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# As UN delivers aid, violent attackers set home afire, seize two villagers

WHILE aid from the UN started to flow into affected areas in northern Rakhine, violent armed attackers set fire to a home and abducted two villagers in Maung-taw on Monday, according to local authorities.

One of the villagers was found later with stab wounds following the attack on the village of Phykarli, Zinpaingnyar Village-tract, in Maung-taw Township, where a series of coordinated attacks on three border guard posts happened in early October, killing nine policemen.

On Monday, about 15 armed attackers arrived at the village at around 10 pm, broke into the house owned by Phikezae and Mamud Feroz and took them away. Before leaving, the attackers set the house on fire, according to villagers.

Shortly after the incident, troops launched an area clearance operation around the village and found Mamud Feroz with 11 cuts and two stab wounds to his face and body.

The victim was rushed to the Maung-taw Hospital by the troops. It could not be determined what happened to the second abductee.

Meanwhile, acting on a tip-off, local authorities inspected a camp for displaced people in Kotankauk Village in Maung-taw yesterday and arrested two displaced people on suspicion of providing aid to the violent armed attackers.

Also on Monday, the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said in a statement that the World Food Programme has been granted permission to deliver aid to four villages.



Senior diplomats from the U.N., United States, China, Britain, the European Union and India board a helicopter in Sittwe to visit the troubled villages in the Maung-taw area in northern Rakhine State in Myanmar on 2 November 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS



Service personnel of the Tatmadaw are loading the plane with aid donated by the people across Myanmar for the people in northern Rakhine on 8 November 2016. PHOTO: MYAWADY

“This is the first time humanitarian access has been granted to the affected areas of Maung-taw Township since the violence that erupted on 9 October,” the statement said.

Diplomats and UN officials visited the affected areas in Rakhine State recently and responded constructively to the government’s handling of the situation after the October 9 attacks.

“We didn’t find evidence of military rapes of women in Rakhine State,” UN Resident Coordinator Ms Renata Dessallien said at the press conference in Yangon following their visit to

Rakhine State.

Cris Carter, the UN Senior Advisor for Rakhine, who is currently in northern Rakhine to provide aid to displaced people from both communities, said the UN would provide dry rations including rice, edible oil, peas and salt as humanitarian aid to displaced people for four to five weeks.

The violent attacks have badly impacted the local people, and both local ethnic people and the Islamic community should respect the rule of law to prevent any form of violent attacks in the future, she added.

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# 1<sup>st</sup> Myanmar-Switzerland Foreign Office Consultations held in Nay Pyi Taw



Officials of Myanmar and Switzerland discuss at the first Myanmar-Switzerland Foreign Office Consultations. PHOTO: MNA

THE 1<sup>st</sup> Myanmar-Switzerland Foreign Office Consultations was held in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday, focusing matters on promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation in various sectors of economy, investment, education and culture.

At the meeting, the Myanmar side was led by U Kyaw Tin, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar while the Swiss delegation was led by Mr Johannes Matyassy, Assistant State Secretary for Asia-Pacific of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of the Swiss Confederation. They also discussed holding of the commemorative events celebrating the 60th Anniversary of diplomatic

relations between Myanmar and Switzerland.

Mr Johannes Matyassy hosted a luncheon at 12.45 pm at Kempinski Hotel, Nay Pyi Taw to launch the series of events to be organized in Myanmar by the Swiss side from November 2016 to November 2017 in commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of the diplomatic relations between Myanmar and Switzerland. The luncheon was attended by U Khin Maung Cho, Union Minister for Industry, Naing Thet Lwin, Union Minister for Ethnic Affairs, U Kyaw Tin, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and U Win Maw Tun, Deputy Minister for Education. — *Myanmar News Agency*

## New timetable For Mandalay-Myitkyina Rail Service

AS rail links between Mandalay and Myitkyina improve, timetables for rail service between the two cities will be changed as of 11 November, said U Nyein Maung, chief station master of Mandalay Central Railway Station.

“Some portions of the rail were destroyed by severe weather”, said U Nyein Maung. “Those have been repaired, allowing trains to travel at a higher speed.

Because of this, timetables

have been changed for travelers so they only have to wait a maximum of about two hours for a train, instead of previous 3 hours.”

The No. 55 Mandalay-Myitkyina Up-train will leave at noon for 5:15 a.m, the No. 37 Up-train at 10:20 a.m for 10 a.m, the No. 41 Up-train at 6 p.m for 4:45 p.m with the No. 57 Up-train to leave at 4 p.m as before.

The No. 56 Down-train will leave at 4 a.m for 10:15 a.m,

the No. 38 Down-train at 5:30 for 9:45 a.m, the No. 42 Down at 9:30 for 8:15 a.m and the No. 58 Down at 1 p.m for 3:25 p.m.

According to the senior station master, four trains plying the Mandalay-Myitkyina route have had their timetables changed for the convenience of passengers.

It is learnt that changed timetables will be noted at respective stations for travellers. Trains will stop at local stations as normal.

— *Aung Thant Khaing*



A train is seen on the Mandalay-Myitkyina Road. FILE PHOTO/AUNG THANT KHAING

## 5th Media Forum continues



Media personnel discussing at the second day of the 5th Conference on Myanmar Media Development under the title of “Inclusive Independent Media in A New Democracy.” PHOTO: MNA

THE second day fifth media development forum was held at the Chatrium Hotel yesterday morning.

Three topics were discussed at the forum, including access to information, the survival of independent media and encouraging voices from social media.

For access to information, executive director U Aung Myo Min of Equality Myanmar served as the moderator and member of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Legal Affairs and Special Cas-

es Review Commission U Tin Maung Oo, Executive Director Daw Zin Nwe Win of Pyigyikhin, Vice Chairman of Myanmar Media Council U Aung Hla Tun and Executive Director Mr Toby Mendel of the Centre for Law and Democracy participated in the discussions.

Under the title “the survival of the independent media,” Chief Editor of Mizzima Media U Soe Myint served as the moderator and Chief Executive Officer of Information Matrix U Thang

Su Nyein, Editor-in-Charge of Dawei Watch Media U Myo Aung, Chief Executive Officer of Myitmakha News Agency Daw May Thingyanhein and Managing Director of Mango Media Ltd Daw Aye Hnin Swe (a) Rose Swe participated in the discussions.

In the afternoon session, the topic “Encouraging the voices of social media” was moderated by Chief Editor Daw Tu Tu Tha of Thanlyin Post Journal and Chief Editor U Ko Ko Zaw of the same journal. Senior Producer Daw Wint Wati of the BBC Media Action, Chin Media Executive Director Salai Hon Tun Wai and Senior Media Consultant Mr Per Oesterlund of DW Akamedie participated in the discussions.

The forum ended with closing remarks by Head of Office Ms Min Jeong Kim of UNESCO, Deputy Director-General Dr Daw Thida Tin of the Information and Public Relations Department, Mission Director Ms Teresa McGhie of USAID, Director U Khine Myat Kyaw of the Burma News Agency and Associate Professor Daw Zinmar Kyaw of the National Management Degree College. — *Myanmar News Agency*

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The UN statement said approximately 150,000 people had been cut off from food, cash and nutritional assistance for the past four weeks.

Food and household goods donated for members of Defence Services, the Border Guard Police Force and local residents by people from across Myanmar

were airlifted from Yangon to Sittway by Tatmadaw helicopters yesterday, according to the Myawady News.

A total of 2,255 cans of sardines, 400 cans of chicken, 1,500 cans of fried fish-paste, four boxes of dried noodles, coffee mix, cheroots and edible oil were delivered.—*Global New Light of Myanmar*

### In case of use of stoves

1. Place a person to keep vigil.
2. Don't overuse fuel fire power.
3. Put out the remnants of fire.
4. Place heat-resistant barriers between stove and roof/ wall.
5. Don't leave the oil pan forgotten.

### Warning

1. Don't run away in case of fire. Seek help from the people nearby.
2. Prompt extinguishing of fire reduces losses and damages.
3. Keep dry chemical powder extinguishers and/or fire extinguishers in all apartments, buildings and shops to put out fire promptly and protect against the danger of fire.



## PRESS COMMUNIQUE

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Myint Lwin, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Arab Republic of Egypt, concurrently as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of the Sudan.

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## Sailors protest against Marine Administration Dept

ABOUT 100 sailors staged a protest yesterday against the Department of Marine Administration (DMA) in front of city hall in Yangon for failure to adequately respond to their requests, they claimed.

The DMA was accused by protestors of siding with companies. "We are protesting against the department because they never solve our problems and sided mostly with the companies," said U Aung Kyaw, a sailor who participated in the protest. The protestors demanded that the DMA protect the interests of sailors, fix its out-dated bureaucracy, amend the exam system, take action against rule-breaking shipping agencies and reveal how the

money they collect from sailors is spent.

"They are new sailors who express their feelings. No one listens to their troubles," Capt U Kyaw Mya Oo said.

Sailors have to spend a lot of money to work on ships but often face a lot of difficulty once they are aboard.

"These agencies should be loyal to sailors who give them large sum of money. They should send sailors to ships that abide by international rules and regulations. If something goes wrong, they should solve the problem," the ship captain added.

This is the second time the sailors have staged a protest against the DMA. —*Ko Moe*



Sailors protesting the Department of Marine Administration seen in front of the City Hall at downtown Yangon. PHOTO: KO MOE

## China awards scholarships to Myanmar schools

UNDER the China-Myanmar Friendship programme, the Chinese Ambassador donated Ks1360 lakhs to 11 schools in Myanmar in the form of scholarship awards. The ceremony to announce the scholarship was held at the cultural branch of the Chinese Embassy in Dagon Township, Yangon yesterday morning.

"This scholarship award is targeted at opening up opportunities for industrious children born of poor families to continue their studies to the end and to be able to build up the edifice of their hopes.

Moreover, outstanding students will be selected for further studies in China and their

knowledge will be applied for their national development after completion of their studies in China", said Mr. Hong Liang, the Chinese ambassador to Myanmar.

Afterward, U Kyaw Zwa Thwin, the deputy director-general of the basic education department, ministry of education, expressed words of thanks for the scholarship awards.

The awardees include Yangon University of Foreign Languages, SHS 7 of Nay Pyi Taw, SHS1,2,3 and post-primary model school in Kyaukpadaung township in Mandalay Region and Confucian schools in Yangon and Mandalay Regions, it is learnt.—*Myat Sandi*



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi receives Assistant State Secretary for Asia Pacific of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of the Swiss Confederation. PHOTO: MNA

## State Counsellor receives Swiss Assistant State Secretary for Asia-Pacific

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, State Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, received Mr Johannes Matyassy, Assistant

State Secretary for Asia Pacific of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of the Swiss Confederation, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

At the meeting, they exchanged views on the promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation in the areas of education, economy and culture.—*Myanmar News Agency*

## VP U Myint Swe inspects Chindwin bridge construction

VICE President U Myint Swe reached the construction site of Chindwin Bridge, accompanied by Union Ministers Myo Thein Gyi, Dr Myint Htwe, Regional Cabinet's Chief Minister Dr Myint Naing, Commander Brig-Gen Thet Pon and deputy ministers via Khanti by helicopters with deputy director of the bridge construction clarifying facts on the brigade, budget allotment and situations concerning completion of the bridge.

The VP and party then proceeded to Fhalam hospital, Chin State by helicopter, meeting with patients and offering words of encouragement.

Upon arriving at Haka, they met with departmental heads of government services, town and village-elders and locals at Botaikchoon Hall of Haka Basic Education High School. At the meeting, Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe fulfilled the needs of the hospital.

"We are here to fulfill the needs of the regional development of education and health", the vice president said at the meeting. "A college will emerge in Chin State very soon, so students in the state are going to have a chance to pursue university education in Haka. Peace and stability is essentially needed for the progress of the region.

The vice president said all national races need to take part



Vice President handing over exercise books for students in Chin State during his visit. PHOTO: MNA

in the Union Peace Conference. As part of the quest for peace and stability, steps are being taken to equalize development across all states and regions, he said. In addition, bridges are being built along the route linking the state with the mainland, along with other improvements.

"On completion of the building of Falam airport, transportation will be better" he said. "Budgets for educational and

health sectors are being spent more than before. With a view to distributing power via high-voltage grid lines for Chin State, Pale-Gangaw-Haka-Falam grid line have been installed."

The VP presented exercise books for schools in Chin State and inspected the new school building, followed by submission of the regional needs from a townelder.—*Myanmar News Agency*



## 2,605<sup>th</sup> Buddha Pujaniya Festival of Layhsudadpyaw Shwe San Daw Pagoda held



Opening ceremony of 2,605<sup>th</sup> Buddha Pujaniya Festival of Layhsudadpyaw Shwe San Daw Pagoda in progress. PHOTO: SHWE WIN (PYAY)

THE opening ceremony of the 2,605th Buddha Pujaniya Festival of Layhsudadpyaw Shwe San Daw Pagoda took place at the pagoda in Pyay yesterday.

Monks headed by the Presiding Sayadaw of Jotikarum Pali Tekkatho and State Ovadacariya Abhidhaja Maharattha Guru Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Suddhammajotikadhaja Bhaddhanta Kontalajoti attended the opening ceremony.

The officials and congregation received five precepts from the Sayadaw. Next, the Sayadaws gave the recitation of Parittas.

District Administrator of

Pyay District Administration Department U Tin Maung Win talked about religious affairs, on behalf of the board of trustees and member of Board of Trustees U Htain Lin explained the holding of the Buddha Pujaniya Festival of Layhsudadpyaw Shwe San Daw Pagoda. Commander of the Regional Control Command (Pyay) Brigadier General Myint Aung, District Administrator U Tin Maung Win, Deputy Director of Office of Bago Region Religious Affairs U Sein Lin, Ahmyotha Hluttaw Representative Dr. Win Myint Chit, member of the Board of Trustees U Mya Win and mem-

bers of the Board of Trustees presented offertories to the monks.

Then, well-wishers donated cash to the monks.

At the opening ceremony, Ahmyotha Hluttaw Representative Dr. Win Myint Chit, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Dr. Daw Soe Soe Kyi, Commander of the Regional Control Command (Pyay) Brigadier General Myint Aung, the District Administrator and member of the Board of Trustees U Mya Win cut the ribbon to formally open the 2,605th Buddha Pujaniya Festival of Layhsudadpyaw Shwe San Daw Pagoda.—*Shwe Win (Pyay)*

## Mon State government will support monetary assistance for destroyed farms

MON state government is planning to provide monetary assistance for over 200 acres of farms which were destroyed by rats in Bilin township, Mon state.

“We go and see these regions. But it is very difficult to go there. There are a lot of bamboo trees in the region. The rats eat the bamboo fruit and they also eat the paddy which is being grown by the farmer. The farmer cannot protect their paddy fields from the danger of rats. So, the Mon state government is planning to give monetary assistance to those farmers, U Aung

Myint Khaing, Minister for Kayin Ethnic Affairs of Mon state government, said on Monday.

The 200 destroyed acres were in Kyakatchaung, Naungkadot, Shankalay, Yaydwinphyu, Chaunghnakwa and Kwinkalay villages. About 2,500 people live in those villages, which is about 15 miles away from Bilin township.

“This region grows a lot of bamboo. So, the rats eat the bamboo fruit. Their reproductive rate is very high, too. The local people worry about growing the paddy for a losing ben-

efit. Currently, we reported the problem to the local government to help the farmers. Also, I want the farmers to cultivate other crops too”, said U Kyaw Myo Min, Chairman of National League for Democracy, Bilin township.

The Karen National Union provided monetary assistance of Ks20,000 to local people in September. Bamboo fruit usually grows once every 30 years. Thirty years ago, local people faced the same problem, according to residents. — *Myitmakha News Agency*

## Tomato prices up in Monywa market

THE price of tomatoes has gone up dramatically in Monywa market, Sagaing Region this month due to a shortage, tomato growers say.

Tomato prices have tripled and continue to rise in November. The current selling price of a viss of tomato is over Ks2,000.

The main reason for

dealers selling and buying the tomatoes at a high price is because tomato plantations in the region are not ready to export to the Monywa market, industry experts said.

Large volumes of tomato from Butalin, ChaungU, Depayin and Ayadaw townships mostly enter the Monywa market. Tomatoes also enter the market

in Mandalay, Tamu and Pakokku townships.

Tomato is the world's largest vegetable crop after potato and sweet potato.

Tomato is a good source of potassium and it is also good for eye health and digestion. It also can fight cancer as well as reduce the overall risk of diseases.—*Myitmakha News Agency*

## Mandalay Myanmar Railway to keep squatters out from the land owned by railway

MYANMA Railway plans to keep squatters out from the land owned by the railway in Mandalay region, it is learnt. The effort is in its early stages and it is not yet known when the plan will begin, officials said.

“We cannot say when the project will be implemented. There are a lot of squatters in the railway compound.

The squatting problem is the main problem to solve

by the new government,” said General Manager U Myo Win of the Myanmar Railway.

“Initially, we will issue notices to the squatters before action is taken”, he added.

Previously, Myanmar Railway posted sign boards that read: “Do not occupy the railway's land”, but squatters amended the signs so they read: “Do not occupy the farmer's land”. — *Myitmakha News Agency*

## Government plans to build new cement plant in Hpa-an

FUNDED by Kayin State government, a cement plant will be established in Hpa-an Township, with plans to produce cement with the use of coal, said Daw Nan Khin Htwe Myint, the state chief minister.

This comes from a recent meeting between region authorities and the public, who disagreed to a plan to carry out cement manufacturing at the 4,000-tonne Myainggalay Cement Plant with the use of coal. The plant has used natural gas as energy source for its cement production.

State authorities plan to build a cement factory near Mizan Mountain which will produce cement powder from coal, which is used as an energy source in cement production,

said Daw Nan Khin Htwe Myint, who promised the residents to continue regional development tasks.

She added that the authorities met with medical experts from Hpa-an General Hospital and discussed the possible negative impacts caused by cement production in the region.

Cement is critical to the construction industry. It is made from a mixture of calcium carbonate, silica, iron oxide and alumina.

Large volume of energy are required to produce cement, with kilns usually burning coal in the form of powder and consuming about 450g of coal for about 900g of cement produced. — *Myitmakha News Agency*





# LOCAL Business

## Suzuki to make and sell high-end cars in Thilawa

SUZUKI will manufacture high-end cars next year at an auto manufacturing factory in Thilawa Special Economic Zone (SEZ), said Mr. Takayuki Sujiyama, Managing Director of Suzuki (Myanmar) Motor Co.

Suzuki has already firmly established itself in the Myanmar automobile market and now plans to fulfill the need for all types of cars, Mr. Sujiyama said.

Suzuki has bought 20 hectares of land in Thilawa SEZ on which it will build a factory. Construction of the factory is slated to be complete next year. Currently, Suzuki imports auto parts into Myanmar and then manufactures the cars.

Suzuki has produced two model locally -- the Suzuki Ertiga and the Ciaz. The demand for these models is high, Suzuki officials said. Suzuki mainly produces high-end models, but plans to sell the cars at affordable prices. Suzuki will produce left-hand drive cars.

Besides Suzuki, there are three other foreign car manufacturing companies which will establish auto manufacturing factories in Myanmar, according to an announcement released by Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC).—200

Passengers seen at Yangon International Airport. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAH



## Yangon airport receives over 360,000 passengers a month

YANGON International Airport currently hosts over 360,000 passengers per month, with 120 flights landing daily, said U Aung Kyaw Tun, the deputy director-general of the Civil Aviation Department.

Previously, there were only 40 flights per day that landed at

Yangon International Airport. With the added flights to and from all over the world, the Yangon airport now handles over 4 million passengers a year, he added.

With the development of the travel and tourism sector, the airport terminal and airlines are also

expanding. There are direct flights from Yangon International Airport to China, Japan, India, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, China (Taipei), Viet Nam and Qatar. Yangon International Airport receives more and more passengers year by year.

Myanmar National Airlines (MNA) launched Yangon-Chiang Mai-Yangon flights recently, and MNA will also extend the frequency of Yangon-Singapore-Yangon evening flights in December.—Myint Maung Soe (Myanma Alin)

## Five gem and jewellery emporiums to be held in 2017

FIVE gem and jewellery emporiums will be held in 2017, up from only one or two events held annually. Three events will sell gem and jewelry lots in foreign currency while two will be conducted using Myanmar currency, it is learnt from Myanmar Gems and Jewellery Emporium Organising Committee.

“Normally, only an event is held once or twice a year. Holding

more events make the merchants and brokers do well”, said U Myint Han, the chairman of the organizing committee.

According to Myanmar Gemstones Law, gemstones cannot be traded in the open market, which makes the gemstone market dependent only on legal emporiums. Holding more emporiums might help to reduce the black market trade of gems and

precious stones, officials said.

Holding a chain of events during a single year will help to develop the market, said U Thaung Tun, a gem and jewellery merchant.

Ministry of Natural Resource and Environmental Conservation is drawing up plans to be able to produce finished gems from the raw stones.—Myitmakha News agency



Merchants appraise a jade stone at the 53<sup>rd</sup> Myanmar Gems Emporium in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

## India-made BAJAJ motorcycles to be sold in Mandalay

INDIA-made BAJAJ motorcycles will be sold through an instalment payment plan in Mandalay, said U Kyaw Nanda, director of Easy Rider Motorbike, an exclusive representative of BAJAJ in Myanmar.

The motorcycles will be sold through a partnership with Yoma Bank. Thirty per cent of the motorcycle value will be requested as down payment. The remainder will be paid in smaller payments throughout the year, he added.

The instalment sale plan of BAJAJ motorcycles was introduced at a press conference held at Hotel Shwepyitha in Mandalay on 6th November.

BAJAJ models such as the Pulsar Rs 200-Race Sport, Pulsar 200NS-Naked Sports, Pulsar 150-NS-Naked Sports, Avenger

220-Cruise, Avenger 150-Street, BAJAJ V15-Commuter and Boxer 150 X-on/off roader will be imported into Myanmar market. The prices range between Ks1million and Ks3.2million.

Motorcycle parts and service will be provided at branches opened by Easy Rider Company, said U Kyaw Nanda.

Motorcycle accessories and parts can be easily purchased for BAJAJ motorcycles, representatives said. Additionally, any kind of fuel oil can be used. The company will offer free service for the first 20,000 kilometers of use during a two-year period after purchase. Over 6,000 motorcycles have already been imported into the local market. There are two showrooms showcasing BAJAJ models in Mandalay.—Myitmakha News agency



## Thai chicken exports to Japan, South Korea to fully recover in two years

BANGKOK—Thailand anticipates full recovery of its chicken meat exports to Japan and South Korea in two years thanks to the lifting of a ban on exports of Thai poultry products imposed following the outbreak of bird flu virus H5N1.

Exports of Thai raw chicken meat to Japan have been gradually recovering since January 2014 when Japan agreed to reopen its market to Thai poultry products, including chilled and frozen raw chicken.

Exports of Thai raw chicken meat to Japan in the first nine months of this year reached 79,374 tons (valued at about 7.1 billion baht), up 17 per cent from the same period last year, according to the Ministry of Commerce's statistics.

Japan and South Korea banned imports of all poultry products but cooked and processed poultry meat from Thailand in 2004 due to the bird flu scare. Japan was the

biggest importer of Thai raw chicken meat in 2003, accepting up to 178,776 tons.

Kukrit Arepagorn, manager of the Thai Broiler Processing Exporters Association, told NNA that his association expects exports of Thai raw chicken meat to Japan to climb to nearly 200,000 tons in the next two years due to the lifting of the ban, hygienic concerns about chicken meat from China and record numbers of foreign tourists to Japan, which will boost chicken consumption.

South Korea is also expected to resume imports of raw chicken meat from Thailand at the end of this year pending the results of inspections of several Thai processing plants by South Korean authorities.

Once Seoul lifts the ban, exports of Thai raw chicken meat will total 10,000 tons next year and rise to the pre-2004 level of 40,000 tons, Kukrit said.—*Kyodo News*

## Thai Navy to buy and help harvest rice as farmers struggle

BANGKOK — The Thai navy will buy rice directly from farmers and assign naval ratings to help them harvest their grain, a navy spokesman said on Tuesday, the latest in a series of steps by the military junta to soften the impact of falling prices on farming communities.

On Monday, the country's rice committee announced new loan schemes worth \$514 million to help rice growers, as the junta looked to gain support in rural areas ahead of an election next year.

Rice prices in Thailand hit a 13-month low last week, hurting farmers in the world's second-largest rice exporter. Rice exports account for around 10 per cent of Thailand's gross domestic product.

"If grain prices have fallen we will help where we can to purchase. Where farmers lack labour we will send groups to help," Vice Admiral Jumpol Lumpikanon, a spokesman for the Royal Thai Navy, told reporters.



A farmer harvests a rice field in Suphan Buri Province, north of Bangkok, Thailand on 2 November, 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

The admiral did not say how much rice the navy would buy, or where the budget would come from. Last week Manas Kitprasert, head of the Thai Rice Millers Association, resigned after Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha said that rice millers and politicians were colluding to drive down rice prices for political reasons.

Manas denied the accusations. The junta has asked millers to buy rice from farmers at "reasonable prices", and soldiers have visited rice millers to "seek cooperation".

The party of former Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra won an election in 2011 in part by appealing to rice farmers with a populist scheme to buy

their grain at above-market rates.

Yingluck's administration was removed by the military in the 2014 coup.

Thailand remains politically divided between the county's urban middle classes and royalist-military elite and supporters of populist governments ousted in 2006 and 2014 coups.—*Reuters*

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## South Korea's Park indicates willing to relinquish some power amid crisis



South Korean President Park Geun-hye (in red) walks past members of the minor opposition Justice Party at the National Assembly in Seoul, South Korea, on 8 November, 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

SEOUL — South Korean President Park Geun-hye said on Tuesday she will withdraw her nominee for prime minister if parliament recommends a candidate and is willing to let the new premier control the cabinet, seeking to defuse a crisis rocking her presidency.

Park's comments at a meeting with the speaker of parliament indicated she was willing to relinquish some control over state affairs — a key demand by opposition parties to resolve the scandal stemming from allegations that her friend improperly wielded influence using her ties to the president.

"If parliament recommends a good person with

an agreement between the ruling and opposition parties, I will appoint that person as prime minister and allow him to essentially take control over the cabinet," Park told the speaker, Chung Sye-kyun.

The position of prime minister is usually a figurehead in South Korea, with most power concentrated in the presidential office.

Park has been severely bruised by the scandal involving her friend, Choi Soon-sil, who is alleged to have used her closeness to the president to meddle in state affairs and wield influence in the sports and cultural communities.

Choi has been charged with abuse of power and

fraud while a former aide has been charged with abuse of power and extortion after they helped raise 77.4 billion won (\$68 million) from dozens of the country's biggest conglomerates on behalf of two foundations.

Park nominated Kim Byong-joon, a former cabinet minister under a liberal ex-president, as premier last week but the move, which requires a parliamentary approval, drew anger from the opposition as a bid to divert attention from the crisis and yet another example of her heavy-handed approach.

Park's visit to parliament was brief and she did not meet the leaders of opposition parties despite news reports that said she had hoped to do so.

Instead she was met with some opposition members inside the building who held signs that said she should relinquish authority and even some that called on her to step down.

Park has publicly apologised twice for the scandal but her approval rating has plunged to 5 per cent according to a Gallup poll released on Friday, the lowest since such polling began in

1988.

No South Korean president has failed to finish their five-year term, but Park has faced growing pressure from the public and some hardline political opponents to quit. Park's term is due to end in early 2018. South Korean prosecutors raided the offices of Samsung Electronics earlier on Tuesday as part of a probe over the scandal involving Choi, a prosecution official told Reuters but declined to comment further.

South Korea's Yonhap News Agency reported prosecutors are looking into whether Samsung improperly provided financial assistance to Choi's daughter. Samsung Electronics, reeling from a \$5.4 billion profit hit after it was forced to discontinue its fire-prone Galaxy Note 7 smartphone, said prosecutors visited its office but declined to comment further.

Prosecutors have been investigating an allegation that Samsung provided 2.8 million euros (\$3.1 million) to a company co-owned by Choi and her daughter, who was previously a member of the South Korean national equestrian team, Yonhap reported.—*Reuters*



# At long last, Americans decide between Clinton and Trump



Voters cast their ballots during the US presidential election at Public School P.S. 56 in the Manhattan borough of New York, USA, on 8 November 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

NEW YORK — Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican Donald Trump face the judgment of the voters on Tuesday as millions of Americans turn out on Election Day to pick the next US president and end a bruising campaign that polls said favoured Clinton.

In a battle centered largely on the character of the candidates, Clinton, 69, a former secretary of state and first lady, and Trump, 70, a New York businessman, made their final, fervent appeals to supporters late on Monday to turn out the vote.

Their final week of campaigning was a grinding series of get-out-the-vote rallies across battleground states where the election is likely to be decided.

"We choose to believe in a hopeful, inclusive, big-hearted America," Clinton said in Philadelphia before a crowd of 33,000 — the biggest of her campaign.

She was joined by Democratic President Barack Obama, his wife Michelle, and Clinton's

husband, former President Bill Clinton.

Trump made one of his final appearances late on Monday in Manchester, New Hampshire, where polls showed a tight race.

"Tomorrow, the American working class will strike back," Trump said. "It's about time."

He brought much of his family on stage for his last rally in the state where he scored his first victory in the Republican nomination fight. Clinton went into Election Day as the favourite to become the first US woman president after spending eight years in the White House as the first lady in the 1990s.

A Reuters/Ipsos States of the Nation poll gave Clinton a 90 per cent chance of defeating Trump and said she was on track to win 303 Electoral College votes out of 270 needed, to Trump's 235.

But Trump advisers said the level of his support was not apparent in the polling and believed the New York businessman was in

position for an upset victory along the lines of the "Brexit" vote in June to pull Britain from the European Union.

"We have seen enormous momentum," said deputy Trump campaign manager Dave Bossie.

Financial markets brightened in reaction to the latest twists in what has been a volatile presidential campaign. Global stock markets and the US dollar surged, putting them on track for their biggest gains in weeks. Investors, who see Clinton as a known quantity, were buoyed by an announcement on Sunday by FBI Director James Comey that cleared Clinton of a cloud of controversy involving her use of a private email server while President Barack Obama's secretary of state from 2009 to 2013. While opinion polls showed a close race, but tilting toward Clinton, major bookmakers and online exchanges were more confident of a Clinton victory. PredictIt put her chances of capturing the White House at 81 per cent. —Reuters

## FBI agents, lawmakers hammer Comey over Clinton emails inquiry

WASHINGTON — FBI Director James Comey was under attack from some of his own agents and members of Congress on Monday over his handling of an inquiry into Hillary Clinton's emails, but the White House was remaining supportive, for now.

In stunning fashion, Comey has injected the Federal Bureau of Investigation, meant to be politically neutral, into the thick of the 2016 US presidential race, making a series of announcements on the inquiry.

The latest was on Sunday, when he said the FBI stood by a July decision not to recommend criminal charges against the Democratic presidential can-

didate. Sunday's announcement came days after Comey disclosed the FBI was examining a trove of newly discovered emails.

With the election coming on Tuesday, Comey's statements and the FBI's overall handling of the emails controversy has drawn fire from congressional Democrats, who criticised the agency for clouding Clinton's campaign so close to the election, while Republicans questioned why the new inquiry ended so quickly.

FBI "field agents have felt the derivative impact of the criticism fired at Director Comey as a result of the Clinton email scandal," said Jon Adler, president of the Federal Law Enforcement

Officers Association Foundation, which represents more than 3,500 FBI agents.

He said some agents disapprove of Comey's handling of the investigation and think he should resign, while others support him, but do not appreciate being in a political crossfire. A spokesman for the FBI Agents Association said the more than 13,000 active and former special agents it represents have become the victims of "unwarranted attacks" on their integrity. "Implications that agents do not respect the confidentiality of those investigations is simply false," said the association's president Thomas O'Connor. —Reuters

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Blast kills child, injures 32 Indian peacekeepers in east Congo: UN

KINSHASA — An explosion killed a child and injured 32 Indian peacekeepers in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo city of Goma on Tuesday, the UN mission there said.

The blast hit the peacekeepers while they were out on a morning run in the western Goma neighbourhood of Keyshero, the mission added. The cause was not immediately clear.

Ismael Salumu, an imam at a nearby mosque, said three peacekeepers were killed. "We just heard the explosion and the cries. We then ran over to see," he told Reuters.

About 18,000 uniformed UN personnel operate in Congo, where millions died in regional conflicts between 1996-2003 and dozens of armed groups continue to operate. —Reuters

#### Turkey will speak to any bidders, including Russia, on missile system

ANKARA — Turkey will speak with all interested parties, including Russia, over its plans to develop a long-range missile defence system, a top defence official said on Tuesday.

NATO member Turkey last year cancelled a \$3.4 billion tender for such a system, after it had been provisionally awarded to China, a move that had stirred concern from the United States and other Western allies.

Ismail Demir, Turkey's undersecretary for defence industries, told a news conference in Ankara that Turkey was willing to speak any interested parties, including Russia and previous bidders.

He also said Turkey was in the final stages of evaluating a renewed offer from automotive manufacturer Otokar for its Altay tank project. —Reuters

#### Russia to bar US diplomats from monitoring its elections — RIA

MOSCOW — The Russian Foreign Ministry has sent a diplomatic note to the US authorities telling them that US diplomats will not be allowed to conduct monitoring of future Russian elections, the RIA news agency cited a senior Russian official as saying.

The move was Russia's response to what it says was US obstruction of Russian diplomats seeking to monitor Tuesday's US presidential election for possible violations, RIA quoted Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov as saying. —Reuters

#### Dacic: Another failed attempt by Pristina authorities

JAKARTA/BELGRADE — Another attempt by Kosovo to join the Interpol Executive Committee has failed, Serbian FM Ivica Dacic said on Monday. "Although Kosovo had been preparing for months, sending notes to all member states, the Interpol General Assembly has rejected all requests to put on the agenda additional points on admission to membership," a statement from the Serbian Ministry of Foreign Affairs quoted Dacic as saying. Kosovo already sued for membership in April 2015, but the Interpol Executive Committee has not granted the request to date, Dacic said. This once again confirms that Kosovo's unilateral moves aimed at securing membership in international organisations are no longer as supported as they have been in the past, which is also a result of major diplomatic activities by the Serbian government, the statement said. —Tanjung

#### Australia Perth zoo loses African lion during dental surgery

SYDNEY — Australia's Perth Zoo's lost a 14-year-old African lion on Tuesday after it entered into a cardiac arrest and died during a dental surgery to have two fractured tooth removed.

The zoo's spokeswoman Danielle Henry told Xinhua on Tuesday that it was a operation which was going absolutely fine until the lion Mandela got into a cardiac arrest in Perth and never regained consciousness.

Henry added that this was the first time an animal has died at the zoo's operating table.

"This is not the first time he is going through such a (dental) procedure, he has had two done before," Henry said.

"We performed CPR on him three times but unfortunately he could not be saved."

Mandela and his brother Nelson, who died earlier this year from pneumonia, came to Perth Zoo from Queensland in 2007. Only 17-year-old lioness Shinyanga remains at the zoo. —Xinhua



# Opinion

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## Awareness, Alert and Presence of Mind

Khin Maung Oo

THE three commonly-used-but-much-neglected words can be said to partially decide for our deeds and resolutions to be on right paths. The first two are more closely connected in meaning and situation, albeit slightly different from the last one. Generally speaking, we need to continually develop awareness and alert in us whereas presence of mind is to be exercised in the course of solving a problem or an issue and in time of difficulty. If we lack one of these in our rituals—ranging from kitchen work, office routines and national affairs to the utmost level—we can find it difficult in one way or another.

A student needs to pay attention to his study, simultaneously to his health since the advent of an academic year, as awareness and on the alert so

that he can do well in his examination. Supposing that he or she sees a question or two thought to be unseen in the exam hall, what shall they do? Here, the presence of mind is of great importance. That moment may cause a time of distress and misfortune for them if they lose the ability to react quickly and stay calm. Likewise, a housewife needs to keep her kitchen clean and have a fire-extinguisher or similar thing nearby. This is a sense of awareness or alert. There were similar cases of fire-outbreaks for the failure of remembering to use this equipment out of fear. What is worse is that fierce infernos had ever claimed many lives of children and those in their dotage. Lack of presence of mind led to sorrowful occurrences.

Government servicemen are the ones operating the ma-

chinery of government, playing an important role in nation-building. They have already had existing laws, rules, regulations and official instructions to abide by in performing their duties. Especially, a departmental head is empowered to manage all office routines including control of all staff under him and supervising not to get involved in scandals and misappropriation of power, with awareness. There have ever suicidal cases been heard out of losing presence of mind, assuming that they are responsible for mischief-making of office juniors. It is endless to emphatically express all in detail.

All countries in our planet are facing various kinds of problems and difficulties, as is the incumbent Myanmar government. There was influx of new issues added to a legacy of prob-

lems left by old regimes. Compared to duties of every individual, family or organization, those of the government are unarguably the greatest. These days our country, Myanmar sees the government dealing with a myriad of problems as to social, economic, financial and political affairs including aggressive intrusion attacks of terrorists, with awareness, alert and presence of mind. Despite the fact that it tried its best in solving these with sympathetic minds, destructive propagandists are spreading rumors and false news to instigate racial and religious conflicts in our nation. Whatever it is, our country will march to a Federal Democratic Modernized Union as targeted, withstanding any difficulties to be confronted, with a sense of awareness, alert and presence of mind developed in us.

# Act of God and Vis Major

U Mya Thein. BA; B.L

**Under section 56 of the Contract Act (Indian Act IX of 1872) an agreement to do an act impossible in itself is void.**

A contract to do an act which, after the contract is made, becomes impossible, or, by reason of some event which the promisor could not prevent, unlawful, becomes void when the act becomes impossible or unlawful.

Where one person has promised to do something which he knew, or, with reasonable diligence, might have known, and which promisee did not know, to be impossible or unlawful, such promisor must make compensation to such promisee for any loss which promisee sustains through the non-performance of the promise.

The Indian Contract Act by Sanjiva Row 1959 Edition. Page 758.

The section and its scope.

Agreement may be classified into —

- (1) Agreements to do an unlawful act;
- (2) Agreements to do an impossible act;
- (3) Agreements to do an act which is both possible and legal, but which after the contract is made, becomes impossible;

- (4) Agreements to do an act which is both possible and legal, but which after the contract is made, by reason of some event, which the promisor could not prevent, become unlawful.

The Rangoon Telephone Company; Limited was operating telephone and telegraph undertakings in Rangoon and Moulmein before war under a licence. Under clause 8 of the licence Government could buy the Company out, if the right was exercised at the end of 40<sup>th</sup> year, and by the letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> March 1940 Government exercised the option to purchase as on 31<sup>st</sup> March 1943. War broke out and part of property was demolished under the denial scheme. The remaining properties were taken over on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1946. The Company claimed Rs. 24,93,490-2-6 as the value under contract or as damages. Government contended that they were liable what was taken over. HELD: frustration is the premature determination of an agreement lawfully entered into between parties owing to circumstances so fundamental as to be regarded by the law both as striking at the root of that agreement as entirely beyond what was contemplated by the parties when they entered into the agreement. This principle is embodied in section 56 of the Contract act. The contract of purchase

in this case was frustrated on account of the war.

Rangoon Telephone Company Limited v. the Union of Myanmar. 1948 B.L.R. 527

In the law of Contract, an act of God may be put forward as an implied defense under the rule of impossibility or impracticability. If so, the promise is discharged because of unforeseen occurrences, which were unavoidable.

An example scenario could assume that an opera singer and a concert hall have a contract. The singer promises to appear and perform at a certain time on a certain date. The hall promises to have the stage and audio equipment ready for her. However, a tornado destroys the hall a month before the concert is to take place. Of course, the hall is not responsible for the tornado. It may be impossible for the hall to rebuild in time to keep its promise. On the other hand, it may be possible but extraordinarily expensive to reconstruct on such short notice. The hall would argue that the tornado was an act of God and excuses its nonperformance via impossibility or impracticability.

Water pressure in dams releasing a geological fault, earthquake in China, Geothermal injections of water provoking earthquakes in Basel, Switzerland, 2003 and Drilling provoking

mud volcano in Java are the good examples. Such events are possibly threatening the legal status of acts of God and may establish liabilities where none existed until now.

Force majeure or vis major (Latin) — meaning "superior force", fortuit (French) "chance occurrence, unavoidable accident", is a common in contracts that essentially free both parties from liability or obligation when an extraordinary event or circumstance beyond the control of the parties, such as a war, strike, riot, crime, or an event described by the legal term act of God (hurricane, flood, earthquake, volcanic eruption, etc.), prevents one or both parties from fulfilling their obligations under the contract.

Under international law, it refers to as an irresistible force or unforeseen event beyond the control of a state making it materially impossible to fulfill an international obligation, and is related to the concept of a state of emergency.

In Military, force majeure refers to an event, either external or internal, that happens to a vessel or aircraft that allows it to enter normally restricted areas without penalty. An example would be a Chinese military airbase after a collision with a Chinese fighter in April 2001. Under the principle of force majeure, the aircraft must be allowed to land without interfer-

ence.

Because of the different interpretations of force majeure across legal systems, it is common for contracts to include specific definitions of force majeure, particularly at the international level. Some systems limit force majeure to an Act of God (such as floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, etc.) It is advisable in drafting of contract distinction is to be made between act of God and force majeure.

In Dharnrajmal Gobindram v. Shamji Kalidas [All India Reporter 1961 Supreme Court of India 1285] it was held that "An analysis of ruling on the subject shows that reference to the expression is made where the intention is to save the defaulting party from the consequences of anything over which he had no control".

A party is not liable for failure to perform the party's obligations if such failure is as a result of Acts of God (including fire, flood, earthquake, storm, hurricane or other natural disaster), war, invasion, act of foreign enemies, hostilities (regardless of whether war is declared), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, military or usurped power or confiscation, terrorist activities, nationalisation, government sanction, blockage, embargo, labor dispute, strike, lockout or interruption or failure of electricity or telephone service.



## Rural schools in Sagaing to get access to solar power donated by France



Students from a school receiving assistance from a French education foundation being seen.

PHOTO: MYITMAKHA NEWS AGENCY

A FRENCH education foundation, in partnership with EDF, a global electricity company, will help schools in rural areas of Myanmar to gain access to electricity through a solar-powered system, according to a member of the region's Amyotha Hlut-taw.

The donor organisations will select about 30 out of 40 schools currently without electricity to receive the power donations after inspection tour of the schools have been conducted

this month, said U Ko Ko Naing, Amyotha Hluattaw representative in Kalaywa Constituency, who will also be involved in the scrutiny process.

The MP remarked that the donated electricity plays a very important role in promoting education among rural students.

Thanks to the new programme, over 30 schools in Kalaywa Township, Kalay District, Sagaing Region, will enjoy electricity distributed through a solar power system that will assist

students and teachers by allowing the use of computers and IT products.

Solar power facilities donated by the France foundation and the electricity supply plan to install the necessary equipment at the beginning of next year. The solar facilities are estimated to arrive in the country next month. The donors will also share maintenance techniques to protect the solar facilities for sustainable energy generation.—*Myitmakha News Agency*

## Prisoners will receive hand loom training

SUNFLOWER Natural Dye and hand loom factory is planning to provide training courses to prisoners in cooperation with the Correctional Department next year, with the objective of creating job opportunities and the development of the natural dye and hand weaving sector.

The training courses will be provided in prisons close to the region where there are raw

materials.

"The training can change the prisoners' mentality. We planned to give training next year. Firstly, we need to discuss with the Correctional Department," said Daw Phyu Ei Thein, production manager for the Sunflower Natural Dye factory.

"Conducting the training courses is very good for the prisoners because they will be

able to open their own business when they are released from jail. Actually, they should provide training in the rural correctional facilities. They also should provide loans to prisoners," said reporter Ko Myo Myint Zaw, a former prisoner.

Currently, the hand-woven products from Myanmar are sold only on the local market.—*Myitmakha News Agency*

## Over 400 athletes participate in 28<sup>th</sup> national para-sport competition

THE 28<sup>th</sup> para-sports competition, a week-long event, is currently being held in Yangon by the Ministry of Health and Sports and the Myanmar Disabled Sports Federation.

Starting from 5 November, the multi-sport event for athletes with physical disabilities has been taking place at the sports grounds for disabled persons in North Dagon Township, Yangon Region. The event will come to an end on 11 November.

A total of 437 athletes are participating in the national event, which covers a wide range

of sports categories including track and field, swimming, table tennis, weightlifting, wheelchair basketball, archery, chess and other events for both men and women.

Outstanding athletes will be chosen from this year's tournament for possible inclusion in an international competition next year in Malaysia.

According to the 2014 nationwide census, the disabled population accounts for more than 2.3 million (about 4.6 per cent) of the country's total population of over 51 million.—*Tin Soe (Myanma Alinn)*



Athletes participating in 28<sup>th</sup> national para-sport competition.

PHOTO: TIN SOE (MYANMA ALINN)

### POEM:

## "Counsel To Boys (2)"

- Whatever you are, be a good son, boys!  
If you are able, try to be number one, boys!  
Never be an extremist.  
Nor be an egoist.  
If you can, try to be second to none, boys!
- Whatever you are, don't be selfish, boys!  
Neither be roguish nor ruffianish, boys!  
Be wise, don't be brainless.  
Be obedient, don't be shameless.  
Don't, make friends with the foolish, boys!
- Whatever you are, don't say, "IOU", boys!  
If you're in debt, you can't get through, boys!  
Be encouraged, don't be down—hearted.  
Always be kind, don't be hard—hearted.  
Make friends with those who're true, boy's!
- Whatever you are, don't say, "Can you help me?" boys!  
You just say, "What can I do for you? Please tell me", boys!  
Always be red—cross—minded.  
Speak softly and kindly and be large—minded.  
Do something that's right and proper when you're free, boys!

*Daw Aye Aye Pyone*  
(Retired Teacher)

## Local gold price drops due to decreasing of world gold price

GOLD price in Myanmar declines by around Ks 2,000 per tickle on 8 November due to the decreasing of global price of gold and the dollar price, it is learnt from the gold market.

On 7 November, The local market gold price was Ks 880,000 per tickle. On November 8, it was Ks 878,000 per tickle.

Currently, world price of gold is drops and local price also drops. The value of dollar is also falling. The price of local gold is still stable around Ks 880,000 per tickle. Transaction is normal at this moment, the local gold

price is dependent on currencies and the global gold market, said U Zaw Aung an owner of Taik Sein shop.

The global gold price is US\$ 1,287 per ounce on November 7, the price drop to US\$ 1,280 per ounce on November 8.

The exchange rate of US dollar in Myanmar falls from Ks 1,290 to Ks 1,280 per dollar in the first week of November. The local gold price reached Ks 880,000 per tical.

The local market gold price closed at Ks 878,000 per tical on November 8.—*Myitmakha News Agency*



## US ready to resume air strikes in Libya if needed: Pentagon

WASHINGTON — The United States is prepared to carry out more air strikes against Islamic State militants in Sirte if requested by Libya's UN-backed government, even though the militant group no longer controls much territory there, the Pentagon said on Monday.

Since August the United States has carried out more than 350 air strikes against Islamic State at the request of the Government of National Accord (GNA). However, none have been carried out since 31 October, officials said.

"If additional air strikes are needed, we will be prepared to deliver those air strikes," Pentagon spokesman Peter Cook said at a news conference. Islamic State took full control of Sirte, a city of some 80,000 inhabitants, in early 2015. Its loss would leave the jihadist group without any territorial control in Libya.—*Reuters*

# Syrian militias make slight progress in attack on Islamic State stronghold Raqqa

BEIRUT — US-backed Syrian armed groups have captured a number of villages in the first days of an offensive to retake the city of Raqqa from Islamic State militants, a war monitor and a Kurdish source said on Monday.

The ground forces are being supported by air-strikes mounted by a US-led coalition, the source said. But he predicted the battle to drive IS from their Raqqa, their main stronghold in Syria, would "not be easy".

The operation by the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), which includes the Syrian Kurdish YPG militia and some Arab groups, began on Saturday and aims to encircle and ultimately capture Raqqa. It should add to the pressure on IS as it faces a major assault on its Iraqi bastion of Mosul.

The attack, named "Euphrates Anger" so far



Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) fighters stand near a vehicle camouflaged with mud, north of Raqqa city, Syria on 7 November 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

appears focused on areas north of Raqqa, south of the town of Ain Issa, 50 km (30 miles) away.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, an organisation that monitors the multi-sided Syrian conflict, said the SDF forces had so far captured

a number of IS positions but there had been "no real progress".

The Kurdish source said a number of villages had been captured. IS had set off five car bombs as part of their defence, he said. "It is difficult to put a time frame on the oper-

ation at present. The battle will not be easy," the source said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The US-led coalition was providing "excellent" air support, he added.

The SDF has been the main ally on the ground

in Syria for the US-led coalition against Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, capturing swathes of northern Syria.

The coalition said on Monday the SDF, supported by coalition air and advisory support, had begun the operation to isolate Raqqa.

"The isolation of Raqqa, when complete, will liberate strategically valuable terrain surrounding Raqqa and enable the liberation of the city," Commander, Lt. Gen. Stephen Townsend said.

The operation will also cut off Islamic State militants from Mosul as Iraqi forces simultaneously try to take back that city, Townsend said.

Planning for the Raqqa assault has been complicated by factors including the concerns of neighbouring Turkey, which does not want to see any further expansion of Kurdish influence in northern Syria.—*Reuters*

## Iran's foreign minister is first to meet Lebanon's new president

BEIRUT — Iran's Mohammad Javad Zarif on Monday became the first foreign minister to meet Lebanon's new president, underscoring Tehran's struggle with its regional arch-rival Saudi Arabia for influence in Beirut.

He met Michel Aoun, a Christian leader who was elected president last week. Aoun is a close ally of Lebanon's Hezbollah, an Iran-backed Shi'ite Muslim group, and Iran welcomed Aoun's election as a victory for Hezbollah.

Speaking at a joint press conference with Lebanese Foreign Minister Gebran Bassil, Zarif said Lebanon's presidential election should serve as an example to other politically troubled countries in the region.

"The Lebanese people showed it is possible to reach a solution acceptable to all, or what we call a win-win situation," Zarif said.

Aoun also met an envoy sent by Syrian President Bashar al-Assad earlier in the day. Iran is a political and military ally of Assad in the Syrian civil war, where his troops are supported by Iran-backed militias and Hezbollah fighters from neighbouring Lebanon.

Sunni Saudi Arabia and Shi'ite Iran also back opposing factions in Yem-

en, Iraq and Bahrain. They broke diplomatic ties earlier this year after Riyadh's execution of a Shi'ite cleric and a subsequent attack by protesters on its embassy in Tehran.

"We hope others also come to this understanding: that there can only be a political solution to the crises in Syria, Iraq and Yemen, but while continuing the fight against terrorism," Zarif said.

Zarif, who was accompanied on the two-day visit by a high-profile political and economic delegation, said he hoped to expand ties with Lebanon.

Former army commander Aoun was elected by the Lebanese parliament as president last Monday, ending a 29-month presidential vacuum. Aoun then asked Sunni Muslim leader Saad al-Hariri to start consultations to form a new government, of which Hariri would be prime minister.

The empty presidency was a symptom of an underlying political struggle between rival factions in Lebanon, which has been made worse by the war in neighbouring Syria. It has paralysed decision-making, economic development and basic services, and raised fears for the country's stability. The deal to appoint



Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif (L) walks with Lebanese Foreign Minister Gebran Bassil in Beirut, Lebanon on 7 November, 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Aoun as president and Hariri as prime minister has underscored Hezbollah's dominant role in Lebanon. It has also demonstrated a diminished position for Saudi Arabia, Hariri's main regional backer, which seems more focused on confronting Iranian influence elsewhere in the region.

Zarif said he would meet Hariri on Tuesday.

"In my meeting with Saad al-Hariri tomorrow I will emphasise Iran's determination to cooperate with all Lebanese people, from any group or ethnicity," he said at the joint press conference.

Under Lebanon's sectarian power-sharing system, worked out upon independence and confirmed after a bitter 15-year civil

war, the president must be a Maronite Christian, the prime minister a Sunni and the speaker of parliament a Shi'ite.

Syrian envoy Mansour Azzam, who is head of presidential affairs, greeted Aoun on behalf of Syria's Assad, saying he hoped Aoun's election would contribute to stability in Lebanon and in the region.

Azzam said there would be "no new page" in Syria-Lebanon relations and they would continue in a balanced way. Aoun's meetings with Iranian and Syrian dignitaries came on the same day that Prime Minister-designate Hariri said Lebanon's new administration was a chance to revive ties with the Gulf Arab countries.—*Reuters*

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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
BM-335	7:40	9:25	Daily
BM-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	8:30	8:00	1,2,3,4,5,6

## YGN TO DMK

Flight no.	Dep	Arr	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

## YGN TO CAN

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

## YGN TO SIN

Flight no.	Dep	Arr	Days
BM-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	18:15	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

## YGN TO NRT

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

## BANGKOK TO YANGON

Flight no.	Dep	Arr	Days
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
BM-336	10:40	11:25	Daily
BM-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

## DMK TO YGN

Flight no.	Dep	Arr	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

## CAN TO YGN

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

## SIN TO YGN

Flight no.	Dep	Arr	Days
BM-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

## NRT TO YGN

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

## YGN TO ICN

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

## YGN TO KUL

Flight no.	Dep	Arr	Days
AK-505	8:30	12:45	Daily
AK-503	19:30	23:45	Daily
BM-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

## YGN TO KMG

Flight no.	Dep	Arr	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

## YGN TO TPE

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

## YGN TO PEK

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

## YGN TO HAN

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

## YGN TO SGN

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

## YGN TO HKG

Flight no.	Dep	Arr	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

## YGN TO DOH

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

## YGN TO CNX

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

## YGN TO DAC

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

## MDL TO DMK

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

## ICN TO YGN

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

## KUL TO YGN

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

## KMG TO YGN

Flight no.	Dep	Arr	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

## TPE TO YGN

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

## PEK TO YGN

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

## HAN TO YGN

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

## SGN TO YGN

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

## HKG TO YGN

Flight no.	Dep	Arr	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

## DOH TO YGN

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

## CNX TO YGN

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

## DAC TO YGN

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

## DMK TO MDL

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



# INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS SCHEDULE

## AIRLINE CODES

8M = Myanmar Airways International  
BG = Biman Bangladesh Airlines  
MH = Malaysia Airlines  
MU = China Eastern Airlines  
NH = All Nippon Airways  
SQ = Singapore Airways  
PG = Bangkok Airways  
UB = Myanmar National Airlines  
VN = Vietnam Airline  
3K = Jet Star  
AI = Air India  
CI = China Airlines  
DD = Nok Airline  
KA = Dragonair  
MI = Silk Air  
TG = Thai Airways

AK = Air Asia  
CA = Air China  
CZ = China Southern  
FD = Air Asia  
KE = Korea Airlines  
QR = Qatar Airways  
TR = Tiger Airline

DAY

1 = Monday  
2 = Tuesday  
3 = Wednesday

4 = Thursday  
5 = Friday  
6 = Saturday  
7 = Sunday

MDL TO SIN				SIN TO MDL				MDL TO BKK				BKK TO MDL			
Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days	Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days	Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days	Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
MI-533	15:20	20:15	2	MI-522	11:00	12:50	2,6	PG-710	14:05	16:30	Daily	PG-709	12:00	13:20	Daily
MI-522	13:40	20:15	2,6	MI-533	11:00	14:25	2	MDL TO KMG				KMG TO MDL			
MDL TO KMG				KMG TO MDL				NYT to BKK				BKK TO NYT			
Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days	Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days	Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days	Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
MU-2030	14:05	16:45	Daily	MU-2029	13:20	13:15	Daily	PG-722	20:25	22:35	2	PG-721	18:25	19:35	2
PG-722	19:30	22:30	1,2,3,4,5,7	PG-721	17:00	19:00	1,2,3,4,5,7								

## 'Lazy mosquitoes' mean more women than men get chikungunya: scientists

LONDON — "Lazy mosquitoes" are the reason why women, who tend to spend more time at home than men, are more likely to be infected by chikungunya, a painful mosquito-borne viral disease which spreads the same way as Zika, researchers said on Monday.

Chikungunya, which is commonly transmitted by the daytime-biting aedes aegypti mosquito, can cause debilitating symptoms including fever, headache and severe joint pain lasting months.

A new study, published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, analyzed a 2012 outbreak of chikungunya in the Bangladeshi village of Palpara, around 100 km (60 miles) from the capital Dhaka.

The study said more than a quarter of cases were spread within the same household, while half of infections occurred in households less than 200 metres away, creating small clusters



A nurse takes the temperature of a patient showing chikungunya-like fever symptoms in Villa San Francisco on the outskirts of Tegucigalpa in 2014. PHOTO: REUTERS

of the disease.

Because infected mosquitoes did not like to travel far, Bangladeshi women, who spend two thirds of the day at home, were 1.5 times more likely to develop chikungunya than men who spend less than half their time at home during the day.

"It appears that mosquitoes are very lazy," Henrik Salje, the research leader from Johns Hopkins Uni-

versity Bloomberg School of Public Health, said in a statement.

"They bite someone in a household and get infected with a virus and then hang around to bite someone else in the same home or very nearby. The extra time women spend in and around their home means they are at increased risk of getting sick."

The disease occurs in

Africa and Asia, but cases have also been reported in Europe and the Americas.

The study said while there was no vaccine and little treatment available for diseases such as chikungunya, Zika, dengue and yellow fever, which are all transmitted by the aedes aegypti, knowing where outbreaks were likely to be clustered could help in slowing them.

"We don't yet have a very good toolbox for fighting these diseases," Salje said.

"But once we do, this research tells us how we could trigger a response and tailor our interventions — particularly in rural communities — to those at the greatest risk, and those people are the ones who spend the most time in and around their homes."

The researchers said that coils designed to repel mosquitoes did not help stop chikungunya transmission in the Palpara region. —Reuters

## Antibody that 'neutralises' Zika virus identified

WASHINGTON — Scientists, including one of Indian origin, have identified a human antibody that may reduce Zika infection, paving way for a vaccine against the virus which is believed to cause serious birth defects in babies.

The antibody, called ZIKV-117, markedly reduced infection by the Zika in a mouse model and also protected the foetus in pregnant mice infected with the virus. Zika is believed to cause microcephaly, unusually small heads, and other congenital malformations in children born to infected women.

Similar protection studies in primates are warranted, and if the findings hold up, ZIKV-177 could be developed as a protective antibody treatment for pregnant women at risk of Zika infection, the researchers concluded.

The findings may also aid efforts to develop an effective anti-Zika vaccine, said James Crowe Jr, from the Vanderbilt University

Medical Centre in the US.

"These naturally occurring human antibodies isolated from humans represent the first medical intervention that prevents Zika infection and damage to foetuses," said Crowe.

"We're excited because the data suggests we may have antibody treatments in hand that could be developed for use in pregnant women," he said.

"The remarkable potency and breadth of inhibition by ZIKV-117 has great promise, as it was able to inhibit infection by strains from both Africa and America in cell culture and in animals, including during pregnancy," said Michael S Diamond from Washington University. Zika is a mosquito-borne virus that has emerged as a global public health threat. In addition to its association with congenital birth defects, Zika has been linked to Guillain-Barre syndrome, a neurological disorder that can lead to paralysis and death. —PTI





Members from a migrant workers group protest against British banker Rurik Jutting outside the High Court, during his double murder trial in Hong Kong, China, on 8 November 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

British banker jailed for life for grisly Hong Kong double murders

HONG KONG — A British banker was jailed for life on Tuesday for the grisly murders of two Indonesian women whom he tortured and raped in his luxury Hong Kong apartment and confessed to killing.

Rurik Jutting, 31, a former Bank of America employee, had denied murdering Sumarti Ningsih, 23, and Seneng Mujiasih, 26, in 2014 on grounds of diminished responsibility due to alcohol and drug abuse and sexual disorders. He had pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of manslaughter in a case that gripped world media due to graphic video footage seen by the jury and the brutality of the killings.

The jury unanimously found him guilty of murder.

Cambridge-educated Jutting, wearing a blue shirt, looked down and showed no emotion when the verdict was read out in an open courtroom, packed with journalists.

It took the jury, made up of four women and five men, around six hours, including a lunch break, to reach its decision.

In a statement read by defence lawyer Tim Owen, Jutting, the grandson of a British policeman in Hong Kong and a lo-

cal Chinese woman, expressed sorrow.

“The evil can never be remedied by me, nevertheless... I am so sorry. I am sorry beyond words,” Jutting said in the statement.

The defence team argued that Jutting’s cocaine and alcohol disorders as well as personality disorders of sexual sadism and narcissism had impaired his ability to control his behaviour.—Reuters

Israeli court jails 14-year-old Palestinian attacker for 12 years

JERUSALEM — An Israeli court sentenced a 14-year-old Palestinian boy to 12 years in prison on Monday for his part in a stabbing attack that wounded two Israelis in October last year.

The boy, named by Palestinian officials as Ahmed Manasra, carried out the attack in an Israeli settlement north of Jerusalem along with his 15-year-old cousin. The cousin was shot and killed by an Israeli passerby, while Manasra was wounded. It was one of the first stabbings in a months-long wave of violence that caused alarm across Israel. The attack seriously wounded a 12-year-old Israeli boy who was riding on his bicycle and lightly injured a man. Both have recovered.

At the time, the incident caused widespread controversy because the Palestinian authorities accused Israel of killing both attackers. They subsequently discovered that the younger boy, sentenced on Monday, was still alive and being treated for his injuries in an Israeli hospital.

In passing sentence, the Jerusalem District Court barred the naming of the boy because he is a minor. But his identity has already been exposed by Israeli authorities and the Palestinian Prisoners’ Association issued a press release naming him.

Over the past year, Palestinians, many acting alone and often using rudimentary weapons, have killed at least 35 Israelis and two visiting Americans in similar attacks. During the same period, at least 226 Palestinians have died in violent incidents in the West Bank, East Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip. Of those, Israel has identified 154 as assailants, while others were killed during clashes and protests. Palestinians have accused Israeli police and soldiers of using excessive force in many cases, saying the assailants could have been stopped or detained without being shot and killed.

Israel has opened investigations into several incidents. Palestinian leaders say the assailants are acting out of desperation over the collapse in 2014 of peace talks and the expansion of Israeli settlements on occupied land that Palestinians seek for an independent state.—Reuters

THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRICITY AND ENERGY  
MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE  
( INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER )  
( 14 / 2016 )

Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in United States Dollars and Myanmar Kyats.

Sr.No	Tender No	Description	Remark
(1)	IFB-064(16-17)	Assorted Sizes of Casing Centralizer (4) Items	US\$
(2)	IFB-065(16-17)	Spares for Aspro Compressor (89) Items	US\$
(3)	IFB-066(16-17)	Spares for Synchronizing Panel Ex Gas Generator (14) Items	US\$
(4)	IFB-067(16-17)	Spares for Rotary Swivel (Wash Pipe & Packing) (5) Items	US\$
(5)	IFB-068(16-17)	Spares for ZJ 50D Drawwork (71) Items	US\$
(6)	DMP/L-014(16-17)	Electrical Spares (3) Items for ZJ 50D Sr-I Rig	Ks

Tender Closing Date & Time - 7-12-2016, 16:30 Hr

Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 12<sup>TH</sup> October, 2016 at the Finance Department , Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No(44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS  
MYANMA RAILWAYS  
INVITATION TO OPEN TENDER

1. Open Tenders is invited for supply of the following items in Euro:

Sr No	Tender No	Description
1.	12(T)20/MR	Spare Parts for CAT Engine (55) items 2016-2017

Closing Date & Time - 7.12.2016 (Wednesday) (14:30) Hrs

2. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 7.11.2016 during office hours and for further detail please contact : Deputy General Manager Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Corner of 51<sup>th</sup> Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon. Phone: 95-1-291985, 291994

Mexicans on US border fear economic catastrophe if Trump wins

TIJUANA/NOGALES, (Mexico) — Mexicans on the US border anxiously awaited the outcome of the US presidential election on Tuesday, plagued by fears of economic disaster if Republican Donald Trump wins and tries to choke local industry, isolate the country and deport millions.

Trump’s campaign has been one of the most unpopular in living memory in Mexico, ranging from stinging verbal attacks on its migrants, threats against its trade agreements, to his repeated vows to seal off the country behind a huge border wall that he insists Mexico will pay for.

Nowhere has the bad-tempered contest been felt more acutely than in the Mexican cities straddling the US border, which hundreds of thousands of people cross for work every day, and acts as a bridge for \$500 billion (403 billion pounds) in annual bilateral trade. Trump launched his bid accusing Mexico of sending rapists and drug peddlers across the border, prompting the government to accuse him of stirring up hatred and fanning concerns on the border that racial prejudice is becoming more acceptable.

The tycoon says he could scrap the North American Free Trade Agreement that took effect in Mexico, the United States and Canada in 1994, and he has threatened to impose tariffs of up to 35 percent on Mexican-made goods to help US industry.

“We’re very worried. We know what Donald Trump is looking to do, which is limit the imports, he wants to manufacture everything in the States,” said Marcello Hinojosa, president in the border city of Tijuana of industry group Canacintra.

“But this has been analysed by both the United States and by Mexico and it’s suicide for both countries.” Mexican business leaders say about 40 per cent of the average Mexican factory export is made of US content and argue the two manufacturing sectors are so closely intertwined that it is impossible to take steps against one without damaging the other. Trump, who polls show trailing Democratic rival Hillary Clinton in a tight race, says Mexico is “killing” the United States on trade. However, commerce between the two has grown much faster than their respective economies since NAFTA, World Bank and US data show. Mexico sends more than 80 per cent of its exports to the United States, and the US Chamber of Commerce says roughly 6 million American jobs depend on trade with Mexico.

Trump has also blasted US companies for investing in Mexico, which houses billions of dollars worth of manufacturing plants, especially around Mexico’s northern border. Trump blames the Mexican factories for jobs losses in the United States.—Reuters





A Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) ranger stacks elephant tusks, part of an estimated 105 tonnes of confiscated ivory to be set ablaze, on a pyre at Nairobi National Park near Nairobi, Kenya, on 20 April 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

# Seized ivory comes almost exclusively from recent poaching

JOHANNESBURG — Seized illicit shipments of elephant ivory are almost entirely made up of tusks from recently poached animals rather than siphoned from government stockpiles, scientists using a forensic technique reported on Monday.

There has been speculation that some ivory making its way illicitly between Africa and Asia has been illegally diverted from state stockpiles, which are collected from domestic seizures and animals that have died naturally in the wild.

But the study, published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America, found that 90 per cent of the ivory in 14 large seizures between 2002 and 2014 came from animals that had died less than three years before the tusks were confiscated.

The findings show that high-profile environmental campaigns, international treaties and millions of dollars of aid and NGO funds over decades have failed to solve a poaching crisis in Africa, where tusks from slain animals are quickly finding their way to market.

“We find no evidence that long-term government or other stockpiles have been contributing significant amounts of ivory to the illegal ivory trade, emphasizing that poached ivory is being rapidly moved into the illegal trade,” the authors of the study wrote.

The lag time between killing and confiscation was generally between six and 35 months, with ivory from east Africa making it into shipments faster, the study said.

The authors, using a radiocarbon dating technique known as Carbon-14, found that, of 231 ivory specimens examined, only one came from an animal that had expired longer than six years beforehand.

“We had assumed older ivory from stockpiles was leaking into trade, particularly from more corrupt countries. This study shows that’s not the case. The source is from freshly poached elephant,” said Liz Bennett, vice president of species conservation at the US-based Wildlife Conservation Society.—*Reuters*

## Weaker Venezuela, wary US will test Nicaragua’s re-elected leader

MANAGUA — After clinching a third straight term by a landslide, Nicaragua’s president faces headwinds from an economic crisis in financial ally Venezuela and increasingly rocky relations with top trading partner the United States.

Boosted by a robust economy, former Marxist guerrilla leader Daniel Ortega won over 72 per cent of the vote in a final count, buoyed by robust growth and a sharp decline in poverty on his watch, neutralising critics who allege he is setting up a family dynasty.

That bonanza for the second poorest nation in the Americas was in part the result of a thaw in ties with Cold War foe the United States that allowed trade and investment to blossom, and billions of dollars that have flowed from socialist fellow traveller Venezuela.

Now both pillars of support are on shaky ground. Washington harshly criticized Ortega’s “flawed” victory on Monday, and a law under discussion in the US Senate seeks to sanction Nicaragua unless it improves its record on human rights and democracy.

The outcome of Tuesday’s US election is likely to further affect ties and trade. While Republican candidate Donald Trump is arguably the bigger threat to Nicaragua, with policies seen as isolationist and anti-Latino, Democratic rival Hillary Clinton is cooler on trade pacts than her predecessors.

In Venezuela, economic and political turmoil is jeopardizing millions of dollars in annual loans.

Venezuelan financial support to Nicaragua plunged 37 per cent in the first half of the year following a cut of almost 40 per cent to \$300 million (£242.05 million) in 2015, central bank figures show.—*Reuters*



Daniel Ortega, Nicaragua’s current president and presidential candidate from the ruling Sandinista National Liberation Front, holds hands with his wife and vice presidential candidate Rosario Murillo after casting their vote at a polling station during Nicaragua’s presidential election in Managua, on 6 November 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**  
**MV TRUONG PHAT 01-ALCI VOY. NO ( - )**  
Consignees of cargo carried on MV TRUONG PHAT 01-ALCI VOY. NO ( - ) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 9.11.2016 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of MIPL where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.  
Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim’s Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.  
No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.  
**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT**  
**MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**  
**AGENT FOR: M/S DUCK YANG ULC CO LTD**  
**(KOREA)**  
Phone No: 2301191, 2301178

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**  
**MV IRRAWADDY STAR VOY. NO ( )**  
Consignees of cargo carried on MV IRRAWADDY STAR VOY. NO ( ) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 5.11.2016 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.  
Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim’s Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.  
No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.  
**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT**  
**MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**  
**AGENT FOR: M/S CONTINENTAL SHIPPING**  
**LINES**  
Phone No: 2301185

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**  
**MV MERATUS GORONTALO VOY. NO ( )**  
Consignees of cargo carried on MV MERATUS GORONTALO VOY. NO ( ) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 9.11.2016 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.  
Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim’s Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.  
No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.  
**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT**  
**MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**  
**AGENT FOR: M/S YANG MING LINE**  
Phone No: 2301185



## Cyrus, Hemsworth stepped out together at friend's art show

LOS ANGELES — Singer Miley Cyrus and her actor boyfriend Liam Hemsworth stepped out together to attend the grand opening of their friend Vijat Mohindra's first solo photography exhibition.

The couple, who have only made a handful of public appearances since rekindling their romance earlier this year, clicked a number of selfies at the opening, which was held at the Museum, here, reported Entertainment Tonight.

The 23-year-old singer

donned a 1960s-inspired canary yellow dress with knee-length high white boots, while Hemsworth, 26, dressed down in a ballcap, a colourful jacket and black jeans.

Cyrus was also joined by her longtime friend Wayne Coyne, lead singer of the Flaming Lips and his girlfriend, Katy Weaver.

"So proud of my mega photographer/friend @vijatm on his first solo gallery exhibition!" Cyrus wrote alongside a group picture she shared on Instagram.—PTI



Cyrus, Hemsworth.  
PHOTO: REUTERS

## Rapper Jeezy beats Kenny Chesney to top Billboard album chart

LOS ANGELES — American rapper Jeezy edged past country veteran Kenny Chesney to take the No.1 spot on the Billboard 200 album chart on Monday with his new release "Trap or Die 3."

According to figures from Nielsen SoundScan, Jeezy's album sold some 89,000 copies in its first week, less than 1,000 more than Chesney's "Cosmic Hallelujah" at 88,000.

In a closely fought race for the top spot, rapper Meek Mill's "DC4" landed at No.3 in its debut week, with 87,000 copies.

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

The new releases pushed Lady Gaga's "Joanne" off last week's top spot and back into 5th place.

In the digital songs chart, which measures online single sales, The Chainsmokers' catchy pop single "Closer," featuring Halsey, continued its hold at No.1 for a 13th non-consecutive week, selling 71,000 copies.—Reuters

## Booker finalist Thien wins top Canada fiction prize

TORONTO — Man Booker Prize finalist Madeleine Thien on Monday won Canada's Giller Prize, the country's richest fiction award, for "Do Not Say We Have Nothing", about a young woman's flight from China after the Tiananmen Square protests.

The C\$100,000 (\$74,700) prize was awarded in Toronto by a five-member jury.

The jury wrote that they were entranced by the book's "detailed, layered, complex drama of classical musicians and their loved ones trying to survive two monstrous insults to their humanity: Mao Zedong's Cultural Revolution in mid-twentieth century China and the Tiananmen Square massacre."

The book had also been nominated for the Booker Prize, but last month lost out to American Paul Beatty's "The Sellout", a biting satire on race relations in the United States.—Reuters



Author Madeleine Thien poses for photographs during a photo-call in London for the six Man Booker shortlisted fiction authors, on the eve of the prize giving in London, Britain, on 24 October. PHOTO: REUTERS

## Darkness brews as 'Fantastic Beasts' push magical world into new era

NEW YORK — "Harry Potter" fans will be welcomed back to the wizarding world next week with cute and mischievous magical creatures causing havoc in New York City in "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them," but there's deeper, darker unrest in the magical world.

"Fantastic Beasts," opening in theaters on 18 November, is the first of five new films from "Harry Potter" author J.K. Rowling, penned exclusively for the big screen and preceding the Potter

stories by around seven decades.

Set in 1926, the new film centers on Oscar-winning Eddie Redmayne's Newt Scamander, an introverted "magizoologist" who arrives in Manhattan with a case full of magical creatures that quickly escape.

Oscar-winning British actor Redmayne, 34, said he and Rowling had a "riveting" discussion on the quirks and mannerisms that would define Scamander.

"Getting the opportunity to talk to an author about where their

characters come from is so unique. And for her Newt comes from a really personal place, actually," Redmayne told Reuters.

"It was really lovely to hear about his genius in her imagination," he added. Warner Bros' "Fantastic Beasts" begins with newspaper headlines documenting the growing power of a dark wizard named Gellert Grindelwald and fear and unrest among the magical community. It echoes the rise of the dark wizard Voldemort in Rowling's Potter stories.—Reuters



People gather for a global fan event to preview the film "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" at Cineworld IMAX at Leicester Square in London, Britain, on 13 October 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS





Photo taken on 7 November 2016 shows the launching ceremony of the third China-Viet Nam Youth Festival at the Huu Nghi International Border Gate in Lang Son Province, Viet Nam. PHOTO: XINHUA

## Chinese, Vietnamese youths hold third festival to strengthen understanding, friendship

HANOI — About 1,000 Chinese youths and over 9,000 Vietnamese young people kicked off the third China-Viet Nam Youth Festival on Monday to strengthen understanding and friendship between their two countries.

The Festival, under the theme “Vietnamese and Chinese Youths Join Hands in Fostering Friendship,” features various activities in Hanoi and six northern Vietnamese provinces.

Major activities include the youths’ participation in environmental protection and sustainable development, as well as cultural identity preservation and tourism development.

The event was launched at the Huu Nghi International Border Gate in Lang Son province, some 130 km north of Hanoi by the Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union and the Communist Youth League of China Central Committees.

Nguyen Manh Dung, Standing Secretary of the Central Committee of the Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union, said the youth gathering helps increase mutual trust and understanding between the two countries’ young peoples and has now become a friendly bridge in bilateral people-to-people exchanges. On Thursday the Chinese representatives will go to Hanoi to join an art performance and closing ceremony of the festival.—*Xinhua*

## Ritz-Carlton Hotel to open in Nikko resort north of Tokyo in 2020

TOKYO — A Ritz-Carlton hotel will open in the resort city of Nikko, north of Tokyo, in the summer of 2020, aiming to attract affluent foreign tourists, its operators said Monday.

Ritz-Carlton Hotel Nikko will be the sixth in Japan to open under the luxurious hotel brand run by US hotel chain Marriott International Inc., which will run it with Tobu Railway Co.

The city of Nikko in Tochigi Prefecture is known for hosting a UNESCO World Heritage site including such historical buildings as the Nikko Toshogu shrine.

The four-story building with 94 guest rooms, open-air hot spring bath and spa is located by the Lake Chuzenji on a 19,000-square-metre site where a hotel run by Tobu Railway was closed in January.

The size of a guest room will be at least 50 square metres.

Tobu Railway President Yoshizumi Nezu said, “We would like to attract tourists from all over the world to come to Nikko.”

He expressed hope that the hotel will also help promote tourism in the northern Kanto and Tohoku regions.

Existing Ritz-Carlton hotels in Japan are in Tokyo, Osaka, Kyoto and Okinawa. The fifth one will open in the northern resort of Niseko in Hokkaido, also in 2020.—*Kyodo News*

## Universal Studios Japan visitors surpass 150 million in 16 years

OSAKA — Universal Studios Japan in Osaka has drawn more than 150 million visitors in 15 years and seven months since opening in March 2001 due partly to the introduction of new rides and attractions, park operator USJ Co. said Monday.

The US-originated Hollywood movie amusement park greeted its 100 millionth visitor 29 October, 2012, and another 50 million visitors in the following four years.

In comparison, the Tokyo Disneyland amusement park near the capital attained 150 million visitors in 11 years and four months since opening in April 1983.

USJ’s “Harry Potter” area which opened in 2014 based on the popular Harry Potter film series has been proven attractive both for Japanese and non-Japanese visitors. The family-oriented Universal Wonderland area, which opened in 2012, has attracted parents and children. Limited-time events like Halloween are drawing many female visitors.

USJ drew a record of 13.9 million visitors in fiscal 2015 and hit the highest monthly figure of 1.76 million last month.—*Kyodo News*

## Greek, Turkish Cypriots open restored monastery as leaders meet in Switzerland

APOSTOLOS ANDREAS (Cyprus) — Cypriot Greek and Turkish communities on Monday opened the newly restored Apostolos Andreas monastery — a jointly funded project — as the island’s two leaders met in Switzerland for talks on a conflict that has defied mediation for decades.

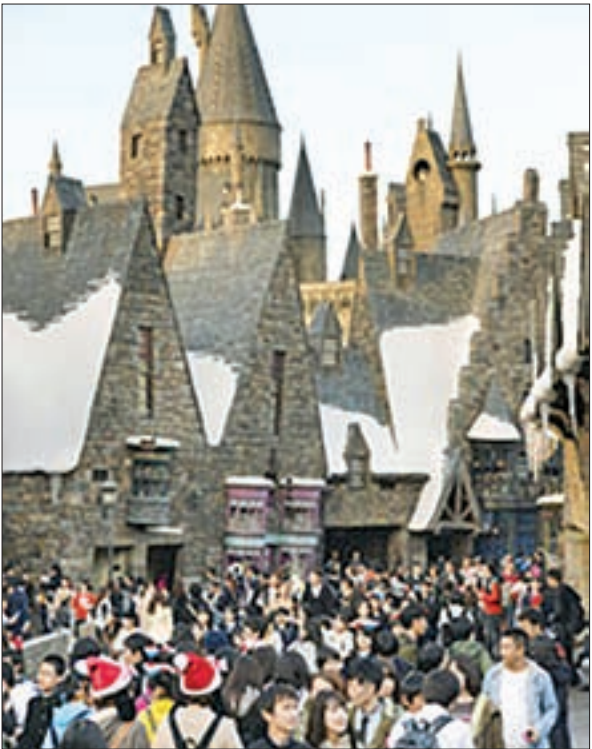
The 5 million euro (\$6 million) project began in 2014 on the two-story sandstone monastery dedicated to St Andrew, one of the first followers of Christ, which is built on jutting rocks at the tip of a needle-shaped peninsula.

The money came from Evkaf, a Turkish Cypriot religious foundation, and the Church of Cyprus, with a small contribution from USAID, a US overseas aid agency.

“Completion of the renovation project by Greek and Turkish Cypriots offers a message of hope,” Cypriot President Nicos Anastasiades said in a tweet.

The monastery is built on the spot where, according to legend, Andrew’s boat ran aground on rocks during a missionary journey to Rome and natural spring water flows from the place where his staff hit the rocks as he came ashore.

Cypriots have made pilgrimages for centuries to Apostolos Andreas which is closer to Syria, 60 miles (100 km) across the Mediterranean, than to the island’s capital Nicosia, a three-hour trip by road.—*Reuters*



The “Harry Potter” area of Universal Studios Japan in Osaka is crowded with visitors in this file photo taken in November 2015. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

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WBO welterweight champion Jessie Vargas (L) of Las Vegas takes a hit from Manny Pacquiao of the Philippines during their title fight at the Thomas & Mack Centre in Las Vegas, Nevada, US, on 5 November 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

## Pacquiao returns to Manila and the real work of politics

MANILA — With another world title won, Filipino boxer Manny Pacquiao touched down in Manila on Tuesday keen to get back to the real work of politics.

The 37-year-old senator claimed the WBO welterweight title with a unanimous points victory over American Jessie Vargas in Las Vegas on Saturday, his first bout since April.

"I went back after the fight because there is still work at the office and I'm excited to get back to work," Pacquiao, wearing a flower garland, told reporters at the airport alongside Philippine National Police chief Ronald Dela Rosa. "So boxing is done, set aside for now, and just focus on work." The southpaw, winner of world titles in eight different

weight divisions and the first sitting senator to win a world boxing championship, has not ruled out fighting again.

The former congressman, who has a 59-6-2 win-loss-draw record, said after Saturday's bout that he would like a rematch with retired American Floyd Mayweather Junior who beat him last year.—Reuters

## Spanish court wants Neymar trial over Barcelona transfer

MADRID — Barcelona forward Neymar, his parents and two of the club's executives should stand trial for alleged corruption, Spain's High Court said on Monday as it wrapped up a fraud investigation into the Brazil international's transfer to the Catalan team.

The case stems from a complaint by a Brazilian investment group, DIS, which owned part of Neymar's transfer rights and which alleges it received less money than it was entitled to.

Investigating magistrate Jose

de la Mata of Spain's High Court said in a written ruling that the prosecution had 10 days to decide to go ahead or withdraw their claim — a formality that normally precedes the launch of a trial process.

Barcelona and Neymar's former club in Brazil, Santos, have come under fire for the way the transfer was completed in 2013.

Investigations have also centred on how Barca allegedly concealed an initial contract to poach the player two years earlier, in

2011.

DIS owned 40 per cent of Neymar's sporting rights when the player's transfer to Barca went ahead and claims Barcelona hid the real fee and kept it out of the loop in its dealings.

The club — which has already agreed to pay 5.5 million euros (\$6.1 million) to Spanish tax authorities in relation to the case — had initially said they paid 57.1 million euros for Neymar but later said the cost was nearer 100 million.—Reuters

## Federer can still be a threat, says Edberg

LONDON — Roger Federer has fallen outside the world's top 10 for the first time since 2002 but he could still win another grand slam title, according to former great Stefan Edberg.

While Andy Murray's rise to world number one was the main talking point of Monday's new ATP rankings, 17-times major champion Federer's slide to 16<sup>th</sup> was largely overlooked.

The Swiss ended his season in July in a bid to recover fully from knee surgery, although he is aiming to be fit for the Australian Open in January. At 35, however, logic suggests Federer's days

of challenging for silverware may be numbered. His last grand slam title came at Wimbledon in 2012. But former world number one Edberg, who has coached Federer, disagrees.

"I thought in the past years he would have won one, he was so close," six-times major champion Edberg told Tennis World.

"It becomes even tougher, he is not young any more but there is still hope. If there's one who can do it, it's Roger," the 50-year-old Swede added.

"But it will be an emotional challenge for him to come back next year."—Reuters



Switzerland's Roger Federer holds a gift given by Spain's Rafael Nadal on 19 October 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

## Ibrahimovic apologises to United fans for Arsenal suspension

LONDON — Manchester United's Zlatan Ibrahimovic has apologised to fans after picking up his fifth yellow card of the season against Swansea City in the Premier League on Sunday, which rules him out of their next game against Arsenal.

The 35-year-old, who scored twice in the 3-1 win over Swansea to help lift his team to sixth in the table, was booked for a tackle on midfielder Leroy Fer in the 76<sup>th</sup> minute at the Liberty Stadium and incurs an automatic one-game ban.

"I'm sorry I am suspended for the next game. I wish I wasn't as it's a game I really wanted to play in," Ibrahimovic told the club's website. (www.manutd.com)

"Every time I try to play my game by being strong, and going into the tackles, or whatever it is, I get a yellow



PHOTO: REUTERS

card... In England, the football is hard, it's physical."

He added he had not registered why he was booked as he was "too tired and did not hear (the referee)".

The Premier League resumes on 19 November, with fourth-placed Arsenal visiting Old Trafford for the weekend's early kick-off.—Reuters



## Barcelona appeal Messi yellow card for time wasting

BARCELONA — Barcelona have announced they will appeal the yellow card given to Lionel Messi during the team's 2-1 win over Sevilla on Sunday.

The Argentinian forward was booked during the second half of the La Liga game for time wasting as he attempted to put his boot back on after it had come off following a challenge from Sevilla's Steven N'Zonzi.

A statement from Barcelona read: "The club have presented an appeal against the yellow card that Leo Messi received on Sunday in the match against Sevilla at the Sanchez Pizjuan, which

Barca won 2-1 thanks to a goal from the Argentine." Barcelona coach Luis Enrique explained after the game that Messi's laces were broken due to N'Zonzi's foul and that is why the player could not put the boot back on immediately. Barca striker Neymar was also booked on Sunday and is one card away from a ban. Uruguay forward Luis Suarez will miss the team's home game against Malaga on 19 November after picking up his fifth yellow card of the campaign during the encounter at Sevilla, resulting in an automatic one-game suspension.—Reuters