when factoring in future royalties, retail sales and commercial rights.—*Reuters*

Singer Prince. PHOTO: REUTERS

Cumberbatch joins Marvel universe in 'Doctor Strange'

Cast member Benedict Cumberbatch (2nd L) walks by co-stars (L-R) Benjamin Bratt, Benedict Wong, Mads Mikkelsen, Tilda Swinton and Rachel McAdams at the premiere of "Doctor Strange" in Hollywood, California US, on 20 October 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

LOS ANGELES — British heartthrob Benedict Cumberbatch loved his close encounter with special effects when he swapped his Sherlock Holmes deerstalker for a superhero cape in his latest movie outing, "Doctor Strange".

Stepping into the Marvel comics universe for the first time, the Oscar nominee plays the lead character in the Hollywood blockbuster, a neurosurgeon who encounters a hidden world of sorcery after losing the use of his hands in a car accident.

"You could spin a camera 360 degrees and shoot on anything and it would be a frame in the final cut...You also had some green screen moments which were mind-blowingly difficult," he said at the movie's premiere in Los Angeles on Thursday.

"The... preparatory kind of storyboarded animation they use to map out really complex sequences is so thorough, it's an art form in itself."

Cumberbatch, known for playing the famous detective in the "Sherlock" television series and Oscar nominated for his role as mathematician Alan Turing in "The Imitation Game", was joined on the red carpet by fellow Briton Tilda Swinton.

She addressed criticism of her casting in the film as The Ancient One, a character of Asian origins who hails from the Himalayas.

"People making a lot of noise about there not being... enough diversity in world cinema or particularly Hollywood cinema are right on and they must shout nice and loudly and they'll have me shouting beside them," she said.

"It will be really nice when people see the film and maybe understand why the choices were made... But at the same time, no-one must stop shouting nice and loudly because if they don't things will not change."

Also present at the premiere at Hollywood's Chinese Theatre were actors Rachel McAdams, Benedict Wong and Mads Mikkelsen, who feature in the movie, and "Iron Man" star Robert Downey Jr.

"Doctor Strange" hits cinemas worldwide from 25 October.—*Reuters*

Japanese group puts their spin on wheelchair dance

Go Suzuki (2nd from L), one of the main dancers of GENESIS of Entertainment, performs in a show. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

KYOTO — When Go Suzuki dances, he dances like no other, his wheelchair glides across the floor, his arms spread with dramatic flair as he spins in beautifully sequenced, perfectly timed choreography with his partner's steps.

His wheelchair is no longer a tool but an expression of art, and he intends to keep it that way.

"In the past, when we started dancing, people praised us more out of pity, looking at our dance as one performed by someone with a disability...I disliked that," Suzuki said in a recent interview with Kyodo News after his group, based in the western Japan city of Osaka, performed in neighboring Kyoto City.

Seven members of the group were the opening act in one of the cultural sessions entitled "Building the Future through Cultural and Artistic Resources," at the government-hosted World Forum on Sport and Culture in Kyoto, the cultural centre of Japan.

"Of course we are disabled but I did not want people to link our dance to disability," said the 42-year-old director of GENESIS of Entertainment, a civic group formed in 1997 to offer activities, centering on wheelchair dance, for both disabled and able-bodied people.

"When people watch us dance, we hope people appreciate our performance for what it is — an art," said Suzuki who was left needing a wheelchair after a motorcycle accident.

With the goal of promoting Japanese culture to the world and boost momentum for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics, the Kyoto session of the forum that ran through Thursday featured a series of talks and performances highlighting Japanese culture. The latter part of the forum continues through Saturday in Tokyo.

Japan has been stepping up efforts to use the 2020 Tokyo Games as a cultural festival, as described by government officials, to highlight the role of sports and culture in connecting people.

Genesis of Entertainment aims to make wheelchair dance a job, giving people with disability a way to use their creative talents and skills to earn a living.

As public awareness about Paralympic sports heightens, especially ahead of the 2020 Tokyo Games, those involved have seen a spillover into the arts. But Suzuki acknowledges the challenge faced by people with disability trying to make a living only through dance.

In June, his group performed at the office of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe during an event showcasing artistic performances and activities of people with disabilities, as part of the government's efforts to create a more inclusive Japan in which every citizen can play an active role in society.

A total of 60 members have joined Genesis of Entertainment, ranging from teenagers to those in their 70s, and Suzuki is one of the core members who regularly perform in Osaka, and elsewhere. —*Kyodo News*

Papal summer residence, shunned by Francis, opened to public

CASTEL GANDOLFO (Italy) — It may come as a surprise to most people, but about 40 children were born in the bedroom of the pope at the pontifical summer residence south of Rome.

Now that bedroom, which became a makeshift delivery room when the residence housed refugees during World War II, and the rest of the papal apartments have been opened to the public as part of a museum.

The frugal Pope Francis decided not to used the villa - similar to but smaller than some of Europe's royal residences, judging it too luxurious and grandiose.

Locals hope the apartments, the final part of the estate to be open to the public over the past two years, will boost the tourist-based economy of this lakeside town, hurt by Francis' decision to stay at work in the Vatican and take no vacations.

And, while they understand Francis' motives, they are praying the next pope will reverse the decision.

"We fear it will be a tombstone for us if future popes follow his example," Castel Gandolfo mayor Milvia Monachesi told Reuters at the opening on Friday.

"The fact that the palace is now a museum will make a reversal in the future difficult," she said.

At 55 hectares, the residence, which includes several buildings, elaborate Renaissance-style gardens, a forest and a working dairy farm, is larger than Vatican City.—*Reuters*

A view of Pope's apartment in Castel Gandolfo, near Rome, Italy, on 21 October 2016. PHOTO:REUTERS

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Four Serbian films to feature in Cottbus in November

BELGRADE — The 26th Cottbus Film Festival, focusing on Eastern European cinema, will be held on 8-13 November, featuring four Serbian films, the Serbian Film Center announced on its website.

In the main competitive program, meant for feature films, All the Cities of the North, directed by Dane Komljen, will be screened, with Transition, a multiple award winning short feature film by Milica Tomovic, to be shown as part of the short films programme. The audience in Cottbus will also have an opportunity to see The Good Woman by Mirjana Karanovic, who will also be a member of this year's international panel of judges.

In the festival's Spectrum programme, which strives to find and follow film trends of tomorrow, young Filip Kovacevic will make his debut with the film Incarnation, which will also be shown in Los Angeles and Helsinki. — *Tanjug*

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Messi returns to Argentina squad for Brazil, Colombia games

Barcelona's Lionel Messi.

PHOTO: REUTERS

BUENOS AIRES — Lionel Messi is back in the Argentina squad for next month's World Cup qualifiers against Brazil and Colombia after missing the last three due to injury in which his team have dropped seven points.

Messi was named on Friday in coach Edgardo Bauza's 26-man squad and will captain Argentina away to arch-rivals Brazil in Belo Horizonte on 10 November and at home against Colombia in San Juan five days later. Argentina have slipped down the South American group standings to fifth after a shock 1-0 home defeat by Paraguay and 2-2 draws with Peru and Venezuela, all without Messi.

They have 16 points from 10 matches, five less than leaders Brazil with Uruguay second on 20 and Ecuador and Colombia on 17. The top four go through to the 2018 finals in Russia with the fifth qualifying for an intercontinental playoff for another berth.

Valencia winger Enzo Perez, who last played for Argentina in a 1-0 away win over Colombia in a qualifier last November, has been recalled. There were first call-ups for right back Julio Buffarini, a key member of the San Lorenzo side Bauza coached to the Copa Libertadores title in 2014 who now plays for Sao Paulo in Brazil, and Racing Club midfielder Marcos Acuna. Bauza has dropped Manchester United defender Marcos Rojo, Tottenham Hotspur's Erik Lamela and midfielder Matias Kranevitter of Sevilla.—*Reuters*

Spurs stay unbeaten but made to work hard by Bournemouth

LONDON — Tottenham Hotspur continued their best start to a season for 26 years by maintaining their unbeaten Premier League record but were made to work hard for their point by buoyant Bournemouth in a full-blooded 0-0 draw on Saturday.

Bournemouth, fresh from three successive league wins at Dean Court, took a leaf out of Spurs' famed pressing book to give as good as they got from the title contenders and were well worth the draw.

Bournemouth's resistance ensured they missed chance to provisionally go top of the table ahead of Manchester City and Arsenal but it could have been worse for the visitors if Hugo Lloris had not made a fine early save to thwart Charlie Daniels.

After Lloris had tipped his point-blank range shot against the bar, Spurs' best opportunity in a game high on energy and industry but low on chances came when Erik Lamela shot against the bar in the opening half. —*Reuters*

Espanyol fight back to seal dramatic 3-3 draw with Eibar

BARCELONA — Troubled Espanyol produced a stirring second-half comeback to draw 3-3 at home to Eibar on Saturday and ease the pressure on coach Quique Sanchez Flores.

The Catalan club are yet to win a home game this season and got off to a miserable start when Sergi Enrich tapped in from close range in the 23rd minute.

Their problems worsened when Diego Reyes sent a cross into his own goal in the 27th and Kike Garcia added a third before the break as Espanyol's backline continued to wilt, forcing Flores into a double substitution at half-time.

Hernan Perez, one of the players brought on, began the comeback with a powerful strike from outside the area in the 64th and Pablo Piatti pulled another goal back.—*Reuters*

Radwanska hoping for luck and pluck in WTA Finals defence

SINGAPORE — Agnieszka Radwanska returns to the scene of her greatest triumph next week when she opens the defence of her WTA Finals title and the 27-year-old Pole is the first to admit that luck can be as important as skill to emerge victorious in Singapore.

Radwanska become the first player in the history of the elite eight-woman tournament to lose two of her three round robin matches before claiming the title after she made the most of her good fortune to secure a surprise victory.

Seeded fifth, Radwanska lost to Maria Sharapova and Flavia Pennetta and looked all but out of the tournament before a straight-sets win over Simona Halep sneaked her through to the semi-finals with a 1-2 record on sets won.

The Pole then displayed all of her usual resilience to rally past Spaniard Garbine Muguruza in three sets before she held off Petra Kvitova to claim the title with a 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 victory.

"I definitely had couple of great matches," she told reporters on Saturday as she recalled last year's triumph.

"Obviously not the great start but I think it's a tournament that you can come back and a tournament that you don't need to win every match just to win the title," the world number three added.

"There is always the hope. A little bit of luck as well. Depends of the other scores in the group and then you can still win it. So I think that's what I actually proved last year."

Radwanska admits that she loves the unpredictable nature a tournament involving the top eight players of the season can provide, despite the absence of world number two Serena Williams for a second straight year due to injury.

"Every year is a bit different. I think it's always very interesting because pretty much every match is 50/50 and you are really going to see good tennis," she added.

"But of course what's different? I'm just getting older and older and still glad I can qualify for another year here."

Williams' long reign as world number one was ended this year by Germany's Angelique Kerber, who won the Australian and US Opens with her solid baseline game and also claimed an Olympic silver medal and reached the Wimbledon final.

"I think Angie (Kerber) showed everyone, all of us, that it's possible. You can beat Serena also in the grand slam final. She definitely proved that everybody can be on the top," Radwanska added in praise of the German.

"That's why I think it's very tight right now. I think next year will be very interesting for a lot of girls."—*Reuters*

Players pose for photos at the draw ceremony ahead of the WTA Finals in Singapore, on 21 October 2016. Players Simona Halep of Romania (2nd L), Karolina Pliskova of the Czech Republic, Garbine Muguruza of Spain, Angelique Kerber of Germany, Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland, Madison Keys of the US, Dominika Cibulkova (2nd R) of Slovakia. PHOTO: REUTERS

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