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The Rakhine State government has sent aid to internally displaced persons who fled their villages and are now sheltered at temporary camps near Abujaya Village in Maungdaw Township. The Rakhine State government is planning to assist them in returning their homes after the security forces found out that more than 1,200 villagers from Dargyisar and Myawtaung villages are staying in tents, according to the Information Committee of the State Counsellor's Office. One hundred bags of rice, 100 viss of dried fish and 100 boxes of instant noodles were donated. PHOTO: INFORMATION COMMITTEE OF THE STATE COUNSELLOR'S OFFICE

## Truck driver killed in attack by combined force of KIA, TNLA & MNDAA

A truck driver was shot in the head and killed on Tuesday as he sat in his 12-wheeled vehicle, apparently caught in the crossfire during a conflict between a combined force consisting of the KIA, the TNLA and the MNDAA and government troops in north-eastern Shan State.

The driver was on the road between Lashio and Muse when he was fatally shot in the forehead. The Information Committee of the State Counsellor's Office said the man was 42 years of age, but did not release his name or hometown.

At the time of the truck driver's death Tuesday morning, government troops were attempting to clear the roadway from Kutkai from Namnai blocked with at least 18 vehicles, some of them empty, when they came under attack from the combined KIA, TNLA and MNDAA force. The State Counsellor Office's Information Committee said the fatal bullet was fired by the KIA, TNLA & MNDAA troops. The attack was intended to intimidate and frighten civilians from using the roadway, the government press release said.—*Myanmar News Agency*

## Police fires shots at suspected attackers in Maungdaw

A POLICE post in Maungdaw Township was forced to open fire at a group of people stalking the post late last night, according to the Information Committee of the State Counsellor's Office.

At about 12:50am yesterday,

an unidentified group gathered at the fence of the police post. Police fired shots at the group and later found the body of a man with a gunshot wound in the chest while conducting a clearance operation in the area.

The committee also said that

10 suspicious villagers were also detained in Buthidaung Township.

The No.3 Border Guard Police Force detained the 10 suspects for suspected involvement in violent attacks, including Adu Kardi.—*Myanmar News Agency*



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## Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

## MPs debate loans from JICA, KECF for infrastructure construction

MPs debated the issue of receiving loans from the Japan International Cooperation Agency-JICA and the Korea Economic Development Cooperation Fund yesterday at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

In her discussion, Daw Thet Thet Khaing, MP from the Dagon Constituency, supported a plan for construction of the Thanlyin Bridge-3 linking Yangon and southern districts, as the infrastructure would benefit socio-economic development in the areas.

However, she suggested the government implement necessary development projects in terms of the government-private cooperation partnership in the future without borrowing loans, and urged the government to



Daw Thet Thet Khaing.  
PHOTO: MNA

implement projects which are sine qua non, or essential, for development of the country with the use of loans from foreign countries.

Members of Parliament supported the use of loans for infrastructure development, which could result in better transportation and smoother flow of commodities.

For the construction of the Bago River Bridge and the Thanlyin Bridge, JICA will grant loans worth of over US\$31million with a low interest rate.

For the Twantay canal, the Korea Development Fund will grant US\$61.3 million. They supported the project and raised concerns to clarify the survey for water flow, traffic flow, bank erosion and sedimentation issues for sustainable maintenance of the canal system.—*Myanmar News Agency*

## Amyotha Hluttaw

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Amyotha Hluttaw, 3<sup>rd</sup> Regular Session Holds Its 5<sup>th</sup> Day Meeting



Dr Aung Thu.  
PHOTO: MNA

AFTER careful scrutiny, the Myanma Agriculture Development Bank disbursed agricultural loans to townships that are less than the targeted amount — only Ks1700 billion out of K1776 billion — originally allotted for this fiscal year, said Dr Aung Thu, Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock Breeding and Irrigation at Amyotha Hluttaw yesterday.

The lesser amount of loans was attributed to loans that were in arrears, officials said.

“There were Ks990 lakhs of 2014 monsoon loan arrears and K49 lakhs of 2015 monsoon loan arrears for the bank branch in Taungup township. With a view to achieving a better state without levying added interest on their loans and repaying debts in the designated periods,



Dr Zaw Lin Htut.  
PHOTO: MNA

dutiful farmers who paid loans for 2015 monsoon season were granted according to the acreage described in form 7”, Dr. Aung Thu said.

There were 10,546 farmers who were granted monsoon season loans, 691 of them in the Thandwe district. Bank branches in Thandwe and Gwa townships within Constituency 12 have disbursed monsoon season loans according to the acreage, if the applicants are in compliance with the prescribed rules and regulations.

The Union Minister said there were some delays in granting loans.

“Myanma Agriculture Development Bank is a state-owned bank with the capital investment of over Ks9billion. As the needed amount to disburse farmers amounted to



Dr Kyaw Than Tun.  
PHOTO: MNA

K1700 billion, it borrowed by the payment of interest from the Myanma Economic Bank. Depending upon the amount received from MEB, MADB’s disbursement has been found to delay, so the new set-up of the bank is underway for a smooth process.”

Afterward, Dr Aung Thu replied to questions raised by U J Yao Wu of constituency 1, Kachin State, Dr Zaw Lin Htut, of constituency 9, Mon State, U Min Oo of constituency 6, Bago Region, Dr Kyaw Than Tun of constituency 3, Mandalay Region and Dr Khin Maung Win of constituency 11, Teninthari Region.

It is learnt that 6th Day Meeting of 2nd Amyotha Hluttaw 3rd Regular Session is to be held on 23 November.—*Myanmar News Agency*

## Pyithu Hluttaw

## Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives Ambassador of the Republic of Chile, EU Special Representative for Human Rights

U WIN MYINT, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw, received H.E. Mr. Javier Becker Ambassador of the Republic of Chile to Myanmar as well as Mr. Stavros Lambrinidis, European Union Special Representative for Human Rights and officials separately at Pyithu Hluttaw building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

At the meeting with Ambassador of the Republic of Chile, they discussed matters related to

promotion of bilateral cooperation.

During the meeting with the European Union’s Special Representative for Human Rights, they discussed matters on EU’s assistance in rule of law and reform of Myanmar Police Force, matters related to the Election Law, EU’s offer to giving assistance to humanitarian assistance and legislation of the parliament.—*Myanmar News Agency*



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint receives Ambassador of the Republic of Chile, EU Special Representative for Human Rights. PHOTO: MNA

## Pyithu Hluttaw session continues

ISSUES such as stay permits for foreign businessmen, printing currency notes with General Aung San’s portrait and protection of ethnic affairs and child labour were put forward to the Pyithu Hluttaw yesterday.

In his answer to a question on ethnic affairs, the Union Minister for Ethnic Affairs Naing Thet Lwin responded that the ministry will draft a by-law to protect the rights of ethnic people in collabora-

tion with region/state ethnic affairs ministers.

Some MPs also raised questions relating to the laws and by-laws for the promotion of departmental staff, stay permit extensions from three months/six months to one year for foreign businessmen, removal of toll gates nationwide apart from those gates necessary for security and printing new currency notes with General Aung San’s portrait in the place of lion and elephant drawings.

Regarding labour rights including the child labour issue and house helpers, the Union Minister for Labour, Immigration and Population U Thein Swe responded that the government is considering a law to give protection to domestic workers. However, actions can already be taken against child labour and torture under the Section 27 of the Law Amending the Ward or Village-tract Administrative Law and under the Section 65 (A) of the Child Labour law.—*Myanmar News Agency*



U Thein Swe. PHOTO: MNA



## State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meets EU's Special Representative for Human Rights



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi receives Mr. Stavros Lambrinidis, EU Special Representative for Human Rights. Photo: MNA

STATE Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs Daw Aung San Suu Kyi received Mr. Stavros Lambrinidis, EU Special Representative for Human Rights and his delegation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they exchanged their views on matters related to cooperation on human rights in the United Nations chapter, recent developments in Rakhine State and providing humanitarian assistance to people in need. —*Myanmar News Agency*

## Project For Upgrading Yangon Circular Train

Ko Moe

ACCORDING to U Tun Aung Thin, general manager of Myanma Railway, Ministry of Transport and Communication, process for upgrading Yangon Circular Train will commence in April, 2017, which was launched with a view to making passengers convenient and secure in traveling.

In meeting with the people in the area on November 21, U Tun Aung Thin said, "We will repair rails and build platforms, station buildings and bridges in addition to replacing coaches. And, arrangements are underway to relocate those whose buildings are to be removed for the project. Compensation and other subvention will be given out prior to their move to new locations. Especially special attention will be prioritized to the old, poor families, females and children."

He went on saying that there would be approximately some 34 places which would be harmed for upgrading Yangon Circular Rail. It is learnt that Myanma Railway will calculate the cost of crops and other losses including buildings not later than January 2017 before the advent of the project, and it will implement the resettlement before April 2007.

The circular rail will be 46 kilometer in length and 38 stations in all, with 90000 passengers every day before and only 73000 now per day, it is reported.

He said, "It is targeted at increasing up to 263000 per day in 2022 with from present speed of 15 kilometers per hour to 26—60 kilometers per hour in 2022.

Installation of doors with automatic traffic signal systems at 25 level-crossing and purchase of 66 coaches with diesel-operated engines will be implemented with the loan—Japan ODA loan.



A woman walks alongside the railways which will be repaired at a station in Yangon. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAH

## President receives outgoing Poland Ambassador



PHOTO: MNA

The Poland ambassador accredited to Myanmar H.E. Mr. Zenon Kuchciak, who had completed his tour of duty, called on President U Htin Kyaw at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. Also present at the meeting were Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint and other officials.—*Myanmar News Agency*

## Daw Aung San Suu Kyi addresses opening ceremony for 3<sup>rd</sup> Myanmar-EU Seminar on Human Rights

DAW Aung San Suu Kyi, State Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, made the opening address at a seminar on human rights between Myanmar and the EU yesterday morning at the office of the ministry of foreign affairs.

At the meeting, the State Counsellor said the experiences of both Myanmar and the EU would be valuable in finding a solution to long-existing problems.

"Protecting and upgrading human rights is based on consultation and cooperation. Myanmar believes that it is key to the process of democracy in im-

proving human rights, thus we will discuss ways and means to make effective co-operations in a broad way. Exchange of views on experiences and ways between Myanmar and EU is a collective performance, which will help to solve long-existing problems", Daw Aung San Suu Kyi said.

The seminar was co-chaired by U Kyaw Tin, the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, and Mr Stavros Lambrinidis, special representative on human rights for the European Union.

Present at the meeting were U Kyaw Moe Tun, director-general of the ministry of foreign

affairs, Mr Roland Kobia, ambassador of EU representative, high ranking officials of 11 respective ministries, top level officials of the EU and diplomats from embassies of the EU in Yangon.

In the discussion, rights for workers, land rights, matters on bilateral investment contracts and human rights, rights on refugees and illegal migrants, human-trafficking and related cases, the situation in Rakhine State, the rights of minorities in EU countries, religious intolerance and matters on protection from instigations were exchanged.—*Myanmar News Agency*



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi addresses the opening ceremony for 3<sup>rd</sup> Myanmar-EU Seminar on Human Rights at the office of the ministry of foreign affairs in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

## KIA, TNLA extort money from vehicles

COORDINATED armed groups comprised of KIA and TNLA soldiers extorted money from vehicles in Kutkai and Muse in northern Shan State, according to the State Counsellor Office's Information Committee yesterday.

The combined force of the KIA and TNLA numbering about 200 took hold of both sides of an uphill portion of the Pyihtaungsu

Expressway at milestone 338/3 near the village of Auknam-phon, 16 miles north of Kutkai, at about 3:30 pm on Monday by blocking the road with a 22-wheeled oil boxcar placed across the highway.

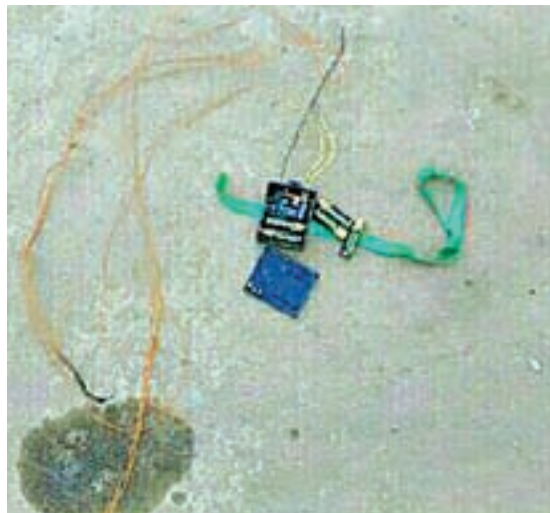
They collected money as part of a protection scheme ranging from Ks30,000 to Ks50,000 per vehicle, and left for Kaung-

kha and Manpyein villages.

At about noon on the same day, the Myanmar Police Force arrested Zaw Shan, alias Marti, 29, a member of KIA regiment 3, who had been sent to the Thein-thanchi Construction Company to deliver a letter informing the company to pay extortion money to the group.—*Myanmar News Agency*



## Bomb Explodes in Kaunghmuton, Muse



Parts of the handmade bomb are seen after explosion. (L) Unexploded motor round. (R)

A handmade bomb exploded in Muse at 8:45 pm on Monday and there were no injuries, according to the State Counsellor Office's Information Committee.

The explosion occurred at

about 8:45pm in a bush on a roadside in Panhmatnaing on the way to the Myoma Playground from the bypass next to Hona, Kaunghmuton Ward of Muse, hitting the wall of a house with small pieces of stones. No

one was harmed. Yesterday morning, security forces cleared the site, discovering 5 batteries connected to wires, prompting personnel to clear the area at about 10am.— *Myanmar News Agency*

## License to operate unregistered motorbikes will no longer be issued

LICENSES will no longer be issued for unlicensed motorbikes in Mon state, according to Mon State Road Transport Administration Department.

"Previously, we issued licenses for unlicensed motorbikes, but this year, we have no plan to issue licenses for the motorbike," said U Aye Thet, state officer of Mon State Road Transport Administration Department.

Mon State Road Transport Administration Department issued licenses for 1,991

motorbikes in 1999, 23,637 in 2004, 61,814 in 2008, 2,302 in 2009-2010, 65,046 in 2012 and 28,716 in 2014, according to the Mon State Road Transport Administration Department.

"The owners of unlicensed motorbikes which have been seized by traffic police had to pay 50 per cent of the street value as a fine starting in December 2015. After that, we issued licenses for the motorbike," said U Htay Shwe, Deputy Superintendent of No. 77 Motor Vehicle

Police Commander.

"We issued the licenses for only twelve of the seized motorbikes because the owners are burdened with the fines," he added.

The motorbike license allows operation only in Mon state.

The Mon State Road Transport Administration Department issued licenses for a limited number of motorbikes in accordance with union government rules and regulations.— *Myitmakha News Agency*

## Crime NEWS

## Yaba, pseudoephedrine and caffeine seized

SAGAING police seized 16,000 pseudoephedrine tablets and caffeine weighing 50 kilos from a vehicle driven by Tun Oo with Aung Naing Soe on board near Kantalu toll gate, Sagaing region on Monday.

On the same day, police from Kawthaung township station seized 800 yaba tablets and opium weighing 10 grams from the home of Bo Bo Lat, alias Bo Lat, in Aye Yeit Nyein ward, Kawthaung town. Police also arrested Aung Ko Ko, alias Nar

Gwin, who is reported to have even in contact with the drug sellers.

According to the investigation, police searched the home of Kyaw Myint, also known as Kyaw Kyaw Myint, and found 625 yaba tablets, Ks1.7 million in cash, a motorbike and a handgun with 19 bullets. Police have filed charges against all the suspects under the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Laws.— *Myanmar Police Force*



Bo Bo Lat (a) Bo Lat, Aung Ko Ko (a) Nar Gwin seen together with drugs. PHOTO: MPF

## Man charged with motorbike theft in Mon State

POLICE have charged a man on suspicion of a motorcycle theft after he failed to prove that the bike belonged to him.

Police searched the house of Kalar, also known as Moe

Wai, 20, at Hete Tan village and found Ks201,000, a gold ring and some new clothes. When interrogated, he admitted that he had stolen the a motorbike from Latpantaw village, Paung

township, Mon state.

The local police station is taking action against him under sections 380 and 54 of the Penal Code. — *Myanmar Police Force*

## Suspect admits planting improvised landmine on bridge in Maungtaw

MAMMUD KARSI, a suspect in the explosion that damaged one of three vehicles carrying border guards and government staff across Balli Bridge near Maunghnama (South) Village, Maungtaw Township on 12 November, admitted laying an improvised landmine on the bridge, according to the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.

The border guards and the government staff were on their way from No.1 Border Guard Police Force to Ngakhuya Outposts when the bomb exploded at about 11am on that day.

The suspect was detained by border guards and government troops when he entered Aungmingalar (Rakhine) Village. In the course of being questioned for breaking the curfew, he admitted planting the landmine with four others on 11 November and



Mammud Karsi.

PHOTO: C-IN-C OFFICE

detonating the bomb when he and another man saw a passing police convey on 12 November.

Action has been taking against the suspect and measures are being taken to detain abettors.— *Myanmar News Agency*

## Traffic returns to normality on Phakant-Karmai Road

THE State Counsellor Office's Information Committee released the news that security forces patrolling the security of the road and KIA armed group had a confrontation at 9:50 a.m today between the villages—Godluyan and Tadanyinaung in the village-tract of Kathmawzut.

For the safety of travelers local security forces temporarily stopped the traffic between the villages of Namya and Namtein. As confrontation ended after 10:45 p.m, traffic returned to the normal state. It is learnt that there were no casualties from both sides.— *Myanmar News Agency*

## KIA/ TNLA Coordinated Armed Groups Attack Muse Police Station

ON November 20, KIA/ TNLA coordinated armed groups attacked Muse Myoma Police Station at about 9 p.m with one 40 mm launcher bomb and fired 7 shots from afar, and the security forces cross-fired to drive them away.

In the fighting, there were no

damages on lives and properties.

According to the information committee of the State Counsellor Office, the government troops and police forces are clearing the area at the entrance and exit gates of the town by patrol teams.— *Myanmar News Agency*

## KOICA to build teacher training center

THE Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) will build a teacher training center in Yangon, it is learnt.

The teacher training center will be built at a cost of US\$11.5 million in the Information and Technology University Campus and should be operational by 2019, said an official from LOICA Myanmar.

The Ministry of Education and KOICA are discussing details for the project. They are planning

to focus on technical and vocation training and computer skills at the teacher training center.

"After construction of the school, a teacher from Korea will come to lead the instruction at the school. But later on, the teachers from the school will be Myanmar citizens. I hope that the courses will turn out qualified young students", said Mr. Yoo Jae Kyung, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.— *GNLM*



# LOCAL Business

## Hpa-an Industrial Zone attracts only two foreign firms in six years

ONLY two foreign firms have invested in Hpa-an Industrial Zone in Kayin State between 2010 and 2016, according to the Kayin State Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Those foreign firms from Thailand and Japan are joint-ventures with local entrepreneurs engaged in the garment and wool enterprises, it is learnt. Thai entrepreneurs recently visited the zone, but they conducted a study tour only to import their products rather than invest in the zone, officials said.

“If they invest in our country, more job opportunities will be created and local labourers will not need to work abroad”, said U Soe Thein, the vice chairman of Kayin State Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Foreign investors are interested in Kayin State to make investments, but a shortage of labourers and transportation

makes them hesitant to invest, U Soe Thein said.

“Kayin State has not seen much change in its economy. The Kayin State government will mainly focus on drug control and transportation facility,” he said.

There are 1,000 acres of land in the Hpa-an Industrial Zone, and the terms of the lease are 50 years, with the rent for an acre at Ks 25 million to Ks 40 million. Over 1,000 labourers are being employed at the zone, it is learnt.

There are three industrial zones in Kayin State: Hpan-an industrial zone, Myawady industrial zone and Phayathonzu industrial zone.

Myawady zone has attracted the largest amount of foreign investment in the state, according to the association.—*Myitmakha News Agency*

## Myanmar under discussions with U.S. to export straw mushrooms

DISCUSSIONS regarding mushroom exports is ongoing with the United States, said an official from the Myanmar Mushroom Cultivators and Distributors Association.

Myanmar is negotiating with the U.S. to export 100 tonnes of straw mushrooms annually. A company from China (Taiwan) is providing assistance in the discussions, said U Nay Win, the chairman of Myanmar Mushroom Cultivators and Distributors Association.

The discussions started in early 2016 and has not yet concluded, according to the association. The mushroom cultivation sector will be greatly enhanced when Myanmar's mushrooms penetrate the American market, he added.

The prevailing price of straw mushrooms is about Ks10,000 per viss. Mushroom production in Myanmar is enough for local consumption, according to the association.

If the new export market emerges, the production process will have to be upgraded since the traditional method of cultivation currently practiced would not be able to meet the export

demand nor meet the technical requirements in processing, said a mushroom researcher.

There was an earlier request to export straw mushrooms to China (Taiwan) in 2010. However, the production could not meet the demand, he said.

The mushroom growers are excited about the export market. The businessmen point out that the certificate and legal agreement is a must-have in export business, officials said. An exclusive variety of mushroom designated for export will be cultivated, according to the ongoing discussions. The processing will be conducted in a factory.

“If the importing company from America agrees to buy mushrooms under a contract, we can make efforts to meet the demand”, said Ko Aung Moe, a straw mushroom grower.

The Myanmar Mushroom Cultivators and Distributors Association was organized in 2006 under the Myanmar Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Producers and Exporters Association (MFVP).—*Myitmakha News Agency*



People look at an electronic board showing stock information at YSX in Yangon on 11 Nov. PHOTO: PHOE KHUAR

## MCB hits zero trading volume on 21 November at YSX

THE trading volume of Myanmar Citizens Bank (MCB) hit zero at Yangon Stock Exchange (YSX) on 21st November and share prices of First Myanmar Investment (FMI) and Myanmar Thilawa Special Economic Zone (MTSH) were on the decline, according to the stock trading data of YSX.

MCB has attracted not much interest compared to other two listed companies at YSX. The recorded lowest trading volumes of MCB were 22 shares on 16th November and zero on 21st No-

vember, whereas the highest stock trading price was Ks13,500 on 30th August.

FMI share trading price was stable at Ks16,500 in early November and slipped to Ks16,000 on 21st November, with a trading volume of 3,948 shares. Meanwhile the price of MTSH shares was Ks4,800 per share on 21st November, with a total trading volume of 13,470 shares.

Nevertheless, MCB managed to raise its share trading on 22nd November with a trading

volume of 122 shares at Ks9,400 per share. FMI traded 2,495 shares with a price of Ks16,000 per share and 16,840 shares of MTSH were traded on 22nd November, with a price of Ks4,700 per share, according to YSX.

First Private Bank is planned to commence its share trading in December after amendments of Memorandum and Article of association. The First Private Bank has reportedly submitted Disclosure Document for Listing at YSX, it is learnt.—*Mon Mon*

## Applications invited for low-cost apartments of Construction ministry starting from 28<sup>th</sup> November

A list of people who have saved a 30 per cent deposit to purchase low-cost apartments developed by the Construction Ministry has been released by the Construction and Housing Development bank branches (CHDB).

Those who are in accord with the prescribed rules are entitled to submit applications starting 28 November, according to an announcement released by the Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development under the Construction Ministry.

Those apartments were developed under 100-day plan of the Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development in Hlaingthaya and Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) townships, Yangon Region. Those who wish to purchase apartments have to make a down payment equal to 30 per cent of the apartment's value at

CHDB and have enough regular income to afford the monthly payments.

Those who have opened housing saving accounts at CHDB have to mail the applications to the director-general of the Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development, Nay Pyi Taw. The applications are available at Botahtaung Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development department and No. 40 in Nay Pyi Taw. The deadline for the applications is 30 December, according to an announcement from the aforementioned department.

The department initially planned to sell 2,200 units — 504 units from the Shwelinpan low-cost housing project, 846 units from Yuzana Part 1, Dagon (Seikkan) Township and 840 units from Kanaung housing from Dagon Seikkan Township.

The prices of the low-cost apartments range from Ks9.7million to 13.4million.

The CHDB extended the duration of mortgage payments from 8 to 10 years in a bid to help low-income people gain ownership of a house under a long-term loan mortgage plan. Efforts are also being made to fulfill the requirements of housing accommodation.

The CHDB offers mortgages on apartments with housing saving accounts which require a deposit of 30 per cent of the value of an apartment worth up to Ks30million and 50 per cent for an apartment worth above Ks30million. The CHDB will give priority to those who want to purchase apartments worth below Ks10million developed by the construction ministry with a down payment of 30 per cent only, it is learnt from the CHDB.—*Ko Htet*



## Thai lawmakers told to stand by as ascension date approaches

BANGKOK — Thai lawmakers have been asked not to leave the country next week, the head of parliament said on Tuesday, as a much-touted December date for Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn to ascend the throne draws near.



Thailand's Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn.

PHOTO: REUTERS

The death of King Bhumibol Adulyadej on 13 October at the age of 88 has left the Southeast Asian nation of 67 million people without a monarch, but Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha has made it clear that the king's only son and appointed heir, Prince Vajiralongkorn, will

inherit the throne.

Thailand is making preparations for the prince to ascend the throne on 1 December, Reuters reported in October. Pornpetch Wichitcholchai, head of the National Legislative Assembly, said lawmakers had been asked not to take leave between 28 November and 2 December and not to travel abroad or outside of the capital Bangkok over an upcoming long weekend holiday.

"3 December to 5 December are holidays and the government might have urgent legislation to raise or a special session might be called," Pornpetch told Reuters.

Pornpetch said that the assembly had not yet been ordered by the government to enact Article 23 of the constitution, which says that parliament will convene and invite the heir to the throne to become king and "proclaim such heir king".

Parliament needs a quorum in order to proclaim the new monarch.—Reuters

## M7.4 quake hits northeastern Japan, causing tsunami

TOKYO — A powerful earthquake struck northeastern Japan on Tuesday, briefly disrupting nuclear fuel cooling functions at an idled power plant and generating tsunami of over 1 meter in the region, which was devastated by a huge quake, tsunami and nuclear disaster five years ago.

According to the Japan Meteorological Agency, the magnitude 7.4 earthquake, which struck at 5:59 am, is believed to be an aftershock of the magnitude-9.0 earthquake in March 2011 that left more than 18,000 people dead or missing.

After Tuesday's quake, whose focus was about 25 kilometres under the Pacific Ocean seabed off Fukushima, a total 17 people were reported injured, three seriously, in Fukushima, Miyagi, Chiba and Tokyo, the Fire and Disaster Management Agency said. There were no reports of deaths.

Tsunami warnings following the quake prompted people to flee to higher ground. It was the first time since December 2012 that the agency had issued a tsunami alert due to an aftershock from the 2011 quake.

A tsunami measuring 1.4 meters was observed at Sendai port in Miyagi Prefecture, and a 1-meter wave hit the coast near the Fukus-



A tidal surge is seen in Sunaoshi River after tsunami advisories were issued following an earthquake in Tagajo, Miyagi prefecture, Japan, on 22 November 2016, in this video grab image released by Miyagi Prefectural Police via Kyodo. PHOTO: REUTERS

hima Daiichi nuclear power plant which was catastrophically damaged by the 2011 quake and tsunami.

Seventeen small boats were overturned at the ports of Higashimatsushima and Shichigahama in Miyagi Prefecture, apparently by tsunami, the Japan Coastal Guard said.

Some 13,000 people in coastal areas of Aomori, Iwate, Miyagi, Fukushima, Ibaraki and Chiba prefectures fled to evacuation centers before all tsunami

warnings and advisories were lifted by 1 pm, according to Kyodo News tallies.

Having experienced the 2011 quake-tsunami disaster, many people fled immediately after Tuesday's quake occurred, causing traffic congestion in some parts.

"The sound of sirens brought back memories of the huge earthquake (in 2011)," said Tomomi Nagakubo, 48, who drove by car to an evacuation center in Ibaraki Prefecture with

her 13-year-old son. A cooling facility for nuclear spent-fuel at the Fukushima Daiichi power plant's No. 3 reactor building temporarily stopped working, according to its operator Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings Inc. "I have been informed that it will not immediately lead to a radiation leak or an increase in the temperature of the fuel," the government's top spokesman Yoshihide Suga said in a press conference in Tokyo.—Kyodo News

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## Struggling Australian PM wins much-needed victory with labour bill

SYDNEY — Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, whose leadership has been questioned after a series of political setbacks, secured a much-needed legislative victory on Tuesday with the passage of one of the two bills he used to trigger an election this year.

Australia's Senate, which the government does not control, passed a labor bill in an early morning sitting that will see greater oversight of trade unions and employer organisations.

Turnbull has seen his poll numbers slide to their lowest levels since he assumed the leadership in September 2015, and his future as prime minister has been questioned by political commentators as public confidence in the country's fourth leader in



Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull.

PHOTO: REUTERS

the last six years erodes.

"The government called a double dissolution election on this issue. To end the year without delivery on its set piece reform would have been disastrous for the government," said Haydon Manning, professor of political science at Flinders University in Adelaide.

Turnbull narrowly

secured an election victory in July after he invoked rarely used powers to dissolve both houses of parliament after the upper house Senate repeatedly blocked government legislation on the two bills.

But he has struggled to implement his legislative agenda as his ruling conservative coalition is in the minority in the Senate, requiring Turnbull to win favour with many of the 11 independent senators to pass legislation.

Turnbull led negotiations on the labour bill with independent senators while in Peru this week attending the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation meeting, lawmakers told Reuters. The government continues to trail the opposition Labour Party, a Newspoll on Tuesday showed.

Economic management, a traditional strong point for the conservative government, is now being called into question.

Deloitte Access Economic on Monday forecast Australia's budget deficit to grow by A\$24 billion (\$17.69 billion) over the next four years - threatening the country's AAA credit rating.

Turnbull now plans to turn his attention towards another cornerstone piece of legislation, which would create a building industry watchdog. The bill was also twice rejected by the Senate in the lead-up to the 2 July election.

The vote for the building regulator in the final two weeks of the 2016 Senate is expected to be tight, one key Senator told Reuters.—Reuters



# Indonesian president moves to stop 'growth of radicalism'

JAKARTA — Indonesian President Joko Widodo said on Tuesday he was determined to “prevent the growth of radicalism”, apparently responding to rumours that Islamist extremists were planning protests to destabilise his government.

Officials say there has been mounting alarm within the government since more than 100,000 Muslims, led by hardliners, took to the streets of Jakarta on 4 November to demand the ouster of the capital's governor, a Christian, over alleged blasphemy.

National Police Chief Tito Karnavian warned on Monday that certain groups may try to storm parliament during rallies that are expected this Friday and on 2 December.

“There are hidden methods by certain groups to enter and occupy parliament... If (these actions) are intended to overthrow the government, that's a violation of the law,” Karnavian said, according to media.

Widodo has blamed “political actors” for fanning violence that erupted during the 4 November protest, though he has not named anyone.

Analysts have said opponents of Widodo, the first Indonesian president to have come from outside the political elite or military, are using the Islamic furore over the Jakarta governor to undermine him. Widodo held talks with a senior coalition partner on Tuesday, the latest in a series of meetings with top political, religious and military officials to signal the unity of his government and support from the security establishment.

“I want to emphasise the spirit of pluralism ... and the govern-



Indonesia's President Joko Widodo delivers a speech in front of parliament members at the House of Representative building in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 16 August 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

ment is determined to prevent the growth of radicalism in this country,” he told reporters after the meeting at the presidential palace.

Widodo has met repeatedly with the military and called for security forces to be on alert against further unrest.

He has also met with top politicians, including the leader of his backing party, Megawati Sukarnoputri, and opposition leader Prabowo Subianto. The three have jointly called for calm.

The trigger for the tension was a comment that Jakarta governor Basuki Tjahaja Purnama, the first Christian and ethnic Chinese in the job, made about his opponents' use of the Koran in political campaigning.

Indonesia has the world's largest Muslim population and is also home to sizeable Christian and Hindu populations.

Purnama, popularly known as Ahok, is running for re-election in February against two Muslim candidates, including the

son of former President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono. Widodo has been seen as one of the governor's main supporters.

Police have opened a probe into allegations Purnama insulted the Koran and questioned him on Tuesday. Prosecutors are expected to bring a case to court in the coming weeks. He could face up to five years in prison if found guilty.

Officials are also investigating a social media campaign calling for a run on banks on 25 November in protest over the government's handling of the complaint against Purnama, the police press relations department said on Twitter.

“It is our shared responsibility not to follow suggestions that are intended to inflict damage,” Finance Minister Sri Mulyani Indrawati told reporters on Monday, in response to a question about a possible run on banks. “...Economic recovery and stability are very important for the public.”—Reuters

## UNESCO-enlisted Boudhanath Stupa reopens in Nepal after earthquake

KATHMANDU — The Boudhanath Stupa, one of UNESCO-enlisted heritage sites in Nepal which was severely damaged by an earthquake last year, was reopened for public Tuesday after completing reconstruction.

Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal inaugurated the newly rebuilt 36-metre-tall Boudhanath Stupa at Boudha area of the capital city Kathmandu. Cabinet ministers, high-ranking government officials and foreign diplomats were present. The Prime Minister thanked the entire international community, including neighbouring countries China and India, for extending financial support to reconstruct the ancient Buddhist shrine.

The Boudhanath Stupa was the first heritage site to complete renovation after a devastating earthquake hit Nepal 19 months

ago, claiming over 9,000 lives and left thousand others injured and a lot of buildings damaged.

The reconstruction, which started only two months after the earthquake, took 17 months. The cost stood at 230 million Nepalese Rupees. Reconstruction of other heritage sites damaged by the earthquake was still underway or just in the early stage, authorities said. Buddhist monks performed purification rituals for the completion of the renovation on 18 November.

Boudhanath, the largest stupa in Nepal, is considered the holiest Tibetan Buddhist temple outside China's Tibetan Autonomous Region, making it the centre of Tibetan culture in Kathmandu.

Thousands of domestic and international visitors come to visit the shrine annually.—Xinhua

## Cambodian opposition lawmakers end 6-month boycott at parliament

PHNOM PENH — Cambodian opposition lawmakers on Tuesday attended their first parliamentary session in six months, ending their boycott.

Thirty-seven out of 55 lawmakers from the Cambodia National Rescue Party attended the plenary session of the National Assembly, citing the importance of engaging in a debate on the government's draft national budget for 2017. CNRP President Sam Rainsy and his deputy Kem Sokha were not among them.

Sam Rainsy faces arrest and imprisonment if he returns to Cambodia from abroad as he has been convicted in absentia of defamation and has been hit with several other lawsuits. Kem Sokha has been effectively confined to the party's

headquarters in Phnom Penh for several months due to a legal case involving his alleged mistress. He faces a five-month jail sentence for refusing summonses to appear in court. Earlier this month, a CNRP senator was sentenced to 18 months in jail after being convicted of defaming Prime Minister Hun Sen, while another CNRP senator was sentenced to seven years in jail over a Facebook posting.

The CNRP has accuses Hun Sen and his Cambodian People's Party of engaging in legal attacks on its lawmakers in an attempt to weaken the opposition party before communal elections in 2017 and a general election in 2018.

The government and the CPP deny that the legal moves are politically motivated.—Kyodo News

# South Korea, Japan endorse military intelligence sharing pact

SEOUL — The governments of South Korea and Japan on Tuesday separately endorsed a pact that allows the sharing of military intelligence in response to the growing threat posed by North Korea's nuclear and missile programmes.

South Korea's Defence Ministry said the pact, known as the General Security of Military Information Agreement, will be signed at 10 am Wednesday in Seoul. The complete text of the agreement will also be disclosed.

According to South Korean government officials, Defence Minister Han Min Koo and Japanese Ambassador Yasumasa Nagamine will ink the deal at the Defence Ministry.

It will go into effect immediately as it does not require parliamentary ratification.

President Park Geun-hye, who is at the centre of an influ-

ence-peddling scandal, was absent from Tuesday's Cabinet meeting where the endorsement was announced, but she endorsed it later in the day.

The meeting was instead presided over by Strategy and Finance Minister Yoo Il Ho, who doubles as deputy prime minister for economic affairs.

In Tokyo, Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told a press conference after a Cabinet meeting that the government “wants to work for an early signing” of the agreement, without commenting on the approval by the Japanese Cabinet.

Three South Korean opposition parties have strongly protested the deal with Japan and threatened to dismiss the country's defence minister if the government goes ahead with the signing.

Defence Ministry officials

defended the deal as benefitting national security and argued a domestic political crisis should not interfere with national security matters.

Negative sentiments still linger among the South Korean public about closer military cooperation with Japan, which colonized the Korean Peninsula from 1910 to 1945.

The two neighbouring countries reached an agreement to sign the pact earlier this month following the third round of working-level talks between foreign and defence ministry officials in Tokyo.

The two countries resumed the talks to sign the pact on 1 November after a lapse of four years.

In 2012, Japan and South Korea were ready to sign the agreement but Seoul postponed the process at the last minute due to a



Demonstrators stage a rally in front of government buildings in Seoul on 22 November 2016, against the South Korea-Japan General Security of Military Information Agreement. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

surge in domestic opposition stemming from Japan's colonial rule.

The GSOMIA is aimed at facilitating the exchange of military intelligence while preventing such information from falling into the hands of other countries.

Meanwhile, a statement given to the press on Tuesday's Cabinet meeting stressed the importance of the agreement in the face of the “grave situation posed by North Korea's nuclear and missile threats.”—Kyodo News



# Opinion

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# Law and Justice

Myint Win Thein

**L**AW is one thing and justice is another. No one should mistake the former for the latter. Justice means fairness in dealing with people, while law means rules, or the whole system of such rules, usually made by a government, that are used to guide the way in which a society behaves, according to the Cambridge Advanced Learner's Dictionary.

In the history of mankind,

people always demand justice. Instead, people always get one law after another or the amendment of one law after another. The problem lies in the fact that not all laws reflect justice. Laws are always enacted by a government or the ruling class in their own interest. Justice is meant for the entire society and it is universal. It is a concept accepted by the society as a whole. It is not what the ruling class

thinks is right. Sometimes, the ruling class mistakes laws for justice. They think that every law must be abided by everyone and everyone must avoid anything that is against the law. They take action against anyone who breaches a certain law or laws.

That is why ordinary people always demand justice while intellectuals are always talking about laws. On the other hand, a law will not be

always perfect without amendments. It will have to be amended in accordance with the time and circumstance. Therefore, it is important that all laws should reflect justice, because exercising or upholding old laws will not necessarily fit in a new circumstance. Parliaments have a very important role in amending or abolishing laws that are out-dated or that cannot truly represent justice.

# Occupational Competency Standards Based Training

Kyaw Win (Labour)

**I**N the working age population of Myanmar, there are many youths with educational attainments of just under middle school level who are no more attending schools. Many of them are working either in the traditional agriculture sector or are engaged in unskilled labour in the industrial or service sectors. Many more are either seeking employment within the country or going abroad to work because they hope to get better paid jobs and earn more money to support their families at home.

With the withdrawal of 'Sanctions' by EU and recently by USA, enactment of the new and better Myanmar Investment Law by the present Government, the efforts by the esteemed State Counsellor for the establishment of friendly relations with all countries, interest by foreign entrepreneurs to invest in Myanmar, there will surely be increasing investment in Myanmar by both foreign and National investors in the near future. The result will be that the very jobs the young people go abroad to fill, will soon be available within the country, with wages hopefully higher than at present. Occupational skills training of such youth would help them to find jobs that are better paid and more secure than casual unskilled jobs.

Most of such youths however don't have the minimum required educational qualifications, or the time and means to attend the regular courses at the public vocational training schools for acquiring occupational skills. Hence short term intensive occupational skills training courses targeted at youths of low educa-

tional attainment are needed to enable them to acquire practical skills for employment in the newly emerging mechanized agriculture sector, industry or services sectors in the expanding economy of the country.

Such training courses to be effective could be conducted, based on Occupational Competency Standards which are advocated by the Employment and Skills Development Law (2013). The standards for training sub-professional skilled workers have been set at four levels by the National Skills Standards Authority of the ESD Law. These levels reflect the levels of competencies of skilled workers adopted by most ASEAN countries. The level descriptors are as follows:-

### Level 1. (Semi skilled)

- Demonstrate basic knowledge by recall in a narrow range of area
- Perform basic or preparatory practical skills in a defined range of tasks
- Carry out routine tasks given clear direction
- Demonstrate understanding of safety requirements
- Receive and pass on information related to the work
- Access and record information related to the work
- Take limited responsibility for output of self

### Level 2 (Skilled)

- Demonstrate basic operational knowledge in a moderate range of area
- Perform practical skills in a range of varied tasks
- Demonstrate a prescribed range of functions involving known routines and procedures
- Perform tasks that involve some complex or non routine activities autonomously

or in collaboration with others as part of a group of team

- Receive and pass on information related to the work
- Access and record information related to the work
- Take some responsibility for the quality of outputs

### Level 3 (Advanced skilled)

- Demonstrate some relevant theoretical knowledge
- Apply a range of well developed skills
- Apply known solutions to a variety of predictable problems
- Perform tasks that require a range of well-developed skills with some judgment as required
- Interpret available information
- Take responsibility for own outputs
- Take limited responsibility for the work of others

### Level 4 (Supervisor/ Technician)

- Demonstrate understanding of a broad knowledge base, and apply some theoretical concepts
- Apply solutions to a defined range of unpredictable problems
- Identify and apply skills and knowledge to a wide variety of contexts
- Identify, analyze and evaluate information from various sources
- Understand and take responsibility for quality, safety and environmental issues
- Supervise the work of others
- Take limited responsibility for the quantity and quality of the outputs of others

Occupational Competency Standards set at the above four levels are designed to form a

career path which builds up skills and knowledge at a pace determined by the worker himself/herself. A job seeker may complete Level 1 and enter employment as a semi-skilled worker in an occupation. After acquiring the Level 1 Competency Certificate the worker may, through on the job experience, and off the job training for level 2, in the form of short courses, acquire the skills and knowledge required for Certification at Level 2 and so on up the career path. The worker need not feel trapped at one level without hope of higher level jobs. At level 4, there will be bridging courses and opportunities to pursue education and training up to the levels of Associate Professionals (Technicians) or Professionals. Short courses based on Occupational Competency Standards have to meet the learning outcomes commensurate with the standards, be it related to skills, knowledge or attitudes.

The Occupational Competency Standards are divided into areas of performance that are referred to as 'Competency Units'. Ideally each CU is complete in itself and can be learned and assessed at the learners own pace. For example the Occupational Competency Standards of say, Bricklayer Level 1 would comprise of the following 'Competency Units':-

1. Perform basic measurements
2. Use worksite tools
3. Apply basic leveling procedures
4. Mix specific type of mortar to be used
5. Lay bricks and blocks
6. Follow safety and health procedures
7. Practice house keeping
8. Receive and respond to

workplace communication

The CUs are again subdivided into 'elements' which are essentially 'tasks' with each 'element' having one or more 'performance criteria' which have to be met by the learner for performance to required standards. The Competency Units have a third component expressed as 'Range Statement' which enables contextualizing the tools and materials requirements to the concerned level as well as defining the range or extent of coverage of the Occupational Competency Standard. A fourth component of the CU is the 'Evidence Guide' which helps in the collection of 'evidences' to assess if the learner is 'Competent' or 'Not yet Competent'. Under the 'Evidence Guide' are the 'Underpinning Knowledge' and 'Underpinning Skills' requirements to assess competency.

The knowledge requirements expressed as 'Underpinning Knowledge' is confined to the basic and factual knowledge required for adequate performance at the required level. For example at level 1 which is the lowest level, the learner needs to be imparted the specific knowledge which will enable him or her to be able to perform the task or job to required standard.

As is mentioned in the level 1 descriptor, the worker has to work according to instruction given. Hence the level 1 learner need not be too burdened at this stage with theories and principles related to the occupation. That will gradually be introduced as the worker moves up the levels, with as much theoretical and conceptual knowledge as would be required, gradually from level 2 upwards.

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# Defence Services C-in-C holds talks with Chief of Royal Thai Armed Forces



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and General Surapong Suwana-Adth inspect Guard of Honour. PHOTO: MYAWADY

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing welcomed General Surapong Suwana-Adth, Chief of Defence Forces of Royal Thai Armed Forces, who arrived in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday at the invitation of the Senior General to pay a good will visit to Myanmar and to participate in the 4th High Level Committee Meeting.

General Surapong Suwana

was treated to a ceremonial welcome at the Zayathiri Beikman in Nay Pyi Taw by Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and they inspected together the honour guard.

Following the ceremony, they held talks over cooperation between the two armed forces in bringing about peace and stability and development in the border areas.

The meeting also focused

on anti-narcotic drug, quick response to terrorism and promoting the bilateral cooperation through exchange of sports teams and cultural troupes between the armed forces of the two countries.

In the evening, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing hosted a dinner in honour of the Thai military delegation.—*Myawady*

## KIA, TNLA & MNDAA combined troops blow up lorry carrying watermelons

A lorry carrying watermelons was destroyed by a combined force of the KIA, TNLA & MNDAA with firearms and bombs, according to the State Counsellor Office's Information Committee.

A 6-wheeled Hino truck — vehicle No. 3 B/4178 — with a load of watermelons on board bound for Muse from Mandalay was stopped by the coordinated armed group, making the driver and the conductor flee. The lorry was then blown up, it is reported.—*Myanmar News Agency*



Workers repair the truck which was attacked by KIA, TNLA & MNDAA troops. PHOTO: INFORMATION COMMITTEE OF THE STATE COUNSELLOR'S OFFICE

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In training persons in accordance with Occupational Competency Standards, the method of instruction need to be such that the learning outcomes regarding the skills, knowledge and attitudes are preferably 'meshed' together. In other words it would be best to impart the knowledge component closely linked to the skills and attitude component. Hence the 'underpinning knowledge', which is essentially 'knowledge required to support the performance', would preferably be imparted by the in-

structor during demonstration in the 'training location /resource room' instead of in a class room situation as is the case in many traditional vocational training schools. Demonstration of the task by the instructor is needed prior to practice by the trainee to help the learner to know and understand the procedure and the steps for task performance. It seems that some schools /centres consider 'demonstration' by the instructor as being 'lettwe' in the Burmese language. In fact the word 'lettwe' means repeated 'hands on' prac-

tice by the trainee. In practical training, the tasks have to be performed repeatedly by the trainee, under supervision of the instructor, until the skilled performance becomes a 'natural behaviour' so to speak, of the trainee. It's the only way one can actually acquire the 'practical skills' required for competent performance.

This means that a Competency Based Training Instructor is required to be able to demonstrate the skills himself/herself as well as guide and provide the trainee with appropriate feedback throughout the 'hands on' learning process. Hence, the Instructor, to perform

adequately, has to be himself/herself skilled in the occupation and to be trained in Instruction Methodology relating to CBT. The instructor needs also to be well versed in interpreting the Occupational Competency Standards of the Occupation for which he/she is an Instructor and develop curriculum and design training materials at the various levels of training in line with the Occupational Competency Standards.

As such systematic training of Competency Based Training Instructors is required before CBT can be effectively implemented. Having said that it's high-

ly likely that Donor agencies providing technical assistance regarding CBT to Government Organizations concerned are already providing such training with help of international experts assigned to the specific projects.

In this regard it would be helpful if Competency Based Instructor Training Courses are also organized, under a relevant project of the National Skills Standards Authority for Instructors of Enterprise Based Training such as Apprenticeship and In-house Training as well as Instructors of Private Training Centres contemplating switching over to CBT.

## MYANMAR GAZETTE

THE President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has transferred Rector Dr Myint Thein, Mandalay Technological University, Ministry of Education as Rector of Yangon Technological University from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed Deputy Director-General U Htay Hlaing, Immigration Department, Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population as Director-General, Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.—*MNA*

## U Kyaw Myo Htut presents credentials to Governor General of Canada

U KYAW MYO HTUT, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to Canada, presented his Credentials to His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada on 21 November 2016, in Ottawa.—*Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

## KIA, TNLA and MNDAA seriously wounds one civilian



PHOTO: INFORMATION COMMITTEE OF THE STATE COUNSELLOR'S OFFICE

A civilian was seriously wounded during attacks of the KIA/TNLA and MNDAA on 21 November, according to the Information Committee of the State Counsellor Office.

Aung Zaw Min, 42, was driving one of his friends on his motorbike at 8:45pm when he was injured by a light-weapon bullet fired by the armed groups near the Towerclock traffic light in Muse. He was hit in the chest and has been receiving medical treatments at Muse Hospital.—*Myanmar News Agency*

## 3 Company Employees Tortured, One Escapes

THE State Counsellor Office's Information Committee released the news that KIA, TNLA & MNDAA coordinated armed groups arrested 3 drivers working at the road construction site in the afternoon yesterday, and one escaped.

The three drivers working for the road expansion at Oriental Highway Toll Gate in Kutkai township—Win Htut Kyaw aged 27, Kyaw Zin Oo aged 26 and Tint Naing aged 30 were arrested by KIA, TNLA & MNDAA in the afternoon of November 21 while working, 16 miles far away from north of Kutkai. Out of them, Kyaw Zin Oo escaped with injuries tortured, being hospitalized at the private clinic in Lashio.—*Myanmar News Agency*



Kyaw Zin Oo. PHOTO: INFORMATION COMMITTEE OF THE STATE COUNSELLOR'S OFFICE



## Britain tells Trump: 'There is no vacancy' for Farage as ambassador to United States

LONDON — Britain on Tuesday dismissed US President-elect Donald Trump's unprecedented expression of support for Brexit campaigner Nigel Farage to be made British ambassador to Washington, saying pointedly that there is no vacancy for the job.

Trump, who after his election victory met Farage ahead of any EU leaders, said on Twitter that "many people" would like to see the former metals trader turned Brexit campaigner as Britain's ambassador.

"Many people would like to see @Nigel\_Farage represent Great Britain as their Ambassador to the United States. He would do a great job!" Trump said on Twitter.

Prime Minister Theresa May, who congratulated Trump on his victory, was swift to reject such an undiplomatic proposal.

"There is no vacancy," a Downing Street spokesman said when asked about Trump's remark on Tuesday. "We already have an excellent ambassador to the US."

It is highly unusual in the modern era for leaders to publicly suggest to foreign nations who they would like to see as ambassador.



European Parliament Nigel Farage speaks during a Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump campaign rally in Jackson, Mississippi, US, on 24 August 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Farage, leader of the UK Independence Party (UKIP) and one of the key figures of the successful referendum campaign for Britain to leave the European Union, spoke at a Trump rally during the US campaign and visited the president-elect after his victory.

"Brexit Britain means huge global opportunities. One of the first places the UK should start is in the US with Donald Trump," Farage, 52, said shortly after his meeting with Trump.

The photograph of Trump greeting one of the EU's biggest critics before a gilded elevator caused consternation in EU capitals, many of whom view Trump with a mixture of fear and puzzlement.

Kim Darroch, the current British ambassador in Washington, did not reply to emails from Reuters requesting comment on Trump's remarks.

Queen Elizabeth might invite Trump for a state visit to Britain next year, a spokeswoman for May said on Monday. —Reuters

## Mexico, Central America seek joint strategy on migrants as Trump looms

GUATEMALA CITY — The foreign ministers of Mexico, El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala met on Monday to form a strategy to protect their migrants in the United States, in a show of regional solidarity following Donald Trump's win in the US presidential election.

Trump's election upset has sent shockwaves through Mexico and Central America, which rely heavily on US remittances and bilateral trade with their rich northern neighbour.

Trump romped to victory in the 8 November election by vowing to end illegal immigration and re-examine trade treaties that he said have led US firms to ship jobs south to lower-wage economies.

During his election campaign, Trump said he plans to build a wall along the US-Mexican border, insisting that Mexico will pay for it.

Many of the migrants bound for the United States hail from the poor nations of Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador, and there

are concerns that Trump's promise to deport millions would have grave repercussions in Central American countries with few jobs and shaky security.

On Monday, at a meeting in Guatemala City, the foreign ministers of the Central American countries asked Mexico for help to create a migrant protection network, liaison for coordination with US authorities, and to meet regularly for regional talks. Claudia Ruiz Massieu, Mexico's foreign minister, said the US immigration policy remained unchanged at the moment, and added Mexico's focus on human rights and deepening bilateral links, including at the border, was unshaken.

"Mexico is in a situation of alertness, strengthening our services and capabilities to reach wherever our community is," she said. Reuters reported last week that Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador had agreed seek support from Mexico, and work together to forge a joint strategy in response to Trump's surprise win. With his inauguration set for 20 January, President-elect Trump is currently picking his cabinet. —Reuters



Mexico's Foreign Minister Claudia Ruiz Massieu (R) and her Honduran counterpart Maria Dolores Aguero attend a news conference over measures to protect migrants living in the US in response to Donald Trump winning the US presidency, in Guatemala City, Guatemala, on 21 November 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Portugal finance minister says EU should discuss Greek debt relief, Bild reports

BERLIN — The European Union should discuss debt relief for Greece and potentially move ahead even without the International Monetary Fund, Portuguese Finance Minister Mario Centeno said in an interview published on Tuesday by the *Bild* newspaper.

"We have to start this discussion," the German newspaper quoted Centeno as saying.

Euro zone finance ministers are due to discuss wide-ranging debt relief for Greece when they meet next month, but German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schäuble has opposed such measures, saying it would weaken efforts to enact further reforms.

Centeno said the EU could proceed with debt relief for Greece, even the IMF does not participate.

"The European currency union has very strong institutions in the meantime. We can deal with most problems on our own," the newspaper quoted him as saying.

Centeno also said that Europe's Stability and Growth Pact should be reworked and replaced. The current debt rules have "a lot of room for improvement," he said. —Reuters

#### Turkey dismisses close to 15,000 more in post-coup probe — official decree

ANKARA — Turkey dismissed close to 15,000 more civil servants, military officials, police and others and shut down 375 institutions and news outlets on Tuesday over alleged links to a failed coup in July, an official decree said.

Some 1,988 personnel from the Turkish Armed Forces, 7,586 from the police force, 403 from the gendarmerie, and more than 5,000 from public institutions were dismissed in Tuesday's crackdown. The total number dismissed since the July coup attempt exceeds 110,000.

The decree also announced the closing of 375 institutions, 18 charities and nine media outlets. —Reuters

#### Earthquake of magnitude 6.3 hits New Zealand's North Island: USGS

WELLINGTON — An earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 6.3 struck central New Zealand on Tuesday, little more than a week after a powerful tremor centered in the upper South Island rocked the country and killed two people.

Tuesday's quake was centered off the coast of the North Island, 138 km (86 miles) from Palmerston North at a depth of 37 km (23 miles).

Thousands of aftershocks have been registered since a 7.8 magnitude quake struck near Christchurch in the early hours of 14 November. —Reuters

#### After plane crashes, Taiwan's TransAsia seeks to wind down operations

TAIPEI — Taiwan's TransAsia Airways Corp said on Tuesday it would wind down operations and suspend all scheduled flights, failing to recover from two plane crashes in almost three years.

Struggling to overcome safety concerns raised by Taiwan's regulator, the island's third-largest carrier has also been hit by intense regional and domestic competition and has reported losses for the previous six quarters. It shut down its low-cost offering, V Air, last month.

TransAsia's collapse is, however, a rarity in the industry in recent years as the sector benefits from low interest rates and falling fuel costs. —Reuters

#### At least six children killed in school bus crash in US state of Tennessee

WASHINGTON — At least six children were killed and 23 more injured on Monday after a school bus crashed into a tree in the US state of Tennessee, local authorities said.

Five children were found dead at the scene and another died at a local hospital after the bus with 35 children on board crashed in Chattanooga, Tennessee, according to Hamilton County District Attorney Neal Pinkston.

The children were kindergarten goers, local press reported.

This is the second bus wreck in Tennessee in recent days. About two dozen students were injured on Friday morning after a school bus flipped on Interstate 65 in Nashville, the capital city of Tennessee. —Xinhua



## Turkey's AK Party to review controversial bill on underage marriage

ISTANBUL — Turkey's ruling AK Party is withdrawing a proposed bill on underage marriage for further consultations, Prime Minister Binali Yildirim said on Tuesday, after opposition and rights groups said it could allow men accused of sexually abusing girls to avoid punishment.

The proposal, a copy of which was seen by Reuters, would have allowed sentencing in cases of sexual abuse committed "without force, threat or trick" before 16 November 2016 to be indefinitely postponed if the perpetrator marries

the victim.

Yildirim said the AKP would seek the opinion of the opposition and civil society groups in order to reformulate the proposal, in line with a call from President Tayyip Erdogan for a wider consensus.

He has said the plan, which will be withdrawn from parliament's general assembly and taken back to a commission, aims to remedy the situation of men who are in jail and are married to women under 18 in a religious ceremony and with the consent of their family.—*Reuters*

## Week of renewed Aleppo strikes kills 141 in east, 16 in west – Observatory

BEIRUT — At least 141 civilians, including 18 children, have been killed in a week of renewed bombardment on the rebel-held eastern half of Aleppo which has devastated its hospitals, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said on Tuesday.

The Britain-based war monitor said it had documented hundreds of injuries as a result of Russian and Syrian air strikes and shelling by government forces and its allies on the besieged eastern half of the divided city.

The assault began last Tuesday after a weeks-long pause in air strikes and shelling inside east Aleppo, although battles and air

strikes did continue along the city's front lines and in the surrounding countryside.

The monitor said there were another 87 deaths of rebel fighters and people of unknown identity in the eastern sector.

The Observatory also documented 16 civilian deaths, including 10 children, and dozens of injuries as a result of rebel shelling of government-held west Aleppo. Air strikes and shelling of east Aleppo last week knocked all the main hospitals in that part of the city out of service, the local health authority and international humanitarian agencies said.—*Reuters*



A view shows the damage outside a school after shelling by Syrian rebels on government-held western Aleppo, Syria on 20 November 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

## Egypt court overturns life sentence against ex-president Mursi

CAIRO — Egypt's Court of Cassation overturned on Tuesday a life sentence against deposed President Mohamed Mursi of the Muslim Brotherhood and ordered a retrial in the case that revolves around accusations of espionage with Palestinian group Hamas.

The court last week overturned a death sentence against

Mursi in a separate case, meaning he no longer faces execution.

Democratically elected after the 2011 uprising, Mursi was overthrown in mid-2013 by Abdel Fattah al-Sisi following mass protests against his rule, and was immediately arrested. He remains in jail on a separate espionage conviction.—*Reuters*



UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon (C), Turkish Cypriot leader Mustafa Akinci (L) and Cypriot President Nicos Anastasiades attend the Cyprus reunification talks in the Swiss mountain resort of Mont Pelerin, Switzerland, on 7 November 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

## Talks on reuniting Cyprus fail to strike deal, UN says

ZURICH — Talks in Switzerland on reuniting the divided island of Cyprus have failed to strike a deal, the United Nations said on Tuesday.

In the latest round of UN-brokered talks in Swiss resort of Mont Pelerin, Greek Cypriot leader Nicos Anastasiades and Turkish Cypriot leader Mustafa Akinci had been negotiating for two days.

"Despite their best efforts, they have not been able to achieve the necessary further convergences on criteria for territorial adjustment that would have paved the way for the last phase of the talks. The two sides have decided to return to Cyprus

and reflect on the way forward," the United Nations said in a statement. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon opened the talks, saying the leaders were both committed to trying to reach a deal this year.

Cyprus's 800,000 Greek Cypriots and approximately 220,000 Turkish Cypriots live on the divided island, which is split east to west by a UN-patrolled ceasefire line.

Cyprus was split in a Turkish invasion in 1974 triggered by a brief Greek-inspired coup. But friction between the two sides dates back at least a decade, when Turkish Cypriots pulled out of a power-sharing govern-

ment at perceived attempts by Greek Cypriots to limit their say.

Anastasiades and Akinci are both moderates leading their respective communities and the negotiations were directed towards reuniting Cyprus as a loose federation of two constituent, largely self-governing states. Besides territorial swaps, Greek Cypriots who represent Cyprus in the European Union are adamant that a deal see the withdrawal of Turkish forces from the island.

Thousands of Turkish troops are stationed in Cyprus's north, a breakaway Turkish Cypriot state recognised only by Ankara.—*Reuters*

## Iraq Shi'ite paramilitaries close to cutting Mosul supply route

TAL AFAR AIR BASE (Iraq) — Iraqi Shi'ite militias were massing troops on Monday to cut remaining supply routes to Mosul, Islamic State's last major stronghold in Iraq, closing in on the road that links the Syrian and Iraqi parts of its self-declared caliphate.

Five weeks into the US-backed offensive on Mosul, Islamic State is fighting in the area of Tal Afar, 60 km (40 miles) to the west, against a coalition of Iranian-backed groups known as Popular Mobilisation forces.

Cutting the western road to Tal Afar would seal off Mosul as the city is already surrounded to the north, south and east by Iraqi government and Kurdish peshmerga forces.

The government's US-trained Counter Terrorism Service unit breached Islamic State's defences in east Mosul at the end

of October and is fighting to expand a foothold it gained there.

The road to Tal Afar is no longer safe, said a truck driver who used it two days ago to bring in fruit and vegetables from Raqqa, Islamic State's Syrian stronghold.

He said he saw three trucks burning on the road while fighting raged in the vicinity. "This is the last time I drive on this road, it will be cut," he told Reuters by telephone, asking not to be identified as the insurgents punish by death those caught communicating with the outside world.

A Popular Mobilisation spokesman said over the weekend that its forces were already advancing to the main highway as part of operations to seal off Mosul. A Reuters reporter said they were massing troops to finish encircling Tal Afar.

The Iraqi air force supporting Popular Mobilisation groups in their fight near Tal Afar carried out air strikes that killed 15 insurgents, including a group that was hiding in a tunnel near Tal Afar air base, according to a military statement on Sunday evening.

The campaign to capture Mosul started on 17 October, with air and ground support from a US-led coalition. The Popular Mobilisation forces joined the offensive at the end of October, attacking Tal Afar and capturing the air base just south of the town on 16 November.

The offensive on Tal Afar could draw in Turkey, which fears Iranian-backed groups taking over a town mainly populated by ethnic Turkmen, Sunnis and Shi'ites, and which lies close to the Syrian and Turkish borders.—*Reuters*



# Tensions mount as Haiti waits on re-run election results

PORT-AU-PRINCE — Election tensions spilled onto Haiti's streets on Monday with shots fired outside the presidential palace as various candidates claimed victory in a re-run vote in the impoverished Caribbean country.

Haitians are counting on their next president to lift the country out of political limbo and repair damage from Hurricane Matthew, which devastated the country last month, killing up to 1,000 people and leaving 1.4 million needing aid.

With paper ballots counted laboriously by hand, election results typically take a week to be announced in Haiti. But less than 24 hours after polling centers had closed, some

candidates and their supporters claimed they had won, leading to chaotic scenes in the capital where guards were forced to shoot into the air to clear a celebrating crowd.

The provisional electoral council (CEP) released a statement urging the public to disregard any premature victory announcements.

"We call on the population not to believe or transmit any pseudo-result, even partial, that has reached them," it said. "Any result circulating on the internet or social media is not attributable to the CEP."

Electoral officials said they did not expect to have preliminary results until later on Monday, but it

could well be longer as tally sheets arrived later than planned and a vote website faced problems. The head of Haiti's electoral council, Leopold Berlangier, said he expected to publish final results within a maximum of eight days.

Voter turnout in the election was less than 22 per cent, an electoral observation coalition said on Monday.

The vote was first held in October 2015, but then annulled over complaints of fraud in the first round after Jovenel Moise, the candidate of former President Michel Martelly's Bald Heads Party, finished ahead of Jude Celestin, previously boss of a state construction company.

Further disputes en-

sued and a fresh vote due last month was postponed when Hurricane Matthew struck.

All told, more than two dozen candidates competed in Sunday's vote, including Moise, Celestin and Maryse Narcisse, who is running for the Fanmi Lavalas party and is backed by former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. Former Senator Moise Jean-Charles is also in the running.

On Monday, a spokesman for the United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon urged Haitians to come together to fill the current political vacuum, reject violence and intimidation and use legal means for any possible challenges.—Reuters

## Japan PM says TPP trade pact meaningless without US



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe speaks during a joint statement with Argentine President Mauricio Macri at the Casa Rosada Government House, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on 21 November 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

BUENOS AIRES — The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) would be meaningless without US participation, Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said on Monday as US President-elect Donald Trump said he would withdraw the United States from the pan-Pacific free trade deal.

Abe, who attended a gathering of TPP leaders in Lima on Saturday, said there was no discussion at the meeting that other members should try to put the TPP into effect without the United States, Abe told reporters in Buenos Aires.

"The TPP would be meaningless without the United States," Abe said.

Trump released a video on Monday laying out actions he would take on his first day in office on 20 January, including withdrawing the United States from the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

Trump campaigned

for the US presidency on a promise to pull out of the 12-nation trade deal, calling it a job-killing "disaster."

Abe, who met Russian President Vladimir Putin last week to discuss economic cooperation and a decades-old territorial row, stressed at the Buenos Aires news conference his resolve to put an end to the island dispute under his leadership.

"This is the problem that cannot be solved without the relationship of trust between leaders," Abe said.

"I will be directly communicating with President Putin and make progress one solid step at a time."

The territorial row over the chain of western Pacific islands, seized by Soviet troops at the end of World War II, has upset diplomatic ties ever since, precluding a formal peace treaty between Tokyo and Moscow.—Reuters



Members of the General Security Unit of the National Palace (USGPN) try to disperse supporters of Fanmi Lavalas political party as they march next to the National Palace of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on 21 November 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

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## Amid police shootings, suspect arrested in Texas officer's death

SAN ANTONIO — A 31-year-old man was arrested on Monday in the fatal ambush shooting of a San Antonio police officer, one of four officers shot in the line of duty in Texas, Missouri and Florida a day earlier.

The attacks on Sunday, which injured three other officers and led to the shooting death of a suspect, revived memories of deadly ambushes targeting police in July in Dallas and Baton Rouge.

Otis McKane was arrested without incident in a car with woman and a 2-year-old, San Antonio

police said, adding they did not know the motive for the killing of 50-year-old Benjamin Marconi, a 20-year veteran of the San Antonio force.

He was fatally shot as he sat in his squad car during a routine traffic stop outside the city's police headquarters.

"Everyone is relieved," San Antonio Police Chief William McManus told a news conference, adding the suspect has a criminal history.

"The fact that he has been taken into custody, that does not negate the fact that there are people out

there who are still targeting police officers," he added.

The assailant stopped his car behind the police cruiser, walked up and shot the officer in the head through the window as he was writing a ticket, McManus told a news conference earlier on Monday.

The gunman then reached through the window, fired a second shot into the officer, returned to his vehicle and sped away. A total of 57 US law enforcement officers have been killed by gunfire so far this year, a 68 per cent increase from the same period in 2015.

Also on Sunday, a 46-year-old St. Louis police sergeant was shot in the face by a person in a car who pulled up beside the officer's cruiser at an intersection. St. Louis Police Chief Sam Dotson said the wounded officer was conscious and able to speak after the attack. The suspect was later killed in a shoot-out after officers spotted his car, police said on Monday.

Meanwhile, a third police officer was shot on Sunday during a traffic stop on Sanibel Island on Florida's Gulf Coast but was not seriously hurt, local media reported.—Reuters





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## Police fire water cannon at Dakota pipeline protesters in freezing weather

NEW YORK/CANNON BALL (N.D.) — Police fired tear gas and water at hundreds of protesters in the freezing North Dakota weather late Sunday and early Monday, in the latest violent clash over a pipeline project running through the state.

An estimated 400 protesters mounted the Backwater Bridge just north of Cannon Ball, North Dakota, and attempted to force their way past police in what the Morton County Sheriff's Department described as an "ongoing riot."

The \$3.7 billion Dakota Access project has drawn steady opposition from activists since the summer, led by the Standing Rock Sioux tribe, whose tribal lands are adjacent to the pipeline. Native American activists and environmentalists say the line threatens water resources and sacred tribal lands.

A joint statement from several activist groups said

protesters Sunday were trying to remove burned vehicles blocking Backwater Bridge in order to restore access to the nearby Standing Rock Sioux encampments so emergency services and local traffic can move freely.

Police fired volleys of tear gas at the protesters to prevent them from crossing the bridge. Law enforcement also fired rubber bullets and sprayed protesters with water in temperatures that reached as low as 18 Fahrenheit (minus 8 Celsius) overnight.

"It is below freezing right now and the Morton County Sheriff's Department is using a water cannon on our people — that is an excessive and potentially deadly use of force," said Dallas Goldtooth, a spokesman for the Indigenous Environmental Network, one of the organizations involved in protests.

Completion of the pipeline, set to run 1,172 miles (1,885 km) from North Dakota to Illinois,

was delayed in September so the US Army Corps of Engineers could re-examine permits that would allow construction under the Missouri River, near to the tribe's lands.

The main company behind the pipeline, Energy Transfer Partners LP (ETP.N), is building the line to bring crude oil from North Dakota to Illinois en route to the Gulf Coast.

On an analyst call Monday to discuss ETP's merger with its sister company Sunoco Logistics Partners LP (SXL.N), officials said they still expect final approval for the pipeline by the end of this year. Officials did not address the protests.

A statement from the sheriff's department said one arrest had been made by 8:30 pm local time (0230 GMT Monday), about 2-1/2 hours after the incident began 45 miles (30 km) south of Bismarck, the North Dakota capital. About 100 to 200 protesters remained after

midnight.

The Morton County Sheriff's Department said officers on the scene of the latest confrontation were "describing protesters' actions as very aggressive."

Demonstrators tried to start about a dozen fires as they attempted to outflank and "attack" law enforcement barricades, the sheriff's statement said. Police said protesters had hurled rocks and burning logs, striking one officer.

Dave Archambault, chairman of the Standing Rock Sioux tribe, said law enforcement is escalating the violence.

"They say these are non-lethal weapons, but a water cannon in freezing weather is lethal. Using concussion grenades with tear gas can be lethal," he said.

The latest confrontation began Sunday evening, after protesters attempted to remove a truck that had been on the bridge since 27 October, police said. —Reuters



File photo: A French soldier patrols inside the Charles de Gaulle International Airport in Roissy, near Paris, France, on 23 March 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

## US State Department warns about possible attacks in Europe during holiday season

WASHINGTON — The State Department on Monday issued an alert to US citizens about a heightened risk of terrorist attacks throughout Europe, particularly during the holiday season.

"US citizens should exercise caution at holiday festivals, events, and outdoor markets," it said in a statement, adding that there was credible information that Islamic State, al Qaeda and their affiliates continued to plan attacks in Europe.

The department noted

extremists had carried out attacks in Belgium, France, Germany and Turkey in the past year, and said it remains concerned about the potential for attacks throughout Europe. "US citizens should exercise vigilance when attending large holiday events, visiting tourist sites, using public transportation, and frequenting places of worship, restaurants, hotels, etc.," the statement said.

The travel alert expires on 20 February 2017, it said. —Reuters



## Pitt and Cotillard hit red carpet for WWII thriller 'Allied'

LONDON — Hollywood actor Brad Pitt and his French co-star Marion Cotillard bring their new movie "Allied" to Europe this week, hitting the promotional trail for the World War II thriller.

Pitt has kept a low profile since his split from Angelina Jolie in September after an incident in which the 52-year-old actor was reported to have lost his temper in front of one or more of their children.

Earlier this month he attended an "Allied" fan event in Los Angeles, hours after he was cleared of child abuse allegations.

Resuming promotional duties for the film, in which he plays Canadian intelligence officer Max Vatan alongside Cotillard's French Resistance fighter Marianne Beausejour, Pitt attended the film's premiere in Paris on Sunday night, where he was greeted by cheering fans asking

for selfies and his autograph.

He and Cotillard were due to hit the red carpet in London later on Monday for the movie's British premiere.

In the film, which kicks off in 1942 North Africa, Vatan and Beausejour join forces to assassinate a German ambassador. They portray a married couple for their mission and later fall in love. However, their relationship is put to the test when Beausejour's allegiances are questioned.

"This one was more a universal story about ... love, I would say trust," Pitt said in Paris. "Trust in the person you love, trust in your intuition, trusting even the job you are doing, the mission itself, and that's what I most liked about the script. That's what I focused on really".

"Allied" hits cinemas worldwide from Wednesday.—Reuters



Actors Marion Cotillard and Brad Pitt. PHOTO: REUTERS

## Adriana Lima gets fighting fit for Victoria's Secret show

NEW YORK — With a hook and an upper cut, Victoria's Secret model Adriana Lima has found boxing is a great way to get fighting fit for the annual lingerie fashion show.

"The Victoria's Secret fashion show gets bigger, and more and more countries are watching the show all over the place. And you're not going to be wearing much and you want to look your best in there. So yes, I get nervous and anxious," the Brazilian model said on Monday.

Lima, 35, and a mother of two, has logged 15 years on the catwalk for Victoria's Secret and says her goal is to walk in 20 shows.

Lima said she started boxing when she was 19, and works out in Miami, where she now lives, as well as New York and wherever else her work takes her. The 2016 Victoria's Secret show will be broadcast in the United States on 5 December and later shown in 190 other countries.—Reuters



PHOTO: REUTERS

## 'Lion' brings India love affair full circle for actor Dev Patel

LOS ANGELES — Growing up as the son of immigrants in London, actor Dev Patel did not feel much connection to India.

In fact, he says he spent most of his youth "trying to distance myself from my culture."

That all changed after shooting five films in India. The latest of those, "Lion," is an adoption drama about a young man conflicted about his identity, and the film seems tailor made for him.

"It's kind of been the most nourishing experience of my career so far," said Patel.

Patel, 26, made his name as the star of the 2008 Oscar-winning movie "Slumdog Millionaire." "Lion," out in US movie theaters on Thursday, is based on the true story of Saroo Brierley, who as a 5-year-old boy was separated from his family in rural India when he accidentally boarded the wrong train.

Unable to remember his home town or his mother's name, Saroo is placed in an orphanage, adopted by an Australian family and taken to live in Tasmania. More than 20 years later, he uses the Google Earth map tool to try and find his home in India.

"I could really relate to it. As someone who hadn't been to India as a young man and tried to hide (his Indian ethnicity) for a

long time, when I went there for 'Slumdog,' it kind of opened my mind to a whole new level of consciousness and acceptability of who I am," Patel said.

Patel, who also appeared in the two "Best Exotic Marigold Hotel" movies, said he now finds India enthralling and exciting and a place that brings out "the innermost feelings of your soul."

"All those preconceived notions that I had as a young boy were broken, and it's a love affair with (India) now," he said.

In "Lion," the adult Saroo

considers himself Australian, but little moments start to jog his childhood memories of India. He becomes obsessed with trying to find his way back home to his birth mother and family. The actor said he hopes the film will highlight the plight of the thousands of street children in India.

"Stories like this can help generate a dialogue to get these kids off the street and put them in the right homes because there are thousands of people around the world who want to adopt children and don't know how to," he said.—Reuters



Nicole Kidman poses alongside Dev Patel. PHOTO: REUTERS

## 'Exhausted' Kanye West hospitalized, cancels tour after bizarre rants

LOS ANGELES — Rapper Kanye West was hospitalized on Monday and reported to be suffering from exhaustion hours after he abruptly canceled the remainder of his tour following a week of no-shows, curtailed concerts and rants about politics.

A source told People that West was "exhausted and currently dealing with sleep deprivation" but that he was "fine." NBC News and

other outlets said he was hospitalized in Los Angeles after police responded to a medical welfare call.

Reuters could not independently confirm the hospitalization.

Concert promoters Live Nation said in a statement on Monday that the remaining 21 US dates on West's Saint Pablo tour had been canceled, and that tickets would be fully refunded.

Live Nation gave no reasons, fueling speculation about the state of West's mental and physical health. A source close to the "Gold Digger" singer denied West was having some kind of breakdown, telling celebrity outlets People and Us Weekly that West was a workaholic who was simply worn out.

"He's just exhausted. He's been working around the clock on fashion design, both on his own

line and the Adidas line. He's a notorious workaholic, so balancing both that work — which is extremely important to him — and the rigors of the tour every night, it really wore him out," a source told People. The tour cancellation followed a demanding three months for West, who unveiled the new season of his Yeezy fashion line with an elaborate performance art event in September in New York.

In October, West's reality star wife, Kim Kardashian, was robbed at gunpoint in Paris, forcing the family to reassess their security and their high public profile. The influential rapper, who is promoting his current album "The Life of Pablo," made headlines last week when he was booed at his San Jose, California concert for declaring his support for US President-elect Donald Trump.—Reuters



# China, US pledge to promote tourism

WASHINGTON — China-US Tourism Year 2016 came to the end on Sunday, with officials from both countries pledging to expand tourism cooperation and enhance friendship.

Chinese President Xi Jinping said Sunday that the China-US Tourism Year has helped expand people-to-people exchanges and given fresh impetus to bilateral relations.

"Thanks to joint efforts, the Tourism Year has been marked with colourful and fruitful events, which have helped expand our people-to-people exchanges and practical cooperation in various areas, and injected new impetus to China-US relations," Xi said in a written message to the closing ceremony of the China-US Tourism Year 2016 held in Washington.

He urged the two sides to build on the success of the Tourism Year to sustain the momentum of people-to-people and cultural exchanges, enhance mutual understanding and friendship, and reinforce the social foundation for the development of China-US relations.

"The growth of China-US relations requires the participation and support of our peoples," he said.

The China-US Tourism Year was an outcome of Xi's state visit to the United States in September 2015. Xi said he and US President Barack Obama made the decision with a view to promoting the building of a new model of major-country relationship, and carrying forward practical cooperation and enhancing friendship between the two countries.

Chinese Vice Premier Wang Yang said at the closing ceremony that the two sides have organized a series of cultural and people-to-people exchanges



Chinese Vice Premier Wang Yang addresses the China-US Tourism Year 2016 Closing Ceremony in Washington D.C., the United States, on 20 November, 2016. China-US Tourism Year 2016 came to the end on Sunday, with officials from both countries pledging to expand tourism cooperation and enhance friendship. PHOTO: XINHUA

ple-to-people exchanges this year to boost tourism in the two countries and made the peoples of both countries enjoy the fun of tourism.

Thanks to the Tourism Year, the number of Chinese tourists travelling to the United States increased by 14.7 per cent in the first three quarters of this year from a year earlier, while the number of American tourists traveling to China went up by 7.3 per cent during the same period, he said.

"The two-way tourist flow between the United States and China is expected to top 5 million this year," Wang said, adding that tourism cooperation "has injected strong impetus" to the two economies.

Citing US official statistics, Wang said that about 2.59 million Chinese travelled to the United States last year and spent 30.1 billion US dollars in

total while in the country.

"The number of Chinese tourists going to the United States this year is expected to surpass 3 million, and they'll create 45,000 direct jobs and 230,000 indirect jobs for the United States," he noted.

As both China and the United States are countries with large tourism resources and markets, Wang said China stands ready to work with the United States to simplify visa policies and provide more convenient, comfortable and secure services for tourists.

The two sides will also lower the entry threshold for investment in the tourism industry, and encourage companies from both countries to expand investment cooperation, the Chinese vice premier said.

US Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker, who made her first trip to China in 1984, said at the closing ceremony that tourism be-

tween the two countries has seen significant progress over the past decade, yet there's still much room to grow.

"The United States only captures 2 per cent of the outbound Chinese market despite strong demand from Chinese visitors to our shores," she said.

The US government is taking advantage of the China-US Tourism Year and improving tourism operations to draw more Chinese visitors to the country, she said. As China is developing its own national park system, it's working with the US National Park Service to learn its best practices, models and lessons, Pritzker said.

"As we close the Tourism Year and look to the future, I want to assure all of you that we will continue to promote more traveling and tourism between our two nations," she said.—Xinhua

## Chinese archeologists find clues about appearance of early birds, dinosaurs

NANJING — Chinese archeologists have discovered molecular evidence of the protein keratin in a bird fossil from the Cretaceous Period 130 million years ago, which may provide clues about the color of feathered dinosaurs and early birds.

The research paper by experts with the Nanjing Institute of Geology and Palaeontology under the Chinese Academy of Sciences was published by America's Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS) on Tuesday.

Pan Yanhong, a leading researcher with the programme, told Xinhua that they discovered the molecular structure of a protein that determines feather colour in the bird fossil.

The study shows that these molecular structures are preserved in fossils and are consistent with modern feathers. Researchers hope the study will lead to hypotheses about dinosaur colour, behavior, habitat, and physiology.

It was also the oldest molecular evidence found in bird fossils. Previously, the molecular structure of the protein had only been found in fossils dating back some 80 million years.

The bird that experts used in the research is one of the earliest bird fossils found in China. The Cretaceous bird, named *Eoconfuciusornis*, was discovered in north China's Hebei Province in 2008.—Xinhua

## Museum dedicated to 18<sup>th</sup> century 'Great Wave' artist opens in Tokyo

TOKYO — A museum dedicated to Katsushika Hokusai (1760-1849), a Japanese ukiyo-e artist best known for his work "The Great Wave off Kanagawa," opened Tuesday in Tokyo's Sumida Ward where he was born and spent almost all of his 90 years of life.

Despite falling on a weekday, people queued from early in the morning to enter the Sumida Hokusai Museum, with many saying they took a day off from work to visit the museum on its opening day.

The Sumida Ward office, which runs the museum, says the facility is aimed at honoring the great artist whom local residents are proud of, as well as drawing tourists.

"The Great Wave off Kanagawa," which depicts raging ocean waves in blue and white, is one of Hokusai's woodblock print series "Thirty-six Views of Mount Fuji," or landscape prints showing Japan's highest peak from different locations. The museum features a replica of the artist's studio and exhibits on the process he used to create "nishiki-e" multi-colored woodblock prints, including a high-definition display to appreciate some of his works. Through these displays, visitors will be able to trace the course of his life, the museum said. The museum building was designed by internationally renowned architect Kazuyo Sejima.—Kyodo News



The Sumida Hokusai Museum, dedicated to Katsushika Hokusai (1760-1849), a Japanese ukiyo-e artist best known for his work "The Great Wave off Kanagawa" (shown at the left), opens on 22 November, 2016, in Tokyo's Sumida Ward where he was born and spent almost all of his 90 years of life. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

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## Swedish FA plans Zlatan statue as he wins 11<sup>th</sup> Golden Ball

STOCKHOLM — A statue of Zlatan Ibrahimovic will be erected outside the Friends Arena in Stockholm, the Swedish FA (SvFF) announced on Monday as the giant striker won the Golden Ball award for the country's best male player for the 10th year in a row.

The 36-year-old Manchester United forward, who retired from international football after Euro 2016, played 114 games and scored 62 goals for Sweden, including a spectacular four-goal salvo against England in the first game at the arena in 2012.

Ibra has now won the Golden Ball a record 11 times — since its inception in 1946 no other player has won the award more than twice — and his contribu-

tion to the game will be honoured with a 2.7 metre statue outside the Friends stadium.

"It feels unreal. Many are thinking 'Why him?' and so on, but after all the hard work over 15 years in the national team and 20 years in my club career, it feels like it's being appreciated," Ibrahimovic said as he accepted his award.

"You usually get this after you die, but I still feel alive. When I die, this (statue) will live on forever." The Diamond Ball for the best female player went to 33-year-old Chelsea goalkeeper Hedvig Lindahl, who won the award for the second year running thanks to her key role in Sweden's silver medal-winning team at the Rio de Janeiro Olympics.—*Reuters*

## Messi boost for Barcelona ahead of Celtic game

BARCELONA — Lionel Messi returned to training on Monday after recovering from a stomach bug that caused him to miss Barcelona's goalless draw against Malaga on Saturday.

The Argentina captain sat out Saturday's La Liga game at the Nou Camp but trained with the squad ahead of Wednesday's Champions League Group C game against Celtic in Glasgow.

Barcelona coach Luis Enrique also welcomes back Uruguay forward Luis Suarez, who missed the Malaga game through suspension, and is expected to take his place in at-

tack alongside Messi and Neymar at Celtic Park.

Captain Andres Iniesta and defender Samuel Umtiti are still unavailable due to injury.

Barca, who are second in La Liga and four points adrift of leaders Real Madrid, can secure qualification to the round of 16 of the Champions League on Wednesday. They are two points clear of Manchester City at the top of Group C.

A win at Celtic would guarantee their passage but they will also go through if Borussia Monchengladbach fail to beat Manchester City in the other group game.—*Reuters*

## Over 20 countries/regions to take part in ITF tennis tournament in Indonesia

JAKARTA — Tennis players from more than 20 countries and regions will vie in the ITF Men's ProCircuit tennis tournament at Indonesia's capital of Jakarta from 28 November to 18 December, association said here on Monday.

Among the participating countries are Britain, China, Russia, Germany, Japan, South Korea, Canada, the Netherlands, Indonesia and India, said Wibowo Suseno, chairman of Indonesian Tennis Association (Pelti).

The tournament will pro-

vide a total of 30,000 US dollars prices, the chairman said in his office.

Some of Indonesia's top players will compete with the international opponents in the tournament, Suseno added.

Among the players are Christopher Rugkat, David Agug Susaato, Aditya Hari Sasongko and Anthony Susanto, he added. "We will give experience to our players by vying with the opponents from more than 20 countries," Suseno said.—*Xinhua*



## Nishikori targets big tournaments after successful 2016

Japan's Kei Nishikori in action during his semi final match. PHOTO: REUTERS

TOKYO — Kei Nishikori has set his sights on making a grand slam breakthrough in 2017 after the Japanese world number five concluded a successful season in which he claimed one ATP Tour title, an Olympic medal and recorded a career-high 58 wins.

"A year that I won most matches does carry some significance but what is important is how much I can win at big tournaments," the 2014 US Open runner-up was quoted as saying by Kyodo News agency.

"Result-wise this has been my best year. I've played well against the top-10 players and have been winning against the

likes of (Rafa) Nadal and (Andy) Murray, who I couldn't beat before.

"I'm making fewer mistakes as I get older. I hope to keep building, bit-by-bit."

Nishikori started the campaign by reaching the quarter-finals of the Australian Open and followed that up by winning his only title of the year at the Memphis Open.

His form faltered slightly with fourth round defeats at the French Open and Wimbledon, before he rediscovered his touch to win bronze at the Rio Olympics and reached the semi-finals of the US Open, losing to eventual champion Stan Wawrinka.

Nishikori was also a losing finalist at the Miami Open in April and Rogers Cup in July before his season ended with a defeat to Novak Djokovic in the semi-finals of the ATP World Tour Finals in London on Saturday.

The 26-year-old remains hopeful he can climb up to number three in the world rankings, one better than his career-high.

"I'm confident I have the ability to challenge for world number three and four," he added. "I need to be more cautious while determining which points in the match I have to focus and how I can win break points in a more assured manner."—*Reuters*



Burnley's Scott Arfield in action with West Bromwich Albion's Craig Dawson during Premier League at The Hawthorns on 21 November 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

## West Brom enjoy 4-0 rout over visiting Burnley

LONDON — West Bromwich Albion moved into the top half of the Premier League table on Monday with a 4-0 victory over a shell-shocked Burnley side who were out of contention by halftime.

Matt Phillips (4 minutes), James Morrison (16) and captain Darren Fletcher (37) scored before the break and Salomon Rondon wrapped up the win with their fourth goal just past the hour. The win took West Brom above their opponents as they jumped three places to ninth on 16 points from 12 games. Burnley slipped one spot to 12<sup>th</sup> as they remained on 14 points.

Burnley were totally outplayed by Tony Pulis's rampant side and have still not won in the league at the Hawthorns since December 1969, losing on nine of their 10 visits since.—*Reuters*