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## State Counsellor meets Implementation Committee for the Recommendations on Rakhine State

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi met with the members of Implementation Committee for the recommendations on Rakhine State at the meeting hall of the President Office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The meeting was attended by the Union Ministers Lieutenant General Kyaw Swe, Lieuten-

ant General Ye Aung, U Kyaw Tint Swe, Dr. Pe Myint, Thura U Aung Ko, Dr. Aung Thu, U Thant Sin Maung, U Thein Swe, Dr. Myo Thein Gyi, Dr. Myint Htwe, U Win Khine, Dr. Win Myat Aye, Chief Minister of Rakhine State U Nyi Pu, Deputy Ministers, Chief of Myanmar Police Force, Heads of Departments

and members of Implementation Committee.

At the meeting, the State Counsellor said that with regard to the refugees who have fled to Bangladesh, it has been stated that the refugees would be repatriated back to Myanmar in accordance with the agreement reached between Myan-

mar and Bangladesh in 1993. She also highlighted the importance of the verification process, the designation of places to receive those who have fled Myanmar, the establishment of the Working Group for the verification process, and the rehabilitation and resettlement programmes not only for the Muslims but also

for Rakhines, Mro, Daing-net and Mramagyi as well as the Hindu minority who had to flee their places due to ARSA terrorists' attacks. Moreover, she also stressed the need to effectively implement the rehabilitation, resettlement and long-term development programmes.

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Chinese journalists interview Muslims in a conflict area in Maungtaw on 22 September 2017. **PHOTO: MNA**

## Chinese media report from northern Rakhine

NEWS media representatives from the People's Republic of China arrived in Maungtaw yesterday to report on the extremist terrorist attacks in northern Rakhine State by the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA) terrorists.

The journalists arrived in Sittway on Thursday and were taken to Buthidaung via Maungtaw Township, by speedboat early yesterday morning, officials said.

Members of the Chinese media yesterday conducted

newsgathering in the predominantly Islamist wards of Thihokyun and Myothakyi, near the entrance to the town on Maungtaw-Kyeekanpyin Road. Authorities said the villages were destroyed by ARSA extremist terrorists who set

homes on fire.

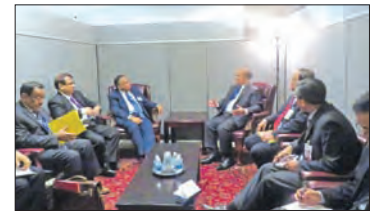
Afterward, the media group interviewed U Ye Htut, district commissioner, at the office of the Maungtaw district general administration department, inquiring about rescue efforts.

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National Security Advisor U Thaung Tun and Foreign Minister of Bangladesh Mr. Abul Hassan Mahmud Ali hold talks in New York on 21 September 2017. **PHOTO: MNA**

## National Security Advisor meets FM's of China, Bangladesh, U.S Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and Pacific Affairs

National Security Advisor to the Union Government U Thaung Tun met Foreign Minister of China Mr. Wang Yi, Foreign Minister of Bangladesh Mr. Abul Hassan Mahmud Ali, U.S Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and Pacific Affairs Ms. Susan Thornton on separate occasions in New York on 21 September 2017 on the sideline of the 72nd session of the United Nations General Assembly.

In the meeting with the Foreign Minister of China he discussed matters relating to the enhancement of cooperation between the two countries at the regional and international levels based on the existing close ties of friendship.

The National Security Advisor and the Bangladesh Foreign Minister discussed the need to resolve any outstanding issue affecting the two countries by engagement and dialogue.

Both meetings were attended by U Kyaw Tin, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs.

On the same day, the National Security Advisor received the U.S Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and Pacific Affairs at the Myanmar Mission in New York. He apprised the U.S Assistant Secretary of the situation prevailing in Rakhine State and affirmed that it has improved and that there have been no armed clashes since 6 September. He informed her that the government has

been providing humanitarian assistance expeditiously to all communities affected by the recent attack as well as efforts to bring peace, stability, and development to the state. The meeting was attended by the Myanmar Ambassador to the United States U Aung Lynn.

The National Security Advisor met separately with the Secretary General of IFRC Mr. Elhaji As Sy on 20 September and President of ICRC Mr. Peter Maurer on 21 September. On both occasions, he discussed on going cooperation between the government of Myanmar and the Red Cross Movement on providing humanitarian assistance in northern Rakhine.—Myanmar News Agency

## Union Attorney General receives IBJ Country Director

UNION Attorney-General U Htun Htun Oo received Mr. Jim Taylor, Country Director of International Bridges to Justice (IBJ) and party at the office of the Union Attorney-General in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

During the meeting, matters relating to improving judicial sector, providing legal support to the poor accused in criminal cases, sharing legal knowledge to public, departmental officers related to judiciary attending courses in IBJ



Union Attorney-General U Htun Htun Oo holds talk with Mr. Jim Taylor, Country Director of IBJ in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

justice centers and promoting cooperation between justice centers and coordination sub groups on states and regions rule of law departments and judiciary works were discussed.

Present at the meeting were Deputy Attorney General U Win Myint, permanent secretary Daw Nu Nu Yin and director general Dr. Thida Oo.—Myanmar News Agency

## 2017 by-election complaint rejected by Union Election Commission

The Union Election Commission yesterday upheld the election of State Hluttaw Representative U Shar Mway La Shan (Union Solidarity and Development Party) to represent Shan State Kentung Township Constituency 2.

The election of U Shar Mway La Shan in the 2017 by-election was contested in an electoral complaint case filed by State Hluttaw Representative Candidate Dr. Wanna Soe (National League for Democracy) in accordance with State Hluttaw

Election Law Section 93.

The UEC Tribunal 1 made up of UEC member U Soe Rae as chairman, with U Khin Maung Than and U Than Win as members, heard the case and handed down the decision confirming the election of U Shar Mway La Shan as State Hluttaw Representative of Shan State Kentung Township Constituency 2 and rejected the complaint of Dr. Wanna Soe and counter-complaint of U Shar Mway La Shan.—Myanmar News Agency ■

## Nay Pyi Taw's 100-Bed Traditional Medicine Hospital gives free medical Care to 150 to 250 out-patients daily

Daw May May Kyi, deputy superintendent of Nay Pyi Taw 100-bed indigenous hospital said that the hospital is giving medical treatment to 150 to 250 outdoor patients daily, free of charges, to the best of our calibre. If necessary, the patients are admitted as in-patients. For now the hospital has 96 indoor-patients.

It has been learnt that monthly regular medical treatments are being provided with

indigenous medicines in the villages of the region.

The hospital was opened on 4th November 2015, giving medical treatments till the end of August, 2017—43297 out-patients, 2174 indoor-patients and 4053 ambulatory patients.

In the hospital, out-door patient department, neurology ward, orthopaedic ward, paediatric ward, medical ward, obstetric ward are giving medical treatments.—Shin Min ■

## PRC journalists make reports in Maungtaw

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The members of the media also travelled to the market in the predominantly Islamist Kanyintan ward in Maungtaw and spoke to residents about their attitudes towards the ARSA extremist terrorists, the situations on the ease of selling and purchasing goods at a time when peace and stability are being restored, and the availability of medical care to members of the Muslim community by the Tatmadaw mobile health team in the ward.

The Chinese media representatives also met with Hindus who are being sheltered at res-

cue camps opened in Maungtaw, asking them about the killings by ARSA extremist terrorists and the support given to them by the Government.

The Chinese journalists openly asked Hindu residents if they were living peacefully and why they chose not to be displaced from Gwezar village. The members of the Chinese media also met those taking shelter at the Myoma monastery and took photos of fencing along the Myanmar-Bangladesh border and the No. 1 gate/check-point in the western ward of Maungtaw Myoma.—Myanmar News Agency ■



# State Counsellor meets Implementation Committee for the Recommendations on Rakhine State

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The State Counsellor was also briefed by the Union Ministers and members of the Implementation Committee.

The State Counsellor also stressed that the decision reached at the meeting must be implemented immediately.

At today's meeting, the following points were decided:

- To include the need to preserve culture, customs and traditions of the ethnic minorities including Mro and Daing-net ethnic groups in the resettlement programmes for the displaced communities, which will be implemented with advice from UN-HABITAT;

- To repatriate those who had fled Myanmar to Bangladesh based on mutual agreement between the two countries in 1993 and set up a Working Group to conduct systematic verification process for urgent repatriation;

- To seek advice of UN-HABITAT so as to include sustainable development aspects in the resettlement programmes for the affected community. This will



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi speaks to the members of Implementation Committee for the recommendations on Rakhine State at the meeting hall of the President Office in Nay Pyi Taw on 22 September 2017. **PHOTO: MNA**

include building road networks, constructing electrical grids, sewage systems, schools, hospitals and police outposts;

- To speed up the search of 93 Hindu victims from Tamantthar Village who were attacked by ARSA terrorists;

- There had been request made to the Bangladesh Border

Guards for the repatriation of 6 Hindu women and 3 children who were said to be living in the IDP camp at the border area. Additionally, request should be made to the Bangladesh authorities through the Diplomatic Channel;

- To dispatch the lists of terrorist attackers to the Bang-

ladesh Government, INTERPOL and the UN.

The Myanmar side will again issue an invitation for the visit of the Bangladesh Minister for Home Affairs to Myanmar to discuss bilateral cooperation for the security of the border areas between the two countries. This visit was previously

postponed by the Bangladeshi side. A similar invitation had also been issued by the Chief of the Myanmar Police Force to his counterpart. The meeting also decided to arrange a tour for the Diplomatic Corps next week. The meeting concluded in the early afternoon.—Myanmar News Agency ■

## Vice President U Myint Swe inspects Phyu Chaung Multi-Purpose Dam Project

VICE President U Myint Swe accompanied by Bago Region Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Aung Zaw Naing and U Htein Lwin, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Electricity and Energy arrived at the Phyu Chaung Multi-Purpose Dam Project yesterday morning and inspected the Phyu Chaung Dam and

the Phyu Chaung hydroelectric power station.

First, the Vice President observed the Phyu Chaung Dam from the dam view point. Next, he was briefed about the status of the Phyu Chaung Multi-Purpose Dam Project and the irrigation system which was under construction by the Irrigation and Water Utilization Manage-



Vice President U Myint Swe inspects the Phyu Chaung Multi-Purpose Dam Project in Phyu, Bago Region on 22 September. **PHOTO: MNA**



Phyu Chaung Muli-Purpose Dam in Phyu Township, Bago Region. **PHOTO: MNA**

ment Department Director General U Kyaw Myint Hlaing in the briefing hall of the Phyu Chaung Multi-Purpose Dam Project.

Electric Power Supply Enterprise Managing Director U Khin Maung Win then explained about the Phyu Chaung hydroelectric power station.

With regard to the briefings that were presented, the Vice President stressed the need to be continuously prepared and

to be alert for natural disasters while implementing the project, to strive for completion of the project in accordance with the project plan as only 16.1 per cent of the planned 90,000 acres had been provided with irrigation water so far, the need to provide irrigation water to the farmers so that they could utilize it effectively, fully utilize the electric power generated during the rainy season without wastage and to provide educa-

tion, health and welfare support for the staff and family members of the project. Afterwards, the Vice President viewed the power generation and power distribution works being carried out in the Phyu Chaung hydroelectric power station.

The Phyu Chaung hydroelectric power station has two 20 MW generators installed and can generate a full 40 MW during the rainy season, it is learnt.—Myanmar News Agency ■



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## Torrential rain causes landslides in Chin State

RECENT torrential rain in Chin State caused landslides in Chin State, damaging roads and several houses, according to local authorities.

People were also evacuated from areas which are threatened landslides in Haka and Hpalam while a total of 13 houses were removed from the areas.

The landslides happened on the Kale-Thaingngin Road and on Haka-Gangaw Road also blocked the roads temporarily.

Traffic on the roads returned to normal after local authorities and volunteers cleared the road.—Chin State IPRD ■



Authorities and volunteers clear the road damaged by the landslides in Chin State. **PHOTO: IPRD**

## Hand-made mine explodes in Rakhine

A hand-made mine suspected by authorities to have been planted by extremist terrorists exploded on the grounds of the mosque in Michauungzay village, Buthidaung Township, authorities said. It could not be determined whether there were any injuries, but none had been reported as of last night.

Authorities said the mine

was detonated in an apparent attempt to scare Islamists who were attending services in the mosque. Security forces who went to the scene found out a blast hole measuring 4 feet long and 2 feet deep due to the mine explosion 30 feet away from the mosque. While inspecting the area, security forces found another hand-made mine and

related items 10 feet away from the site of the bomb-blast.

The explosion was the latest in a series of suspicious incidents to occur in northern Rakhine State over the past few days. On Thursday, an outbreak of fires in Kyein Chaung village,, Maungtau township, destroyed over 20 houses, it was learnt.

Police from the Kyein

Chaung Police Station are investigating the cause of the fire.

On the same night, an unoccupied thatched house in an open space was also burnt down, authorities said. The suspicious fire is being investigated by Maungtau Myoma Police. The damage to the house was estimated at Ks30,000.—Myanmar News Agency ■

## Industrial City Project start in Yeni, Bago Region

The Yeni Industrial City Project began in Yeni Township, Bago Region, according to a report in the City News Daily yesterday.

“The infrastructure alone will cost over US\$100 million. Foreign Direct Investments are expected to flow into the Industrial City Project,” said Dr. Khin Maung Aye, the chairman of LAT WAR GROUP Company.

The Industrial City Project is being implemented jointly by the Hua Chew Company in Singapore and the Myanmar-based Lat War Group of Companies.

“Currently, we are only a joint venture of two companies. But there will be three companies when FMI joins us. The industrial City Project is implemented here because this place

has easy access to Yeni and Nay Pyi Taw, he added.

The project will include schools and the staff quarters. This project will also create job opportunities for around 100,000 locals. Currently, 100 acres of land have been granted.

“We will give priority to the manufacturing sector in this Industrial City Project. The pro-

ject will also include garment factories and paper mills as well as other small factories,” said U Ko Ko Lwin, permanent secretary of the Ministry of Industry.

The Lat War Group of Companies won the tender in 2013 to implement the Yeni Industrial City Project. The company will complete the project within 15 years.—GNLM ■

## Digital Marketing Summit 2017 to be held for the first time

The very first “Digital Marketing Summit 2017” will be held in Myanmar at Summit Park View Hotel on 1st October, according to a report in the Myawady Daily yesterday.

“The Digital Marketing Summit 2017 will be held by Digital Minds, a marketing

consultant agency. Nowadays, communication and the usage of internet in Myanmar are dramatically increasing and so, entrepreneurs and people from the business world prefer digital marketing to traditional marketing to run their businesses”, said Ko Hein Thet Khin Zaw,

the managing director of Digital Minds.

At this summit, directors from the leading digital companies in Myanmar and social media influencers will broadly discuss and share knowledge on digital marketing.

The Digital Marketing

Summit 2017 is an event for entrepreneurs, brand managers, marketing managers and the youths who are interested in digital marketing should attend to widen their knowledge on the digital marketing. Most of the businessmen have turned to the digital marketing.—GNLM ■

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## Condo population likely to increase in Yangon

THE number of condominium residents in Yangon may soon rise, according to a report yesterday in the Myawady Daily.

"The condominium law has been reported to the Hluttaw, (and the) condo population is likely to increase, Daw May Su Aung, Director of Alliance International Development Co. told the Myawady Daily.

A condominium offers safe and sound living, with security staff, a 24-hour electrical supply and sufficient water supply. There can also be leisure facilities such as mini-cinemas, playgrounds, swimming pools and restaurants.



The condominiums are under construction in Yangon on 13 September 2017. **PHOTO: GNLM/PHOE KHWAR**

"Many construction companies have come to develop condominiums. Yangon's accommodating style is possibly to change," she continued.

Nevertheless, even middle-class people are still unable to afford condominium apartments because of the skyrocketing prices.—GNLM ■

## Border trade value with ITCs reach Ks16.8 billion over five months

BORDER trade value with the use of the Individual Trading Card (ITC) from 1st April to 8th September in the current fiscal year reached over Ks16.8 billion, comprised of US\$1.3 billion worth of exports and US\$15.5 billion worth of imports, according to the Commerce Ministry.

A total of 1,349 ITCs were issued by the Trade Department, 292 cards from 21st Nov 2012 to 31st March 2013, 261 cards in FY 2013-2014, 317 cards in FY 2014-2015, 146 cards in FY 2015-2016, 248 cards in FY

2016-2017 and 85 cards as of 8th September this FY, according to figures released by the ministry.

Of the border trade camps, Myawady and Kanpiketee border trade camps performed the largest amount of trade using the ITC, with an estimated value of Ks12.8 billion and Ks928 million, respectively.

Between 1 April and 8 September in the current FY, the Tamu checkpoint saw over Ks847 million, while the Muse gate traded over Ks11 million worth of goods. Trade values of ITC holders were over Ks669

million at the Tachilek land point of entry, over Ks56 million at Lweje, over Ks4 million at Chinshwehaw, over Ks328 million at Kawthoung, over Ks314 million in Reed, over Ks759 million at Mawtaung and over Ks78 million at Keng Tung, according to official figures of the Commerce Ministry.

The ITC holders can trade Ks3million a day, and the trade department permitted them to increase trade value up to Ks15 million a day, which amounts to a five-day trade value.—Ko Khant ■

## Twelve ships dock at Sule Port to export more than 230,000 tons of rice in four months

Twelve ships arrived at Sule Port between 1 April and 28 August and more than 230,000 tons of rice was exported, according to Wednesday's report of City News.

Myanmar trades with foreign countries through sea routes and border trade gates. Sea trade is carried out through Yangon International Port Terminals, Patheingyi Port and Sittway Port. Yangon International Port terminals include Thilawa Port Terminal, Sule

Terminal, Botahtaung Terminal and Ahlon Terminal, which conduct most of the sea trade. These terminals primarily handle rice, broken rice, parboiled rice, crops, fish products, teak logs and construction tools.

Previously, the Outer-Bar and Inner-Bar in the Yangon River caused difficulties to ships approaching piers at Yangon Port, which cannot handle ships with over an overall length of over 167 meters. Those ships could dock only at Myanmar In-

ternational Terminals-Thilawa.

After dredging activities in Yangon River, cargo processing has become easier, as Yangon Port is now capable of accommodating vessels of up to 190 meters in length, officials said.

During the previous FY, only ten vessels could dock at Yangon Port. This financial year, Yangon Port Terminals managed 12 ships in only four months, with an estimated rice export volume of over 231,738 tons.—GNLM ■

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# Tatmadaw, ethnic armed groups will meet to 'build trust, reduce tension'

By Ye Khaung Nyunt

UNION Level Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC-U) Secretary-1 Dr. Shwe Khar said it was decided yesterday to hold regular meetings between the ethnic armed groups who had signed the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) and Tatmadaw in order to build trust and reduce military tension.

The decision came on the third day of JMC-U's 12th meeting held yesterday morning at the National Reconciliation and Peace Center (NRPC) on Shweli Road in Yangon.

During the three days of the JMC-U meeting, matters discussed included more civilian participation in the Local Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC-L) formed in Shan and Kayin State, continued formation of Local Civilian Monitors, holding workshops in order to conduct regular meetings to build trust and relationship between force commanders, upgrading the capacities of civilians participating in State Level Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC-S) and JMC-L, reviewing and re-assessing Standard Operating



JMC-U Secretary-1 Dr. Shwe Khar and JMC-U Secretary-2 Colonel Wunna Aung give press conference following Union Level Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC-U) in Yangon. **PHOTO: PHOE HTAUNG**

Procedure (SoP) and terms of reference (TOR) and reports by assessment and confirmation groups on the killing of Mongpan Township militia leader U Myint Aung.

After yesterday's meeting, JMC-U Secretary-1 Dr. Shwe Khar and JMC-U Secretary-2 Colonel Wunna Aung met with local and international media to

explain the three-day meeting.

"Mainly, as JMC-L was formed, ways of forming related local civilian monitors and when to start forming them were discussed. To increase the strength of the JMC-Ls formed in Kayin State and Shan State, it was decided to increase civilian participation to four in each JMC-L. ToR and SoP were drawn two

years ago and in order to review it, it was decided to submit to the 13th meeting to discuss forming a review team", said Dr Shwe Khar.

Dr. Shwe Khar added that "It is important to build trust and relationship between the two groups during the peace building period. The JMC committee members from two armed

groups meet regularly once a month or bi-monthly, but military commanders who are not JMC committee members could not meet. We decided for the military commanders from both sides to meet regularly."

In meeting with the media, it was mentioned that workshops with foreign experts were being conducted regarding deploying forces to avoid confrontations. Ethnic armed groups and the Tatmadaw would discuss this later, they said.

JMC-U Secretary-2 Colonel Wunna Aung said "A report by the assessment and confirmation group on the killing of Monpan Township militia leader U Myint Aung confirmed that he was killed by Sai Tint, but in the meeting, the RCSS (Restoration Council of Shan State) said there is no Sai Tint in the RCSS. Therefore, a case had been filed on Sai Tint by Myanmar Police Force and action will be taken accordingly."

The day's meeting was attended by JMC-U member government representatives, representatives of NCA signatory ethnic armed groups and civilian representatives. ■

## Vice Senior General Soe Win returns from 10th Pacific Armies Chief Conference

Vice Senior General Soe Win, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) and party attended the 10th Pacific Armies Chief Conference in Republic of Korea and returned by air to Yangon yesterday evening. They were seen off at Seoul airport by Myanmar ambassador to Korea Thura U Thet Oo Maung, Myanmar military attaché (army, navy, air) Col. Myint Thein and Republic of Korea Armed Forces No. 3 Division Deputy Division Commander of Maj-Gen Ligu Jun.

Earlier in the day, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of



Vice-Senior General Soe Win is welcomed back by senior military personnel at Yangon International Airport. **PHOTO: MNA**

Defence Services and party visited Seoul Sky Tower in the morning and G Tower in Incheon industrial zone in the afternoon.

Upon arrival in Yangon in the evening, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence

Services and party was welcomed by Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Thet Pone, high ranking Tatmadaw officers, Korea military attaché to Myanmar Colonel Hong Gongkee and official. —Myanmar News Agency ■

## Cash donated to nationals displaced by terrorist attacks

A ceremony to donate cash to displaced people due to the attacks of the ARSA extremist terrorists was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

At the ceremony, Nay Pyi Taw Council Member U Aung Myin Tun accepted Ks 4 million contributed by the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman and members, staff from the Nay Pyi Taw General Administration Department,

and personnel from district and township general administration departments from Dekkhina and Ottara districts, with the contributions Ks1 million donated by the Agriculture Research Department under the "Sharing" programme of the Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation accepted by Dr. Win Myat Aye, Union Minister. Certificates of honour were given to the donors.—Myanmar News Agency ■

## State Constitution Tribunal decides on Submission No 1/2017

The State Constitution Tribunal, inclusive of the chairman and its members, made a decision to reject Submission No 1/2017 tendered by a group of 50, including Brigadier General Maung Maung, Tatmadaw Pyithu Hluttaw Representative, through the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw at the court held at the tribunal office on Thursday.—Myanmar News Agency





US President Donald Trump meets with Afghan President Ashraf Ghani during the UN General Assembly in New York, US, on 21 September 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

## Trump, Ghani agree US can help develop Afghanistan's rare earth minerals

NEW YORK — US President Donald Trump and Afghanistan President Ashraf Ghani agreed at a meeting in New York on Thursday that US companies could help develop Afghanistan's rare earth minerals, the White House said in a statement.

"They agreed that such initiatives would help American companies develop materials critical to national security while growing Afghanistan's economy and creating new jobs in both countries, therefore defraying some of the costs of United

States assistance as Afghans become more self-reliant," the White House said.

The two leaders also expressed their commitment to fully implement Trump's new South Asia strategy to defeat terrorism, the statement said.— Reuters ■

## Man arrested for supplying weapons to Afghan Taliban

QALA-E-NAW, (Afghanistan) — The National Directorate for Security (NDS) of Afghanistan, or the country's intelligence agency, has arrested a man charged with supplying arms and ammunitions to the Taliban militants in western Badghis province.

The suspected weapon supplier to the Taliban, according to the agency on Friday, was captured in Badghis provincial capital Qala-e-Naw, 555 km northwest of Kabul recently.

Meantime, deputy to Badghis provincial governor,

Faiz Mohammad Mirza Zada has confirmed the arrest and said that variety of arms and ammunitions had been recovered from the possession of the arrested man.

Taliban militants haven't make comments.—Xinhua ■

## Cholera death toll rises to 2,103 in war-torn Yemen: WHO

SANAA — The death toll of the cholera epidemic in war-torn Yemen has increased to 2,103 since it broke out in April, the World Health Organisation (WHO) said Thursday.

The suspected cases have risen up to 704,544, WHO said on its official Twitter account.

The cases were reported from 22 provinces out of 23, it added.

Most of the suspected cas-

es were reported from the Red Sea port city of Hodeidah, while most of the deaths were reported from the northwestern province of Hajjah. On 6 September, the death toll reached 2,048, while the suspected cases reached 612,009 people, more than half of them children, according to WHO.

The war in Yemen, which has lasted more than two years and a half, has destroyed the bulk of the country's water and sanita-

tion systems, with more than half of Yemen's health facilities out of service, and about 15 million people gaining no access to safe water and basic healthcare.

The war has also pushed the country into the brink of famine, with an estimated 385,000 children suffering from severe acute malnutrition, thus putting them at heightened risk of acute watery diarrhea and cholera, according to the UN agencies.—Xinhua ■

## Spain police detain man accused of link to Barcelona attacks

MADRID — Spanish police on Friday detained a man they said had a close relationship with a number of those involved in last month's attacks in Barcelona when militant Islamists used a van to hit pedestrians and carried out a follow-up attack, killing 16.

The Moroccan man, 24, is a resident in Spain and had connections to the Islamist cell which took part in the attack, especially the imam Abdelbaki Es Satty, the Interior Ministry said in a statement.

Police are looking at the man's part in the acquisition of materials, specifically hydrogen peroxide, which was used in the manufacture of some 100 kilos of TATP explosives, the ministry said.

The cell had accumulated

around 120 canisters of butane gas at a house in a town south of Barcelona with which, police said following the attacks, it had planned to carry out a larger bomb attack.

A blast that destroyed the house in the town of Alcanar on 16 August, the eve of the Barcelona attack, was accidentally triggered by the cell, police say. Satty, said to be the leader of the militant group, died in the explosion.

Six of the suspects were killed by police during the attacks and four have been arrested, with two held in prison.

Spanish police have arrested 201 people they claim are associated with militant Islamists since raising the alert level to 4, the second highest, in June 2015.

—Reuters ■

## Iraqi forces free IS-held town in Iraq's Anbar

BAGHDAD — Iraqi security forces on Thursday liberated the town of Aana and nearby areas in Iraq's western province of Anbar from Islamic State (IS) militants, the Iraqi military said.

The Iraqi army troops and armored vehicles, backed by paramilitary tribal fighters, fully liberated the town of Aana, some 280 km northwest of the Iraqi capital of Baghdad, and raised Iraqi flags over some of its buildings, Lt. Gen. Abdul Amir Yarallah from the Iraqi Joint Operations Command (JOC) said in a brief statement.

The announcement came two days after security forces and allied Hashd Shaabi brigades launched an offensive to drive out IS militants from Aana and nearby areas, including the nearby small town of Rayhana.

On Saturday, Iraqi forces recaptured Akashat area and

reopened a nearby strategic road near the Iraqi-Syrian border in another operation.

Iraqi security forces have dislodged IS militants from the key cities of Anbar Province, including Ramadi and nearby Fallujah, but the areas near the border with neighboring Syria, including Rawa and al-Qaim as well as the vast rural areas across the province are still under the control of the extremist IS militants.

Earlier in the day, Iraqi forces launched an anti-IS offensive elsewhere in the country and recaptured up to 21 villages as they are advancing to free the town of Hawijah in the oil-rich province of Kirkuk.

"With a new Iraqi dawn, we announce the launch of the first stage of an operation to liberate Hawijah," Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi said in a brief statement.

—Xinhua ■



# Some new information about ARSA terrorists revealed

Khin Maung Oo

In the article, “The truth behind Myanmar’s Rohingya Insurgency” by Bertil Lintner who has been writing numerous articles on Myanmar, the writer presented in the article’s introduction that the relation between the leaders of ARSA and extremist terrorist groups pointed to broader conspiracy in the region, while shouting aloud that ARSA extremist terrorists are fighting for rights of national minorities. The wording, “rights of national minorities,” is of great importance. Many international news media are writing as if Bengalis in Rakhine State are stateless people whose citizenship rights have been rejected. In fact, successive governments

have laid down policies that anyone who complies with prescribed rules and laws will be allowed to enjoy citizenship rights, simultaneously exercising those policies and implementing it practically.

According to the statement of Bertil Lintner, the so-called ARSA extremist group leader is someone of Bengali extraction born and brought up in the outskirts of Karachi in Pakistan. It has been learnt that most of the thousands of Bengalis who had settled down for two or three generations in the shanty outskirts of Karachi are stateless persons. It is not known exactly why those Bengalis are stateless.

According to the news from international intelligence sources, the person designated as the patron of

the ARSA extremist terrorist group is spreading a video designed to launch a jihad, a holy war fought by Muslims to defend Islam in Myanmar. The said person is closely related to the Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba, the biggest terrorist group in South Asia. Bertil Lintner presented in his article that over 150 alien terrorists got involved in the ARSA extremist terrorist group. It was described in his article that most of them are Bangladeshis while the rest are from Indonesia, Malaysia and Southern Thailand. And the writer pointed that the video has been disseminated widely in many places, showing military exercises in Aceh in Indonesia, designed to train for launching a holy

war in Rakhine State. Bertil Lintner also highlighted well-coordinated military operations on many police outposts on 25th August depict that they had considerable military skills. Information provided by Bertil Lintner in his article showed that ordinary Bengalis in Rakhine State were angry about military activities launched by the ARSA extremist terrorist group which has brought about this dangerous situation. It is a well-known fact that many Muslims as well as Buddhists who had responded to questions posed by government officials or other interviewees had been killed ruthlessly. Some had their throats slit while others have been hacked to death mercilessly. ■

## Primary healthcare crucial for SDGs: WHO

KATHMANDU: At least 30 million people in landlocked Nepal still lack access to one or more of seven essential health services, with access to care worse for the poor.

The World Health Organization has emphasized the critical need for countries in the South-East Asia Region to strengthen primary health care – including the skills of frontline health workers – and enhance monitoring of health services coverage and financial protection as they strive to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal related to health and wellbeing for all.

“There is an urgent need to revive and adapt frontline services and health workers to meet today’s needs. By doing this countries can accelerate public health gains, including by reducing maternal and child mortality and strength-

ening health security. They can also tackle looming challenges such as the increased burden of non-communicable diseases. Though efforts across the region have been commendable, countries must strengthen their delivery of patient-centered, integrated care to drive further gains and ensure no one is left behind,” Dr Poonam

Khetrapal Singh, Regional Director, WHO South-East Asia Region, said.

“Enhancing the skills of health staff is an important means for countries to strengthen primary health care and ensure essential services are available. This can be done through ongoing training initiatives that equip health workers and health teams with the skills needed to address a range of health issues, including identification and care of chronic conditions. Equally important are efforts to increase health worker retention,

particularly in rural areas,” she said. “Careful attention must be paid to the distribution of health workers’ skill-sets across the health system to ensure all communities, regardless of location, can access essential services.”

Dr Khetrapal Singh also noted the need to establish sustainable financing for frontline services, saying an important way for countries to strengthen primary health services is to ensure they are equitably and efficiently financed. “As service delivery models change, it is essential that both prevention and treatment receive adequate resources and funding. Strategies must be linked to resource flows so that communities can rely on frontline services for a range of health issues,” the Regional Director emphasized.

As countries strive to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal of health and wellbeing for all, the development of country-specific targets and implementation of effective monitoring

systems is vital. Almost all countries have now developed their own targets, while all of them have measured and reported progress using two indicators – one tracking health services coverage; the other tracking financial risk protection.

The Regional Director expressed WHO’s commitment to produce an annual report on progress towards universal health coverage and the health-related SDGs, which is a key agenda item at the Seventieth session of the Regional Committee currently being held in Maldives. The Regional Committee is the highest decision-making body for public health in the South-East Asia Region, and includes health ministers and senior health ministry officials of the Region’s 11 Member countries – Bangladesh, Bhutan, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, India, Indonesia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Timor-Leste.—WHO

**SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT  
GOALS (SDGs)**



A nurse checks blood pressure of a patient at a rural clinic in Nay Pyi Taw. Photo: Aye Min Soe





Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Kumaran Bhivamsa arrives Yangon International airport to leave for China.  
**PHOTO: SAW THEIN WIN**

## Buddhist delegation leaves for China

On the afternoon of 22 September, Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Kumaran Bhivamsa, Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee left Yangon by air for China at an invitation of Venerable Chong Hua, the President of the Chongsheng Temple in Dali City, Yunnan Province, China, to participate in the 7th Buddhist Forum from 22 to 24 September, and to attend to religious affairs in Shanghai.

The Chairman Sayadaw of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka

Committee was accompanied by the Vice Chairman Sayadaw, member Sayadaw, deputy director general and director of the department of Religious Affairs and a responsible person from the Mingala Magazine (Yangon Office).

The State Committee Chairman Sayadaw and party were seen off at Yangon International Airport by officials from the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture.

—Saw Thein Win ■

## 150 solar lighting systems donated to Rakhine State Cabinet

One-hundred fifty sets of home solar lighting systems worth US\$15,000 were donated by the KDE & C Company of the Republic of Korea through the Ministry of Industry at a ceremony held at the Rakhine State government yesterday.

The ceremony was attended by Rakhine State government's ministers, departmental heads and responsible officials from the Ministry of Industry.

U Aung Kyaw Zan, Rakhine State minister, gave words of thanks, saying the KDE & C Company had helped fulfil the acquisition of electricity, a major necessity, for local nationals.

Afterward, U Aung Kyaw Zan, State minister and U Kyaw Hla Tun, State Advocate accepted 150 sets of the domestic solar lighting system handed over by U Ko Ko Tin, director general of Industrial Cooperation Department, who was then given a certificate of honour.

U Myat Zaw, deputy direc-



Officials accept the certificate of honour for the donation of 150 sets of solar lights. **PHOTO: TIN TUN**

tor and technical expert, demonstrated how to install and use the solar-energy panels.

“With a view to helping the need for electricity for the rural populace in Rakhine State, KDE & C Company came to donate 150 sets of a home solar system worth

US\$15,000. The system can be used not only for lighting homes but also for charging batteries and hand-phones.

The system is free from any risks for the users and it cannot cause environmental pollution.—Tin Tun (IPRD) ■

## National Road Safety Council notice on road safety

There had been a high rate of increase in motor vehicles numbers since 2011 when motor vehicle import procedure was changed and together with this increase, there were increase in number of road accidents, hurt and death.

To reduce road accidents, National Road Safety Action (2014-2020) was drawn and implemented but from the 2013 base year of the action plan to 2016 there were an annual increase of road accidents as shown below.

Sr.	Year	Road accidents	Injury	Death
(a)	2013	13,912	23,378	3,721
(b)	2014	14,997	24,932	4,313
(c)	2015	15,859	26,630	4,375
(d)	2016	17,384	27,763	4,887

During the 8 months period of 2017 January to August, there were 12,250 road accidents causing 19,817 injuries and 3,556 deaths, an average of 14.8 deaths per day. Of the road accidents, 48.85 per cent involves motorcycle.

The aim of National Road Safety Action (2014-2020) is to reduce 50 per cent the number of death from road accident by 2020. On the 2013 base year, there were 9.26 deaths per 10,000 vehicles and by 2020 this is to be reduced to 4.63 deaths per 10,000 vehicles.

According to 2016 figures, this was reduced only to 7.98 deaths per 10,000 vehicles and a lot need to be done to reach the target.

As such, National Road Safety Council notifies everyone to follow traffic and road rules. Especially motorcycle users are urged to be more aware of and follow traffic and road rules.—Myanmar News Agency ■

## Aung Parahita Network donates cash for displaced person in Rakhine

Ovadacariya (Patron) Sayadawgyi of Visudayone Sasanpyu Monastery of Aunglan Township Aung Parahita Network together with members and donors donated cash and utensils for displaced

people from Maungdaw, Buthidaung and Yathedaung Townships in Kyauktaw temporary relief camps yesterday morning.

400 persons staying in

Maha Kangyishin Pagoda temporary relief camp, Kyauktaw town were provided with Ks 3,000 each totaling Ks 1.23 million, 125 bags of rice, 2 cans of cooking oil, school sta-

tionary, kitchen utensils and clothes.

In the afternoon, 198 persons staying in township sasan beikman temporary relief camps were provided with Ks

3,000 each totaling Ks 594,000, 65 bags of rice, 2 cans of cooking oil as well as Ks. 50,000 to four mothers who had recently given birth totaling Ks. 200,000.

—Win Min Soe (IPRD) ■

## Invitation to young writers for Sunday section

The Global New Light of Myanmar is accepting submissions of poetry, opinion, articles, essays and short stories from young people for its weekly Sunday Next Generation Platform. Interested candidates can send their works to the Global New Light of Myanmar at No. 150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon or by email to [dce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com](mailto:dce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com) with the following information: (1) Sector you wish to be included in (poetry, opinion, etc.), (2) Real name and (if different) your penname, (3) Your level of education, (4) Name of your School/College/University, (5) A written note of declaration that the submitted piece is your original work and has not been submitted to any other news or magazine publishing houses, (6) A color photo of the submitter, (7) Copy of your NRC card, (8) Contact information (email address, mobile number, etc.).— Editorial Department, The Global New Light of Myanmar news office



# Angry and “invisible”, expat Britons await PM May in Florence

FLORENCE, (Italy) — Expatriate Britons gathered in Florence on Friday to voice their frustration at how Brexit will impact them, awaiting the British prime minister's arrival in the Italian city to set out her vision for future ties with the European Union.

May will try to rescue the stalled talks over terms for Britain's exit from the EU in a speech that will be scrutinized to see if she can offer enough to EU negotiators to persuade them to move forward.

Outside an imposing 14th century church in the center of the Tuscan city, protesters waved EU flags and posters showing May holding a burning passport. They called for the rights of British citizens living in other EU countries to be protected.

Rachel Pugh, a 48-year-old from north Wales who has lived in Florence since 1991, said she was worried about losing her rights to a pension in the future and had been left uninformed by the British government.

“Who do we ask? The tooth fairy? Father Christmas? The Easter Bunny? Who can we trust? None of them,” she said, sporting EU and Welsh flags on her lapel. “We couldn't vote. We're invisible, in limbo.”

Negotiations, which began three months ago, have effectively reached an impasse over the divorce, including the issue



Demonstrators' banners rest on a bench ahead of a speech by Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May in Florence, Italy, on 22 September 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

of how much Britain will have to pay to unspool more than 40 years of economic and political integration in the EU.

Immigration was a key issue ahead of the June 2016 EU referendum in Britain, and millions who have moved smoothly between Britain and the rest of Europe are waiting nervously to see how their lives may change.

Civil rights campaigner and former British member of parliament Roger Casale said he had come to Florence to show solidarity with all those who

would be affected.

“We think the EU should be setting an example and should give unilateral guarantees now to all Brits in Europe,” he said.

Citing media reports that British trade minister Liam Fox had described EU citizens living in Britain as possible “bargaining chips”, Casale said May had “a hostile environment strategy vis a vis immigration, leaving people in a state of uncertainty”.

Britain is keen to start negotiating the terms of its new relationship with the bloc, and

discontent over the slow progress and lack of clarity is also surfacing among voters.

Visiting Florence on holiday, Malcolm Burley, a 70-year-old retired plumber from Leicestershire in central England, said he had voted to leave the EU and wanted a deal to be reached quickly. “(May) needs to go and get it sorted as soon as possible. Time is running out,” Burley said. “We need to get it sorted and make sure we get the correct deal for England.”

—Reuters ■

## WORLD BRIEFS

Ship carrying migrants sinks off Turkish coast, kills 15

ANKARA — Fifteen people drowned when a fishing boat carrying migrants sank off the Turkish coast in the Marmara Sea on Friday and up to 15 more were missing, Turkey's coast guard said.

The boat sank off the northwestern province of Kocaeli shortly after calling for help, the coast guard said in a statement. Forty migrants were rescued from the sea so far and teams were still searching for another 13 to 15 people, it said.—Reuters ■

Kremlin ‘deeply concerned’ by rising tension on Korean peninsula

MOSCOW — Moscow is deeply concerned by the escalation of tension on the Korean peninsula caused by the continued war of words between the United States and North Korea, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said on Friday.

“Moscow is convinced that there is no alternative to a political and diplomatic settlement of the North Korean problem,” he told a conference call with reporters. He said the situation was being further aggravated by “the swapping of silly statements full of threats”. —Reuters ■

China urges North Korea to stop persisting on a dangerous course

BEIJING — China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi urged North Korea to stop persisting on a dangerous course and called on the United States to stick to promises of non-aggression towards Pyongyang, according to a statement release by the ministry on Friday.

“No matter the changes in circumstance, no matter how long it takes, not matter the difficulties we face, China will always persist in the goal of denuclearizing the peninsula, in moving towards talks,” Wang said, speaking at the UN General Assembly on Thursday.—Reuters ■

# TPP members make progress toward new accord in November

TOKYO — The Trans-Pacific Partnership nations made progress toward a new free trade agreement in November, the Japanese representative said Friday, pinning hopes on the ongoing revision work following the US withdrawal from the pact.

The chief negotiators of the 11 TPP members ended their two-day meeting in Tokyo, agreeing to meet again here

next month.

“We made meaningful progress,” Japanese chief negotiator Kazuyoshi Umemoto told reporters after the meeting as they are aiming to clinch a new deal at the summit of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum in Viet Nam in November.

“We're moving toward implementation of the pact at the earliest possible date,”

Umemoto also said.

In the two-day meeting, three working groups on legal, intellectual property and other issues discussed requests made by the members for freezes to parts of the original agreement, particularly clauses introduced at US request.

The United States withdrew from the pact after President Donald Trump took office in January, saying Americans

would lose jobs if it joins the multilateral trade liberalization deal. Trump also said he prefers pursuing bilateral agreements.

The TPP was signed in February 2016 by Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, the United States and Viet Nam — covering around 40 percent of the global economy. —Kyodo News ■



# Mexico quake's homeless gather in tent village, toll reaches 286

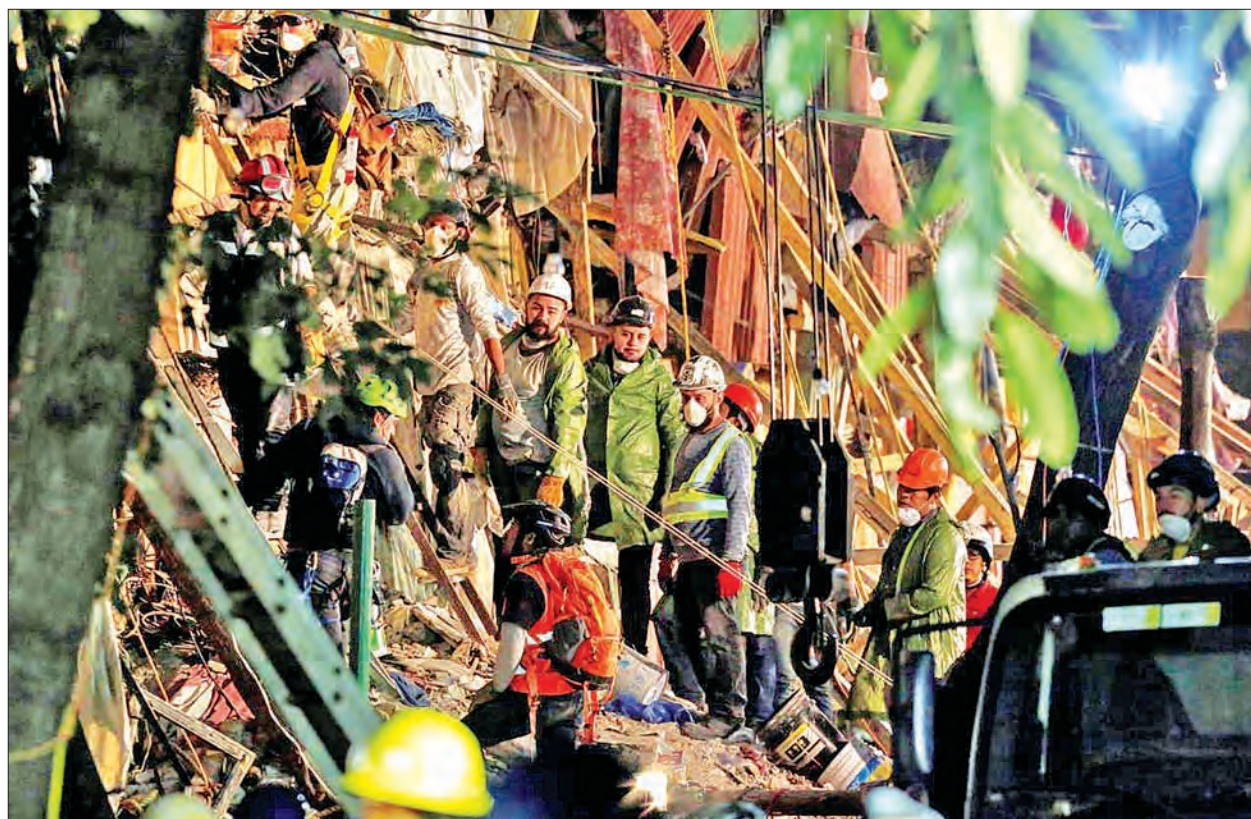
MEXICO CITY — Desperate residents left homeless by Mexico's deadliest earthquake in a generation gathered in a tent village in the south of the capital on Friday, as the death toll climbed to 286 and signs of exhaustion gripped rescuers three days after the tremor.

Tuesday's 7.1 magnitude quake leveled some 52 buildings in the sprawling Mexican capital, sparking a frenzied hunt for survivors and prompting political parties to outdo each other with pledges of donations to the rescue efforts ahead of next year's election.

Across the city of 20 million people, the extent of damage from the quake was becoming apparent, with many people whose dwellings had become uninhabitable seeking somewhere to call home, raising the risk of a housing shortage in coming weeks.

Despite dimming hopes of finding more survivors, President Enrique Peña Nieto insisted rescue operations would continue.

Local media reported that military officials pulled two people from the wreckage of a textile factory in



Rescue workers stand next to the rubble of a collapsed multi family residential after an earthquake in Mexico City, Mexico, on 21 September 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

the central Colonia Obrera neighborhood of the capital late on Thursday, though it was not immediately clear if they survived.

In the Girasoles complex in the south of the city, officials cordoned off large areas of the development after two of its roughly 30 apartment buildings collapsed. A handwritten sign across the street listed 14 people said to have died

there.

Anguished residents, who were given a series of 20-minute blocks of time to collect belongings from their apartments, feared their homes could be turned to rubble once inspectors have determined which buildings are safe and which may need to be demolished if they are a risk to public safety.

"The building is very,

very damaged. It moves. Everything moves," said Vladimir Estrada, a 39-year-old musical radio programmer, returning from a rushed trip to his fifth floor apartment with plastic bags stuffed with his belongings.

"Nobody here has insurance. Some have family members who can help them but others don't. Everything is in doubt."

Several removal vans were laden with mattresses and furniture as those who were able to leave packed up and did so.

But, with few places to go and concern for their largely uninsured properties, many chose to camp out, making the most of allotted windows of time to extricate their possessions. Others slept in their cars.—Reuters ■

London  
Parsons  
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LONDON — A home-made bomb which injured 30 when it partially detonated on a packed London train a week ago had the potential to cause much more damage, the head of the city's police force said on Friday.

The bomb engulfed a train carriage in flames at Parsons Green underground station in west London last Friday, in Britain's fifth major terrorism incident this year.

Six men have been arrested in connection with the attack, and four remain in custody.

"That was a very very dangerous bomb. It partially detonated, it had a large quantity of explosive, and it was packed with shrapnel. So it could have been so much worse," Cressida Dick, Commissioner of London's Metropolitan Police, said in an interview on LBC radio.

She said that six militant plots had been foiled over the last several months.— Reuters ■

## Apple's iPhone 8 sees muted launch in Asia

SYDNEY/TOKYO — Apple Inc.'s (AAPL.O) launch of iPhone 8 kicked off in a less lively mood in Asia, versus previous debuts, as fans held out for the premium iPhone X due out in early November.

Hundreds of people usually gather at Apple's Sydney city store with queues winding down the town's main street, George Street, when there is a new product release. But there were fewer than 30 people lining up before the store opened on Friday, according to a Reuters witness.

While the number of

people queuing up outside Apple stores have dropped over the years with many opting for online purchases, the weak turnout for the latest iPhone has partly been due to poor reviews.

Mazen Kourouche, who was first in queue after lining up 11 days outside the store so he could buy and review the product on YouTube, said there were modest refinements.

"(It) is pretty similar to the iPhone 7 but it shoots 4k 60 frames per second and it's got a new glass back instead of the

metal which is apparently more durable," he told Reuters. "There aren't too many new features to this one."

In China, a loyal Apple customer said the improved camera was one of the reasons she purchased the new device. "I waited until midnight to watch the launch event with my boyfriend to learn what's new with this iPhone. Its photograph function is pretty good. So I think I must change with no hesitation," said 29-year-old consumer Ta Na in Shanghai.—Reuters ■

## US Navy carrier drills with Japanese navy amid North Korean tension

TOKYO — The US Navy carrier Ronald Reagan is conducting drills with Japanese warships in seas south of the Korean peninsula, Japan's military said on Friday, in a show of naval power as Pyongyang threatens further nuclear and missile tests.

The Reagan strike group will conduct a separate drill with the South Korean Navy in October, the defence ministry said in a statement distributed to South Korean lawmakers on Monday.

The 100,000-ton Reagan, which is based

in Japan, and its escort ships have been holding drills with Japanese navy vessels since 11 September in waters south and west of Japan's main islands, the Japan Maritime Self Defence Force said in a statement.— Reuters ■

### Notice of the Final Closing Down of Branch Office TRUE VISTAS COMPANY LIMITED (MYANMAR BRANCH OFFICE)

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# Tepco again ordered to pay damages in nuclear disaster, but not state

CHIBA, (Japan) — A Japanese court ordered Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings Inc. on Friday to pay damages over the nuclear disaster at its Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant following a deadly 2011 earthquake and tsunami, but dismissed claims against the state.

The Chiba District Court ruling follows a Maebashi District Court decision in March that found negligence on the part of both Tepco and the government played a part in the worst nuclear catastrophe since Chernobyl

and ordered them to pay damages.

Friday's ruling stemmed from a lawsuit filed by 45 people who were forced to flee Fukushima Prefecture to Chiba Prefecture near Tokyo as reactors that lost cooling functions caused melt-downs and spewed massive amounts of radioactive materials into the air.

The Chiba court awarded a total of 376 million yen (\$3.35 million) to 42 of them, including all four who voluntarily evacuated. In the suit filed in March 2013, the plaintiffs were collectively seeking



Evacuees of the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear disaster and their lawyers head to the Chiba District Court, near Tokyo, on 22 September 2017, to hear the ruling on a lawsuit under which they are demanding that the state and Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings Inc. pay a total of 2.8 billion yen in damages. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**

around 2.8 billion yen in damages from the government and plant operator.

The focal point of the Chiba case was whether the government and Tepco

were able to foresee the huge tsunami that hit the seaside plant on 11 March, 2011, and take preventive measures beforehand, with conflicting claims made by the parties regarding the government's long-term earthquake assessment, which was made public in 2002.

The assessment, made by the government's earthquake research promotion unit, predicted a 20 per cent chance of a magnitude-8-level tsunami-triggering earthquake occurring along the Japan Trench in the Pacific Ocean within 30 years, in-

cluding the area off Fukushima.

Based on the assessment, the plaintiffs argued that, with the plant standing on ground roughly 10 metres above sea level, a tsunami higher than the ground striking the plant could have been predicted.

They then claimed that the disaster was therefore preventable if emergency power generation equipment had been placed on higher ground, and that the government should have made Tepco take such measures by exercising its regulatory powers.—Kyodo News

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## Flood, fix and flip: Houston housing investors see profit in Harvey's wake

HOUSTON — Addressing a real estate conference in flood-ravaged Houston this month, longtime investor Ray Sasser detailed his strategy: buy up to 50 flooded homes at deep discounts, then fix and flip them for a hefty profit.

Sasser first followed that game plan after Tropical Storm Allison flooded the city in 2001. He bought homes for 30 to 40 per cent of their pre-storm value, spent another 15 per cent on repairs, and sold many a year later — at full value.

The quick recovery surprised him, he said.

“This can’t be true,” he recalled thinking at the time. The bet that home prices in hard-hit Houston

neighborhoods will fully recover after Hurricane Harvey could be riskier, Sasser and local economists said. But a rush of investors eager to snap up flooded homes reflects broader confidence in the resilience of Houston’s unique metropolitan economy. While the region’s unchecked development has come under fire for exacerbating flooding, it also reflects its core strength: A rare combination of rich job opportunities and low cost of living, driving explosive population growth in America’s energy capital.

The surging demand has sustained home prices through four major floods since 2001 and a historic

oil price crash starting in 2014. Though Harvey caused far more damage than previous storms, investors such as Sasser see plenty of opportunity in the region’s estimated 268,000 flooded homes. Tara Waggoner, the Houston market manager for brokerage and online listings firm Redfin, said the firm’s local agents were getting about four times the number of calls they usually get from investors. They ranged from individuals looking to buy one flooded house to groups of ten or more pooling their money for a home-buying spree, she said. “You have people with millions of dollars to work with,” she said in an

interview days after the storm. “They want to go in, pay cash, get the discount and fix it up to sell.” Sasser, a 35-year veteran Houston home buyer, spoke to about 100 investors who packed into a meeting of the Realty Investment Club of Houston — or RICH, for short. He said he had formed his own construction company to streamline the repair work. His stories riveted less experienced investors such as Brandyn Cottingham, who sees the flood as an opportunity to ramp up his real estate holdings.

“In this business you look for distressed property, and we’ve got tons of that right now,” Cottingham said.—Reuters ■

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## Thousands evacuated as volcano rumbles on Indonesian holiday spot Bali

DENPASAR, (Indonesia) — Thousands of residents were evacuated from villages near an active volcano on the Indonesian island of Bali, officials said on Friday, as seismic tremors rattled some areas and smoke rose above one of the world's most popular tourist spots. The alert status for Mount Agung in eastern Bali was at 3, one level below the highest, and authorities warned tourists and residents to avoid camping or hiking within a 6 km (4 miles) radius of the crater.

"Volcanic activity remains high and there are indications of magma rising to the surface and

causing tremors," said Sutopo Purwo Nugroho of the National Disaster Management Agency.

"There should be zero public activity within the specified radius in case there is an eruption," Nugroho said. However, flights at Bali's international airport were operating as normal and there was little disruption to tourism operators across the rest of the island, authorities said.

Nearly 6,000 people have been evacuated so far and that number was expected to rise, officials said. Some residents in villages at the foot of Mount Agung said they were reluctant to leave immediately. Others

gathered to watch the volcano. "I'm here with my husband. We need to feed the animals so that's what we're doing first," villager Wayan Suarda told national television station tvOne.

Others packed their belongings into trucks for evacuation, while more stopped to watch as clouds of white smoke rose from the crater, which is around 3,000 meters (9,840 feet) above sea level.

Indonesia straddles the "Pacific Ring of Fire", where several tectonic plates meet and cause 90 per cent of the world's seismic activity, according to the US Geological Survey.—Reuters ■



A resident packs up some belongings to evacuate from the village of Sebudi located on Mount Agung volcano following increased seismic activity in Karangasem on the resort island of Bali, Indonesia, on 20 September 2017 in this photo taken by Antara Foto. **PHOTO: REUTERS**



People walk past an electronic stock quotation board outside a brokerage in Tokyo, Japan, on 22 September 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

## Asia stocks slip, yen and franc rise as North Korea moots H-bomb test

TOKYO — Asian stocks fell and the Japanese yen and Swiss franc gained on Friday after North Korea said it might test a hydrogen bomb in the Pacific Ocean and escalated a war of words with US President Donald Trump.

Spreadbetters expected European stocks to start lower amid a chill in risk appetite, forecasting Britain's FTSE .FTSE to open down 0.3 per cent, Germany's DAX .GDAXI to open 0.2 per cent and France's CAC .FCHI to start 0.05 per cent lower.

North Korean Foreign Minister Ri Yong Ho said on Friday he believes the North could consider a nuclear test on an "unprecedented scale" in the Pacific

Ocean, South Korea's Yonhap news agency reported.

MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan .MIAPJ0000PUS handed back earlier gains and was down 0.7 per cent. The index rose to a decade high on Tuesday, lifted as Wall Street advanced to record levels, but fell back after the Fed heightened expectations for a third interest rate hike this year. South Korea's KOSPI .KS11 fell 0.9 per cent on the latest bout of geopolitical tensions. Australian stocks managed to advance 0.3 per cent while Japan's Nikkei .N225 slipped 0.4 per cent following a rise to a two-year high on Thursday.—Reuters

## Hurricane Maria churns toward Turks and Caicos and leaves 32 dead

SAN JUAN, (Puerto Rico) — Hurricane Maria barreled toward the Turks and Caicos on Friday after lashing Puerto Rico and other Caribbean islands with winds and rain that destroyed homes, flooded streets, devastated economies and left at least 32 people dead.

Maria is the second major hurricane to hit the Caribbean this month and the strongest storm to hit the US territory of Puerto Rico in nearly 90 years. It knocked out the island's

power and several rivers hit record flood levels.

At least 15 people were killed in Puerto Rico, El Nuevo Día newspaper reported. Fourteen deaths were reported on the island nation of Dominica, which has a population of about 71,000. Two others were killed in the French territory of Guadeloupe and one on the US Virgin Islands.

The death toll in the Caribbean is likely to rise when searches resume at daybreak.

Puerto Rico Governor

Ricardo Rossello imposed a dusk-to-dawn curfew through Saturday for the island's 3.4 million people.

"If it is not an emergency situation, people should remain in their homes or shelters," he was quoted as saying by El Nuevo Día.

Among those killed in Puerto Rico were eight people who drowned in Toa Baja, about 20 miles (32 km) west of San Juan, Mayor Bernardo Márquez told the newspaper.

More than 4,000 people were rescued from flooded

areas of Toa Baja, he was quoted as saying.

Three elderly sisters were killed by a mudslide on Wednesday in the mountainous central municipality of Utuado, El Nuevo Día said, citing relatives and the mayor of Utuado.

In the heart of the island's capital San Juan, which has a fort and buildings from the Spanish colonial era, the storm left a trail of wreckage. Toppled trees cut power lines and streets were turned into rivers.—Reuters ■

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Models parade at the end of the Fendi Spring/Summer 2018 show during the Milan Fashion Week in Milan, Italy, on 21 September 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

## Tropical breeze blows down Fendi's Milan catwalk

MILAN — Geometric designs in tropical hues breezed along Fendi's catwalk in Milan on Thursday as the Italian fashion house showed off its spring-summer 2018 collection.

The luxury label, part of French luxury goods conglomerate LVMH, showcased clothes by Karl Lagerfeld and Silvia Venturini Fendi in colours redolent of

sea, sand and exotic landscapes, and in fabrics as light as gossamer.

The show, on the second day of Milan Fashion Week, was held in Fendi's Milan headquarters.

"In a world where Italian Futurism meets tropical travel, the collection emerges in a swirl of Caribbean colours and flavours," a style note said.

First down the catwalk was a geometric outfit with an off-the-shoulder, deep v-neck jacket in ocean blue and red and yellow stripes, matched with a knee-length skirt in the same symmetrical lined motif.

The geometry of the lines recurred in many of the otherwise airy and floaty designs. Fluid organza blouses were matched with

straight leather skirts, dresses were off the shoulder and tops and skirts were decorated with palm leaf shapes.

Models including Gigi Hadid, sister Bella and Kendall Jenner strutted to drum and bass music and the calls of tropical birds.

The collection included the new "Mon Tresor" bucket bag, the "Runaway" tote and new

versions of the "Kan I F" bag, a company note said.

Fendi showed off fur coats in different lengths, decorated with stripes, flowers or the group's F logo.

Milan Fashion Week runs until Monday. Also showcasing their collections on Thursday are Italy's Prada and eclectic brand Moschino.—Reuters ■

## Honesty helps Zayn Malik deal with anxiety

LOS ANGELES — Singer Zayn Malik has learned to live with anxiety by openly discussing about things that make him uncomfortable.

The former One Direction star says publicly opening up about his condition has helped him.

Malik told *Us Weekly* that he deals with anxiety by "just being straight up. Just being honest about everything, explaining what it is that makes you feel uncomfortable, what it is that you're cool with."

The singer, 24, said he ensures that people understand where he is coming from and being open about this with his fans has benefitted him a lot.

"I feel like it was only a

positive impact on everything that happened after it and people now have a better perspective on where I was coming from at the time and just an understanding that it wasn't coming from necessarily being ungrateful, shall we say, or not aware of the opportunities that were in front of me, it was just me struggling with being able to actually be there," he said.

"I'm definitely glad I got that off my chest, as anybody is when you feel like you're keeping something from someone you have to speak about it and clear up the air."

The singer opened up about his struggles with anxiety in his 2016 autobiography.

—PTI ■

## Kate Winslet to play famed WWII correspondent Lee Miller

LOS ANGELES — Actor Kate Winslet is all set to star in an yet-to-be-titled biopic about Lee Miller, the renowned American photographer and correspondent who was a leading figure in chronicling World War II for *Vogue* magazine.

The 41-year-old actor will play the model-artiste, who brought the world's attention to the atrocities committed in the Nazi concentration camps through her photographs, according to *The Hollywood Reporter*.

The film will narrate the life story of Miller, as told by her son, Antony Penrose, in the only authorised biography, "The Lives of Lee Miller".

It will be fully funded by



**PHOTO: PTI**

eOne and produced by Troy Lum and Andrew Mason of Hopscotch Features alongside Winslet.

"I am delighted to work with Kate Winslet, eOne and Hopscotch to share the life story of my mother, Lee Miller.

"Their integrity and respect for the truth has earned them the absolute trust of myself and my family and we have allowed access to all aspects of our lives and history through interviews,

our personal papers and material held in The Lee Miller Archives and The Roland Penrose Archive, the latter being part of The Scottish National Gallery in Edinburgh," Penrose said.

Winslet has earlier worked in another film set against the backdrop of WWII, "Reader" (2008) for which she received the Oscar for Best Actress.

With this biopic, she will join a growing league of British female actors who are set to play noted war correspondents.

Earlier this year, Rosamund Pike signed up for in "A Private War" as famed US correspondent Marie Colvin and Carey Mulligan was roped in to play Australian reporter Kate Webb.—PTI ■



## Polish climbers hope to make historic winter conquest of K2

RZEDKOWICE, (Poland) — Polish climbers hope to pull off one of the last big feats of mountaineering in coming months by scaling K2, the world's second highest peak and the only of the 14 exceeding 8,000 meters (26,246 ft) yet to be conquered in wintertime.

If successful, their ascent will also mark the culmination of an era for the Poles, who pioneered winter climbing on the world's highest mountains in the 1980s.

Krzysztof Wielicki, a small and wiry 67-year-old who will run the 10-person expedition from its base camp, was the first to scale the world's highest peak, Mount Everest, in the winter, nearly four decades ago. It took him four attempts to climb K2 in the summer, each time with months of preparation.

"K2 has taken 12-14 months of my life," Wielicki told Reuters in his home in southern Poland. "Actually, it gave me those months because it is a wonderful thing to be near K2, to look at it. It makes you happy."

First scaled by Italians in 1954, K2 is in the Karakorum mountains along the border between China and Pakistan and is notorious for high winds, especially steep and icy slopes and high fatality rates among climbers.

In winter months, scant snowfall means the summit approach can turn into bare ice.—Reuters ■



An official poses during the opening of the exhibition on Belgian surrealist painter Rene Magritte at Brussels' Atomium building, Belgium, on 21 September 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

## Magritte exhibit opens in Brussels 50 years after his death

BRUSSELS — An exhibition opened at Brussels' Atomium building on Thursday to honor twin anniversaries of two Belgian icons — the Atomium itself, which turns 60 next year, and Surrealist painter Rene Magritte, who died 50 years ago.

The exhibition will run for a year and occupies two levels of the gleaming metal structure built in the form of a crystal of iron and which has become a

symbol of the capital since being built for the World's Fair of 1958, known as Expo58.

It transforms 10 of Magritte's most notable works into 3D structures and visual elements for visitors to explore. They include "The Son of Man", where the bowler-hatted subject's face is obscured by a large green apple.

"You have, in fact, all the important elements in the 10

paintings, which are so characteristic for his other paintings as well, so it's kind of a synthesis of the different characteristics of the works by Rene Magritte," said Marleen de Waele, tour guide for historical places in Belgium.

Magritte spent most of his life in Brussels, where he gained success for his philosophical paintings between the 1930s and 1960s before his death in 1967.

"I am convinced that many people will come again and again to the Atomium, especially for the temporary exhibitions," de Waele said.

"This one, Rene Magritte, will have a lot of success undoubtedly. There are already a lot of reservations made."

The Atomium offers workshops on Magritte for children and guided tours for adults.—Reuters ■

## London's National Gallery prevails in 'stolen' Matisse lawsuit: New York judge

NEW YORK — The National Gallery in London on Thursday won the dismissal of a lawsuit in which three grandchildren of a muse of the artist Henri Matisse sought to recover a painting they said was stolen shortly after World War II.

US District Judge Valerie Caproni in Manhattan said the museum and Great Britain were shielded by sovereign immunity, and the grandchildren waited too long to sue for the return of "Portrait of Greta Moll."

Oliver Williams and Margarete Green, both of Great Britain, and Iris Filmer, of Germany, had accused the National Gallery of ignoring signs that the 1908 painting might have been stolen, and should not profit from "war-related" theft.

David Rowland, a lawyer for the plaintiffs, declined to comment, saying he had yet to review the decision.

Margarete Moll, known as Greta, sat for 10 three-hour sessions for the painting, which

Matisse reworked after seeing a work in Paris by the Italian Renaissance artist Paolo Veronese.

Moll's husband Oskar bought the painting, which was later taken to Germany.

It survived the war, but following Oskar's death in 1947, Greta Moll left it with one of his former art students for safekeeping from looters in Switzerland.

According to the grandchildren, the student absconded with the painting, which then passed

through several hands, including the Knoedler gallery in Manhattan and Lefevre gallery in London, before the National Gallery bought it in 1979.

In a 28-page decision, Caproni said the federal Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act did not require the return of the painting.

She noted that a private individual had allegedly stolen it, and said it did not matter that the painting had been displayed and merchandise depicting it had been sold in New York.

Caproni also said the grandchildren "inexcusably delayed" their lawsuit, noting that many people familiar with the painting's history were likely dead, or if living likely suffer from faded memories.

"Plaintiffs have known for decades that the National Gallery possessed the painting," and yet "took no steps to recover the painting until plaintiffs' counsel began corresponding with the National Gallery in 2011," the judge wrote.—Reuters ■



## Myanmar to host Badminton Championships 2017

Myanmar News Agency

Myanmar will host Badminton Asia U-17 and U-15 Junior Championships 2017 from 4 to 8 October, according to Myanmar Badminton Federation.

A coordinating meeting to successfully hold the championships was held at the department of Sports and Physical education, in Kyaikkasan Stadium, Yangon yesterday at 10:00 am.

The Championships 2017 will be held at Thuwana Stadium 1, Thingangyun Township,

Yangon and Myanmar, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Viet Nam, China (Taipei), Japan, Hong Kong, India, Macao, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bangladesh will participate. It will include men individual, women individual, men double, women double and mix double matches.

International invitation Badminton Championships were last hosted in 1999 and Myanmar was unable to host it for 19 years and is now being hosted again it is learnt. ■

## Football coaches in Japan for skills upgrade

Kyaw Zin Lin

By invitation of the Japanese Football Association (JFA), five Myanmar football coaches left for Japan yesterday to learn Japan's youth football and sports development programmes along with upgrading Myanmar's football coaching skills.

The Japanese Football Association (JFA) has invit-

ed not only Myanmar coaches but also Cambodian football coaches to this excursion trip, said Myanmar Football Federation.

During the trip, Myanmar U-12 Head Coach U Ye Wint Thu, Assistant Coach of Ayeyawaddy Academy U Si Thu Aung, Myanmar women's national football team assistant coach Daw San San Thein, Shan United Head Coach U

Soe Myat Minn and U Bo Bo Aung from the Myanmar Football Federation represented for Myanmar.

In their excursion trip, Myanmar football coaches will study JFA's football academy, youth and junior youth team training programmes and will also learn Japan's football coaching strategies.

The coaches will return to Myanmar on 1 October. ■

## Top seed Muguruza sails into Pan Pacific Open semis

TOKYO — World number one Garbine Muguruza put on a clinical display to power past Caroline Garcia 6-2, 6-4 in the Pan Pacific Open quarter-finals in Tokyo on Friday.

The 23-year-old Wimbledon champion, who climbed to the top of the WTA rankings on Monday, hardly broke sweat against the Frenchwoman, ranked 20th in the world, on her way to victory in an hour and 20 minutes.

Muguruza took a 2-1 lead in the first set after an early break and continued to dominate until midway through the second, nullifying Garcia's serve twice more as she looked to close out the contest quickly.

Garcia, however, staged a mini-revival when she converted her only break-point opportunity in the sixth game of the second but the Spaniard regained control of the contest with another break in the very next game.

The 2016 French Open winner will face either defending champion Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark or Slovakia's Dominika Cibulkova in the last four.

Earlier, Germany's Angelique Kerber won a battle of former world number ones against Karolina Pliskova 7-6(5), 7-5 to

set up a semi-final clash against Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova.

The two-time grand slam champion, who defeated her Czech opponent in their last meeting at the 2016 US Open final, converted her fifth match point to register a first win over a top-20 player this season.

"Being back in the semis here in Tokyo is a great feeling," said Kerber, who last reached the semi-fi-

nals at the event in 2014, in a court-side interview.

"It's always tough to play against (Pliskova), so I was trying to focus on my game. I think I played a good match today."

Nimble on her feet, Kerber, who has dropped to world number 14 since storming to the Australian and US Open titles last year, put immense pressure on Pliskova's serve but failed to convert 12 of

her 13 break-point opportunities.

She did, however, hold her nerve during the first set tie-break to edge ahead and then finally broke in the 12th game of the second set to seal a spot in the last four.

Russian Pavlyuchenkova defeated another Czech player, Barbora Strycova, 5-7, 6-3, 6-1 to advance to the semi-finals. —Reuters ■



Garbine Muguruza of Spain. PHOTO: REUTERS

## Press conference tomorrow for AFC U-16 2018 Qualification

KyawZin Lin

A press conference for the AFC U-16 Championship 2018 Group H qualifiers that will be hosted in Myanmar will be held at the meeting room of the Myanmar Football Federation (MFF) on Sunday at 1 pm.

Media groups and journalists are invited to participate. After the press conference, media

accreditation cards will be given to the media in attendance. The 2018 AFC U-16 Championship qualification is an international men's under-16 football competition that decides the participating teams of the 2018 AFC U-16 Championship.

This year, Myanmar got a chance to host the 2018 Group H qualification of AFC U-16 Championship in Yangon.

The Myanmar U-16 national football team will play against China on 25 September, the Republic of Korea on 27 September and the Philippines on 29 September. ■