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Pope prays for Myanmar healing

POPE Francis celebrated the nation's first-ever papal Mass yesterday morning when he conducted an open-air service for an estimated 200,000 people in Kyaikkasan Sports Grounds in Yangon.

He called on the crowd to "anoint every hurt and every painful memory" and promote "the reconciliation and peace that God wants to reign in every human heart and in every community."

The mass was attended by the Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr. Myint Htwe, Yangon Region ministers, dignitaries

from the ruling National League for Democracy, Cardinal Charles Maung Bo, the Archbishop of Yangon, bishops from neighbouring countries and thousands of Catholic worshippers.

In his sermon, the pontiff urged the people of Myanmar to resist retaliation and reprisals.

"I know that many in Myanmar bear the wounds of violence, wounds both visible and invisible," he told the crowd in Italian that was translated into Burmese. He said the temptation is to exact revenge, but urged a response of "forgiveness and compassion."

The Pope said he was impressed with the work being done by the Church for all of Myanmar, efforts that will help the country lift itself both spiritually and economically.

"I know that the Church in Myanmar is already doing much to bring the healing balm of God's mercy to others, especially those most in need. There are clear signs that even with very limited means, many communities are proclaiming the Gospel to other tribal minorities, never forcing or coercing but always inviting and welcoming."

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Pope Francis, right, meets Dr. Bhaddanata Kumarabhivamsa, the chairman of the State Sangha Mahanayaka Committee. **PHOTO: MNA**



Pope Francis, centre, in the Popemobile, greets the large crowd at Kyaikkasan Grounds in Yangon. The pontiff then celebrated an outdoor Mass. **PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**



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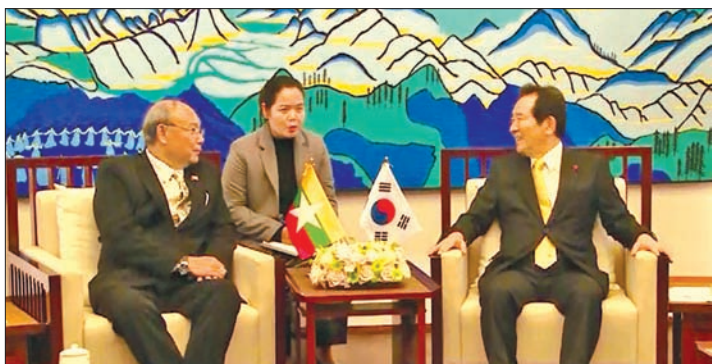
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Appointment of Judge for Kayah State
High Court

In accordance with the provisions stated in the Article 308, sub section (b), sub-sub section (4) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, sub-section (d) under Article 82 of Union Government Law, Article 45 of Union Judiciary Law and Article 18, sub-section (D) of Region or State Government Law, Daw Sao Ohnmar Kyi has been appointed as Judge for Kayah State High Court.

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President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar



Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than holds talks with Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea, H.E. Mr. Chung Sye-kyun. **PHOTO: MNA**

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker visits Republic of Korea

AT the invitation of H.E. Mr. Chung Sye-kyun, Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than and party departed for the Republic of Korea on Monday evening and arrived at Incheon International Airport in Seoul the next day.

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker and party were welcomed at the airport by H.E. Mr Lee Won Ook, Representative of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea, Myanmar Ambassador to the Republic of Korea Thura U Thet Oo Maung and other officials.

The Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker and party visited the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea at 2pm.

Then Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than met Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea, H.E. Mr. Chung

Sye-kyun at the guest room of the National Assembly and discussed the friendship and good relations of the two countries, how to establish cooperation between the Myanmar's Hluttaw and National Assembly of the Republic of Korea, and issues about investment.

Officials of the National Assembly showed the meeting hall of the National Assembly to the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker and party.

Next, the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker and party visited Changdeok Palace in Seoul, where an official explained that the palace was founded in the Joseon period in the year 1405 and was proclaimed as one of the World Cultural Heritage sites in 1997. That night, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker and party were hosted to dinner by the Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea.— Myanmar News Agency ■

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker visits Kamakura Pagoda in Japan



Speaker U Win Myint pays homage to Kamakura Buddha Image. **PHOTO: MNA**

AT the invitation of H.E. Mr. Tadamori Oshima, a delegation led by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint visited Japan and made a pilgrimage to Kamakura Pagoda yesterday morning.

In the afternoon, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and party met with the mayor of Kamakura, Mr. Matsuo Takashi. The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and delegation then attended

a luncheon hosted by the Kamakura Mayor.

The delegation departed Kamakura for Tokyo, then arrived in Kyoto at 5:27 pm.— Myanmar News Agency ■

12th senior official meeting of COMMIT held in Nay Pyi Taw

THE 12th senior official meeting (SOM 12) of the Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative against Trafficking (COMMIT) was held at the MICC-II in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, the Union Minister for Home Affairs, who is also chairman of the Central Committee for Erad-

ication of Human-trafficking, delivered the opening speech at the meeting.

Thirteen representatives from Myanmar and 51 representatives from the SOM 12 member countries of Thailand, Viet Nam, Cambodia, Laos and China attended the meeting.

During the meeting, the

officials discussed the latest conditions and achievements in combating human trafficking, policies for collection of employees in the region of COMMIT and cooperation of the private sector, social organisations and youths in responding to human trafficking. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Meeting held for 21st Century Panglong 3rd session

AT the round-table meeting for preparation of Union Peace Conference- 21st Century Panglong 3rd Session held at the National Reconciliation and Peace Centre in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

U Khin Zaw Oo, Secretary of UPDJC said it can be assumed that remaining nine points which were submitted to the political work committee are expected to be discussed in the coming third session of the Union Peace Conference.

Currently, there are several points which have not yet agreed by the political committee and they will be discussed, he added.

U Zaw Htay, Director-General and Secretary of Union Peace Dialogue Joint Committee said, "At the first round table meeting attitudes and submissions of the respective groups were collected. At the present



Peace makers discuss preparation for 3rd meeting of Union Peace Conference.-21st Century Panglong. **PHOTO: MNA**

meeting, collections will not be carried out.

Discussions are also the ones individually made by group members. Record of the round table is the record of discussions, not the attitudes of the groups. After discussing the outcomes of the discussions by groups, another meeting will be held. Or the common agreement which reached after discussing

among the group can be sent as the common agreement. Upon it, similar meeting will be called for discussion." In addition, those present at the meeting discussed by topics.

Present at yesterday meeting were secretaries of UPDJC, representatives of the groups from the government, Tatmadaw, Hluttaw.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Pope meets with Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee

POPE Francis held a meeting with the Sayadaws of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee at the Wizaya Minghala Dhamma Hall at KabaAye Hill in Yangon yesterday.

At the meeting, Sayadaw Dr. Bhaddanta Kumarabhivamsa, Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, said members of different faiths urgently need to build mutual understanding, respect and trust among themselves in order to obtain a peaceful, secure and prosperous human society.

"We have to exercise restraint and refrain from interfering in matters of other religions and to cooperate in building bridges for world peace," said Dr. Kumarabhivamsa.

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar recognises the special position of Buddhism as the faith professed by the great majority of citizens and also recognises Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Animism as religions existing in the Union, and the country assists these religions to its utmost, he said. "There is no doubt that fundamental principles of every religion are based on loving and kindness. By sharing loving-kindness to each other, individual households, so-



State Sangha Maha Nayaka Sayadaws discussing with Pope Francis and party at the meeting. **PHOTO: HLA MOE**

cieties, citizens and states can be able to coexist peacefully. By committing peaceful coexistence among states, global peace can be achieved certainly," said Dr. Kumarabhivamsa.

"In today's world, it is regrettable for us to see "terrorism and extremism" in the name of religious beliefs. We do not accept that terrorism and extremism arise out of a certain religious faith, because all religious teaching instructs only for the welfare of the humanity," he said.

"We firmly believe that ter-

rorism and extremism arise out of only misapprehension in original teachings of the respective religion, because some religious followers introduce some amendments to the original teachings being dominated by their desire, ill-will, dread and delusion-the four wrong courses," he added.

Sayadaw Dr. Kumarabhivamsa said all must denounce all kinds of hate speech, false propaganda, conflict and war under the pretext of religion and strongly condemn those who provide support any such activities.

Afterwards, Pope Francis said the present meeting means strengthening and refreshing the friendship, respect and love which has pre-existed between the Buddhist people and Catholic Christians. He continued to say that this is an opportunity to confirm that they all are responsible for justice in mankind, peace and respect to human dignity. Such a confirmation made together in Myanmar should be present among the people of the world, he said. "It can be said we are fulfilling their hope by asserting

the same voice of confirmation on basic personal integrity, peace and justice", the Pope said.

"Let us lend our hands to Catholic Christians or Buddhists who are striving to augment the compatibility and compassion among the societies of mankind".

In his greeting, the Pope gave thanks for the gathering.

"I wish to repeat my thanks again as I am invited to meet the Sayadaws", he said. "I pray, may blessing come to you all in the form of peace and happiness."—Myanmar News Agency ■

2nd coordination meeting of Myanmar Laws Translation Commission

UNION Attorney General U Tun Tun Oo, Chairman of the Myanmar Laws Translation Commission, talked about the status of the translation work at the 2nd Coordination Meeting of the Myanmar Law Translation Commission held at the Office of the Union Attorney General yesterday.

"At the Myanmar Law Translation Working Committee Meeting held on September 8, 9 and 10, 2017 Myanmar translations of the four laws which sub-working committees submitted were discussed for approval.

Myanmar translations of 3 other laws which sub-working committees submitted were thoroughly discussed at the branch office of the translation commission in Yangon by working committee members as the final stage of the

translation. The said 7 laws which had been rendered into Myanmar approved by the working committee and 2 other laws (Myanmar rendering) submitted by the sub-working committees—9 in all are to be approved after thorough discussions.

I hereby express my thanks to commission members for their accurate rendering and detailed negotiation", the Union Attorney General said.

The Myanmar Laws Translation Commission meeting will be held for four days from 27th November to 30th November; it was learnt.

Present at the meeting were the Deputy Union Attorney General, translation commission members and members of sub-working committees.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Reports of ethnic cleansing in N-Rakhine is not reliable: Myanmar church

MYANMAR'S Catholic Church held a press conference in Yangon yesterday about the three-day visit of Pope Francis to Myanmar. Vatican spokesman Greg Burke and several Myanmar bishops answered the questions raised by journalists.

Pope's visit to Myanmar represents "Unity", said Mr. Gerg Burk, the Holy See's spokesman, saying that Pope highlighted the

"unity" at meetings with Myanmar political and religious leaders during his visit. At the press conference, Bishop John Hsane Hgyi suggested that reports of atrocities being committed are not "reliable" or "authoritative" and that those who are criticizing Myanmar's response to a complex situation should "go into the field to study the reality and history" to obtain "true news." The Holy

See's spokesman Greg Burke also acknowledged that Vatican diplomacy was "not infallible" and that others were entitled to their views in his answer to the journalists over the term which he avoided to use during the visit. "I think it was pretty clear from the local concerns that the Pope was going to take the advice very seriously in public," Vatican spokesman Greg Burke said.—GNLM ■

Pope prays ...

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Amid much poverty and difficulty, many of you offer practical assistance and solidarity to the poor and suffering", the Pope said. As the Pope entered Kyaikkasan Sports Ground in Yangon yesterday morning, crowds of Myanmar worshippers waved Vatican and Burmese flags while Francis passed them in the

Popemobile, as he made his way to the temporary altar to offer Mass. Catholics represent a tiny fraction of the population in Buddhist-majority Myanmar, with a major portion of Catholics among the Kachin and Shan ethnics in the far northeastern part of the country.

"Many of you have come from far and remote mountainous areas, some even on foot," he said to the crowd. "I have come as a fellow pilgrim to listen and

to learn from you, as well as to offer you some words of hope and consolation." Later in the day, the pontiff met with Bhaddanta Kumarabhivamsa, the Chairman of State of the Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee. He met with State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on Tuesday. The Pope will leave Myanmar today to travel to Bangladesh, where he will spend several days before returning to the Vatican.—Myanmar News Agency ■

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Tourists visit Myanmar

ALONG with its natural scenery, eco-tourism and archeological sites in Myanmar, there is now culture-based tourism, by which tourists can observe the traditions and cultural mores of ethnic people. With so many options, more and more tourists are visiting Myanmar by air, sea and road. Tourists also visit Myanmar through border gates by vehicles, motorbikes and bicycles.

A Malaysian tour group comprised of ten people visited Myanmar through the Myawady border gate on 14 November in their own vehicles. They visited Myanmar with the arrangement of Kaung Hein Shwe Sin International Co., under the supervision of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism.

They travelled to Myawady, Taungoo, Bagan, Tamu, Monywa, Mandalay, Yangon, Kyaikto and Myawady. They proceed to Mae Sot, Thailand via the



Tourists watch novices and monks accept alms food. **PHOTO:MNA**

Myawady border gate on 23 November.

A German tour group comprised of 29 people visited Myanmar by air with the arrangement of Interconnection Travel & Tours Co. under the

supervision of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism.

They reached Mandalay International Airport on 21 November.

Using the Paukkan vessel along the Ayeyawady River,

they travelled to Mandalay. Bagan, Shwe Pyi Thar, Ranapoe, Monywa, Sagaing, Innwa, Amarapura, Kyaukmyaung, Takaung, Sinkaing, Katha, Mingun and Mandalay from 11 November to 1 December. —MNA

Coffee production and management training by Japanese experts

JAPANESE coffee experts will provide coffee training courses at the Coffee Production and Management Training programme at Ywangan town in Shan State, according to a report in the Myawady Daily yesterday.

"The coffee experts from

Japan visit Myanmar annually. But it is not easy to get the technical system from them. Therefore, we open the training courses every year for the local people," said Daw Lay Lay Myint, the owner of the Nyan Gyi Shin coffee enterprises.

The course will train stu-

dents how to pick coffee seeds, how to store the coffee, how to make the best coffee and how to manage a coffee business.

The training course will be from 2 December to 7 December. Anyone who does not have any experience in the coffee field are allowed to join the free

training course. The training course will take place at Nyan Gyi Shin coffee factory.

The township boasts 6,600 acres of coffee plantations across 120 villages, which has the capacity to produce over 700 tonnes of coffee beans annually.—GNLM

Man killed in hit-and-run car accident

A MAN has been killed in a hit-and-run crash near Chay-dawaywathit Village in Myinmu Township in the southeast of Sagaing Region on Tuesday evening.

Police discovered the badly hurt man between Mile Posts No. 4/5 and 4/6 on Myaung Feeder Road at 10.20 p.m. on

that day. Police investigators say that the man's name is U Mya Win aged 56 and he was struck by a mini-truck loaded with betel nuts. Her daughter Ma Nang Aye said the truck hit her father and continued along the road.

According to investigation, the truck was driven

by the 28-year-old Zaw Linn and found it in Myinmu toll gate. Township police immediately arrested the truck driver for killing the pedestrian after inquiry.

Action is being taken against the driver under Section 304 (a) of Penal Code. —GNLM ■

One dead, four injured in mine explosion

ONE person was killed and four injured in a mine explosion at the Aung Min Hein jade mining area near Mawwangyi Village in Phakant Township, Mohnyin District in Kachin State on Tuesday. According to the investigation, the gems company blasted rocks with explosives in order to expose jade deposits.

The explosion caused stones to scatter and hit five migrant workers trying to scavenge gems in the vicinity.

The accident instantly killed U Lin Thar, 29, from Mawwanlay Village, while four others were seriously injured. The injured are receiving treatment at Phakat General Hospital. The police are still investigating the case. —U Win Naing ■

Yaba pills seized in Lewe Township

POLICE arrested a man in Lewei Township in Nay Pyi Taw council area on Wednesday after they found in possession of a cache of yaba tablets from him, according to a police report.

According to investigation, police confiscated 31 yaba pills weighing 3.1 grams worth Ks93,000 from the home of Zaw Hein Oo (aka) Zaw Oo, son of U Zaw Khin, in Hsehsu Village in Mywayoekyaungsu

Village-tract.

The suspect has been charged for drug trafficking under Section 15/19 (a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.—Ko Naing Win ■

PHOTO: PHOE KHWAH



Electrification project launches between Ayeyawady, Chindwin rivers

A MINI GRID project to distribute electricity to more than 40 villages in Magway Region has initiated at a place between Chindwin and Ayeyawady rivers, according to a report of the Myawady Daily issued on Wednesday. The mini grid project, a non-profitable electrification project, is being implemented by Parami Energy Group of Company for the purpose of public welfare and regional development with the approval of Magway Region government, said its manager

U Aung Myo Shein.

Surveys for the new scheme have already been performed by the project implementing body. Solar power will mainly be used for this electrification project, which will also be worked with diesel generators.

Under the plan, power will be supplied to monasteries, hospitals, schools and government offices free of charges. However, households will be charged for electricity. The consumption of electricity in the country is growing year by year especial-

ly in industrial cities while the vast majority of rural areas are living without electricity. The country generates power from hydropower projects and from heat. According to the ministry's official figures, the Ministry of Electricity and Energy produced over 10 billion units of power in 2012-2013 FY. It increased to over 12 billion units in 2013-2014 FY, 14 billion units in 2014-2015 FY and over 15 billion units in 2015-2016 FY. In 2016-17 FY, the power production reached more than 17 billion units.—GNLM

Indian Oil Corporation to start exporting jet fuel to Myanmar in December

India's state-owned oil and gas company, Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) will start exporting aviation turbine fuel (ATF) to Myanmar, according to edition's of Myawady Daily.

Also, the IOC is exploring

market share to export LPG liquefied petroleum gas. It will open branch office in Yangon.

The IOC plans to export 12,000 to 14,000 tons of ATF to Myanmar. The IOC has already received a permit to open a

branch office in Yangon and it is also exploring export prospects of LPG in the domestic market.

Parami Energy Group of Myanmar expressed their interests on cooperation with IOC to distribute LPG.—GNLM ■

Radish growers reap profits in domestic market

GROWERS in Monywa Township, Sagaing Region, say that they reaped a handsome profit from the sale of radish as there is an increasing demand for the kitchen crop in the domestic market.

Local growers say "The demand for the crop continues to increase in the local markets."

The seasonal radish plants thrive in the villages across Monywa Township. The plants have usually been planted in

October. It is ready to harvest within one and a half month.

Based on size and freshness, a branch of radish which includes five radishes, is currently offered around Ks350. Growers may receive more than Ks1.5 million in profits from the farm, one of growers said.

Radishes have mostly been cultivated in central arid zones. The crop produced from the township has chiefly been sent to nearby markets. Radish is

famous among consumers as it helps in weight loss and increases immunity.

Growers in Monywa Township say that there are a lot of radish plantations across the township. Thanks to good transportation, the fresh crops were transported to the markets through cars. Merchants estimate that the crop will likely continue to sell well in the local market throughout this season.—GNLM ■

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နေ့စဉ်ထုတ် သတင်းစာကို အောက်ပါမြို့များတွင် ဖတ်ရှုနိုင်ပါပြီ

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Pope Francis waves to Catholic Christians as he arrives to lead a mass at Kyite Ka San Stadium in Yangon on November 29, 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

Pope Francis in Yangon



Pope Francis delivers his speech during a meeting with the bishops of Myanmar at the end of their meeting at St. Mary's Cathedral, Yangon on November 29, 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**



Pope waves to Catholic Christians. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR**



Catholic Christians participate in a mass led by Pope Francis. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR**

Our Country Will Receive God's Blessings, I Felt

By Nandar Win, Zaw Gyi
PHOTOS BY ZAW MIN LATT

THE Kyaikasan Grounds, once in the past, the State Ceremonies and mass meetings were held saw a huge amounts of people coming from various parts of the country, since the evening on November 28. In the morning of November 29, psalms of Roman Catholic Church are spreading about the grounds, with those present there are waving Myanmar national flags and miniature flags with the logo symbols of peace and love on.

In fact, the audience occupying the whole area of the ground came to attend to the holy praying ceremony of the Pope Francis, who has been on an official historic visit in Myanmar.

The Pontiff who brought peace and loving kindness together with him greeted audiences in the unroofed car in the grounds, followed by the ceremony of holy praying under the Papal leadership.

The audience recited psalms, praying together with the Pope Francis, who gave God's Blessings after praying. In turn, audiences received God's Blessings shared by the Pope.

Present at the praying ceremony were Cardinals accompanying the Pontiff, Cardinal clerics from India, Viet Nam, Japan, South Korea, Thailand and Laos, Reverend Monks from Asian countries including Myanmar, Buddhist Sanghas, Catholic Adherents across the nation and people amounting to nearly 200000.

Here are interviews with Catholic adherents in Myanmar made by MNA.

Daw Mary Nwe (Bhamo, Kachin State)

It is a rare chance to pay respect to the Pope Francis, being an opportunity to meet him once in my life. We, the whole family came here today with great pleasure. We pray for the God's Blessings over the people from Myanmar and across the world.

U Kyan Tin (Lashio, Shan State)

Since 10 pm last night, we waited in the grounds. The Pontiff, being the representative of Jesus Christ, came here for the first time over two thousand



U Saw Walter (Myanaung, Ayeyawady Region)



Ko Ar Jarr (Labutta, Ayeyawady Region)



Daw Mary Nwe (Bhamo, Kachin State)



Daw Zin Mar (Mayangone township, Yangon)



Ma Aye Myat Myat Min (Dagon, Yangon)



U Kyan Tin (Lashio, Shan State)



Daw Julee San Mai (Bhamo, Kachin State)



Ma En Mary (Hlaing township, Yangon)

years. From today's praying ceremony we came to be well convinced that revenges are the wrong concepts. Contrariwise, we came to know that we must direct towards forgiveness and peace.

Daw Julee San Mai (Bhamo, Kachin State)

I think all those who belong to the same belief will be pleased. As included in the Pope Francis's speech, the God told us not to revenge, which is not of value.

Loving kindness and helping to each other is the noblest and the most pleasant ones. Jesus Christ came to the world for the sake of the people. After two thousand years, the Pontiff came to us. This is a good omen for the country, Myanmar.

Daw Zin Mar (Mayangone township, Yangon)

The Pope, the highest in our Catholic Church came here. It is a rare chance to hear the Holy Statements. All religions have good characteristics of their own. All want to live in peace,



Frola Rosy (Kandawlay, Mingalar Taungnyunt, Yangon)

hand in hand with each other. Revenge is not good. It needs to solve with loving kindness. All should live in peace as designated by the God.

U Saw Walter (Myanaung, Ayeyawady Region)

We are very happy to have a chance to meet the Pope, once in a life. I came here to fulfill my itching desire. In all the religions loving kindness and forgiveness is of great importance. Patience and helping to each



Ko Sam San (Kawthoung, Taninthayi Region)

other is also good.

Ko Ar Jarr (Labutta, Ayeyawady Region)

I had never thought of meeting the Pope in my life. Today's praying ceremony is originated in peace. It is necessary for all to bear loving kindness and forgiveness.

Ma Aye Myat Myat Min (Dagon, Yangon)

Being a Roman Catholic adherent, I came here today.

Peace is of great need for our country. The Pontiff said to us to live in unity and with loving kindness. May our country be peaceful and pleasant.

Ma En Mary (Hlaing township, Yangon)

Since 4 am I arrived here. On the arrival, the ground was overcrowded with people. Even if we went to the Vatican City it is not possible to meet the Pope. I am very happy to see him. I assume that the papal visit will make Myanmar known to the world.

Frola Rosy (Kandawlay, Mingalar Taungnyunt, Yangon)

Since 11 pm I waited here. It is a great chance for us. I felt our country will receive the God's Blessings.

Ko Sam San (Kawthoung, Taninthayi Region)

I was greatly pleased to be here today. I think the papal visit to Myanmar will bring about betterment for our nation. Along with all his journeys, extraordinary things happened, I felt.

State Counsellor's vision on peace process

AT the 6th Joint Implementation Coordination Meeting on Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi gave a welcoming speech. JICM was held at the National Reconciliation and Peace Centre on November 27 in Nay Pyi Taw.

In the statement made by the State Counsellor, she said, "Responsibility is big and difficult to bring about peace through peaceful ways." This has revealed the nature of the peace process. And, the State Counsellor also expressed a notion that we all must have the spiritual courage to dare find the right solution for peace. Spiritual courage means the courage to confront oneself. This, in fact, pointed out the normal weakness of individuals. People are usually reluctant to bravely assess as to whether their concepts and ideas they

firmly hold on to dearly are true or false and reasonable or not. This weakness must surely be overcome with great seriousness in implementing the peace process. The State Counsellor stressed the importance of this weakness.

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi said, "Making compromise is vital in the process of bringing about peace through peaceful ways." So as to highlight this point, the State Counsellor emphasized that the courage to dare confront was meant for the courage to face reality as well as readiness to make compromises where necessary.

The State Counsellor said, "I firmly believe that all those present at this meeting are desirous of peace.

It is our people who want peace most, more than anyone else. The people want to live in peace. Peace can bring about progress which can result in development. What we must not lose sight of is our people's desires."

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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 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

By Su Thet Hmu
(Mayangone)

SIGNBOARDS which read, "Safety First," are in fact ubiquities almost everywhere we go. Especially, we have ever seen such signboards at most construction sites and at some factories. Why is safety first on the job that important?

No one can guess when and which kinds of accidents will happen to us. Man-made incidents, failure of machinery and natural disasters can claim our lives and cause many destructions. Especially, at construction sites, mining industries of minerals and jewels, communication works, sewing factories, natural gas works and various kinds of sector where hard laborers earn for their living, hidden dangers are threatening them invisibly.

Here, I would like to recount an event which took place at the gold mining situated in the Maikai police station compound at Namtaw Sanpya village, Hommalin township in Khamti district, Sagaing Region. While digging up the gold mining, gold mining workers lost their lives, due to the landslide.

Why did such casualties happen on the job? On study of the cause, it has been found that these accidents in gold mining were attributed to weakness in preparedness for protection against risks of dangers. Due to lack of rehearsal on the job where to live and how to do in case landslides occur, fatalities were caused.

The accident highlighted that there were great sorrows for bereaved families and necessities for sharing knowledge on freedom from dangers if accidents happen as well as need to upgrade the activists who launch campaigns for protecting workers from dangers on the job. In that region, there were losses of 45 lives due to landslides during 11 month-period from 17th January 2014 to 17th November 2014.

People will have remembered that nearly 200 migrant



Scavengers at work in Jade Mine Area. PHOTO: THAUNG NYUNT

workers who searched for less-valued jade from the disposed piles of earth died from the landslide on 21st November 2015, said to be the worst during 2 decades. Concerning

Why did such casualties happen on the job? On study of the cause, it has been found that these accidents in gold mining were attributed to weakness in preparedness for protection against risks of dangers.

that landslide, many writings in journals and social website pages were found, saying as to whether there were any arrangements for safety first on the job or not.

Similarly, on 20th January 2015 as well, while pouring concrete at the 7th floor of a building under construction at the site of constructing a hotel in Mandalay, the building collapsed due to the weakness of the scaffolding, killing some workers and injuring nearly 20 workers seriously.

The above-said ones are remarkable accidents for failure of preparedness for protection against dangers on the job which were known by people. It is necessary for us to ponder which kinds of means and ways we will choose for implementation of freedom from dangers on the job. Only if the government, employers and employees cooperate hand in hand to do so, will it be successful. In the past, we used to approach such a case in a particular way. If a case happened, we made inquiries—causes of accidents and efforts of controls not to occur again. Until now, some are still dealing with in this approach.

As a matter of fact, it can

Safety First On The Job Is of Great Importance

the then Yangon's Construction System. Now, inversely we have to study theirs. Is this attributed to our stupidity or low intelligence. No, it is absolutely not due to our own stupidity. Why, then? Risks of accident are caused for failure to abide by restrictions on the job.

For freedom from risks of accident on the job, it is necessary to implement in every job such measures—upgrading the campaigns launched by activists operating for freedom from risks of accident on the job, promoting friendship among activists operating for freedom from risks of accident on the job, acquiring international knowledge of freedom from risks of accident on the job and giving supports for emergence of strict laws on freedom from risks of accident on the job.

In the near future, to be exact, before the end of the year the new law—law on health and freedom from risks of accident on the job and law on health is going to come out. The law under compilation has 17 chapters—freedom from risks of accident on the job, formation of health committee and assignment of medical officers, appointment of examination officers and their duties, accidental injuries, poisoning on the job and reporting, taking action against violators in ways of management, restrictions, punishment and penalty, management of protection from accidents included. When rules and regulations will come out, every mill and factory is required to carry out the process of freedom from risks of accident on the job.

So as to develop the national economic development, in other word, to increase the national productive forces, only if all the authorities concerned will implement for reliable labor forces so as not to suffer loss of life and injuries on the job, especially so as to be able to safely work in every kind of work, will the jobs be free from accidents of danger.

Translated by
Khin Maung Oo



Firefighters prepare to rescue miners trapped in a coal tunnel in Minbu following a blast which killed six miners. PHOTO: PHO PYAY

avoid accidents if we control and protect after finding out risks of accidents and their impacts, instead of investigating just at the time when accidents happen. Every workplace is required to exercise a policy on safety first on the job for workers to have a healthy and safe job. And it must have accountability and responsibility as regards safety first on the job. Besides, laborers themselves need to have safety

awareness and safe work practices. Carrot and stick approach as well needs to be exercised.

Though signboards which read safety first are being erected, there is still weakness in preparedness for safety first until now. Experts conclude that accidents are taking places so far due to lack of equipment on the job.

In the past, Singapore did study and imitate the system of

Progress in least developed countries hinges on access to modern energy

EXPANDING access to adequate, reliable and affordable sources of modern energy is essential if the world's poorest nations are to escape the poverty trap, says The Least Developed Countries Report 2017: Transformational Energy Access.

According to The Least Developed Countries Report 2017, published today, the world's 47 least developed countries1 (LDCs) are falling far behind the rest of the developing world in terms of getting power to homes and businesses. While they have made great strides in recent years, achieving the global goal of universal access to energy by 2030 will require a 350 per cent increase in their annual rate of electrification.

"Achieving Sustainable Development Goal 7 is not only a question of satisfying households' basic energy needs," UNCTAD Secretary-General Mukhisa Kituyi said in Geneva, ahead of the report's publication on Tuesday. "That in itself has valuable welfare implications, but we need to go beyond... For electrification to transform LDC economies, modern energy provision needs to spur productivity increases and unlock the production of more goods and services."

Dr. Kituyi added: "The productive use of energy is what turns access into economic development, and what ensures that investments in electricity infrastructure are economically viable. But that means looking beyond satisfying households basic needs to achieving transformational energy access – satisfying producers' needs for adequate, reliable and affordable energy."

While on average 10 per cent of people in other developing countries lack access to electricity, this remains the case for more than 60 per cent of the population in LDCs. And LDCs as a group have around just 8 per cent the capacity of other developing economies to generate electricity per person, and barely 2 per cent that of wealthier nations. This two-way relationship between the productive use of energy and economic development, which the report dubs "the energy-transformation nexus", remains very weak in LDCs. More than 40 per cent of businesses operating in these countries are held back by inadequate, unreliable and unaffordable electricity. On average, they suffer 10 power outages per month, each lasting around five hours, and this costs them 7 per cent of the value of their sales.

High time for donors to meet aid commitments

Achieving universal access to modern energy in LDCs by 2030 will be costly. Based on previous global estimates, the report puts the cost at US\$12 billion to US\$40 billion per year. Transformational energy access would cost still more.

This far exceeds the resources currently available, the report says. Total official development assistance to the energy sector is just US\$3 billion per year; domestic resources for public investment are scarce in most LDCs, and most also face serious limits to borrowing without risking an unsustainable debt burden.

Private investors show little enthusiasm for investments in electricity infrastructure in LDCs, which entail large irreversible costs, long project cycles and slow payback. Most LDCs are also seen as relatively high-risk environments – although the availability of de-risking instruments, such as insurance and guarantee products, might help to bolster confidence.

Governments could raise extra capital by developing domestic debt markets or tapping into alternative sources of funding, such as impact investors, infrastructure funds and, in some LDCs, the population living abroad.

Better still, the report says, would be for international donors to honour their long-standing commitment to provide at least 0.15–0.20 per cent of their national income in aid, as part of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011–2020 of the United Nations. Current aid levels to LDCs fall short of this target by US\$33 billion to US\$50 billion per year.—UNCTAD



On November 29, North Korea carried out its new missile test after a 75-day pause. PHOTO: TASS

Moscow condemns North Korea's new missile launch — Kremlin

MOSCOW — Russia condemns North Korea's new missile launch, viewing this as Pyongyang's provocative step, and appeals for calm to prevent the worst-case scenario on the Korean Peninsula, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters on Wednesday.

"No doubt, another missile launch is a provocative step, which sparks a further rise in tensions, and which moves us away from beginning to settle the crisis. We condemn this launch and hope that all the respective sides will manage to keep calm, which is very necessary to prevent the worst-case scenario on the Korean Peninsula," Peskov said.

Speaking whether Pyong-

yang is considering the roadmap drawn up by Moscow and Beijing on solving the North Korean nuclear issue, Peskov noted that "there is no reason for any significant optimism now."

North Korea carried out its new missile test early on Wednesday after a 75-day pause. According to Japan's Defence Ministry, the missile flew some 1,000 km and fell 250 km from the northern Aomori Prefecture in the exclusive economic zone. The missile reached the height of 4,000 km. Tokyo says this was an intercontinental ballistic missile.

According to South Korea's Korea Joint Chiefs of Staff, the launch was carried out from the South Pyongan Province toward the Sea of Japan. The missile

flew eastward, covering the distance of 960 km, at the altitude of up to 4,500 km.

Tensions on the Korean Peninsula remain high as North Korea actively develops its nuclear and missile programs, while the US and its allies in the region carry out their military maneuvers.

In July, North Korea conducted two ballistic missile tests, which triggered a sharp response from the United States, Japan and South Korea. On 29 August and 15 September, North Korea fired ballistic missiles, which flew over Japan's Hokkaido Island and plunged into the Pacific Ocean. On 3 September, Pyongyang announced a successful hydrogen bomb

test. The UN Security Council stepped up sanctions against North Korea.

Moscow has stressed many times that it is committed to all UN Security Council's resolutions and insisted that Pyongyang should fully comply with them. The Russian leadership has also warned that any military scenario of solving the North Korean issue may trigger a disaster and called for finding a solution at the negotiating table. In July, Moscow and Beijing came up with an initiative aimed at resuming the six-party talks on the North Korean nuclear issue. The plan provides for the double freeze of North Korea's missile and nuclear tests and US-South Korea military drills.—Tass ■

NASA plans new rover for Mars 2020 mission

CAPE CANAVERAL, (Florida) — NASA's next mission to Mars in 2020 will feature a souped-up unmanned rover vehicle to search for signs of ancient microbial life in areas of the uninhabitable red planet.

The successor to the 2012 Curiosity rover, which could

launch in July or August 2020, will be equipped with seven new instruments and re-designed wheels, NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) said.

The new vehicle will study the Mars terrain, above and below the surface, and collect soil and rock samples.

"What we learn from the samples collected during this mission has the potential to address whether we're alone in the universe," said Ken Farley, a JPL scientist with the Mars 2020 project.

JPL is also developing a new landing technology that

will allow the rover to visit sites deemed too risky for Curiosity and shave miles off its journey.

NASA has successfully landed spacecraft on Mars seven times and is using the International Space Station to prepare for human missions to the moon and Mars.—Reuters ■

WORLD BRIEFS

Existing customs checks between Ireland, N Ireland could ease Brexit-minister

LONDON — Britain could use existing customs checks for goods moving between EU member Ireland and Northern Ireland which are not based near the border after Brexit, junior Brexit minister Robin Walker said on Wednesday.

"There are existing excise differences between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland and the checks ... for that process take place away from the border. So there is not only plans in place but there is a precedent there in terms of the way these things can be dealt with," he told lawmakers.—Reuters ■

EU's Barnier: No agreement yet on Brexit bill, Irish border


BERLIN — The European Union's chief Brexit negotiator, Michel Barnier, said on Wednesday there were still differences for London and Brussels to overcome on Britain's divorce bill, the Irish border and citizens rights.

Speaking at a business conference in Berlin, Barnier said that negotiations would continue before a 4 December meeting between British Prime Minister Theresa May and European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker.—Reuters ■

Merkel says must stick to growth-friendly investment and budget consolidation

BERLIN — German Chancellor Angela Merkel, currently trying to form a new coalition government after September's election, said on Wednesday Germany needed to keep non-wage costs below 40 per cent and stressed the importance of budget consolidation.


Speaking in a video message played at an employers' conference in Berlin, Merkel said it "remains important to keep non-wage costs under the 40 per cent mark".—Reuters ■



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Truce near Damascus mostly being observed before Syria talks begin

BEIRUT — The Russian-proposed ceasefire in the Eastern Ghouta area of Syria has been widely observed, a war monitor and a witness said on Wednesday, as a delegation from Damascus arrived in Geneva to join peace talks there.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said that the ceasefire in the besieged rebel-held enclave near Damascus is being “observed in general”. The United Nations Special Envoy for Syria, Staffan de Mistura said on Tuesday that the Syrian government had accepted the Russian proposal to stop fighting in the area on 28-29 November. The observatory, which monitors

the war, reported that the ceasefire had seen insignificant breaches on Wednesday morning in the village of Ain Terma, where Syrian forces fired five shells. On Tuesday, shelling killed three people and injured 15, but was less intense than in previous days, it added. “We are in peace today,” a witness from the Eastern Ghouta village of Douma told Reuters on a messaging site. The Syrian delegation arrived in Geneva to participate in the eighth round of United Nation-sponsored peace talks. It delayed its departure for one day after the opposition repeated its demand that Syrian President Bashar al-Assad step down. — Reuters ■

Merkel: End smuggling and slavery, create legal migration chances for Africans

ABIDJAN — German Chancellor Angela Merkel on Wednesday stressed the importance of ending smuggling and slavery while creating a legal route for Africans to come to Europe as she faces pressure at home to tackle a migrant influx.

Speaking at an EU-Africa summit in Abidjan, Merkel, is seeking to show Germany can take foreign policy action despite still being under a caretaker government two months after an election.

The influx of more than a million migrants since mid-2015, many of them fleeing the Middle East and Africa, was largely to blame for the rise of the anti-immigrant Alternative for Germany (AfD) in a 24 September election.

By taking votes from



Acting German Chancellor Angela Merkel shakes hand with Ivory Coast's President Alassane Ouattara ahead of the 5th African Union - European Union (AU-EU) summit in Abidjan, Ivory Coast on 29 November, 2017.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Merkel's conservative bloc and others, they surged into parliament for the first time, leaving Merkel facing complicated coalition arithmetic.

She is grappling to form a new government with the centre-left Social

Democrats (SPD) after discussions on forming a three-way tie-up with the liberals and Greens failed.

On the issue of illegal immigration, Merkel said: “This plays a role all over the African continent now

because there are reports that young African men are being sold like slaves in Libya.”

Libya is now the main departure point for mostly African migrants trying to cross to Europe. Smugglers usually pack them into flimsy inflatable boats that often break down or sink.

Merkel, who in 2015 decided to open Germany's borders to migrants, said legal options needed to be created for Africans to be able to get training or study in an EU country.

The summit is due to focus on education, investment in youth and economic development to prevent refugees and economic migrants from attempting the treacherous journey across the Mediterranean.—Reuters ■

Fractured French Right struggles to unite against Macron

PARIS — A year ago, France's conservatives appeared headed for the presidency. Now the French right is more fractured than at almost any point in the modern-day Fifth Republic, leaving one clear winner: President Emmanuel Macron, a centrist.

Over the weekend, a group of Macron-friendly lawmakers cemented their split from the centre-right The Republicans party, forming a new party, Agir (Act). In a further blow to The Republicans, three other party heavyweights defected to Macron's Republic on the Move party.

This comes at a time the far-right National Front party is riven by internal divisions and fighting a new rival movement set up by one of its own.

In two weeks, The Republicans will elect a new party chief. The task of whoever wins will be to



French President Emmanuel Macron review troops as he attends a military award ceremony in the courtyard of the Invalides in Paris, France on 27 November, 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

heal divisions and rebuild a party blown apart by Macron's election triumph.

"The Right is in the process of breaking apart ... if this goes on we will be in opposition for 20 years," Mael de Calan, a rising star in The Republicans and candidate for party leader, told television channel France 2. De Calan hit out at those deserting the party.

He also said the frontrunner in the party leadership race, 42-year-old Laurent Wauquiez, was advocating policies that would push The Republicans too far to the right — an outcome which could prompt others to leave.

Macron, 39, dynamited France's traditional political landscape in the summer, winning the presiden-

cy without ever having held office before and securing a commanding majority in parliament with a party just over a year old. Macron poached cabinet ministers from both the Socialist Party and The Republicans, leaving both scrambling for an answer to the former investment banker's stunning rise to power.

The Socialists of for-

mer President Francois Hollande were particularly hurt. "Macron destroyed the Left with the presidential election and now the target is the Right," said Frederic Dabi of pollster Ifop. Both far-left 'France Unbowed' leader Jean-Luc Melancon and far-right National Front chief Marine Le Pen are viewed as stronger opponents to Macron, an Odoxa poll showed at the weekend.

Equally worrying to Wauquiez should he become leader of The Republicans is that another survey on Tuesday showed one in two voters were indifferent to him. Wauquiez, who calls those quitting the party "traitors", told Reuters last week that he wanted to unite the party and that France needed his hardline proposals on immigration, security and Europe. "We won't bring people together by being tepid," he said. His

platform has, however, left moderate party stalwarts such as Valerie Pécresse, leader of the wider Paris region, and former prime minister Alain Juppé, being coy about their future.

"The Republicans' problem is that they are not showing the French an image of unity or a (future) leader that embodies a solid enough opposition," said Odoxa's president Gael Sliman, adding that Wauquiez's hard-right line was not popular enough.

Marine Le Pen, gloating, said on Tuesday that The Republicans faced a "catastrophic" situation. "They imploded in two camps," she told BFM TV.

But she too presides over a deeply divided party. One of its eight lawmakers on Monday defected to a splinter party established by her former deputy in September.—Reuters ■

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Indonesia reopens Bali airport as wind clears volcanic ash

DENPASAR, (Indonesia) — The airport on the Indonesian holiday island of Bali reopened on Wednesday as wind blew away ash and smoke spewed out by a volcano, giving airlines a window to get stranded tourists out and authorities more time to urge villagers to move to safety.

Operations at the airport — the second-busiest in Indonesia — have been disrupted since the weekend when Mount Agung, in east Bali, began belching out huge clouds of smoke and ash, and authorities warned of an “imminent threat” of a major eruption. “Bali’s international airport started operating normally,” air traffic control provider AirNav said in a statement, adding that operations resumed at 2:28 pm (0628 GMT).

The reopening of the airport, which is about 60 km (37 miles) away from Mount Agung, followed a downgrade in an aviation warning to one level below the most serious, with the arrival of more favourable winds.

A large plume of white



Passengers line up to enter the departure terminal Officers at Ngurah Rai Airport after it reopened following Mount Agung volcano’s eruption on the holiday island in Kuta, Bali, Indonesia on 29 November, 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

and grey ash and smoke hovered over Agung on Wednesday, after nighttime rain partially obscured a fiery glow at its peak.

President Joko Widodo begged villagers living in a danger zone around the volcano to move to emergency centres.

The decision to resume flights followed an emergency meeting at

the airport, when authorities weighing up weather conditions, tests and data from AirNav and other groups.

Flight tracking website FlightRadar24 later showed there were flights departing and arriving at the airport although its general manager said if the wind changed direction the airport could be closed again at short notice.

Agung looms over eastern Bali to a height of just over 3,000 metres (9,800 feet). Its last major eruption in 1963 killed more than 1,000 people and razed several villages.

Ash coated cars, roofs and roads to the southeast of the crater on Wednesday and children wore masks as they walked to school.—Reuters ■

War crimes judge calls for doctor; defendant’s lawyer says client drank poison

AMSTERDAM — The defence lawyer for a Bosnian Croat war crimes suspect said her client “had taken poison” on Wednesday during the reading of his verdict at the UN war crimes tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. During the reading of his appeal sentencing, former wartime leader Slobodan Praljak appeared to drink from a small flask or glass, a Reuters reporter said. The presiding judge called for a doctor and halted the proceedings.—Reuters ■

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James Franco to star and produce an X-Men spin-off

LOS ANGELES — James Franco has confirmed that he is attached to an “X-Men” property, both as an actor and a producer.

Rumours are rife that Fox Studios has been working on a Marvel Comics movie based on Multiple Man, according to The Hollywood Reporter.

Without revealing much, Franco said, “I do have a superhero that I am developing. I don’t know how much I can say. But I will say I am producing and performing in it. “Its early stages. I think probably what I can say is, like anything, there’s a need to develop more.”

The actor, who has started a production company with actor brother Dave Franco, said he is impressed the way the “X-Men” franchise has churned out spin-offs such as “Logan” and



James Franco. PHOTO: PTI

“Deadpool”. “Our bottom line MO is, how can we push this into new ground? A little bit, but still make it entertaining? (But) what I love about what Simon Kinberg and Fox and the X-Men people have done with Deadpool and Logan — it took a while to

get there, maybe 10 years — but they are going to go hard.

“And were going to take this superhero thing and really just push it into a new genre. So were working with Simon Kinberg on an X-Men property,” he said. —PTI ■

Jones, Redmayne in talks to reteam for The Aeronauts



Cast members Eddie Redmayne (L) and Felicity Jones pose during “The Theory of Everything” premiere in Beverly Hills, California on 28 October, 2014. PHOTO: REUTERS

LOS ANGELES — “The Theory of Everything” co-stars Felicity Jones and Eddie Redmayne are in negotiations to reteam for “The Aeronauts”.

The former co-actors are in negotiations to feature as 19th century hot air balloonists in the Amazon Studios film,

according to The Hollywood Reporter.

The project will be a period drama directed by Tom Harper, who will also co-produce.

The plot will revolve around the adventures of the duo — pilot Amelia Wren (Jones) and scientist James

Glaisher (Redmayne).

The script has been penned by Jack Thorne and the film will also be produced by Todd Lieberman and David Hoberman from Mandeville Films.

The movie goes on floors in the spring in London. —PTI ■

Jay-Z, Kendrick Lamar lead male-dominated Grammy nominations

LOS ANGELES —

Jay-Z’s soul-baring album on love, life and social fractures led the Grammy Award nominations on Tuesday with eight nods in a list that saw women sidelined in some major categories and Katy Perry excluded completely.

Jay-Z’s “4:44” album was nominated for album of the year, one of the top three Grammy accolades. The album’s title track and “The Story of OJ” songs were nominated in song and record of the year.

“4:44” will compete for album of the year against R&B star Bruno Mars’ “24K Magic,” New Zealand pop singer Lorde’s “Melodrama,” hip hop artists Childish Gambino’s “Awaken, My Love!” and Kendrick Lamar’s “Damn.”

Lamar landed seven nominations overall, Mars got six including the top three categories and Childish Gambino, the alter-ego of actor Donald Glover, scored five nominations.

“Despacito,” the hit from Puerto Rican singer Luis Fonsi featuring Justin Bieber and Daddy Yankee landed three nominations including record and song of the year.

The 60th Grammy Awards, music’s biggest night honoring the year’s achievements across more than 80 categories, are scheduled for Jan. 28 at New York City’s Madison Square Garden.

Music released between October 2016 and September 2017 qualified for this year’s awards and will be voted for by members of the Recording Academy, made up of music industry professionals.

Newcomer R&B singer



American rapper Jay-Z performs at Bercy stadium in Paris on 17 October, 2013. PHOTO: REUTERS

er SZA was the most-nominated female artist with five nods including best new artist, in which she will face singers Julia Michaels, Alessia Cara, Khalid and rapper Lil Uzi Vert.

Taylor Swift’s “Reputation” album will not be eligible this year due to its November release, but she garnered two nominations including writing country group Little Big Town’s “Better Man.”

The most notable omission from Tuesday’s Grammy nominations was Canadian hip hop artist Drake, whose “More Life” album dominated streaming, charts and radio play since its March release.

British singer-songwriter Ed Sheeran, whose “Divide” album topped charts around the world, garnered two nominations in the pop categories. Lady Gaga and Kesha landed two nods each in the same categories as Sheeran.

Pop star Katy Perry, who is yet to win a Grammy award, did not score a single nomination for her “Witness” album.

The absence of some of the biggest female artists marked a stark contrast with the 2017 awards, when Beyonce led the nominations and Britain’s Adele swept the top awards. Neither released new music this year. —Reuters ■

Green Shopping at City Mart

UNUSUAL scene of shoppers coming out of City Mart attracts me as shopping bags with new designs different from the old ones are in their hands. As I am the regular customer of City Mart, I noticed the change at once. But no one can notice a brand named *Oxium* together with a line which reads *Degradable Plastic* at the bottom of the bag if he takes it for granted.

Since November, a cashier of City Mart said, shopping centers of City Mart Supermarket have started to use plastic bags which have less environmental impact and can be decayed between the period of two and five years.

Oxo-Biodegradable Plastic bags which have less impact on the environment replace Low Density Polyethylene (LDPE) used in the previous times, said a staff of City Mart Holding Co., Ltd.

The bags which are manufactured combining High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) and Oxium can be destroyed between the period of not less than two years and more than five years as they are capable of being decomposed by bacteria or other living organisms and thereby avoiding pollution and the materials can be changed into soil.

Durability of biodegradable

plastic bag is the same as other kinds of plastics, and it has won green partnership certificate.

"At the place of plastics which can harm the environment severely, Oxo-Biodegradable plastic bags are used for ensuring harmonious ecosystem. It is sure that they can be decayed naturally and have less impact it is not totally safe for environment. Plastic bags should be used only in unavoidable circumstances," said Sustainable Manager Daw Htet Htet Khine.

The program of using biodegradable bag has been introduced with the cooperation of Green Hope, a green technology company. It is popular in some areas in the Middle East, Asia and Africa. Using of it will surely help conserve the environment.

According to survey made by a company which produced Oxium brand plastic bags, the sale of plastic throughout the world has touched 5,000 million bags a year and the volume of recycling of these used-bags is just one percent. Moreover, Pacific Ocean has been polluted by seven million plastic bottles.

Studies say that Oxo-Biodegradable plastic bags can reduce the impacts on environment in the long run and its production cost is 13.05 percent lower than the ordinary plastic materials. So, it is now recog-



nized as one of the solutions for waste problems.

Oxo-Biodegradable plastic bags are useful as shopping bags and it can be used as garbage bags, food packaging and retaining walls cover at landslide areas and others.

Ocean Crusaders, a group campaigning for saving the oceans, disclosed that using of plastic materials including poly-bags in the world has reached up to 500 billion a year and if they are connected its length can round the earth four times.

Data of the group shows

that just in one year period from 2009 to 2010, Australia alone used 582.9 million plastic water bottles of the number just 36 percent can be recycled. It also says, these figures are the proof of damaging the earth due to plastics.

According to the news released by Irrawaddy News, the parliament decided to put on record for calling of making national policy that would reduce using of plastic among people for upgrading health standard and conserving environment.

Shopping centres such as City Mart Supermarket and

marketplace by City Mart, which are under City Mart Holding Co., Ltd, leader in retail sale in Myanmar's domestic market, have initiated program of reducing use of plastic bags since 2013.

Every 5th day of a month is designated as No Plastic Bag Day in branches of City Mart Supermarket, and the marketplace by City Mart has chosen every Monday and Tuesday of a month as No Plastic Bag Day. It is aimed at cultivating the habit of using own bags by shoppers when they go shopping.

City Hero Campaign aiming at emerging City Hero who will protect own city and community by reducing use of plastic bag but using just own water bottle instead of plastic bags and water bottles has been organized recently.

To be able to take pride in becoming a City Hero, City Hero Kits are available at City Mart Supermarkets. The money from sale of such programs will be spent on natural environment conservation activities and this is the proof of practicing Corporate Social Responsibility- CSR by City Mart Holding Co., Ltd.

Support of customers of City Mart Supermarket is crucial for campaign of reducing use of plastic bags.

Let us cooperate in efforts to reduce use of plastic bags to save mother earth with the awareness of "Using plastic is harmful to natural environment".





Officials from Japan's All Nippon Airways and MFF hold the Myanmar Jerseys at the contract launching ceremony in Novotel Hotel yesterday. **PHOTO:MFF**

Myanmar Football Federation signs All Nippon Airways as sponsor

KyawZin Lin

THE Myanmar Football Federation (MFF) and All Nippon Airways (ANA) signed an agreement yesterday at the Novotel Hotel in Yangon for sponsorship of Myanmar's national football team, according to the MFF website. Officials from MFF, Myanmar National League and All Nippon Airways participated in the contract

launching ceremony.

According to the sponsorship contract, US\$250,000 in support for Myanmar football will be provided by the airline.

The contract was signed by MFF CEO U Bhone Naing Zaw, ANA's General Manager Mr. Suzuki.

"The MFF is really a hard-working organisation. The Myanmar national football team is one the most

successful teams in ASEAN, along with its fan support. Both Myanmar and Japan have very good relations, and so we support Myanmar", said ANA's General Manager Mr. Suzuki.

Whether Myanmar's national football team wins or loses, ANA will be supporting the team from now on, also supporting football clinics, according to the ANA. ■

Substitute Bale returns to help Real progress in King's Cup

MADRID — Real Madrid forward Gareth Bale returned from injury in style by coming on to create two goals for Borja Mayoral in a 2-2 second-leg draw with third-tier Fuenlabrada as their second-string side took them into the King's Cup last 16 on Tuesday.

Real won 4-2 on aggregate and Bale's cameo performance was one of few bright spots on a nervy evening for the hosts at the Santiago Bernabeu during which the Liga and European champions were in serious danger of being forced to play extra time.

Welsh international Bale brought badly needed quality to Zinedine Zidane's struggling side with a substitute appearance after 63 days out with injuries and had an instant impact.

With Real behind on the night after conceding an early goal, Bale picked up the ball after coming on to a smattering of applause and curled over a cross for Mayoral to head an

equaliser in the 63rd minute which effectively ended the tie.

Bale also made Real's second goal, skipping into the area to force goalkeeper Pol Freixanet to parry and Mayoral picked up the loose ball to score again and put Real in front.

Fuenlabrada kept fighting, and substitute Alvaro Portilla salvaged a draw in the 89th, punishing some chaotic defending.

The visiting minnows from the suburbs of the Spanish capital had taken a surprise yet deserved lead through midfielder Luis Milla in the 25th minute with a stinging long-range shot which flummoxed home goalkeeper Keylor Navas. Zidane again fielded a largely reserve team as he did in the 2-0 first-leg win but they were more than matched by Fuenlabrada, whose defender Cata Diaz had almost levelled the tie when his header hit the bar in the second half. —Reuters ■

Arter improves after failure to be picked by Cherries

LONDON — Midfielder Harry Arter says his exclusion from Bournemouth's first team this season has helped him improve as he fights for a regular spot in manager Eddie Howe's side, the Ireland international has said.

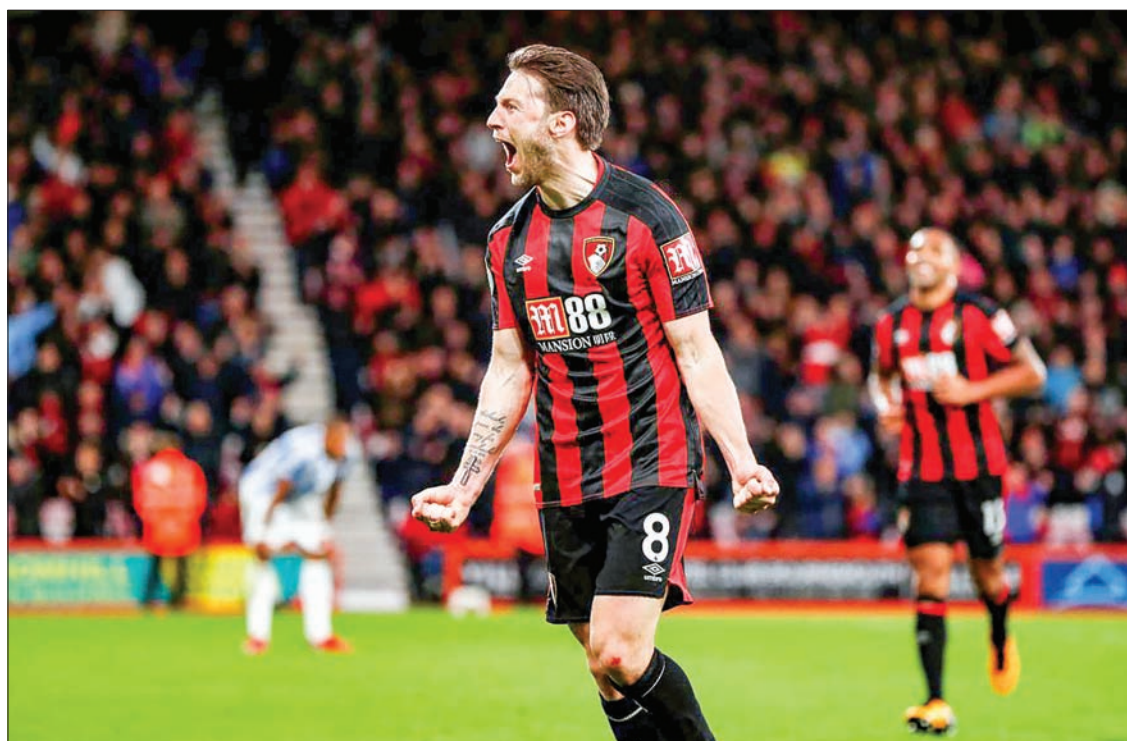
Arter was benched or left out of Bournemouth's squad in four of their five Premier League games from 22 September due to a slump in form and an Achilles injury but the 27-year-old believes his omission helped reinvigorate him.

"I am old enough to realise I am in a professional game at the highest level and, if I am not performing well, I am not going to play," Arter told the Daily Echo.

"This is probably the first season I have had to taste that throughout my career here and playing under the gaffer... It has been a good learning curve and I feel I have improved from that period.

"Managers have to be ruthless at times and I understand that. It is a good quality to have. Every top manager has it and every player has to accept it."

Arter has since regained his place and played in Bournemouth's last three league games, which ended in two wins and a draw as Howe's side climbed out of the relegation zone. Bournemouth are 14th in the table and host seventh-placed Burnley on Wednesday.—Reuters ■



Bournemouth's Harry Arter. **PHOTO: REUTERS**