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State Counsellor meets with Senior Minister Mr Goh Chok Tong



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi talking to Myanmar nationals living in Singapore. PHOTO: MNA

PEACE and development are the priorities of the government, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi told Myanmar nationals living in Singapore yesterday.

The State Counsellor also thanked them for their cooperation during the last election and urged them to improve their capacity to contribute to national development tasks and to instill

patriotism in their children.

Earlier in the morning, the State Counsellor met with Senior Minister Mr Goh Chok Tong at a working breakfast at the Shangri-La Hotel.

Also present at the occasion were Minister for Commerce Dr Than Myint and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Tin, Minister for Foreign Affairs of

Singapore Mr Vivian Balakrishnan and Ambassador of Singapore to Myanmar Mr Robert Chua.

The State Counsellor discussed regional and international affairs and bilateral cooperation with the senior minister.

Later, the State Counsellor visited the National Orchid Garden of Singapore and attended the nam-

ing ceremony for an orchid, Papilionanda Aung San Suu Kyi. Since 1956, Singapore has had a tradition of naming orchids after foreign leaders who visit Singapore.

Officials of the national orchid garden explained salient points of the garden to the State Counsellor, who later signed in the guest book of the garden and took a tour.

The State Counsellor and party then proceeded to the Presidential Palace and met with Acting President Joseph Yuvaraj Pillay.

Discussions between the two leaders focused on development of education, health, population and economy and promotion of relations between the two countries in international organisations.

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Vice President addresses meeting on economic development

NATIONAL reconciliation, the achievement of balanced development between Regions and States, the emergence of well-qualified younger generations and building up a sustainable economic system are included in the objectives to be implemented in the country's economic policy, Vice President U Myint Swe said at a meeting held at the Mingalar Hall of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) yesterday.

In his address at Mingalar Hall in Lamadaw Township yesterday morning, the vice president said rules and guidelines will be issued in order to ensure proper implementation of economic policy.

"The State Counsellor met with entrepreneurs and allied organizations at the Myanmar International Convention Centre 2 in Nay Pyi Taw on October 22, giving advice for smooth operation in implementing projects, as well as, expressing the need to frequently meet with businesspersons. In answer to her urge to meet with entrepreneurs, Union Ministers and myself, discussed today for the first time", said U Myint Swe.

"In implementing national economic policies, we have been dealing with the tasks by drawing up policies and processes, according to their respective economic sectors. We released investment policies to improve national economy. Likewise, rules and regulations will be released very soon. According the new investment law, in the year to come, investment sectors will be categorised into zone 1, zone 2 and zone 3 for balanced development with relief for tax to be designated according to their status."

U Myint Swe said the first meeting of the development committee for the private sector was held on November 28, and because the economic development sector is so broad, a road map was needed for systematic performance.

"With the help of Asian Development Bank, the framework and working processes of development in the private sector of the country was compiled in consultation with responsible persons. Five working committees will be formed to implement five panels. It is essential to solve problems that can be easily dealt with,



Vice President U Myint Swe speaking at UMFCCI meeting. PHOTO: MNA

without hesitation. If there are problems which cannot be solved immediately, it is necessary for respective ministries and organizations to discuss and assess promptly."

Afterward, U Kyaw Win, the Union Minister for Planning and

Finance, and U Zaw Min Win, the chairman of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry also made comments.

Present at the meeting were U Kyaw Win, Union Minister for Planning and Finance, U

Phyo Min Thein, Yangon Region Cabinet's Chief Minister, U Set Aung, vice chairman of the Central Bank of Myanmar, Yangon Region Cabinet's ministers, entrepreneurs and responsible persons, it is learnt.—*Myanmar News Agency*

Amyotha Hluttaw

Deputy Minister vows to make Hpa-an Industrial Zone a success



Maj-Gen Than Htut. PHOTO: MNA



U Maung Maung Win. PHOTO: MNA

THE Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win promised to make Hpa-an Industrial Zone a success at the Amyotha Hluttaw Session yesterday.

The progress of Hpa-an Industrial Zone has been hampered by land disputes, delays in establishing factories, low demand for finished products manufactured in the zone, hesitation of local entrepreneurs and a lack of capital, technology and skilled labour, the deputy minister said.

The deputy minister was responding to a question raised by a representative concerning the industrial zone.

The industrial zone is being set up on 969 acres of land,

some of which were farmland and, as a result, land disputes have arisen, according to the deputy.

However, the deputy minister pledged to implement the industrial zone successfully by making scattered factories and workshops in Hpa-an move to the industrial zone, encouraging competitiveness, providing technical assistance to entrepreneurs, training skilled workers and inviting local as well as foreign investment.

Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Than Htut also replied to questions on regional development raised by representatives from Chin State and Kachin State.—*Myanmar News Agency*

Pyithu Hluttaw

Land in Hlaing, dam in Shan State discussed by Union ministers



Dr Aung Thu. PHOTO: MNA



U Khin Maung Cho. PHOTO: MNA



Daw Aye Mya Mya Myo. PHOTO: MNA

A FORMER playground in Hlaing Township and a dam in Shan State were among the issues discussed at the Pyithu Hluttaw session yesterday.

In response to a question raised by a representative, the Union Minister for Industry U Khin Maung Cho said yesterday that a plot of land in Hlaing Township leased to private companies by the Ministry of Industry will not be designated as a public place.

The land, which used to be a playground and park, is situated on Yangon-Insein Road and has been leased to two private companies, Planets Zone and Global Summit.

The lease is renewed yearly with 2 to 5 per cent higher rents per year with the rent added to

government funds, according to the union minister.

The union minister refused to re-designate the land as public space, as it has been leased to the companies for ten years and the companies have not breached any provisions of the lease agreement.

The safety of a hydroelectric dam in Shan State was also discussed yesterday.

The Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr Aung Thu replied to a question raised by a representative from Tangyan, Shan State, saying that the hydropower dam in question is not a facility built by a people's militia group but electricity has not been generated since then.

In addition, the dam can

pose a danger to local people as the design is not correct and embankments are not strong enough and it is necessary that the dam stops storing water.

Therefore, the union minister said that the government cannot add a spillway to the dam requested by the representative.

The union ministers also responded to questions by other representatives including Daw Aye Mya Mya Myo, U Maung Myint, U Khin Maung Thaung and U Sai Ngaung Hsai Hein. Pyithu Hluttaw Session also agreed to discuss a motion urging the government to confiscate land that are not used in accordance with rules and regulations and approved a bill amending the Myanmar Examination Board Law.—*Myanmar News Agency*

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The State Counsellor and party then attended a luncheon hosted by Deputy Prime Minister and Co-ordinating Minister for National Security Toh Chin Chye.

In the afternoon, the state counsellor visited the Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau, where officials explained the organisational set-up, background history, measures and rules and regulations to the State Counsellor.

In the evening, the State Counsellor attended the opening ceremony of a display titled "Cities & Kings: Ancient Treasures from Myanmar" at Singapore's Asian Civilisation Museum.

The ceremony was attended by the prime minister of Singapore, the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth of Singapore Ms Grace Fu and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Myanmar U Kyaw Tin, all of whom made opening speeches at

the ceremony.

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong placed their signatures on vinyl to mark the opening ceremony.

Then, the State Counsellor met with staff and families of the Myanmar Embassy and Military Attaché Office at the embassy, where the ambassador reported to the State Counsellor on the situations of Myanmar workers in Singapore. The State Counsellor attended to the need after hearing the report.

Afterward, the State Counsellor attended a dinner hosted by the ambassador.

In the evening, the State Counsellor proceeded to Jurong East and met with the Myanmar diaspora in Singapore. She urged them to cooperate for the development of Myanmar and responded to questions raised on behalf of the diaspora by Dr Myat Maw Tun, chairman of the Myanmar Club in Singapore.

—Myanmar News Agency



The State Counsellor observing the Buddha image. PHOTO: MNA



The State Counsellor seen at the luncheon hosted by Mr Toh Chin Chye. PHOTO: MNA



State Counsellor meeting with staff and families of the Myanmar Embassy and Military Attaché Office.



The State Counsellor and the orchid named after her. PHOTO: MNA



The State Counsellor at the Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau.



The State Counsellor talking to Senior Minister Mr Goh Chok Tong. PHOTO: MNA

U Maung Wai presents credentials to President of India

U Maung Wai, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of India, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Mr. Pranab Mukherjee, President of the Republic of India on 30 November 2016, in New Delhi.—Ministry of Foreign Affairs

U Aung Lynn concurrently appointed as ambassador of Panama

THE PRESIDENT of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Aung Lynn, Ambassador of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the United States of America, concurrently as Ambassador to the Republic of Panama.—Myanmar News Agency

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Formation of Investigation Commission

1. To probe into the background situations that led to violent attacks that occurred on 9 and 12-13 October in Maungtaw, Rakhine State and the truth about the incidents, and to investigate whether existing laws, rules and regulations were observed in taking measures to avoid similar incidents in the future before making recommendations. The Investigation Committee has been formed with the following persons:

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| (a) U Myint Swe | Chairman |
| Vice President 1 | |
| (b) U Aung Kyi | Member |
| Retired Union Minister | |
| (c) U Tun Myat | Member |
| Retired UN Assistant Secretary-General | |
| (d) Dr Thet Thet Zin | Member |
| Chairperson, Women Affairs Federation | |
| (e) Dr Aung Tun Thet | Member |
| Retired UN Senior Advisor | |
| (f) U Nyunt Swe | Member |
| Member, Myanmar National Human Rights Commission | |
| (g) U Saw Thalay Saw | Member |
| Pyithu Hluttaw Representative | |
| (h) Daw Kyain Ngai Man | Member |
| Amyotha Hluttaw Representative | |
| (i) Police Maj-Gen Zaw Win | Member |
| Chief of Myanmar Police Force | |
| (j) U Aung Naing | Member |
| Director-General | |
| Union Attorney-General Office | |
| (k) Dr Hla Maung | Member |
| Retired Ambassador | |
| Patron, Interfaith Friendship and Unity Organization | |
| (l) Dr Tha Nyan | Member |
| General Secretary | |
| Young Men's Christian Association | |
| (m) U Zaw Myint Pe | Secretary |
| Member, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission | |

2. The investigation commission shall find out the truth for the following incidents and make recommendations and advice for stability of the area.

- Incidents of violent attacks in Maungtaw and their background situations and causes
 - Deaths, injuries, destruction and other damage
 - Measures taken for restoring stability and the rule of law
 - Verification of outside allegations during area clearance operations
 - Guarantee for security and human rights of the people
 - Conflict prevention and humanitarian aids
 - Measures to avoid similar incidents in the future
3. Security for the commission during its performance of duties shall be provided by the President's Office and the Rakhine State Government.
4. The commission shall conduct the investigation in accordance with the Criminal Procedure and the Evidence Act. The commission has the right to question necessary individuals, ask for necessary documents and may visit necessary places.
5. The report of the investigation shall be directly submitted to the President by 31 January 2017.

Signed,
Htin Kyaw
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar



Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than posing for a group photo at world AIDS Day. PHOTO: MNA

World AIDS Day celebrated at Amyotha Hluttaw

WORLD AIDS Day 2016 was celebrated at the Amyotha Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

This year's celebration was jointly organized by the United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS Myanmar),

Phoenix Association and civil society networks working for HIV.

Also present at the event were Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than together with the deputy speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw, the chairper-

sons of committees of Amyotha Hluttaw, MPs, members of Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission, officials from the UNAIDS and the Phoenix Association and staff from the Amyotha Hluttaw Office.—Myanmar News Agency

Ceremony for paper reading on contemporary historical literature and winter season book fair festival opened



Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint cuts the ribbon at the ceremony of Paper Reading on contemporary historical literature and the winter season book fair festival in Yangon. PHOTO: YE HTUT

DR Pe Myint, Union Minister for Information, U Tin Hlaing (also known by his pen name Ledwinthar Saw Chit) and Dr Tha Tun Oo, chairman of Myanmar Publishers & Distributors Association, took part in the opening ceremony for the Paper Reading on contemporary historical literature and the winter season book fair festival held in front of the central publishing house on Theinbyu Street, Yangon yesterday morning.

Afterward, the Union Minister posed for photos and toured book stalls at the book festival.

Dr Pe Myint stressed the need for providing an environment in which literary skills can

be honed.

"With the paper reading ceremony, the winter season book fair festival is being held. Last July, a similar ceremony was held in Yangon, with the children's literature festival held in Nay Pyi Taw and the Nobel Myanmar Literary Festival held in Yangon. An abundance of literary festivals depicts the interest in literature among Myanmar people. With the increasing number of new books, an interest in literature and books will develop. Similarly, arrangements are being made to observe similar paper readings and book festivals as it can result in many benefits", Dr Pe Myint said.

The Union Minister said the objective of holding the ceremony is to encourage the development of Myanmar literature.

"Co-observing such ceremonies is meant for development of literature and the country", he said.

The paper reading ceremony was co-chaired by U Tin Hlaing, U Aung Shin(Monywa Aung Shin) and U Kyaw Naing (Htet Myet). The papers were read by U Khin Maung Htay, U Kyaw Naing and U Tin Win.

The 2nd Day Paper Reading Session will be held today, with readings by U Aye Cho (M.A) & U Ngwe Toe, it is learnt.—Yi Yi Myint/ Ohnmar Than

LOCAL Business

Singapore and China top in FDI

SINGAPORE and China invested the most in Myanmar as of 31 October this fiscal year, according to the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

Singapore stands at the top of the list with a foreign direct investment (FDI) of US\$2,529.803million from April to the end of October this fiscal year, followed by China with an investment of US\$457.203million, according to DICA statistics.

The FDI from European countries flowed into Myan-

mar through Singapore, easily pushing Singapore into the top spot. China extended its numerous businesses in the industrial sector in Myanmar and landed in the second spot. With the lifting of sanctions from America against Myanmar, more FDI is expected to enter Myanmar. However, investment rules has not formulated yet, causing some potential foreign investors to hesitate, a business expert said.

The FDI in Myanmar are put into the following sectors: oil and gas, power,

manufacturing, transport and communication, real estate, mining, hotels and tourism, livestock and fisheries, agriculture, industrial estate, construction and other services. The transport and communications sector has the largest investment value — US\$1615.892million as of 31 October, followed by manufacturing and power industries. Meanwhile, the agriculture sector is on the verge of having no foreign investment, according to the statistics of DICA.

The trade deficit as of

25 November in this fiscal year was US\$2,165.786million, with an import value of US\$ 9,444.352million and export value of US\$ 7,278.566million. Over US\$3.3billion was in deficit in trade during the fiscal year 2015-2016. The import value as of 25 November in this fiscal year slumped by US\$1,274.073million when compared to the similar period of last fiscal year. In the same period, this year's export value increased by US\$4,18.429million.—*Mon Mon*

Sacha Inchi sample products already exported to European countries

SAMPLE products of Sacha Inchi (*Plukenetia volubilis*) have already been exported to some European countries, according to a local body.

Currently, members of Myanmar Sacha Inchi Growers and Manufacturers Association are producing the finished products of Sacha Inchi on a manageable scale. Sacha Inchi, also called sacha peanut, mountain peanut or Inca-peanut, is usually distributed only in the domestic market. The individually manufactured Sacha Inchi products are found to have a gap in quality and packaging. Therefore, the association is making efforts for quality control, said U Soe Win Naing from the growers association.

There are wide varieties of Sacha Inchi products in the market: Sacha Inchi dried tea leaf, dried sacha peanut, fried sacha peanut, sacha inchi cosmetics such as shampoo, soap and facial foam, sacha peanut oil and food products like sacha peanut cookies.

There is a plan to establish a Sacha Inchi public company in the following year to give guidance to sacha peanut growers, increase the number of members in the association, extend the number of plantation acres and create a firm market. The association is exerting efforts so that Myanmar's sacha inchi products are marketable in international markets, it is learnt.—200

Only left-hand drive vehicles permitted to import in 2017

ONLY left-hand drive vehicles will be permitted to be imported to Myanmar next year, according to an announcement released by the Commerce Ministry on Wednesday.

According to the

model year limit of imported cars for 2017, cars made between 2011 and 2014 are allowed for import for replacing old and scrapped cars under a consignment system, whereas cars imported

under individual permit must have models years of 2015 or newer, with the permit issued only for left-hand drive vehicles. Moreover, the model year limit for City Bus, Mini-bus and industrial used

machinery are between 2007 and 2017, whereas Express cars with model years from 2012-2017 are permitted to be imported, for only left-hand drive.—*Myitmakha News Agency*



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North Korean flag flutters on the top of 160-metre tower at North Korea's propaganda village of Gijungdong in this picture taken from the Tae Sung freedom village near the Military Demarcation Line (MDL), inside the demilitarised zone separating the two Koreas, in Paju, South Korea, on 22 November 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

South Korea says to pursue more unilateral sanctions against North Korea

SEOUL — South Korea said on Thursday it will pursue further unilateral sanctions against rival North Korea in the wake of its fifth and largest nuclear test in September.

The announcement followed new United Nations Security Council sanctions on North Korea

on Wednesday, aimed at cutting Pyongyang's annual export revenue by a quarter in response to the September nuclear test.

"Following this resolution, we will develop diplomatic pressure and sanctions against North Korea in all directions, and quickly deploy unilateral

sanctions with the US, Japan, EU and other friendly countries," South Korean foreign ministry spokesman Cho June-hyuck told a routine briefing.

Cho did not provide any details about the new sanctions, or when they would be implemented. —Reuters

Red Cross president to make one-week visit to North Korea

BEIJING — The president of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies is planning to make a one-week visit to North Korea later this week, an official with direct knowledge of the plan said on Thursday.

The visit by the president, Tadateru Konoe, who also doubles as head of the Japanese Red Cross Society, will take place after the UN Security Council adopted a new resolution Wednesday

to impose tougher sanctions on North Korea for a nuclear test it carried out in September, although the purpose of his trip has nothing to do with the latest political development, according to the official. A delegation of about five IFRC officials, headed by Konoe, is scheduled to leave for Pyongyang on Saturday and will later visit areas in northeastern North Korea which were devastated by flooding, triggered by a powerful ty-

phoon three months ago, to conduct a field study, the official said. Konoe is also hoping to meet with senior North Korean officials in Pyongyang during his stay in the country through 10 December, the official said. The floods along the Tumen River, running between North Korea and China, left hundreds of people dead or missing, and about 70,000 others homeless, according to international organisations.—Kyodo News

Regional trade deals may influence Japanese interest in Indonesia

JAKARTA — Japanese economic activities in Indonesia hinge on the future direction of regional trade agreements as the global economy braces for US President-elect Donald Trump's economic policies, according to a long-time market analyst with the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ.

During a recent seminar titled "Indonesia Economy Outlook 2017," Cliff

Tan, BTMU's East Asian head of global markets research in Jakarta, said Japanese economic interest in Indonesia remains stable, citing BTMU data.

If the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade pact fails to get off the ground due to the possible withdrawal of the United States, the World Trade Organisation will come under attack from the Trump administration, Tan said.

Although Indonesia is a partner to the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, along with other members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations plus Japan, Australia, China, India, New Zealand and South Korea, it will face some challenges next year involving its manufacturing segment as well as fiscal woes that will affect the nation's infrastructure and human capital.—Kyodo News

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Thailand's crown prince returns from abroad to become King Rama X

BANGKOK — Thailand's Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn returned to Bangkok on Thursday, two days after parliament said it would invite him to become the country's new king following the death of his father, revered King Bhumibol Adulyadej.

The prince will meet with the head of parliament, Pornpetch Wichitcholchai, on Thursday evening following a Buddhist rite marking 50 days since the king's death. He then is expected to formally accept parliament's invitation to ascend the throne.

Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha and Prem Tinsulanonda, a former head of the royal advisory council who has been standing in as regent, will also be in attendance, according to a palace schedule.

The prince arrived in Bangkok from Germany, according to two senior military officials with knowledge of the matter.

"We can confirm that His Majesty arrived safely this morning," said a senior military official who asked



People walk past a picture of Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn displayed for sale at a royal memorabilia shop in Bangkok, Thailand, on 29 November 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

not to named.

The prince, who will be known as King Rama X, or the 10th king of the 234-year-old Chakri Dynasty, must formally accept the invitation from parliament before he can be proclaimed king.

An official announcement from the royal household is expected to come soon afterward, according to palace protocol.

Thailand has been without a monarch since King Bhumibol died on 13 October. The monarchy has been

run by 96-year-old regent Prem after the prince asked to delay the succession in order to grieve.

King Bhumibol, who was the longest-serving head of state in the world when he died at the age of 88, was instrumental in reviving the prestige of the monarchy. He was widely seen as a stabilizing force through an era of rapid change and decades of often violent political upheaval.

A Thai lese-majeste, or royal insult, law criminal-

ises anything deemed to be an insult to the monarchy. The law has curtailed public discussion about the succession, the future of the monarchy or criticism about the crown prince, who has spent much of his adult life abroad and does not command the same level of devotion as his father.

Prime Minister Prayuth said on Tuesday a year-long mourning period for King Bhumibol would not affect a general election scheduled for 2017.—Reuters

Malaysia's Najib warns of 'nightmares' if ruling party loses power

KUALA LUMPUR — Scandal-tainted Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak vowed to fight to the end for Malays and Islam on Thursday, as he called on his ruling party to prepare for elections that are "coming soon".

Addressing the annual meeting of the United Malays National Organisation (UMNO), Najib set the tone for early polls and warned of "nightmares" if the ethnic Chinese-dominated Democratic Action Party (DAP) opposition group came to power.

"We pledge to fight to the end and to the last drop of blood, even if our lives are lost," Najib told a cheering crowd.

"Let us realise, my people, not to falter for even a moment as we are faced with challenges that we have never seen before."

The prime minister repeated his support for a bill promoting strict Islamic law, called hudud,

adding that it would be taking up for discussion by the federal government.

Najib has been buffeted by graft allegations and faced the biggest challenge to his leadership last year after reports that hundreds of millions of dollars was misappropriated from state fund 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB), which he founded.

Lawsuits filed by the US Justice Department in July said more than \$700 million of the misappropriated funds flowed into the accounts of "Malaysian Official 1", who US and Malaysian officials have identified as Najib.

Najib has denied wrongdoing. He has shrugged off persistent attempts to unseat him, securing emphatic victories in a state election and two by-elections earlier this year.

But although he retains support of nearly all 200 powerful division chiefs of UMNO's 3.5 million-member organisation, frustration has been growing over graft and a slumping economy.

Tens of thousands of protesters, undeterred by the arrests of opposition leaders and activists, marched in the capital last month demanding that he step down.

"I know, many can feel the heat at this assembly, and are waiting for directives to prepare to battle in the elections that are coming soon," said Najib.

Elections must be called by 2018 but Najib may call for polls in the second half of next year, a government source told Reuters.

Concerns are mounting among Najib's supporters that a new party, led by Najib's mentor-turned-nemesis Mahathir Mohamad and former deputy



Malaysia's Prime Minister Najib Razak talks to the media beside Indonesia's President Joko Widodo after a bilateral meeting at Presidential Palace in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 1 August 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

premier Muhyiddin Yassin, may split the Malay vote.

Najib was particularly critical of Mahathir, who the prime minister said has abandoned the party by consorting with the opposition and pro-democracy group Bersih, among other organisations. In a racial charged

hour-long speech, Najib warned that Islam will be belittled if DAP came to power and Malays must fear the "adverse effects" and "nightmares" that they may face.

"Because of that, the people should keep choosing us forever," Najib said.—Reuters



Local residents Chris and Viv Young look at damage caused by an earthquake along State Highway One near the town of Ward, south of Blenheim on New Zealand's South Island, on 14 November 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

New Zealand policy makers in the dark after quake upends stats bureau

WELLINGTON — New Zealand policy makers are flying blind as the nation's statistics agency struggles to restore the flow of vital economic data more than two weeks after a major earthquake battered its Wellington base.

Statistics New Zealand has been forced to delay a raft of releases after the 7.5 magnitude earthquake rocked the South Pacific island nation on 14 November. The deadly tremor damaged roads and buildings, and disrupted communication lines for days.

Its current calendar is under review with economists clueless whether it will release as scheduled crucial trade and gross domestic product data, due in about two weeks.

On Thursday, it released statistics on the country's terms of trade but the seasonally adjusted figures which policy makers focus on were still not available.

Shane Oliver, chief economist at AMP Capital, said the delay and partial information release had made it harder to analyse the NZ\$250 billion economy.

"The Stats office is between a rock and a hard place. They cannot put out a data that's unreliable but if you don't release the data you don't know what's happening in the economy anyway."

Statistics NZ has reiterated that it will push out the complete suite of economic figures once its systems are back up, but has not given a time frame.

It has put off the release of value of building work done and goods and services trade, which were both due on 2 December, and has yet to update its calendar for next week.

"We have not lost any data but a number of our systems need to be brought back up to restore all our services," the agency said in an email.

Some of its 500 or so staff have been moved to a temporary office in Wellington, while more will move into other floors in the same building over coming weeks. "It's still up in the air whether they'll be able to get GDP data on time," said Philip Borkin, senior economist at ANZ. "It's whether data can be collected and collated." —Reuters

New evidence shows deep Islamic State role in Bangladesh massacre

DHAKA — Before Tamim Ahmed Chowdhury orchestrated Bangladesh's worst militant attack, he sought and won approval for it from Islamic State.

A Canadian of Bangladeshi origin, he was told by his contact in the militant group, Abu Terek Mohammad Tajuddin Kausar, to target foreigners, according to a senior police official who has seen communications between the two men.

Chowdhury, located in Bangladesh at the time, proposed an attack on a Dhaka eatery frequented by expatriates.

On 1 July, a group of gunmen stormed the Holey Artisan café in the city's Gulshan neighbourhood, murdering 22 people, most of them foreigners, in an overnight siege that shocked the country.

The back-and-forth between Chowdhury, 30, and Kausar, 35, which includes drafts of articles later published in Islamic State magazines, has not been previously reported.

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Together with attempts by people linked to Islamic State to recruit and fund militancy in the country, the documents show the extremist organization has built deeper connections with Bangladeshi militants than was previously known.

The police official declined to be named due to the sensitivity of the information. Reuters could not independently verify the contents of the communications.

As Islamic State comes under pressure in its home base of Syria and Iraq, its activities in outposts such as Bangladesh could intensify, experts have said.

The extent of Islamic State's influence in Bangladesh will be key to the country's garment sector that employs millions of people and earns \$28 billion a year in exports. Any sign the global jihadi network is making inroads could force Western brands to look elsewhere for cheap clothes.—Reuters

Three Indian Army officers killed in helicopter crash

NEW DELHI — Three army officers were killed in a helicopter crash in India's eastern state of West Bengal on Wednesday, according to defence officials and local media reports.

The Cheetah helicopter crashed around 11:45 am while attempting to land at Sukna Mil-

itary Camp, near the northern city of Siliguri, following a routine mission.

Three Indian Army officers — a lieutenant colonel and two majors — died on the spot, while a junior commissioned officer was hospitalized in critical condition.—Kyodo News

Opinion

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Youth and Cooperatives

Htun Tin Htun

Young people form a large proportion of the global population. They represent a valuable asset and an important potential labour force for countries in which they constitute the majority of the population. According to UNFPA, there are 1.2 billion adolescents in the world, of which, nine out of ten live in developing countries and 55 per cent reside in rural areas. In many regions, young farmers are the future of agriculture and rural development.

They are usually endowed with a sense of innovation, creativity and dynamism. Young women and men farmers are the entrepreneurs of tomorrow and can potentially overcome the food security challenge. And yet, recent riots all over the world demonstrate the dissatisfaction and frustration of younger generations who feel uncertain and desper-

ate about their future. Youth are faced with unacceptable levels of unemployment.

In 2009 in North Africa and the Middle East, youth unemployment reached 24.7 per cent and 22.3 per cent respectively. In addition, an estimated 400 million youth worldwide – or about one third of all youth aged 15 to 24 – suffer from a deficit of decent work opportunities. The vast majority of jobs available to youth are lowly paid, insecure, and with few benefits or prospects for advancement, particularly in rural areas.

Around 25 per cent of all youth are employed, but live on less than the equivalent of US\$ 2 per day (ILO, 2010). Compared to urban populations, rural populations suffer from higher levels of poverty, more limited education and training, poorer access to information and technology, as well as more restricted access to labour markets.

This situation is particularly acute for young farm-

ers who face a myriad of constraints that are specific to their condition. These mainly include limited access to productive assets and markets as well as high transaction costs, in particular when young farmers take over inherited farms and settle in farming for the first time. In many developing countries, young farmers are ignored in policies and programmes.

This is partly a result of weak farmers' organizations and cooperatives which often fail to represent their interests. As a result, rural youth, including young farmers, tend to have lower aspirations than their urban peers. There is often a disconnect between youth's potential and their actual access to resources.

Opportunities can considerably and extensively be created and generated by Cooperatives. A better and bright future for young people can be initiated and developed. Let's see what cooperatives can offer? Too many young people are ex-

periencing a dangerous mix of high unemployment, increased inactivity and precarious work, as well as persistently high working poverty.

The cooperative form of enterprise provides young people a means to create their own employment, find jobs with enterprises that often align themselves with their own values, and participate as member-owners of enterprises where their voice is heard.

Close to 75 million young people are out of work, and an increasing number of young people "neither in employment nor in education or training" especially in more developed countries.

This decent work deficit does not only put young people at risk, but entire societies are at risk of seeing increasingly social conflicts and political unrest due to the lack of job opportunities.

Not only do underutilized young people incur significant losses by not fulfill-

ing their potential, but this underutilization of young people in the labour market can trigger a vicious circle of intergenerational poverty and social exclusion.

Young people face specific challenges in entering the work force. Their lack of professional experience may plunge them into the "experience trap". They are unable to get a job, and so they are unable to gain professional experience that would allow them to get a job.

During economic downturns, young people can be the last to be hired (due to lack of experience) and the first to be dismissed (due to lack of tenure), on the basis of the 'last in, first out' principle.

Inadequate quality and relevance of education and training can strongly affect the length and quality for school-to-work transition of young people. The lack of alignment between the education system and the needs of employers generate a mismatch between supply and demand of labour.

Celebrating 250 Year of Swedish Press Freedom

Staffan Herrström

TODAY Sweden celebrates 250 years of freedom of the press. On 2 December 1766, the Swedish Riksdag adopted the world's first Freedom of the Press Act, which meant that censorship of printed publications was abolished and the right of the public to have access to public documents and take part in political debates was secured. The Freedom of the Press Act has been instrumental to the development of our modern welfare state.

The Swedish Act was unique for its time. The text, which was drafted by Member of the Riksdag Anders Chydenius from Karleby, came before the American Constitution which protects the right to freedom of expression for all citizens.

Freedom of expression has served Sweden well. Freedom of speech is not only a prerequisite for democracy; it is also the guarantor of society's development.

The free flow of ideas and opinions, as well as debate and critical examination, creates a wealth of ideas and drives innovation.

Thanks to the Swedish principle of public access to official documents, citizens have the right of scrutiny and access to information held by the public authorities. In this way, private individuals and journalists can scrutinise power structures and popularly elected politicians. For us, this principle – central to our legal system – has contributed to a low level of corruption and a high level of confidence in our democratic institutions. There is no doubt that our open society has laid the foundation for our country's economic growth and prosperity.

In Myanmar, we are pleased to see that the public discussion on the right to information is lively. We encourage the adoption of a strong framework that will lay the foundation for this important principle also in Myanmar. To

this end, the Swedish Embassy and Phandeyar arranged a public discussion with Myanmar media on the right to information two weeks ago. We hope this event inspired further discussion, and Sweden stands ready to share our experiences with Myanmar on this issue.

But while we celebrate freedom of expression, we are unfortunately seeing how fundamental rights and freedoms are coming increasingly under threat around the world. In many places we are seeing the democratic space shrinking. People are being silenced and civic information is being restricted. Repressive legislation is targeting journalists and human rights defenders. Threats and harassment are becoming increasingly common, and worrying statistics from the UNESCO show that 800 journalists have been killed in the last ten years. Unfortunately, only a handful of the perpetrators are brought to justice.

The security of journalists is a prerequisite for free debate. Because what happens to a society that does not have access to free and independent media? What happens to knowledge when information is subject to certain conditions? What are the consequences of an uninformed public?

We must now intensify efforts to promote freedom of expression and of the media. Free speech is an important principle that we are proud of and want to protect. It is a tradition that deserves to be defended.

The UN's Global Goals for Sustainable Development and the 2030 Agenda are a positive societal development. One of the targets, 16.10, urges countries to 'Ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms, in accordance with national legislation and international agreements.' We consider this to be a very important target to achieve in efforts for global sus-

tainable development, in Myanmar as well as in Sweden.

The 250th anniversary of the Freedom of the Press Act in Sweden reminds us of the long road we have travelled to promote freedom of expression. Free speech is a principle that must never be taken for granted. It must always be defended. We hope that 2 December will be the starting point of renewed engagement. We hope that more people will stand up for free debate and continue to discuss, scrutinise and criticise.

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Director General as the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), as State Secretary at the Prime Minister's office and as a journalist.

Mandalay's famed Shwenandaw Monastery still a tourist favourite

As the high season continues in Myanmar, so do the crowds of tourists that throng the Shwenandaw Monastery in Mandalay Region.

Also known as the Golden Palace Monastery, the Shwenandaw is a stunning example of traditional Myanmar architecture. Situated near Mandalay Hill, visitors say they enjoy the beautiful natural landscapes.

The Shwenandaw Monastery was built in the 19th century.

Made of teakwood, both the interior and exterior of the monastery are decorated with intricate wood carvings.

Mr Prati Matteo, an Italian visitor, said that he was impressed during his visit to the famous, 130-year-old monastery built in the Konbaung Dynasty.

The roof and walls of the monastery are richly decorated with teak carvings depicting tales from Buddhist mythology. Inside

the monastery, there are 10 jataka scenes, or stories about the previous lives of the Buddha. Despite their age, the jataka scenes are still in a very good condition.

The Shwenandaw Monastery is one of major tourist attractions in Old Mandalay. Other attractions include Taungthaman Lake and U Bein Bridge, Mandalay Hill and Mandalay Royal Palace, with its moat and fortress walls. —*Than Zaw Min (IPRD)*



Tourists taking photographs of the Shwenandaw Monastery. PHOTO: THAN ZAW MIN (IPRD)

Night market in Nyaungshwe planned to launch in January

LOCAL government put forth concerted efforts to open a night market in Nyaungshwe, one of the major tourist attractions in Shan State, in January to attract more international visitors, said U Myo Min Zaw, chairman of the Myanmar Restaurants Association (Inlay Zone).

Authorities plan to spend K200 million on the night market project, which will have a variety of shops, with targets to sell local products such as food and traditional handicrafts through 20 restaurants, 15 small shops and

20 souvenir shops, which will be open from 4 to 11 pm.

Priority will be given to members of the Myanmar Hoteliers Association, Myanmar Restaurants Association and Myanmar Souvenir Entrepreneurs Association and tourism association to open restaurants and souvenir shops.

The project is being implemented by the Myanmar Hoteliers Association in partnership with the Myanmar Restaurants Association.

Nyaungshwe, the principal

town in the Inlay Lake area, tops the list of the most popular international travel destinations in the country. Approximately 600 foreign tourists a day visit Nyaungshwe.

According to the ministry's figures, a total of 121,736 tourists entered Nyaungshwe this year. The town hosted almost 970,000 travellers last year.

The ministry expects that international tourist arrivals of Nyaungshwe are likely to reach over 140,000 by the end of this year.—200

Shinhan Bank sponsors Korean medical team to provide free operation for Myanmar children



Seoul national medical team and Shinhan Bank's volunteers posing for a documentary photo. PHOTO: SUPPLIED

SHINHAN Bank sponsored a medical team from the Seoul National University Hospital of the Republic of Korea to provide surgeries for cleft lip and palate as well as ultrasonic cardiography for Myanmar children at Yangon Children's Hospital and Yankin New Children Hospital from November 22th to 26th.

The medical team comprises 18 doctors and nurses from the teaching hospital in Seoul and six volunteers who work in Shinhan Bank. During the medical CSR activity, 31 children received free medical treatment, which included 8 cleft lip and

palate surgeries, 8 general surgeries, and 15 scans of ultrasonic cardiography.

This is the second time free medical operations are provided by Seoul National University Hospital team and Shinhan Bank this year. In February the same team provided free operation for 18 children. In addition, through the series of CSR activities in Myanmar, Shinhan Bank donated US\$100,000 to a NGO for a microfinance scheme for villages in Hlegu Township, Yangon Region in 2013. Likewise, the Bank also made provision of track suits and bags for Myanmar na-

tional athletes participating 2014 Incheon Asian Games and donation for constructing new school facilities and furniture to two primary schools in Hlegu Township in 2015. Moreover, the Bank provided scholarships for 180 outstanding students from Yangon and Mandalay Universities of Foreign Languages for two academic years 2014-2016.

Shinhan Bank is the first Korean bank to operate in Myanmar opening on 20th September 2016, providing corporate banking service to the foreign investors promoting investment into Myanmar.—*GNLM*

2025 ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community vision plan workshop held

THE MYANMAR ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Council organized a 2025 ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community vision plan workshop at the National Library in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday.

In his opening remark, Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko, who also serves as chairman of Myanmar ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Council, clarified the purpose of the ASEAN Socio-Cultural community as the commitment to lift the quality of lives of people through cooperative activities, which plays a vital role in creating an interactive social community where the well-being, livelihood, and welfare of the peoples are improved.

He added that the ASEAN

Socio-Cultural community also aims to contribute to an ASEAN community that is people-oriented and socially responsible with a view to achieving enduring solidarity and unity among the peoples from member states of the ASEAN in 2025.

At the workshop, permanent secretaries, directors-general, deputy directors-general and directors as well as rectors from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation and the Ministry of Education actively participated in the discussions.

—*Myanmar News Agency*

Mobil phone ownership at 90 per cent

OVER 90 per cent of the people in Myanmar now own a phone, up from only 10 per cent five years ago, said U Kyaw Myo, Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications at the 16th ASEAN Telecommunications and Information Technology Ministers Meeting.

"The Myanmar communications sector has rapidly developed under the new system. The number of phone users has risen from 10 per cent to more than 90 per cent in 2010-2011," he added.

The 16th ASEAN Telecommunications and Information Technology Ministers Meeting (TELMIN) was held in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam, on 25 and 26

November 2016. Ministers for transport and communications from ASEAN countries and representatives from the People's Republic of China, Japan and Republic of Korea attended the meeting.

An attendee from Myanmar said the percentage of ownership may actually be higher.

"Nearly everybody can use a phone now in the districts because of the affordable price of SIM cards and smartphones", said U Aung Myo Oo, the representative from Yamethin township Regional Hluttaw constituency 2. "Although the ministers said 90 per cent, I think more than 90 per cent have their own phone". —*Myitmakha News Agency*



The building of Mandalay City Development Committee in Mandalay. PHOTO: MYITMAKHA NEWS AGENCY

MCDC to quintuple land rent

THE Mandalay City Development Committee (MCDC) will increase the land rent by five times in the 2017-2018 fiscal year, according to MCDC.

Currently, the MCDC rented their designated plot of land for Ks 100,000 per month. But, beginning from the next financial year, MCDC will increase the rent to Ks 500,000 per month. The local residents complained of the current rent of MCDC, saying that the MCDC rented the land to the businessmen at a rate which is

less than street value.

"We rented the land beginning from April to March, 2016. So, we will increase the rent five times for next year. The increased rate will not be concerned with every business. It depends on the category of the business. For example, the flower plant shops will not be charged the new rate, said U Thet Naing Tun, Joint secretary from MCDC on 30 November.

Currently, MCDC rented the land for Shwe Man Taung golf course, which is on 101.9698

acres, for Ks25 million per year for 30 years. The Yadanarbon swimming pool and recreation centre, which is on 4.13 acres, pays over Ks48 million per year for 5 years. The City Garden playground which is on 14.3994 acres of land, pays rent of over Ks160 million per year for 25 years.

MCDC will earn over Ks 830 million from land rents for 2017-2018 FY when MCDC increased the rent of land five times, it is learnt from MCDC. — *Myitmakha News Agency*

14 countries invest in Thilawa Special Economic Zone

A TOTAL of 14 countries have already invested in 74 enterprises in the Thilawa Special Economic Zone since November of the 2014-2015 fiscal year, according to the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

The total amount invested in

the Thilawa (SEZ) is currently US\$896.201 billion from 14 foreign countries.

Singapore tops the list of 14 foreign countries currently investing in 68 enterprises operating in the Thilawa Special Economic Zone, followed by Japan. Foreign investors are primarily

interested in investing in the industry and transportation sectors, experts said. Most of the businesses in the SEZ are concerned with garment manufacturing, construction materials, internet service, automobile parts, agricultural machinery, medicines and medical equipment. — 200

Deterrent punishment to be meted out for misappropriation of school funds

THOSE who are found to be misusing school funds will be dealt with harshly, an education minister said on Tuesday, and the punishment should be severe enough to act as a deterrent.

"We will take strong action against those who misappropriate school funds if we find them guilty", said U Win Maw Tun, Deputy Minister for Education. "The public can also complain when they find cases of misuse".

The deputy minister's statement came in response to a query from an Amyothar Hluttaw representative.

"Do the authorities have any plans to monitor use of school funds systematically? We want

strong action to be taken against those who commit embezzlement," said U Aung Myo, the representative from Amyothar Hluttaw Sagaing region Constituency 2 on Tuesday at the 2nd Amyotha Hluttaw Third regular meeting.

Township auditors check the use of school funds every six months.

They usually focus on whether the funds are being systematically used. Training courses are being conducted for district and township education officers, who will conduct the multiplier training courses for the school heads.— *Myitmakha News Agency*

Commercial filmmaking in Mandalay culture zones raises country's income

MYANMAR received over Ks8 million from commercial filmmakers and photographers who wished to capture the beauty of cultural zones in Mandalay Region over the past eight months, according to the Department of Archaeology and National Museum (Mandalay Branch).

The authorities collected a total of Ks8.4 million from the commercial filmmaking and photography shooting within Inwa cultural heritage zone and Mandalay Palace between April and 28 November.

Since 12 July 2012, the Department of Archaeology and National Museum under the Ministry of Culture started collecting Ks500,000 fees for film

and video makings per day, allowing them to record in the area for no more than 12 hours continuously.

The department is set to collect Ks100,000 for photography fees, according to its official, who said both local and foreign filmmakers and photographers have to pay the same amount of fees for capturing beautiful landscapes in designated areas, urging them to submit project plans to the department ahead of their programmes.

Mandalay, one of the country's top tourism destinations, is famous for its culture heritage including various ancient monuments with amazing architecture.—200

Crime NEWS

Highway accidents this year edge toward 700

THE number of traffic accidents along the Yangon-Mandalay expressway over the past 11 months has reached nearly 700, according to the Myanmar Highway Police.

Between January and November of this year, there were 649 road accidents, according to traffic police. The total number of people killed on the road was 149, with 1,191 people suffering

injuries.

In November alone, 61 cases of vehicle accidents occurred on the expressway, leaving 15 people dead and 117 others injured. Investigators say 23 traffic accidents out of 61 happened last month due solely to tyre explosions, prompting officials to urge drivers to check their wheels and tyres before driving on the highway.

Drug and alcohol use, fatigue and speed are the most common causes of traffic accidents, said Police Major Yan Naing Win from Myanmar Highway Police.

To reduce traffic-related deaths, highway police frequently conduct traffic rules enforcement programmes and educative activities along the road.—*Than Oo (Lay Myathnar)*

Electric short circuit causes fire

A FIRE destroyed a used refrigerator shop at the corner of Bu Pagoda road and Thone Barthar road, Thaton town, Mon State yesterday.

According to investigators, the fire started at about 2:30am after Pho Zaw, 38, and Phyo

Wai Aung, 24, tested an old refrigerator. They forgot to switch off the outlet, which later caused an electric short-circuit. The fire quickly spread out of control and badly burned the shop. The fire was brought under control within 20 minutes by firemen with four

fire engines. No one was injured in the accident, but over 50 old refrigerators worth Ks1 million were destroyed by fire.

Police have taken action against Phyo Wai Aung under section 285 of the Penal Code.—*Myitmakha News Agency*



PHOTO: HIGHWAY POLICE STATION

Fire destroys a CANTER on the highway

A FIRE destroyed a vehicle heading from Yangon to Nay Pyi Taw between mileposts 179/6 and 179/7 of the Yangon-Mandalay highway yesterday.

When responsible personnel from Thargaya highway police station and fire brigade members arrived at the scene, they found the Mitsubishi Canter fully engulfed in flames, but no one was

found inside the burning vehicle.

The driver said that he had a passenger on board. Both were unhurt. The car caught fire because of an electrical short-circuit, officials said.

The car worth Ks5 million was heavily damaged. Police have opened a case and are investigating.—*Than Oo (Lemyethna)*

Russia deploys warships near Crimea for Ukrainian missile tests

MOSCOW — Warships from Russia's Black Sea Fleet have taken up position off Crimea's western coastline to help strengthen the peninsula's air defences in response to the start of Ukrainian missile tests nearby, the *RIA* news agency reported on Thursday.

Kiev began two days of missile tests on Thursday, angering Russia, which has put its air defence forces on high alert saying it hopes the war games won't disrupt international flights.

"Warships of the Black Sea Fleet ... have taken up positions near Crimea's western coast for the duration of Ukraine's planned missile tests from 1-2 December," a military source in



A view of a Russian warship during celebrations of the Defender of the Fatherland Day in Sevastopol, Crimea, on 23 February 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Crimea told *RIA*.

"The ship's air defence units have been put on a higher state of alert. Their equipment is designed in

the first instance to shoot down heavy anti-ship missiles and cruise missiles. Together with land-based air defence units on the

peninsula, the ships have thrown up a practically impenetrable shield against the enemy's rockets." —*Reuters*

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People demonstrate on the street as Colombia's President Juan Manuel Santos and Marxist FARC rebel leader Rodrigo Londono, known as Timochenko, sign a new peace accord in Bogota, Colombia, on 24 November 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Colombian peace deal passed by Congress, ending 52-year war

BOGOTA — Colombia's Congress approved a new peace deal with FARC rebels late on Wednesday, despite objections from former President and now Senator Alvaro Uribe, who said it was still too lenient on the insurgents who have battled the government for 52 years.

The agreement was approved in the lower house by 130-0, a day after the Senate ratified it 75-0. Lawmakers from Uribe's Democratic Center party left the floors of both houses in protest just before voting began.

The ratification — and signing last week — begins

a six-month countdown for the 7,000-strong FARC, which started as a rebellion fighting rural poverty, to abandon weapons and form a political party.

President Juan Manuel Santos and rebel leader Rodrigo Londono signed the revised accord last week in

a sober ceremony after the first deal was rejected in a national plebiscite.

Santos, who won the Nobel Peace Prize in October for his peace efforts, wants to get the deal implemented as quickly as possible to maintain a fragile ceasefire.—Reuters

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Youth players of Chapecoense soccer club pay tribute to Chapecoense's players at the Arena Conda stadium in Chapeco, Brazil, on 30 November 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Soccer plane in Colombia crash was running out of fuel: recording

LA UNION, (Colombia)/CHAPECO, (Brazil) — The plane that crashed in Colombia virtually wiping out an entire Brazilian soccer team was running out of fuel, had no electrical power, and was preparing for an emergency landing, according to the pilot's final words.

The disaster on Monday night killed 71 people and sent shock waves round the global soccer world.

Only six on board the LAMIA Bolivia charter

flight survived, including three of the Chapecoense soccer squad en route to the biggest game in their history: the Copa Sudamericana final.

"Miss, LAMIA 933 is in total failure, total electrical failure, without fuel," Bolivian pilot Miguel Quiroga was heard telling the control tower operator at Medellin's airport on the crackly audio played by Colombian media.

"Fuel emergency,

Miss," he added, requesting urgent permission to land.

That matched the account from the co-pilot of an Avianca plane flying close by at the time. He said he overheard the LAMIA plane reporting it was out of fuel and had to land.

"Mayday mayday ... Help us get to the runway ... Help, help," Juan Sebastian Upegui described the LAMIA pilot as saying in an audio message also played by local media.

"Then it ended ... We all started to cry."

The BAe 146, made by BAE Systems Plc, slammed into a mountain-side next to La Union town outside Medellin. Besides the three players, a journalist and two crew members survived.

One survivor, Bolivian flight technician Erwin Tumiri, said he only saved himself by strict adherence to security procedure, while others panicked.—Reuters

Surprising monkey study could lead to 'functional' HIV cure

CHICAGO — Dr. Anthony Fauci doesn't get too excited about the results of animal studies, and he doesn't make house calls.

But when a drug already taken by thousands of people for intestinal conditions appeared to control the monkey version of HIV, it got the attention of the director of the National Institutes of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Fauci hopped on a plane to Cambridge, Mass., to personally tell Japan's Takeda Pharmaceutical Co's US representatives that their drug may offer a dramatic advance in the fight against AIDS.

Takeda's drug suppressed the virus to undetectable levels in eight monkeys, some for two years. The findings raise hopes for a so-called "functional cure" — a treatment that

puts the disease in sustained remission. "The data was so dramatic," said Fauci, who has made AIDS research his life's work.

The drug is one of several promising ideas heading into early-stage human trials, all seeking to help patients control the virus that causes AIDS for extended periods without daily antiretroviral therapy (ART).

The studies build on research propelled by the case of Timothy Ray Brown, the so-called "Berlin patient," whose HIV was eradicated through an elaborate stem cell transplant in 2007.

"There has been this explosion of discovery," said Mitchell Warren, executive director of the AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition. "There are completely new ideas that were impossible to conceive even a few years ago."—Reuters

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Taylor Swift, One Direction top list of highest paid musicians: Forbes

NEW YORK — US pop star Taylor Swift, boy band One Direction and British singer Adele were the highest paid musicians in the world this year, *Forbes* magazine said on Wednesday.

With earnings of \$170 million from touring, recordings, endorsements and other income, Swift, 26, earned the title of 2016's highest paid musician. She pulled in a gross total of more than \$200 million on the North American portion of her "1989" world tour.

The "Bad Blood" singer was followed by One Direction, the English-Irish pop band, which brought in \$110 million, grossing \$200 million-plus for its recent On The Road Again Tour. Members

of the band include Niall Horan, Liam Payne, Harry Styles, Louis Tomlinson and, previously, Zayn Malik.

Ranking third was "Hello" singer Adele, 28, with \$80.5 million, her highest earnings total yet. Adele, whose album "25" was the biggest seller of 2015, enjoyed continued success with album sales this year and grossed millions per night for her arena shows.

Madonna, whose recent "Rebel Heart" tour grossed \$170 million, was fourth with \$76.5 million, which pushed her career total on the road to \$1.4 billion pretax, according to *Forbes*.

Rounding out the top 10 were Barbados-born Rihanna,

who earned \$75 million, country star Garth Brooks (\$70 million), veteran rock band AC/DC (\$67.5 million), the Rolling Stones (\$66.5 million), DJ Calvin Harris (\$63 million) and music mogul Diddy (\$62 million).

Collectively, the 30 listed musicians earned more than \$1.8 billion this year.

Forbes compiled the list after estimating pretax income for the 12 months from June 2015 to 2016 based on interviews with managers, agents, lawyers and some of the stars. It also looked at data from the Pollstar, the Recording Industry Association of America and tracking firm Nielsen SoundScan.—*Reuters*



Singer Taylor Swift poses at the 2016 iHeartRadio Music Awards in Inglewood, California, on 3 April 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Actress Evan Rachel Wood on Twitter: 'I have been raped'

NEW YORK — "Westworld" actress Evan Rachel Wood said on Tuesday she was taking a break from social media, a day after revealing on Twitter that she had been sexually abused twice.

In a Rolling Stone interview published this month, the star discussed her suicide attempt at age 22 and being subjected to "physical, psychological, sexual" abuse.

Wood, 29, tweeted late on Monday she could not stay silent any longer "given the state our world is in with its blatant bigotry and sexism." However, she also said she had been hesitant to share her story in the past because she did not want to be accused of doing it for attention.

"I had the urge to not make it a sob story, to not make it about me," she wrote using her verified Twitter handle (@evanrachelwood).

In the post, which was shared more than one thousand times, Wood said she had been "raped by a significant other

while we were together. And on a separate occasion, by the owner of a bar".

She said that the attacks happened "many, many years ago" but did not provide an exact date. "I am still standing. I am alive. I am happy. I am strong. But I am still not OK," Wood wrote. "I think it's important for people to know that, for survivors to know that, and that the pressure to just get over it already, should be lifted."

Wood is known for her roles in "Thirteen", "The Ides of March" and "The Wrestler", as well as HBO series "Westworld" and "Mildred Pierce".—*Reuters*



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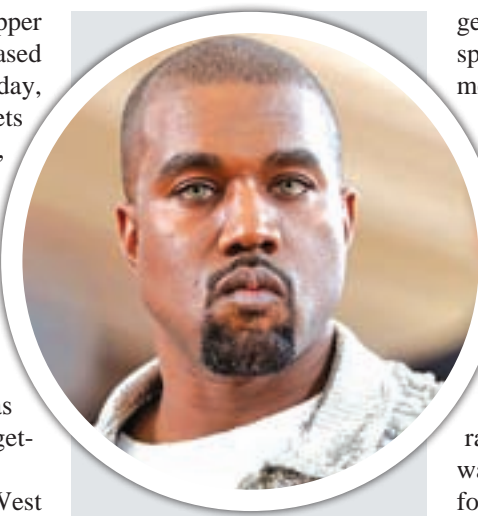
Rapper Kanye West released from hospital: media reports

LOS ANGELES — Rapper Kanye West was released from hospital on Wednesday, according to media outlets citing unidentified sources, more than a week after he was admitted for exhaustion.

CNN and the *Los Angeles Times* said West left the UCLA Medical Centre. *People* magazine quoted an unidentified source as saying West was "home, getting some rest."

Representatives for West could not immediately be reached by Reuters for comment on West's health status or hospital release.

A spokeswoman for West's wife, reality TV star Kim Kardashian, said in an email there were no updates and referred queries to West's representatives.



Entertainer Kanye West arrives at the Metropolitan Museum of Art Costume Institute Gala in New York, on 2 May 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

The "Jesus Walks" rapper, 39, was taken to the Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital at the University of California, Los An-

geles, last week after police responded to a call for help, several media outlets reported.

Sources close to the rapper told *People* he was exhausted from a "spiritual crisis."

West's hospitalization followed a series of public rants and the cancellation of the rest of his concert tour.

It came after a demanding couple of months for the rapper and his wife after she was robbed at gunpoint in Paris, forcing the family to reassess its security and public profile.

Kardashian, according to reports, has been by West's bedside during his hospitalization. Her E! Network reality show, "Keeping Up with the Kardashians," is "currently in production and has not been halted," a network representative said in a statement.—*Reuters*

From Ferguson to Hulk Hogan, Sundance documentaries dig into headlines

LOS ANGELES — From the uprising of Ferguson, Missouri, citizens after the police killing of an unarmed black man to Hulk Hogan's legal war on media outlet Gawker, documentaries at the 2017 Sundance Film Festival are diving deep into this year's headlines.

The 16 films unveiled in the independent film festival's documentary competition on Wednesday will debut during the annual 10-day gathering in Park City, Utah, in January.

Four of the documentaries delve into the impact of the Black Lives Matter movement that rose out of high-profile killings of black

men by police in various US cities in the past two years, renewing a national debate about racial discrimination in the American criminal justice system.

"Whose Streets," premiering on the first day of the festival, goes directly to the heart of the issue in the aftermath of the August 2014 police shooting of Michael Brown, 18, in Ferguson.

The documentary focuses on the people in Ferguson who are "frustrated by lack of attention on the real story of what's happening there," and includes their own video footage, Sundance festival director John Cooper told Reuters. "The Force" goes inside the Oakland, California, police de-

partment as it deals with the black community's uprising following the events in Ferguson.

Two other documentaries, "Quest" and "STEP," show the indirect impact of civil unrest and class and race struggles for African-American families.

"You really see a lot of different African-American lives on screen that you don't often see in cinema," said Trevor Groth, Sundance's director of programming.

Documentaries have had a resurgence in mainstream popularity in recent years as on-demand streaming services have brought documentary films and series to a wider audience.—*Reuters*

Thirty-three Japan festivals added to UNESCO heritage list

ADDIS ABABA — Thirty-three traditional festivals from across Japan were added to UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage list on Wednesday, the international body said.

The festivals, most of which date back to the Edo period (1603-1868), are held in 18 prefectures across Japan and feature parades involving floats made with traditional woodwork and metalwork techniques, and decorated with lacquered products and dyed fabrics.

Listing of the festivals was officially approved at a meeting in Ethiopia of the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation's Intergovernmental Committee. Noting that the 33 festivals have been inherited by the various regions over many generations, Japanese

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said in a statement, "We would like to pass them on to future generations and promote them domestically and internationally with pride."

"I could not be any happier," he said. Among the 33 festivals are the Yamahoko parade portion of the Gion Festival in Kyoto, western Japan, and the Hikiyama float parade portion of the Karatsu Kunchi festival in Saga Prefecture, southwestern Japan.

Leaders of the related local governments also expressed their joy.

"It is very delightful and we are filled with pride. We would like to further engage in developing the float culture from now on," said Aichi Gov. Hideaki Omura.

Aichi Prefecture in cen-



People involved in the Hikiyama float parade portion of the Tsuchizaki Shinmeisha Shrine annual celebration in the northeastern Japan city of Akita show their joy in the early morning of 1 December 2016, after the festival with 32 other traditional festivals from across Japan, was added to UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage list. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

tral Japan boasts five cultural properties, the most among the Japanese prefectures involved, to be inscribed on UNESCO's representative list of the intangible cultural

heritage of humanity.

"It will support our disaster recovery," said Ikuo Kabashima, governor of Kumamoto Prefecture in southwestern Japan, hit by power-

ful earthquakes in April.

The 33 festivals will be registered under a single entry, raising the total number of Japanese assets on the intangible cultural heritage

list to 21. Previously entered Japanese registrations include "washoku" traditional Japanese cuisine, and the performing arts of Kabuki and Noh.—Kyodo News

Tennessee auto parts factory workers win \$421 million lottery prize

NASHVILLE — Twenty workers at a Tennessee auto parts factory have come forward as the winners of a nearly \$421 million Powerball jackpot, lottery officials said on Wednesday.

The employees of North

American Stamping Group in Portland, Tennessee held the winning ticket that was drawn on Saturday after the prize money grew for two months, Tennessee Lottery officials said in a statement.

"The friends ... have

been playing together for years and have a variety of plans for the winnings, including helping others," lottery officials said.

The jackpot soared from \$403 million to \$420.9 million on Saturday due to a

spate of late ticket-buying.

The money is paid out over 30 years, with the option of a lump sum payment, which officials said would add up to about \$254.7 million.

Powerball, one of several games run by the Multi-State Lottery Association, a non-profit owned and operated by member states' lotteries, is available in 44 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands.

The prize was among the top 10 largest in the history of the Powerball lottery. Powerball has yielded the largest-ever US lottery prize, a \$1.6 billion sum split between three winning tickets in January.—Reuters



Lottery stubs are pictured at an ampm convenience store in Pasadena, California US, on 21 November 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Rockefeller Christmas tree lights up New York

NEW YORK — Thousands of people braved rainy weather to watch the annual lighting of the Rockefeller Centre Christmas Tree in New York City on Wednesday night.

Mayor Bill de Blasio, actors Alec Baldwin and Kate McKinnon were on hand to light the 94-foot (28 meters) Norway spruce outside the building in midtown Manhattan.

The tree is adorned with 50,000 multicolored lights, topped with a 550 lb

(250 kg), 9.5 foot (2.8 meter) wide Swarovski crystal star.

The tree will remain on display until 7 January and will then be donated to the home building charity Habitat for Humanity, the Rockefeller Centre website said. The Rockefeller Centre tree has been a staple of Christmas in New York City since the Great Depression, with hundreds of thousands people visiting the tree while it is on display.—Reuters

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Manchester United sweep past West Ham, Arsenal ousted by Southampton

LONDON — Anthony Martial and Zlatan Ibrahimovic scored twice each to help Manchester United ease into the League Cup semi-finals with a 4-1 home victory over West Ham United on Wednesday as Arsenal suffered a 2-0 home defeat by Southampton.

Martial netted twice in the second half to take the tie at Old Trafford away from West Ham, who had levelled through Ashley Fletcher following Ibrahimovic's opener after two minutes. The Swede added the fourth deep into stoppage-time.

Southampton clinched their first appearance in the last four of the competition since 1987 with powerful first-half efforts from Jordy Clasie and Ryan Bertrand against a weakened Arsenal, who made 10 changes to their side.

United were then drawn to face Hull City in the semi-finals and Southampton will play Liverpool.

United and West Ham met at the same venue in the Premier League on Sunday when United boss Jose Mourinho let his frustrations boil over and earned a second touchline ban of the season for booting a water bottle.

The Portuguese was banned from the dugout on Wednesday, but would have been delighted with the way United carved open their opponents after just two



Manchester United's Zlatan Ibrahimovic shoots at goal from a free kick during EFL Cup Quarter Final, at Old Trafford, on 30 November 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

minutes with a fluent break.

West Ham opened the scoring on Sunday equally early, but they were caught cold as Wayne Rooney, one goal short of Bobby Charlton's all-time club scoring record, fed Henrikh Mkhitaryan, whose back-heel picked out Ibrahimovic to dink the ball into the net.

The Swede should have doubled the lead when he waltzed through the heart of the West Ham defence before twice

being denied by keeper Adrian.

That could have proved a costly miss because for all United's first-half dominance, they were pegged back 10 minutes before the break by one of their former players.

Having come through the youth ranks at United, Fletcher was allowed to join West Ham in the close season and punished his former employers by scoring from close range after David de Gea had spilled a shot

from Dimitri Payet.

Payet, however, was the villain two minutes after half-time as his poor clearance was pounced on and fed to Mkhitaryan, who claimed his second assist by laying the ball off for Martial to blast past Adrian.

With 30 minutes remaining, Martial grabbed his second, tapping home Antonio Valencia's cross before Ibrahimovic added the fourth from close range.—Reuters

South Africa committed to hosting 2022 Commonwealth Games

DURBAN — South Africa remain "fully committed" to hosting the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Durban despite falling short of requirements, officials said, adding they were still in talks with the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) over their bid.

The comments came on Wednesday, the deadline to resolve a number of issues, such as failing to have a local organising committee set up within 180 days of winning the bid on 1 April, 2014 and not depositing an initial payment of \$1.79 million.

Durban remains the only city with a confirmed bid after Edmonton in Canada withdrew in February. While South Africa said details from ongoing talks could not be revealed, the CGF insisted that 30 November was merely a deadline and not a day for announcements. "The South African government is still fully committed on hosting the Games," Esethu Hasane, spokesperson for the Department of Sport and Recreation, was quoted as saying by China's Xinhua News Agency.

"Unfortunately, now the Department is not in a position to be making any pronouncements on ongoing talks."—Reuters

Striker Kane signs new six-year contract at Tottenham



Tottenham's Harry Kane scores their first goal from a penalty against AS Monaco during UEFA Champions League Group Stage Group E, at Stade Louis II, in Monaco, on 22 November 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

LONDON — Tottenham Hotspur striker Harry Kane has signed a new contract that runs until 2022, the Premier League club said on their website on Thursday.

Kane, the league's top scorer last season, has struggled with an ankle injury for much of the current campaign,

making eight Premier League appearances, but made a scoring return in the north London derby against Arsenal on 6 November.

The England international followed that up with two late goals to give his side a 3-2 home win over West Ham United and another in their 2-1

Champions League defeat by Monaco.

British media reported his new deal was worth around 125,000 pounds (\$157,750) a week. Tottenham are fifth in the league and will hope to get back to winning ways when they host second-bottom Swansea City on Saturday.—Reuters

Raonic parts ways with coach Moya after excellent year

TORONTO — Canada's world number three Milos Raonic has parted ways with coach Carlos Moya after the Spaniard guided the big-serving right-hander through his best season on the circuit.

The 1998 French Open winner joined Raonic's coaching team in January and helped the 25-year-old reach his first grand slam final at Wimbledon and finish the campaign at a career-high ranking, rising 11 places since the end of 2015.

Raonic, who also amassed a personal best 52 victories in a season and won his eighth ATP World Tour title at Brisbane in January, acknowledged Moya for helping to maximise his potential and said they would remain "close friends".

"Thank you to Carlos Moya for helping me tremendously this year, alongside my team, to get the best out of me," Raonic said on Instagram.

"Under Carlos's direction and tutelage, I have played my best yet to date. We will no

longer be continuing our coaching relationship but remain close friends. I wish him all the best."

Raonic, who also sought the services of seven-times major winner John McEnroe ahead of the grasscourt season in May, continues to be coached on a full-time basis by Italian Riccardo Piatti.

He had also worked with Croatian Ivan Ljubicic for more than two years before joining up with Moya.—Reuters



Canada's Milos Raonic. PHOTO: REUTERS