

President U Thein Sein sends felicitations to ROK, Germany

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Oct — On the occasion of the National Foundation Day of the Republic of Korea, which falls on 3 October 2014, U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent messages of felicitations to Her Excellency

Madam Park Geun-hye, President of the Republic of Korea and His Excellency Mr. Chung Hong-Won, Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea.

The President has also sent messages of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Joachim Gauck,

Federal President of the Federal Republic of Germany and Her Excellency Dr. Angela Merkel, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, on the occasion of the German Unity Day, which falls on 3 October.—MNA

President urges union ministries, state/region governments to spend budget effectively

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct — President U Thein Sein, who is the chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Financial Commission, urged all union ministries and state/region governments to make concerted efforts to obtain more budget allocation and to spend it more effectively at the Meeting (3/2004) of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Financial Commission on Thursday.

The president said the purpose of the meeting is to allocate more budget funds for departments and organizations for the remaining seven months of 2014-2015 fiscal year by adjusting the budget allocation, expenditure and work implemented during the 5-month period

from April to August and availability of budget allocation and the possible expenditure for the remaining seven months.

The government has tried to retain the ratio of the budget deficit and GDP under 5 percent in the original budget estimate as well as in the upcoming revised budget allocation to maintain the stability of macro economy, the president added.

Then, the president pointed out that emphasis is to be placed on earning more revenues and generating more income of state-owned businesses while it is necessary to allocate more budget funds for development of the country and to spend the budget

more effectively.

The president urged the union ministries and state/region governments to successfully implement the development projects.

In conclusion, the president urged the union ministries and state/region governments to implement development tasks that generate quick win for the country and the people and lay foundation for long-term sustainable development during the remaining term of the government.

After the president's speech Vice Presidents Dr Sai Mauk Kham and U Nyan Tun, who are vice chairmen of the commission, made speeches.

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President U Thein Sein highlights spending budget allocation to regions and states with accountability, responsibility and accessibility in transparent manner at the Financial Commission Meeting 3/2014.—MNA

Japanese SME firms seek local potential partners in UMFCCI business matching

By Ye Myint

YANGON, 2 Oct — Not less than 17 small and medium-sized firms from Japan conducted business matching with Myanmar counterparts at the UMFC-CI Office Tower in Yangon

on Thursday.

In collaboration with the Small and Medium Enterprise Agency of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Organization for Small & Medium Enterprises and Regional Innovation and Japan External Trade Organization

of Japan, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (RUMFCCI) and the Japan-Myanmar Association (JMA) organized the business matching for the Japanese SME business (See page 3)

Materials inside Master Sports Factory to be auctioned to raise money for payment of its workers

By Aye Min Soe

YANGON, 2 Oct — The materials inside the Master Sports Factory, which has been closed after the Korean owner of the shoe factory returned to South

Korea without paying salaries and compensation to more than 750 Myanmar workers, will be auctioned, according to the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security.

"A total of 13,133

items inside the factory will be auctioned through the competitive bidding system on 9 October," said U Win Shein, the Director-General of the Factories and General Labour Law (See page 9)

Sports ministry allocates budget funds for state/region level sports events



Deputy Attorney-General
U Tun Tun Oo.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct — The Ministry of Sports is organizing state/region chief minister's cup sport events in 15 capitals of states and regions in order to promote sports in Myanmar, spending from K 1.63 million to K 5.28 million for each competition depending on types of sports and competitions, Deputy Minister for Sports U Zaw Win told

the Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) on Thursday.

He was responding to the question raised by a representative who asked whether the ministry has plans to allocate budget funds for sport events to promote sports in Myanmar.

However, the deputy minister said district/township level sports events are held by district/township

sport and physical education committees and management committees and the ministry has no plan to allocate budget funds for such sports events for the time being.

Then, Deputy Attorney General U Tun Tun Oo answered the question whether there are arrangements to announce by-laws for approved laws as soon as possible.

The deputy attorney general said some by-laws have been published while

others are being still examined for drafting by-laws and it is not necessary to draft by-laws for some of the approved laws. Organizations concerned are making efforts to draft by-laws for approved by-laws, he added.

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Amyotha Hluttaw

YCDC did not replace existing sports grounds with housing estates: Upper House



Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House) continues Thursday's session.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct — The Yangon Region Government has planned to upgrade 15 sports grounds in six townships in the region, the deputy minister for Sports told the Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House) on Thursday.

U Thaung Htaik denied that the Yangon City Development Committee had seized existing sports grounds to turn them into housing estates, saying that

YCDC was upgrading all sports facilities for public use in all weathers and pledging a continuous establishment of new sports grounds in suitable places.

The Amyotha Hluttaw discussed a bill amending the Myanmar's Mining Law, which was resent by the Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) with some changes to make it more complete.

An MP said that more and more small-scale min-

ing industries coming to be engaged in the mining sector would create more job opportunities for local people, thereby preventing illegal migration and bringing about more tax revenues for the country as well.

He went on to say that a growth in gross domestic product in the mining sector would help the country out of the list of least developed countries. —MNA

Chairman of Constitutional Tribunal of the Union arrives back from ROK

YANGON, 2 Oct — Chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union U Mya Thein and party arrived back at Yangon

International Airport on Wednesday after attending the Third Congress of the World Conference on Constitutional Justice

2014 in Seoul of the Republic of Korea held from 28 September to 1 October.

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Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw meets official of London-based Bingham Center for the Rule of Law



Deputy Speaker U Mya Nyein cordially greets Director of Education and Training Ms Naina Patel and party of London-based Bingham Center for the Rule of Law.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct — Deputy Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House) U Mya Nyein received Director of Edu-

cation and Training Ms Naina Patel and party of London-based Bingham Center for the Rule of Law at the Amyotha Hluttaw

Building on Thursday.

They discussed rule of law and amendment of the constitution.

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Japanese SME firms seeks...

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owners to hold talks with Myanmar potential partners.

The Japanese delegation consists of 17 companies from SME sector, including IV Product Corporation, SPEC Company Limited, Inui Steamship Co., Ltd, Sun Electrics Industry, Honda Ltd, Shiken Corporation and Quest Corporation. The SME business mission who arrived in Yangon on Wednesday night will spend three days in Yangon, doing a tour of Thilawa Special Economic Zone on Friday. The Myanmar-Japan SMEs Business Matching kicked

off with the welcoming remarks of the two presidents of the RUMFCCI and MJA. They highlighted the importance of Thilawa SEZ which is envisioned as a driving force for economic development of Myanmar.

"I want to establish a plant here in cooperation with local partners", said Miki Yasuhiro, automobile spare parts manufacturer and owner of a metal recycling plant in Japan.

"I had a successful discussion with the Japanese counterpart at the business matching, U Ye Gaung, consultant of A1 Group of Companies, welcoming more business matching

events to share information and partner with foreign businesses. "No agreements were reached, but we will keep in touch in the coming days thanks to such talks between the two businesses," he added.

It was the second event between Myanmar and Japanese SMEs. Following the first business matching last year, four companies had reached agreements to sign contracts respectively, officials said. According to the UMFCFI, a Myanmar business delegation formed with 25 businesses will visit Japan on 6 October to conduct business matching with Japanese partners in Tokyo and Osaka.—GNLM



Business matching activities are in progress at UMFCFI Building on Thursday with a view to enhance business networks and collaborations between Myanmar businesses and Japanese SME firms.—PHOTO: YE MYINT



President U Thein Sein accepts credentials of Mr Andelfo Jose Garcia Gonzalez, the newly-accredited Ambassador of the Republic of Colombia.—MNA

President U Thein Sein with Mr Mohammad Sufiur Rahman, the newly-accredited Ambassador of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

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President U Thein Sein accepts credentials of Bangladeshi, Colombian ambassadors

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct—Mr Mohammad Sufiur Rahman, the newly-accredited Ambassador of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar presented his credentials to U

Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at the Presidential Palace, Nay Pyi Taw, at 11 am on Thursday.

The President also accepted the credentials of Mr Andelfo Jose Garcia

Gonzalez, the newly-accredited Ambassador of the Republic of Colombia to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at the same venue at 11.30 am.

Also present on the occasions were Union Minis-

ter at the President Office U Thein Nyunt, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Thant Kyaw and Director-General U Thurain Thant Zin of the Protocol Department.

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Vice Presidents Dr Sai Mauk Kham and U Nyan Tun participate in discussions at Financial Commission Meeting 3/2014.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct—A Myanmar military delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing arrived back in Yangon from Seoul on 1 October, sources said.

They were seen off at the Incheon International Airport by Maj-Gen Kim Yong-woo of South Korea's Defence Services, Myanmar Ambassador to South Korea U Soe Lwin and officials.

On arrival at the Yangon International Airport, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing was welcomed back by Commander of Yan-

gon Command Maj-Gen Tun Tun Naung, Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Tateshi Higuchi, and South Korea's Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Lee Baek-soon.

During the visit to Japan, which lasted from 23 to 28 September, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing held talks with Japanese top brasses on regional stability, bilateral cooperation between the two countries and two armed forces, and exchange of trainees between the two countries.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing visited South Korea from 28 September

to 1 October and discussed matters related to peace and stability, and bilateral relations and cooperation between the two countries and two armed forces.

Myawady

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing being welcomed back by Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Tun Tun Naung and senior military officers at Yangon International Airport.—MYAWADY

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of the commission Union Minister for Finance U Win Shein explained the additional budget bill for 2014-2015 fiscal year.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the president. In

his concluding remarks, the president urged union ministers and chief ministers to spend the additional budget accountably and to uphold transparency, accountability, responsibility and accessibility in permitting investment firms and

businesses to run their operations in accordance with Directive 1/2013 of the President Office. In conclusion, the president said that the losses and wastes of public funds must be prevented by auditing by the Union Auditor-General's Office, state-level committees and departmental committees in accordance with the law.

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Senior General Min Aung Hlaing concludes his tours of Japan and South Korea



Myanmar MBA graduate wins best research paper award with highest points



MANDALAY, 2 Oct—The Thitsa Yazar Training and Development Centre on 62nd street in Mandalay and SLU International

jointly held the convocation Master of Business Administration (MBA) Batch I at Shinawatra University in Bangkok of Thai-

land on 19 September.

President Prof Dr. Voradej Chandarasorn of Shinawatra University conferred the degree on the graduates and delivered an address.

At the convocation, Dr Mya Phone Mo Oo of Man-

dalay Campus won the best research paper award with the highest points.

The graduates of Mandalay University were allowed to visit Stock Exchange of Thailand and factories in Ayodaya.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)

Mandalay Region marks MPF Day



MANDALAY, 2 Oct—Chief Minister of Mandalay Region U Ye Myint delivered an address at the ceremony to mark the Golden Jubilee Anniversary Myanmar Police Force Day at the hall of the Mandalay Region Police Force Commander in Chanayethazan Township of Mandalay on Wednesday.

It was attended by Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Soe Htut, Commander of the Region Police Force Police Col Han Tun and

local authorities.

The chief minister stressed the need for police to serve the interest of the national people.

The police commander read the message sent by the Chief of Myanmar Police Force. Next, the chief minister and officials presented prizes to the outstanding police in shooting and crime reduction activities.

The police commander gave prizes to the outstanding police and students.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)

Use of natural pesticide demonstrated in Ayadaw Township

AYADAW, 2 Oct—Officials of Monywa District and Ayadaw Township Agriculture Department held a meeting with 32 farmers who grew mon-

soon paddy in Nayyakhin Village of Ayadaw Township in Sagaing Region on 28 September.

They went to Ayeyamin strain paddy plantation in field No 1863 of the village and demonstrated surveillance of paddy germs and pests and spraying to the farmers.

"We thank officials of Agriculture Department for use of natural pesticides to be sprayed at the paddy plantations and prevention of pesticides. Use of natural pesticide will save the agricultural cost," said a local farmer.

Township IPRD

Planning for all inclusive development course conducted

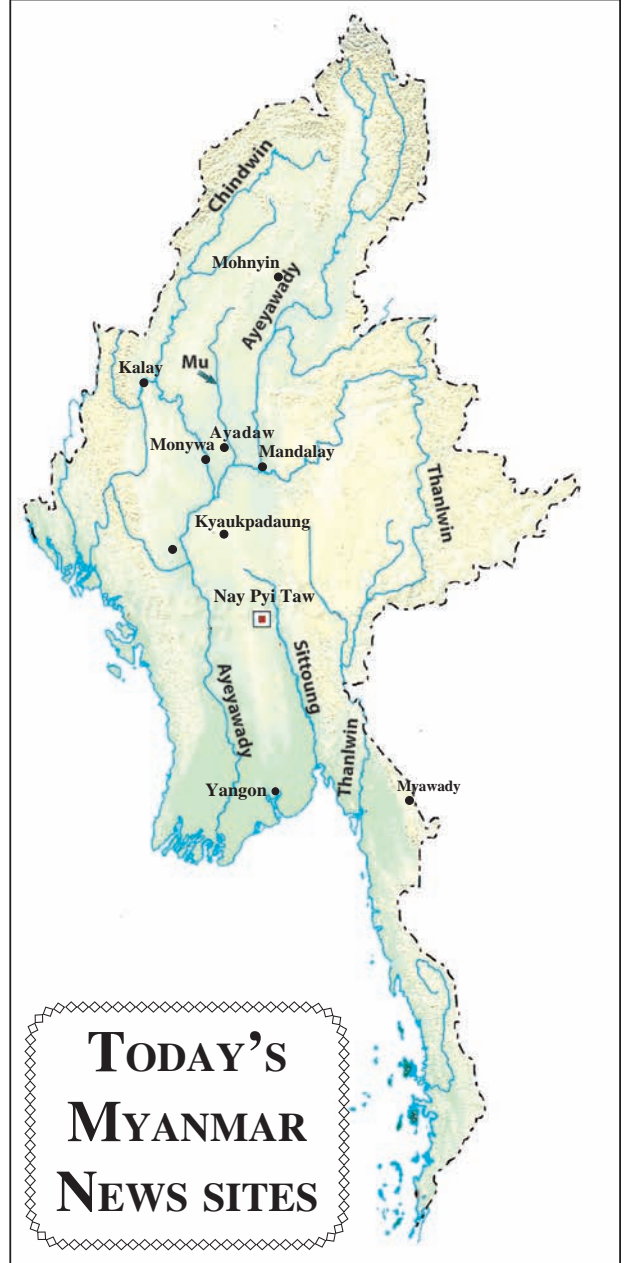
AYADAW, 2 Oct—The grassroots level planning for all inclusive development course kicked off at the hall of Township General Administration Department in Ayadaw of Sagaing Region on 29 September.

Deputy Township Administrator U Win Hlaing Tint explained the purpose of conducting the training course and lectures to be given.

Ward/village administrators and volunteer youths are attending the eight-day course.

Trainers gave lectures on planning for community development and future tasks to the trainees.

Township IPRD



Respects paid to the aged on International Day of Older Persons

MANDALAY, 2 Oct—Organized by Mandalay Region Government, the International Day of Older Persons was observed at the city hall in Mandalay on Wednesday, attended by older persons of above-95 years old.

Mandalay Region Minister for Planning and Economic U Aung Zan explained the purpose of holding the ceremony and donated cash to the funds of 12 homes for the aged of the region.

Speaker of Mandalay Region Hluttaw U Win

Maung and region level officials donated cash to the older persons and handed over cash assistance for the older persons who could not attend the ceremony through the township administrators.

The Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement donated K1 million each to two oldest persons of the nation, namely grandpa U Thwin, 111 years old and grandma Daw Mya Kyi, 122 years old from Amarapura Township in Mandalay Region.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)



LOCAL NEWS

Traffic police donate blood at MGH



MANDALAY, 2 Oct—In honour of the Golden Jubilee Myanmar Police Force Day, the police led by Police Major Thein Ko Ko of No 11 Traffic Police Branch (Mandalay) donated blood

at the national blood bank of Mandalay General Hospital in Mandalay on 26 September.

“We honour the anniversary day of Myanmar Police Force to save the life

of patient with our blood,” said Police Major Thein Ko Ko. A total of 21 policemen participated in the blood donation.—*Min Htet Aung (Mandalay Sub-printing House)*

Arms seized in Myawady

MYAWADY, 2 Oct—A combined team comprising the Commanding Officer Lt-Col Win Tun and party of the local battalion, servicemen from No 1022 Border Guard Force and Myawady Militia troop together with witnesses, acting on a tip-off, searched Lin Aung (a)

Po Tay, Zaw Htet Naing and Aung Thu (a) Chet Pu at the Dhammayon in the precinct of Shwekyuntha Nyeinchanaung monastery in Ward 2 of Myawady in Kayin State on Wednesday.

The combined team seized one M-16, 39 rounds of ammunition, three maga-

zines, one .38 bullet and one US-made M1 grenade. Action was taken against three suspects under the law.

Thuzar (Myawady Town)



Dragon fruit plantation grown on a commercial scale in Kalay

KALAY, 2 Oct—Dragon fruit plants are cultivated on a commercial scale in Thailand, Vietnam and the Philippines.

Dragon fruits plantations are thriving in some parts of the nation, especially in Shan State and Kalay Township.

A dragon fruit plantation of U Win Kyaing, owner of Shweyamin Chin

traditional textile shop in Kalay, is thriving beside Asia Highway near Helok Village in Kalay Township of Sagaing Region.

He grew five acres of plantations in 2008. The plants started bearing fruits in June 2011, fetching income for the owner. The fruit reduces cholesterol and relieves the asthma disease.—*Ju Nine*



Kyigon-Kalay road section being upgraded for better transportation

KALAY, 2 Oct—Public Works under the Ministry of Construction is taking responsibility for repaving the two miles and one furlong long section with asphalt concrete on Kyigon-Kalay Road in 2014-15 fiscal year.

The government of Sagaing Region spent K10

million from the Union fund on tarmacking the road section which is the India-Myanmar friendship road, a source said.

On Wednesday, Chairman of Kalay District Management Committee U Maung Htoo inspected the progress of repaving the road section and gave

instructions on timely completion of the tasks.

The Kyigon-Kalay Road is linking Kalay-Tamu Road, Kalay-Yargyi Road, Kalay-Mahamyaing Road and Kalay-Mawlaik Road for ensuring swift flow of commodities and smooth transportation of passengers.—*Joe Net*



Kyaukpadaung Tsp people hope rainwater in late monsoon



KYAUKPADAUNG, 2 Oct—The monsoon has withdrawn from the central Myanmar area. However,

the lakes and creeks in the central Myanmar could not get adequate rainwater. In consequence, the local people

may face shortage of water in the summer.

Some lakes could store some volume of rainwater

and some lakes did not get inflow of water.

Thanks to the tube-well sunk by the department concerned, the local people can overcome the challenge of water shortage in the coming summer, a source said.

Kyaukpadaung Township got a few rainfalls in mid- and late-monsoon in 2012. Due to lack of water in the lakes, the people faced shortage of water in the 2013 summer.

In 2013, the township got 24.20 inches of rain falls in 48 raining days. However, the township stored 14.20 inches of rain falls in 34 raining days up to September 2014.

Ko Nay (Kyaukpadaung)

Indonesian parliament elects speaker opposed to Jokowi

JAKARTA, 2 Oct — Hopes that Indonesian president-elect Joko “Jokowi” Widodo can have a strong, effective government have been thrown into doubt after the lower house of parliament early Thursday elected a speaker and deputy speakers from parties opposing him.

Less than 24 hours after 560 members of the House of Representatives took their oaths, a coalition of six parties supporting defeated presidential candidate Prabowo Subianto reached a consensus in a plenary session to elect

Setya Novanto of Golkar to be the speaker of the house.

Golkar joined the coalition of Prabowo’s Great Indonesia Movement Party, or Gerindra, along with outgoing President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono’s Democrat Party, the National Mandate Party or PAN, the United Development Party or PPP, and the Prosperous Justice Party or PKS.

Setya, 59, is a businessman allegedly involved in a series of corruption cases. The government-sanctioned but independent Corruption

Eradication Commission has questioned him several times over the cases but has not declared him suspect.

Setya’s deputies include Democrat Agus Hermanto, Gerindra’s Fadli Zon, who is Prabowo’s right-hand man and a vocal critic of Jokowi, and two politicians from PAN and PKS.

The Prabowo coalition will support a PPP lawmaker to be speaker of the 692 members of the People’s Consultative Assembly, the upper house.

The decision on the house speaker and deputy



Prabowo Subianto

speakers was taken without the presence of the coalition of four parties supporting Jokowi, which decided to walk out of the plenary session after their request to hold a vote in a new

session on Thursday was rejected.

The new parliamentary leadership has raised concerns by many about the effectiveness of Jokowi’s administration as he

may hit a wall when negotiating with his parliamentary opponents.

In the new parliament, the opposition coalition has also been eyeing to amend the country’s 1945 Constitution in a bid to scrap direct presidential elections, which were first held in 2004.

They also plan to amend a law on the Corruption Eradication Commission to reduce its power in dealing with corrupt lawmakers.

Jokowi’s coalition only controls 139 seats in parliament.— *Kyodo News*



A Myanmar artist performs with traditional musical instrument during the ASEAN cultural fair in Yangon, Myanmar, on 1 Oct, 2014. The cultural fair will run till Friday. — XINHUA

Japan, US to release interim report on defence guidelines next week

TOKYO, 2 Oct — Japan and the United States plan to release an interim report on a planned revision of bilateral defence cooperation guidelines next Wednesday after their senior officials meet in Tokyo to finalize it, a Japanese government source said on Thursday.

The meeting of director general-level officials comes after Tokyo and Washington decided to delay the release planned for late September and spend more time on its wording.

While maintaining Japan’s “exclusively defence-oriented” policy under the bilateral security alliance, the upcoming report is expected to include some new scenarios such as Japan intercepting ballistic missiles and defending US ships in international wa-

ters. But details still need to be worked out, according to the source.

Following a Cabinet decision in July to reinterpret the pacifist Constitution to enable the country to use the right to collective self-defence, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has been aiming to update the defence cooperation guidelines and prepare domestic legislation to accommodate the major postwar security policy change at the same time. But Abe has already decided to wait until next year to submit bills to revise existing laws to enable the Self-Defence Forces to come to the aid of an ally under armed attack in collective self-defence, given that the issue has proven unpopular with the public.

Kyodo News

BANGKOK, 2 Oct — Thailand will revive talks with Japan and Myanmar aimed at kick-starting the floundering multi-billion dollar Dawei Special Economic Zone in Myanmar, a junta spokesman said on Thursday.

The project is arguably Southeast Asia’s most ambitious industrial zone — a 250-sq-km (100-sq-mile) deep-sea port, petrochemical and heavy industry hub located along the slim Thai-Myanmar peninsula.

Thailand’s ruling junta pledged to step up involvement in the project, which has seen years of delays, following talks in Bangkok on Thursday between Thai Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha and Minoru Kiuchi, Japan’s vice foreign minister.

“The prime minister said we will push to develop the Dawei zone with

Thailand says will kick-start stalled Dawei talks

Myanmar and Thailand and all sides are prepared to move forwards with trilateral talks so that the Dawei project can materialize as quickly as possible,” Yongyuth Mayalarp, a junta spokesman, told *Reuters*.

The project has seen years of delays that were largely blamed on Italian

Thai Development Pcl, the project’s leader, which had failed to secure private investment and agree on a power source for the complex.

Thailand and Myanmar seized control of the strategically located complex, billed as a gateway for trade in Southeast Asia,

from ITD, Thailand’s largest construction firm, in November 2013.

Japan has expressed increasing interest in Dawei — the project could be a significant boost to swelling Japanese industrial interests in the region — though talks with Tokyo have stalled.— *Reuters*



Fishing boats are seen against setting sun on Maungmagan beach near the town of Dawei in southern Myanmar on 19 Nov, 2011. Picture taken on 19 Nov, 2011. — REUTERS

Russia to urge West resume investigation of MH17 crash in eastern Ukraine

Moscow, 2 Oct — Russia's delegation to a conference of the Inter-parliamentary Union (IPU) in Geneva will urge to resume the investigation of a Malaysian passenger plane crash in eastern Ukraine, Andrei Klimov, a member of the Russian delegation and deputy chairman of the international committee of the Federation Council upper parliament house, said in an interview published in the Thursday issue of the *Izvestia* daily.

"In conditions of the current situation, it is important to first find out who was responsible for not closing air space over the dangerous area in the Donetsk region and ordering the plane deviate of its original route instead," he said. "It is high time we help our colleagues in Malaysia and make the West and Ukraine investigate the situation over the Boeing crash in deed."

"If they say someone seized a Buk missile system, why then this sector



International experts at the site of the crash.

was not closed for flights. Why this plane was guided directly to this sector. The Malaysians do not understand this, they are smart people, but they say the

West is turning a deaf ear on them," Klimov said.

The Boeing 777-200 of the Malaysia Airlines (MH17) en route from Amsterdam to Kuala Lum-

pur crashed on 17 July in Ukraine's eastern Donetsk Region, some 60 kilometres (over 37 miles) from the Russian border, in the zone of combat opera-

tions between the Donetsk self-defence forces and the Ukrainian army. All the passengers and crewmembers onboard the aircraft — 298 people — died.

According to the air company, passengers of the ill-fated aircraft were citizens of Malaysia, the Netherlands, Australia, Indonesia, Great Britain, Germany, Belgium, the Philippines, Canada and New Zealand.

Klimov said he was sure that the Inter-parliamentary Union is the most appropriate format to discuss this issue, since it would bring together some 2,000 lawmakers from 200 world countries.

An international organization of parliaments, the Inter-parliamentary Union is the oldest international organization founded as far back as 1889. The Union is the focal point for worldwide parliamentary dialogue and works for peace and co-operation among peoples and for the firm establishment of representative democracy. It members are inter-parliamentary groups from 146 states. Seven regional inter-parliamentary organizations enjoy the status of associate members. The former Soviet Union took part in IPU work from 1955. Russian lawmakers have been taking part in IPU sessions since 1992.—*Itar-Tass*

Japan calls for joint efforts with S Korea to achieve summit



Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida (far L) and Cho Tae Yong (far R), South Korea's first vice foreign minister, hold a meeting at the Foreign Ministry in Tokyo on 2 Oct, 2014.—KYODO NEWS

TOKYO, 2 Oct — Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida on Thursday called for joint efforts with South Korea to advance bilateral relations including holding a summit between the two countries' leaders. In a meeting in Tokyo with Cho Tae Yong, South Korea's first vice foreign minister, Kishida stressed the importance of "continuing and deepening communications" with Seoul "at high political levels," the Foreign Ministry said.

In a meeting in New York last week, Kishida and his South Korean counterpart Yun Byung Se agreed to continue efforts to arrange a summit between Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and South Korean President Park Geun Hye.

Cho told Kishida that he would like to make next year, the 50th anniversary of the normalization of diplomatic relations, a good year for both countries, according to the ministry. Due to strained relations over the issue of "comfort women" — mostly Korean women who served at wartime brothels for the Japanese military — Abe and Park have not held one-on-one talks since taking office.

Cho was in Tokyo to attend a Japan-South Korea strategic dialogue on Wednesday with Vice Foreign Minister Akitaka Saiki.—*Kyodo News*

German defence crisis puts potential Merkel successor in hot seat

BERLIN, 2 Oct — Ursula von der Leyen, whose ambitions of succeeding Angela Merkel are too transparent for German taste, is finding out the hard way why her job as defence minister is considered the most dangerous in the cabinet, nicknamed the 'ejector seat'. News that Germany's military hardware is in such a state of disrepair that it is struggling to meet NATO commitments or keep a promise to arm Iraqi Kurds against Islamic State has put the minister in the firing line.

Dubbed "the War Minister" by a magazine for wanting to put military muscle behind Germany's growing presence in geo-political affairs, von der Leyen is one of the only contenders to succeed the

popular Merkel as conservative leader.

But the defence equipment scandal, which erupted last week, is an unmitigated embarrassment for Germany which could put an end to such ambitions.

Meanwhile, the sati-

rists and headline-writers are having a field day.

Many German tanks "are only held together by von der Leyen's hairspray", said one TV show after the forces acknowledged that only 70 of their 180 Boxer armoured fighting vehicles,

seven of 43 navy helicopters or 42 of 109 air force Eurofighters and 38 of 89 Tornado fighters were operational. The list goes on.

As well as casting doubt on commitments on air defence for NATO allies in the Baltics if the Ukraine crisis escalates, it coincided with a spate of breakdowns of military planes taking weapons to Iraq and aid to African states hit by Ebola. "What it comes down to is that you promise your allies you will do certain things if an ally is attacked but in the end it turns out that you are not capable of doing what you promised," said Christian Tuschhoff, a foreign policy expert at Berlin's Free University. "So it's serious and it's very embarrassing."

Reuters



German Defence Minister Ursula von der Leyen arrives at a cabinet meeting at the Chancellery in Berlin on 1 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS

Austrian Eurofighter jets affected by hull problems

VIENNA, 2 Oct — The Austrian Ministry of Defence confirmed on Wednesday that the manufacturing faults in Eurofighter Typhoon jets, reported by the German Air Force, also affect those used by the Austrian

Armed Forces.

The Defence Ministry is looking into the possibility of legal cancellation of its contract with manufacturer of the British aerospace group BAE Systems, as the aircraft will no longer be able to perform

as stipulated in the contract agreement, the *Kronen Zeitung* newspaper reported.

The German Defence Ministry said recently it had detected a fault in the rear fuselage of the multi-role fighter.

Germany also suspended further deliveries of Eurofighter combat jets and reduced their annual flying hours. Tests on the aircraft will be announced soon by the BAE Systems.

Xinhua

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 3 October, 2014

Teachers, the lungs of the nation

By Kyaw Thura

Traditionally, students were considered to memorize facts. However, things have changed. Nowadays, with the learner-centred approach coming to the fore in the world of education, rote learning has become a thing of the past.

Today in our country, all-out efforts are being exerted on planting the seeds of a dramatic reform in education as people have come to see teachers as creators of knowledge and schools as centres of lifelong learning.

In every society, teaching has long been recognized as noble and gracious and teachers have always been held in high esteem. In addition, teaching is regarded as one of the most challenging and treasured professions for the simple reason that teachers are central to the political, social, economic, educational and cultural health of our country.

It is therefore necessary to encourage teachers of today to adapt and adopt new pedagogical practices, establish a close relationship with individual students and find out their social and cultural backgrounds, interests, abilities and preferred learning styles. Students are likely to work harder when they are allowed to take responsibility for their own learning, when the curriculum relates to their lives, and when learning activities arouse their curiosity.

While playing an active role in teaching, teachers are responsible for encouraging their students to take an active role in learning. In other

words, teachers should bear in mind that they are no longer the king or queen of the classroom. They must stop playing an authoritative role in teaching. Instead, they must see themselves as educational guides, facilitators and co-learners, given the fact that learning is a lifelong process. In this respect, teachers of today need to reinvent their role inside and outside the classroom in order to produce better-educated students.

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Nostalgia for Venerable Sayadaw Kosalla

By Dr. Saw Mra Aung

(In commemoration of the World Teachers' Day)

(Venerable Kosalla served as Dean of the Faculty of Pariyatti at the International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University (ITBMU) up to 2008 when he passed away. The author studied Buddhist literature under his tutelage at the ITBMU for seven years. He wrote this article in memory of his gratitude at the time of his passing-away)

It was at about 9 o'clock on the night of 27th November, 2008. After a hard day's work, I, as usual, returned home on a jam-packed bus. Having made pauses at many bus-stops, it came to the stop where I had to get off. Although night advanced, my street was still busy. I weaved my way through the pedestrians who were all in a fluster. Tiredness and hunger quickened my slow, weary steps as I approached my house. Once I stepped into the downstairs of my house, one of my sisters came running towards me and told me in an urgent air, "Brother, this afternoon, a student from the ITBMU telephoned you that Ven. Kosalla passed away yesterday," "What," I exclaimed in a panic. I thought I had misheard her. I, therefore, asked her again out of breath, "Can you repeat what happened to my Sayadaw yesterday?" She hesitantly answered that the Sayadaw had died suddenly the previous day at Mawlamyine Railway Station. Alas! This bad news was a bolt from the blue to me. Out of surprise and sorrow, I stood rooted for a few moments where I was. I found no word to express how sad I felt at this unexpected news. At the same time, I was filled with a fit of remorse, for I had not visited the Sayadaw for over a year. And I realized that the Sayadaw's untimely death was a severe blow to the academic board of the ITBMU and an irreplaceable loss not only to the university but also to the Buddhist literary circle. Really, a brilliant star shining undiminished in the sky of the ITBMU for some years has now fallen down.

I was adrift into reverie to my first meeting with the Sayadaw. This happened in the early part of 1999. I was then attending the second semester of the diploma course for Buddha Dhamma at the ITBMU. I noticed that, from the beginning of the second semester, soon after every Vinaya class started, a plain-looking aged monk came up and sat at the back of the class, sometimes listening attentively to the Vinaya lectures and sometimes perusing a book. Sometimes, he stayed there for the whole period but sometimes, he left the class at half of the lecture. I had not known until then that he would later become Dean of the Pariyatti Faculty and my supervisor when I compiled my M.A thesis and win high regards of all students from various countries for his stupendous literary talent and excellent teaching. After a few days, I knew through U Win Maung, one of my close class-mates, that he was a holder of the Siripavara Dhammacariya title, had secured a B.A degree from Yangon University and an M.A degree from Kelaniya University, one of the most prestigious universities in Sri Lanka. Soon, I was introduced to him and had a good chance to intimately exchange pleasantries with him. Only then did I come to know that he was a

gold medalist in an English Diploma Course conducted by Aquinas College, Colombo and that he was invested with a plethora of knowledge on mundane as well as supramundane affairs.

I vividly remember the Sayadaw's first lecture at the ITBMU. It was in February, about one month before the second semester examination. As I was haunted by the ghost of the examination, I was burning the midnight oil. I had to sit up for the whole night and get up late. Consequently, I usually arrived at the class a little later. That very morning, I, as usual, got to the class about fifteen minutes later. I was taken by surprise when I saw the Sayadaw already on the dais, lecturing on the Vinaya Pitaka, for it was not announced in advance that the Sayadaw would take the Vinaya class. No sooner had I taken my seat than one of my classmates handed me a well-prepared lecture notes distributed beforehand by the Sayadaw. I cast a quick glance at the notes. It was on procedure of the ordination ceremony and types of the ordination halls. Thereupon, I centered my attention around the Sayadaw. I noticed that he could translate difficult Pali words into English literally and precisely. His English pronunciation was so accurate that whatever he said was easily understandable to every student. Therefore, confusing Vinaya points were easily brought home to us. In addition to the Dhamma, he elaborated on some difficult English grammar rules and common polysemic words. Everything he spoke was grammatically correct and collocatively paired. All the students from over twenty countries were so bewitched and enchanted by the Sayadaw's erudition and ingenious teaching method that there reigned a pin-drop silence in the class except his resonant voice. When I squinted casually to westerners- one from Germany and the other from Canada-sitting in front, I found their eyes sparkling with enthusiasm with their heads nodding repeatedly in satisfaction. At this, I was puffed with pride in the Sayadaw. That day, he could make his excellent debut at the ITBMU. Thenceforth, he went on with the Vinaya lectures. Thanks to the Sayadaw, Vinaya subject, a constant headache to lay students, became as easy as a wink. As a result, I could do the Vinaya paper very well in the examination.

When I came to the B.A first year, the Sayadaw was promoted to the position of a Suttanta lecturer. So, he had to take it upon himself to teach the Suttanta Pitaka. The Suttanta Pitaka means the Five Collections of Discourses (Pancanikaya). As the Sayadaw knew the effectiveness of the lecture notes, he used to distribute them among the students before the lecture. So, he took a lot of pains in preparing his

lecture-notes. It was said that he was always pre-occupied with culling facts from the commentaries, sub-commentaries in addition to Pali texts, simplifying them and typing them with his old-fashioned type-writer in his room. His lecture-notes were comprehensive but written in a simple language. So, they were of great help to the students. Normally, the Suttanta Pitaka is wide and profound that it takes one at least a decade to cover it. However, due to the effectiveness and enthusiastic teaching of the Sayadaw and his notes, we got a considerable knowledge about the Suttanta Pitaka only within two-year time. I once heard from his driver that the Sayadaw often typed the lecture-notes in the rear of his car while on the way to Bago where his monastery is situated in order that he could give them to the students in time for his lectures. Oh! What a devoted Sayadaw to his students! Due to his excellent teaching, the State conferred the great religious title of Aggamahaganthavacakapandita upon him in 2001.

Luckily, I got eligibility for the M.A Class, when I passed the B.A Final Examination. All qualified students are privileged to specialize in any one out of the four alternative subjects-the Vinaya, the Suttanta, the Abhidhamma and the Vipassana. As I wanted to continue imbibing much more knowledge from the Sayadaw, I took the Suttanta as my specialization. There were eight students in total majoring in the Suttanta- three monks, two laymen and three lay women. We all were tasked with writing assignments every week and had to submit them to the Sayadaw, who corrected them meticulously and patiently. Moreover, we were asked to speak about any topic extempore for about ten minutes by turn just before the lecture every Monday. I, therefore, could make a lot of progress in writing and speaking English in two years. After the M.A Second Year, I had to write my M.A thesis under the supervision of the Sayadaw. Due to his correct and constant guidance, I succeeded in compiling my thesis in time and consequently, I was awarded an M.A degree in B.Dh in 2005. The same year, the State Government, recognizing his relentless contributions to promotion of the Sasana, presented another higher religious title of the Aggamahapandita to him. But, in spite of being a holder of the higher religious title, he lived a very simple life.

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GOLD PRICE, FE RATE (2-10-2014)

Yangon Gold Price
Buying K649,500 per tical: Selling K650,500
Mandalay Gold Price
Buying K649,000 per tical: Selling K650,000

FE RATE
USD Buying K988: Selling K993.5
SGD Buying K775: Selling K783
Euro Buying K1,240: Selling K1,260

NATIONAL

Union FM felicitates ROK, German FMs

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Oct — On the occasion of the National Foundation Day of the Republic of Korea, which falls on 3 October 2014, U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Yun Byung-se, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea.

The Union Minister also sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Dr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany, on the occasion of the Germany Unity Day, which falls on 3 October 2014.—MNA

Students of political leadership visit Union Election Commission office

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct — Students doing a course on political leadership run by the Innovative Group, a private school, went on a study tour of the office of the Union Election Commission here on Thursday, with the UEC chairman meeting them at his office, sources said. UEC officials briefed students on the organizational structure and func-

tions of the commission, measures to ensure a free and fair general election, pilot projects of registering eligible voters, and rules and regulations of the commission. The UEC chairman responded to queries raised by students. Their queries included postal votes, advance voting, electioneering, the possible practice of PR (proportional representatives), and educational campaigns on how to vote.—MNA

Armenian archbishop visits Shwedagon Pagoda



Armenian archbishop Karekin II visits Jade Buddha Image at Shwedagon Pagoda.—MNA

YANGON, 2 Oct — Armenian archbishop Karekin II and party offered flowers and lights to Shwedagon Pagoda and donated US\$200 and K230,000 to the fund of the pagoda through member of the Pagoda Board of Trustees Dr Tin Thein Lwin

and officials.

The archbishop also visited Jade Buddha Image, the museum and archive photo booth on the platform of the pagoda. After beating the bell of King Thawaddy, they visited the pagoda.—MNA

Myanmar, Thailand meets to go on with Dawei economic zone project



Myanmar and Thailand officials hold talks at meeting of Dawei special economic zone and related projects.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct — Myanmar and Thailand met at the Ministry of Transport here on 1 October to discuss matters related to the continued implementation of the Dawei special economic zone and related projects, sources said.

The zone's initial projects cover the construction of two-way roads, a small jetty, power and water supplies, housing estates and communications infrastructure.

The meeting focused on coordination of concession agreements and due diligence assessments, following reports on the invitation of the terms of

reference (TOR) to the Italian-Thai company and the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan by Roland Berger

Materials inside Master. . . .

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Inspection Department of the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security.

The authorities have already formed a procurement committee with 15 members comprising government officials and Mr. Jeoung Hae Un, the Export and Import Manager of the shoe factory to auction off the materials owned by the factory owner

as the owner of the factory failed to settle the issue in accordance with the decision of the tribunal board within 30 days.

The committee clarified rules for the auction to owners and managers of 27 shoe factories in Bago and Yangon regions on Wednesday and Thursday at the Hline-thaya Industrial Zone.

Those who are interested in the auction are allowed

with addresses by Union Minister U Maung Myint and the company's Deputy Chief Executive Ms Lindy Wee.

Enthusiastic may observe machineries as well as technologies and its problem solving meth-

ods from 16 countries—Austria, Germany, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, China (Taipei), Thailand, England, US and Vietnam during the three-day event.

MNA

to evaluate the materials inside the factory from 1st to 3rd October, according to the announcement of the Factories and General Labour Law Inspection Department.

The materials which would be auctioned include 472 items of machinery parts, 16 items related to generators, 10,764 items of raw materials and finished products and other materials.

Yangon Region Labour Tribunal Board made the

decision last month that the factory owner must pay the salary for June to 757 workers as well as compensation stipulated by labour laws for closing the factory without giving prior notice.

The Factories and General Labour Law Inspection Department urged the South Korean embassy last month to bring back factory owner Jeong Hae Un to settle the issue. The ministry filed a lawsuit against Master Sports Factory on July 25 as it failed to pay the salaries for June and compensation to the workers after closing the facility on June 26, failing to comply with the regulations of the law.

Regarding the closure of the factory, which opened a year ago in the Hline-thaya Industrial Zone, Master Sports Myanmar Co Ltd issued an announcement at the beginning of July, saying the factory was experiencing financial problems due to the production of low-quality products that were not marketable, adding that agreements with potential buyers had to be revoked.—GNLM

Nostalgia for Venerable

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His room was not installed with modern facilities but full of books of various sizes. He often went outside on his mission by his old Mazada Jeep. When his car did not work well, he used to return to Bago by bus. He walked barefoot back from his lecture-room to his quarter in the intense sun with the piece of robe over his head.

He was such a soft-minded person that I never found any trace of anger and resentment on his face, no matter how much he was offended.

When I was eligible for the Ph.D Class, I did not need to attend any lecture. Besides, the Sayadaw did not serve as my supervisor either. Yet, I went to him to acquaint him with the title of

my dissertation and he gladly gave me invaluable suggestions. From then on, I was so busy with my research that I had lost contact with him for over a year. Although I often thought of visiting him, I was prevented by some reason from doing so. I, therefore, hearing the unexpected news of the Sayadaw's death, could not help but put the blame on myself. Anyhow, it was the Sayadaw who invested me with the priceless gem of the Dhamma and higher academic knowledge. Therefore, I will go on remembering the gratitude of the Sayadaw nostalgically for life. As a student of the Sayadaw, I, at the same time, have resolved to be a model teacher, following in his footstep to my every possible extent.



The amaterials inside the Master Sports Factory would be auctioned on 9 October and it would help settle the dispute between the employe and workers of the factory.—PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE

Seven Libyan soldiers killed in Benghazi bombs and clashes: army commander

BENGHAZI, (Libya), 2 Oct — Seven Libyan soldiers were killed and 50 wounded in a double suicide bombing and clashes in the eastern city of Benghazi on Thursday, an army commander said. Libya is being racked by violence as the armed groups which helped topple Muammar Gaddafi in 2011 turn their guns on each other in a struggle to dominate politics and the country's vast oil resources.

In Benghazi, special army forces allied to brigades of former general Khalifa Haftar have been fighting Islamist brigades including Ansar al-Sharia, blamed by Washington for an attack on the US consulate in September 2012 in which the US ambassador was killed. Two cars loaded with explosives drove into an army checkpoint near Benghazi's civilian and military airport, killing three soldiers, Wanis Bukhamada, commander of army special forces in Benghazi, told Reuters.

Four soldiers were

killed in clashes with Islamist militants in the same area, he said. "The Majlis al-Shoura forces suffered big losses," Bukhamada said, referring to a group of Islamists which has been trying to take the airport for weeks.

The Islamists have already overrun army bases in the port city, making the airport one of the last large government bases.

The clashes were continuing at noon (1000 GMT), while air strikes could be heard. No more details were immediately available but Haftar's forces have used helicopters and war planes against the Islamists.

Western powers worry Libya will become a failed state as a weak central government cannot control the competing armed groups in a country awash with arms.

The elected parliament has relocated to the remote eastern city of Tobruk after effectively losing control of the capital Tripoli, where an alliance of armed groups rules after expelling a rival force.—Reuters

Philippine Islamist militants threaten to behead German on 17 October



Soldiers ride in a truck as they patrol a road in Jolo, Sulu, in southern Philippines on 25 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS

MANILA, 2 Oct — Al-Qaeda linked Islamist militants in the Philippines said on Thursday they will kill one of two German captives on 17 October unless their demands are met.

Rebels from the Abu Sayyaf group captured the two Germans sailing on a yacht from the western island of Palawan island to the eastern Malaysian state of Sabah in April.

The militants are demanding a 250 million

pesos (\$5.6 million) ransom and for Germany to stop supporting US-led air strikes against Islamic State militants in Syria.

"Today, we are going to tell you about the ultimatum," a Muslim rebel who identified himself as Abu Rami, and said he was a spokesman for Abu Sayyaf, said in a telephone call to reporters based in Zamboanga City in the south.

"After 17 October, 2014, Friday, at 3 pm, you

will not see one of them alive. It will be seen by the public so that we can show that we are not playing games." Philippine security officials say the Germans are being held in the jungles of Jolo, a remote southern island and hotbed of Islamist militants in the mainly Catholic country.

The Abu Sayyaf group has a record of kidnappings, killings and bombings. The militants are known to be holding several

other foreigners. It is not clear if the militants have contacts with Islamic State fighters in the Middle East.

Germany has ruled out taking part in air strikes against Islamic State targets in the Middle East but it did break a post-World War Two taboo on sending weapons to active conflict zones by agreeing to arm Kurdish fighters battling the militants in Iraq.

Reuters

Militants take control of western Iraqi town of Hit

BAGHDAD, 2 Oct — Militants took control of most of the western Iraqi town of Hit in Anbar province early on Thursday, security sources and local officials said.

"Ninety percent of the town of Hit has been overrun by militants," said Adnan al-Fahdawi, a provincial council member.—Reuters

People from Kosovo who fight for ISIS are serious issue

BELGRADE, 2 Oct — Kosovo's Deputy Minister of Interior Sasa Rasic has said that the situation with Kosovo citizens going off to fight for the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria was very dangerous.

"The situation is critical, and the action we recently took shows that we are dealing with it seriously. A large number of people involved in recruitment, going off to fight in Syria and Iraq and indoctrination related to Islamic extremism were arrested," he told Tanjug at the 4th Belgrade Security Forum.

"The situation is serious and a large number of people, around 100, are still under investigation," he explained.

At the same time, the organizations that funded terrorism have been shut down or are under investigation, he stated.

There is no accurate information about the number of people from Kosovo currently among the ranks of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, but estimates put that figure at around 200, and around 15 have died there,



Deputy Minister of Interior Sasa Rasic

he pointed out.

The rise of Islamic radicalization and willingness to join a jihad is present in Kosovo, but also throughout the region and in Europe, and it is the result of events from the past 15 years, he said.

Certain elements used the instability that followed NATO's bombing campaign against Serbia, but there are also some social and economic factors that have played a role, he remarked.

Although Kosovo is a secular country according to its Constitution, it still poses fertile ground for such activities, since most

of the population is Islamic, Rasic said. Most people in Kosovo are ethnic Albanians, who are predominantly Muslims. The overall security situation in Kosovo is much better than before, he believes.

"It is also indicated by the number of ethnically motivated incidents, which are dropping in frequency and are mostly no longer serious crimes. The talks between Belgrade and Pristina have helped, as well as some of the agreements signed in Brussels," he noted.

There are efforts to make the security situation in Kosovo even better, he said.—Tanjug

Kenya sentences two Iranians for using fake Israeli passports

NAIROBI, 2 Oct — A Kenyan court on Wednesday ordered two Iranians held under anti-terrorism laws to serve two years in jail or pay a hefty fine after they pleaded guilty to using fake Israeli passports to enter the East African country last month. Kenyan anti-terrorism police arrested the two on suspicion of plotting an attack in Kenya as they prepared to board a

flight at Nairobi airport on 18 September bound for Belgium. It was not immediately clear whether officials' concerns about a possible attack had been put to rest. It was also not clear whether the two, a man and a woman, would avoid jail by paying the fine of 2 million shillings (\$22,422) each instead. Kenyan security agencies have been on alert after several gun

and grenade attacks which followed the killing of 67 people in an attack by Islamist gunmen on Nairobi's Westgate shopping mall in September last year.

In her ruling, Nairobi Resident Magistrate Hannah Kaguru also ordered the two accused be handed over to Kenya's department of refugees once they have completed their sentences.

Reuters



Aged people demonstrate for their rights on the International Day of Older Persons in Bhopal, India, on 1 Oct, 2014. Activists demand for increase in the social security pensions and better medical facilities. 1st October is marked as the International Day of Older Persons to promote the awareness and protection for the elderly.—XINHUA

WORLD

Islamic State presses assault on Syrian border town, Kurds warn Turkey

SURUC, 2 Oct — Islamic State insurgents pushed on with their assault on a Syrian border town on Thursday despite coalition air strikes meant to weaken them, sending thousands more Kurdish refugees into Turkey and dragging Ankara deeper into the conflict.

Kurdish militants warned that peace talks with the Turkish state would come to an end if the Islamist insurgents were allowed to carry out a massacre in the predominantly Kurdish town of Kobani, pressuring Ankara to act.

Islamic State fighters have taken control of hundreds of villages around Kobani, beheading civilians in a bid to terrorise villagers into submission,



People gather at the site of a car bomb attack in a Shi'ite neighbourhood of New Baghdad in southeastern Baghdad, on 2 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS

and have advanced to within kilometres of the town on three sides.

In neighbouring Iraq, the insurgents have car-

ried out mass executions, abducted women and girls as sex slaves, and used children as fighters in systematic violations that may

amount to war crimes, the United Nations said.

US led forces, which have been bombing Islamic State targets elsewhere

in Syria since last week as well as in Iraq, hit a village near Kobani on Wednesday and strikes were reported further south overnight, Kurdish sources in the town said.

But they seemed to do little to stop the Islamists' advance.

"We left because we realised it was only going to get worse," said Leyla, a 37-year old Syrian arriving at the Yumurtalik border crossing with her six children after waiting 10 days in a field, hoping the clashes would subside.

"We will go back tomorrow if Islamic State leaves. I don't want to be here, I had never even imagined Turkey in my dreams before this," she said.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which monitors Syria's war, said heavy clashes between Islamic State and Kurdish YPG fighters had been continuing on Kobani's eastern and southeastern outskirts for the last 36 hours.

The sound of a large explosion was heard around midnight at the same time as coalition planes were flying overhead, it said.

About 20 explosions were also heard in the areas of the Tishrin dam and town of Manbij roughly 50 km (31 miles) south of Kobani, resulting from missile strikes believed to be carried out by the coalition, the Observatory said.

Reuters

Islamic State committing 'staggering' violations in Iraq

GENEVA, 2 Oct — Islamic State insurgents in Iraq have carried out mass executions, abducted women and girls as sex slaves, and used children as fighters in systematic violations that may amount to war crimes, the United Nations said on Thursday. In a report based on 500 interviews, it also said Iraqi government air

strikes on the Sunni Muslim militants had caused "significant civilian deaths" by hitting villages, a school and hospitals in violation of international law.

At least 9,347 civilians had been killed and 17,386 wounded so far through September, well over half of them since the Islamic insurgents also known as

ISIL and ISIS began seizing large parts of northern Iraq in early June, the report said. Islamist forces have committed gross human rights violations and violence of an "increasing sectarian nature" against groups including Christians and Yazidis in a widening conflict that has forced 1.8 million Iraqis to flee their

homes, according to the 29-page report by the UN Human Rights Office and the UN Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI).

"These include attacks directly targeting civilians and civilian infrastructure, executions and other targeted killings of civilians, abductions, rape and other forms of sexual and physical violence perpetrated against women and children, forced recruitment of children, destruction or desecration of places of religious or cultural significance, wanton destruction and looting of property, and denial of fundamental freedoms."

In a single massacre on 12 June, the report said, 1,500 Iraqi soldiers and security officers from the former Camp Speicher military base in Salahuddin were captured and killed by Islamic State fighters.

Reuters

China willing to jointly counter terror threat with US: Chinese FM

WASHINGTON, 2 Oct — China opposes any form of terrorism and is willing to work together with the United States to counter the threat of terrorism, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said on Wednesday.

Both sides should make efforts to realize positive interaction and cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region, Wang said when he met US Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel at the Pentagon.

China respects the US traditional influence and realistic interests in the Asia-Pacific region and supports it in playing a constructive role in the Asia-Pacific affairs, while the United States should respect China's status and influence in the region, its need for reasonable development space and its legitimate rights, he said.

China hopes the United States will properly handle those issues that hinder the development of China-US ties, such

as its sales of weapons to China's Taiwan, and its warships and military aircraft's approaches to China for surveillance, Wang said.

The Chinese foreign minister expressed appreciation for Hagel's constructive role in pushing ahead the relations between the two countries and militaries.

The new-type relations between Chinese and US militaries are indispensable for the new-type major-country relations between them, Wang said.

China and the United States should build strategic mutual trust, very importantly the mutual trust between their militaries, and reduce mistrust, he said. Expressing congratulations on the 65th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, Hagel said that the United States and China are partners, not rivals, and there are far more common interests than differences between the two countries.—Xinhua



Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi (R) meets with US Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel in Washington DC, the United States, on 1 Oct, 2014.—XINHUA



Turkish army tanks take up position on the Turkish-Syrian border near the southeastern town of Suruc in Sanliurfa Province on 29 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS

France boosts military response to Islamic State, eyes next phase

PARIS, 2 Oct—France is sending more fighter jets and a warship to strike Islamic State militants in Iraq and will discuss with the United States long-term coalition strategy to tackle the insurgency, including in Syria, officials said on Wednesday.

France was the first country to join the US-led coalition in air strikes on IS insurgents in Iraq, who have also taken control of large parts of neighbouring Syria during the course of the three-year-old civil war

there.

However, France has raised concerns that air action in Syria could leave a void that Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's forces may fill and has called for a concerted effort to reinforce and train moderate anti-Assad rebels on the ground.

Ahead of a visit to Washington by Defence Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian on Thursday to meet his American counterpart, his ministry said three Rafale fighter jets and an anti-air-

craft warship would be sent to the Gulf to support Iraqi government forces against Islamic State.

"There will be a strengthening of our capacity to increase the rhythm of missions in the coming days," a senior French defence ministry source said.

France currently has six fighter jets, an Atlantique 2 maritime patrol aircraft and a refueling plane at its base in the United Arab Emirates as part of its "Chammal" Iraq mission.

It has carried out just two air strikes in Iraq since launching operations in mid-September. France has also delivered 140 tonnes of military equipment to regional Kurdish peshmerga forces confronting Islamic State in the north of Iraq, as well as provided training for them.

"We (the coalition) are still in the initial phase," the defence ministry source said. "The objective through these air strikes ... is to break (Islamic State's) momentum and try to stop them taking the offensive and to start suffering defeats."

Reuters

Serbia is ready to open Chapter 32 talks



BELGRADE, 2 Oct — Head of Serbia's EU accession negotiations team Tanja Miscevic said on Wednesday that she could not give an exact date for the holding of the second intergovernmental conference, but Belgrade was ready to begin negotiations on Chapter 32 (Financial control) with the EU.

Serbia is ready, and whenever the EU member states decide to open the Intergovernmental Conference, they can do so, Miscevic told *Tanjug*.

Some Belgrade media outlets have said that the conference will take place on 19 October, and Miscevic said that with the start of October, Serbia was ready to open talks on the financial control chapter.

Miscevic said everybody knew how much opening Chapter 32 was conditional on implementing all agreements from the dialogue on normalization of relations between Belgrade and Pristina.

We are keeping the pace of successful agree-

ments in the talks over the past few weeks solid and we hope that it will help make things go our way when it comes to opening the first chapter, she said.

Commenting on EU's neighbourhood and enlargement negotiations commissioner-designate Johannes Hahn's stating that Serbia needs to carefully consider its refusal to support EU sanctions against Russia if Belgrade hopes to join the European Union, Miscevic said that the statement was made during a hearing before the European Parliament where the new commissioner had presented the policy he would be in charge of pursuing during his term in office. "There is nothing else I can tell you at this moment. We will see how things will develop. We understand quite well that by the time we become an EU member, we must strive to align with the positions taken by the

EU in this segment of its foreign affairs," Miscevic said.

She said a bilateral screening meeting for Chapter 31 (Foreign, security and defence policy), would take place the following week.

Hahn comes from Austria, which strongly supports expansion of the EU to the Western Balkans, but he does not represent the official position taken by the government in Vienna, but rather a view taken by the entire EU, she said, adding that all member states had a positive attitude towards EU policies.

It is time they showed the positive attitude in the case of the remaining candidate countries, primarily those from the Western Balkans, including Serbia, she added. I have no reason to doubt that the support will be there, Miscevic said.—*Tanjug*

University of Tokyo remains No 1 in Asia, Singapore closes in: survey

LONDON, 2 Oct — The University of Tokyo has again maintained its crown as Asia's leading higher education institution but with a gap further narrowed by the runner-up National University of Singapore, while other top Japanese universities lost ground in a global ranking list released on Wednesday.

The California Institute of Technology remained in the number one spot in the world for the fourth consecutive year, ahead of Harvard University in second and the University of Oxford in third, according to the latest edition of the Times Higher Education World University Rankings.

The Tokyo university retained the 23rd slot, the highest among Asian institutions in 2014, while

the Singapore institution inched up one place to 25th.

Japan was also judged to be Asia's top nation for world-class institutions, with five of the top 200 universities. However, four of those lost ground from the previous year, according to the rankings.

Phil Baty, the editor of the Times Higher Education World University Rankings, said, "There is a real question as to whether Japan can sustain its traditional lead," adding that the University of Tokyo's lead is "strongly threatened by the continued rise" of the National University of Singapore.

The remaining top four Japanese institutions are Kyoto University at 59th (52nd in 2013), the Tokyo Institute of Technology at 141st (125th), Osaka University at 157th (144th) and Tohoku University at 165th (150th).

The rankings use 13 separate performance indicators to examine a university's strengths such as citations of research papers and staff-to-student ratio.

"There is an encouraging commitment in Japan to improve Japanese universities' international outlook, which can be a real driver of improvement, but as nations like China and South Korea continue to make strong progress, it is not clear whether such reforms will be enough," Baty said.—*Kyodo News*

Rain halts search efforts at Ontake after fatal volcanic eruption



Photo taken from a Kyodo News helicopter shows rescue workers standing near a helicopter following search and rescue operations for missing climbers on Mt Ontake in central Japan on 1 Oct, 2014. The death toll from 27 Sept eruption has reached 48, making it the worst postwar volcanic disaster in Japan.—KYODO NEWS

TOKYO, 2 Oct — Rain halted search efforts at Mt Ontake in central Japan on Thursday, the sixth day after the country's worst postwar volcanic disaster killed at least 47 people.

Around 1,000 police officers, firefighters and Ground Self-Defence Force troops resumed operations in the early morning to search for survivors and retrieve bodies, especially near the summit.

They were forced, however, to halt their efforts around 11:30 am due to the weather conditions. As part of the day's search efforts, the searchers went down the slopes of mountain ridges by ropes to find climbers who may have

fallen.

When the operations will resume depends on the weather given there is also a risk of possible mudslides from a mix of accumulated volcanic ash and soil.

Search and rescue efforts over past days had been suspended from time to time due to continued volcanic activity and toxic gas.

The Japan Meteorological Agency said it predicts rain on Thursday afternoon in and around Ontake, with an hourly rainfall of up to 15 millimetres. Rain is expected to continue through Friday.

The death toll stands at 47, already exceeding the previous postwar high of

43 killed by the huge pyroclastic flow from Fugen Peak of Mt Unzen in Kagoshima Prefecture, southwestern Japan, in 1991.

Saturday's eruption of Mt Ontake occurred near the 3,067-metre peak without warning shortly before noon last Saturday when many hikers were having lunch at the summit, or making their way up or

down the trails in the high season. By Wednesday, police and other authorities transported all the bodies found near the ash-covered peak to the foot of the mountain. Some of the victims appear to have been killed by flying rocks.

Authorities are also looking into the whereabouts of 24 people unaccounted for as of Thursday,

according to Nagano's Kiso town located at the foot of the mountain.

Straddling Nagano and Gifu prefectures, the volcano popular with hikers during the fall due to autumn leaves last experienced a major eruption in 1979, a minor eruption in 1991 and multiple volcanic earthquakes in 2007.

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Volcanic smoke rise from Mt Ontake, which straddles Nagano and Gifu prefectures, central Japan, on 13 Sept, 2014.—KYODO NEWS

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**Weather report**

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is partly cloudy in the North Bay and monsoon is feeble in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL EVENING OF THE 3rd October, 2014: Weather will be partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin State, rain or thunder-showers will isolated in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, Shan, Chin and Kayah States, Scattered in Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Rakhine and Kayin States and fairly widespread in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Taleban bomber in Afghan capital targets
army bus, kills three**

KABUL, 2 Oct — A Taleban suicide bomber targeted an Afghan army bus in Kabul on Thursday, killing three people and wounding 10, the interior ministry said, the fourth high-profile attack in the capital since Monday when

the new president was sworn in.

The militant Islamist group claimed responsibility and its reclusive leader, Mullah Mohammad Omar, urged Afghans to wage jihad to establish a Islamic rule in Afghanistan, calling

the election a "publicity stunt". "You would have, by now, come around to know what sort of unqualified figures, being loyal to foreigners' interests, have been imposed on you by the Americans," the Taleban's one-eyed leader said

in his yearly Eid Al-Adha message. President Ashraf Ghani was inaugurated on Monday after months of deadlock over who won the election that threatened to rekindle outbreaks of violence along ethnic lines.

Under the terms of a US-brokered deal ending the stand-off, the new president and his former rival, Abdullah Abdullah, will share power.

During Ghani's first three days of rule, he has signed long-delayed security deals with NATO and the United States allowing troops to stay beyond 2014.

Seven people were killed when the international airport was attacked on Monday, while two bombs detonating in the east and west of the city on Wednesday killed at least seven people. The Taleban claimed responsibility for the earlier attacks, vowing to fight the new "stooge regime".—Reuters

**Mexico arrests drug lord Beltran
Leyva posing as businessman**

MEXICO CITY, 2 Oct — Hector Beltran Leyva, one of the most notorious Mexican drug lords still at large, was captured on Wednesday by soldiers at a seafood restaurant in a picturesque town in central Mexico popular with American retirees.

The government's announcement it had snared the boss of the Beltran Leyva cartel is a serious blow to a gang named after a group of brothers who became infamous for the bloody turf war they waged with their former ally, Joaquin "Shorty" Guzman.

Beltran Leyva was caught in the picture postcard town of San Miguel de Allende, a three-hour drive north-west of Mexico City, and had been living in the nearby city of Queretaro posing as a businessman dealing in art and real estate, the government said.

The 49-year-old Beltran Leyva and an associate were carrying military-issue handguns, but like his adversary Guzman, he was arrested without a shot being fired. Guzman, who was the world's most wanted drug boss, was captured in Mexico in February.

Beltran Leyva shunned luxury cars, passing himself off as a well-off businessman, said Tomas Zeron, director of criminal investigations at the Attorney General's office. "(Beltran Leyva) kept his operations away from his home so as not to alter his discreet, low-key lifestyle, avoiding attracting the attention of neighbours or friends or the authorities," Zeron said.

Beltran Leyva now faces charges of trafficking cocaine from Mexico and South America to the United States and Europe and a host of other crimes. In November, the US Treasury Department said the Beltran Leyva gang was responsible for "countless murders" of Mexican anti-drugs and military personnel.—Reuters



Afghan security forces inspect the site of a suicide bomb attack in Kabul on 2 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS

Nicki Minaj to host MTV Europe Music Awards

LOS ANGELES, 2 Oct — Rapper Nicki Minaj will host the MTV Europe Music Awards for the ceremony's 20th anniversary this year. The 'Super Bass' hitmaker announced the news in a post on her Instagram page, revealing she will be hosting and performing at the event in Glasgow, Scotland on 9 November.

"So excited to announce that I will not only perform, but I have the honourable task of hosting this year's MTV European Music Awards (sic)!! Aaahhh!! (sic) "The show will shoot in Glasgow, Scotland for its 20th Anniversary on 9 November," she captioned a picture showing her sitting on a throne, wearing a crown and clutching an EMA trophy.

The rapper is up for a number of prizes at show including best Female and Best Hip-Hop. Katy Perry leads the charge with seven nominations, while Ariana Grande is a close second with six.—PTI



Rapper Nicki Minaj

'Twilight' short films to release on Facebook

LOS ANGELES, 2 Oct — 'Twilight' author Stephenie Meyer and Lions Gate have announced plans to select five aspiring female directors to make short films based on the vampire romance saga that they will release on Facebook next year. The short film series, called 'The Storytellers — New Creative Voices of 'The Twilight Saga'' has the backing of Women in Film, an organization devoted in part to ending a shortage of female directors, reported the *New York Times*. Actress Kristen Stewart, Meyer, Kate Winslet, Octavia

Spencer, Julie Bowen, Catherine Hardwicke Cathy Schulman will select the winning shorts and mentor participants, Lions Gate said. "We think Facebook is a great way for us to introduce the world of 'Twilight' to a whole new audience while re-energizing existing fans," Michael Burns, Lions Gate's vice chairman told the newspaper. "This is the just the beginning — a template, if you will. You can probably guess what might be coming next."

Meyer indicated that the project was a way to bridge the gender gap in the industry.—PTI

Family makes me feel rich: Brad Pitt



LONDON, 2 Oct — Hollywood star Brad Pitt's family make him feel like the 'richest man alive' and he says becoming a parent changed him completely.

The 50-year-old actor — who raises six kids, Maddox, 13, Pax, 10, Zahara, nine, Shiloh, eight, and six-year-old twins Knox and Vivienne, with wife Angelina Jolie — said he loves helping his children grow up, reported *Contactmusic*. "You learn to value the basic beauty of family, of watching your children grow and evolve. It's the most beautiful thing you can experience," Pitt said.

"Being a father has changed me on so many levels and made me more generous and alive. I see my children as an essential part of my life, and it means so much to be able to educate them and help them make their way in the world as they grow up.—PTI

Jennifer Lopez scared for kids after drunk drive crash

LOS ANGELES, 2 Oct — Pop star Jennifer Lopez was 'super scared' for her kids when the car they were traveling in was hit by a drunk driver.

Lopez was test driving a new car in California with friend Leah Remini and their three children when the incident happened, reported E! online.

Lopez's twins Max and Emme and Leah's daughter Sofia were sitting in the back seat of the vehicle when it was rear-ended by a drunk driver.

"Everybody's fine... just a little shook up. You know you get hit from behind like that, it felt like a boulder fell on top of the car," Lopez said.

"I was super scared that something that happened to the kids... They say in situations like that you fight, flight, freeze. I didn't freeze, I fought, and I didn't leave, I fought... I was like, 'They were kids in the car! There were three kids in the car, what's wrong with you?'" she added.—PTI



Anne Hathaway found dealing with fame difficult

LOS ANGELES, 2 Oct — Anne Hathaway has opened up about her struggles in adjusting to Hollywood fame and stardom. The actress, who was at the receiving end of criticism during her Oscar campaign for 'Les Misérables', says the whole thing messed her up for a long time. The Oscar-winner even took a break to get away from the ridicule that followed her at that time. "I didn't know how to do it; I didn't know how to engage with it; it stressed me out. And people would say, 'You just have to be yourself,' and I was like, 'But I

don't know who that is yet!'," Hathaway told *Elle* magazine.

The 31-year-old actress, who got married to Adam Shulman, says she understands now that she does not need to please everyone. "I've realized that don't need validation from anybody. At all. I'm not sitting here now worrying, 'What do you think of me?' With all due respect, you seem like a lovely lady, but I don't need you, or anyone else, to like me. And that's so liberating. It's a big reveal, man," she said.—PTI



Nishikori rolls into Japan Open quarterfinals

TOKYO, 2 Oct — Kei Nishikori defeated American Donald Young 6-4, 7-6(4) on Thursday in their second-round match at the Japan Open.

Nishikori, the fourth seed and world No 7, forced a tie break by holding serve after fending off one set point with the left-handed American leading 6-5. Young, currently ranked 57th in the world, fell to 0-3 in his career against Nishikori.

"I've known my opponent since we were playing in juniors," Nishikori said. "We each know what the other's got, so it's a little hard to play him, but I com-



Kei Nishikori of Japan returns the ball to Donald Young of the United States during their second-round match at the Japan Open tennis tournament in Tokyo on 2 Oct, 2014. Nishikori won 6-4, 7-6(4) to advance to the quarterfinals.—KYODO NEWS

peted without losing my concentration."

"I made sure to play a solid game in the second set, too." The 2012 Japan Open winner, Nishikori is coming off a victory in the Malaysian Open on Sunday and is playing in his second tournament since reaching his first Grand Slam final at last month's US Open.

This will be Nishikori's third straight trip to the Japan Open quarterfinals, where he will face France's Jeremy Chardy, a 6-4, 6-4 winner over seventh seed Kevin Anderson of South Africa.

Nishikori, who has

struggled with injury for the bulk of his pro career, complained of pain in his right glutes after his singles match and withdrew from the doubles competition.

Earlier in the day, third seed Milos Raonic of Canada, ranked eighth in the world, also advanced to the quarterfinals with a 6-4, 6-3 victory over Austria's Jurgen Melzer, while Kazakhstan's Denis Istomin got past Polish qualifier Michal Przysiezny 6-4, 7-6(5).

Nishikori and Raonic are the only two seeded players to reach the final eight at Ariake Tennis Forest Park.

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Fabregas, Pochettino ready to battle old friends

LONDON, 2 Oct — Cesc Fabregas will play against his old club Arsenal for table-topping Chelsea while Tottenham Hotspur boss Mauricio Pochettino will try to halt the progress of his former club Southampton, who are second, in the Premier League this weekend.

Harry Redknapp will also be renewing acquaintance with his first club West Ham United when he takes his struggling Queens Park Rangers side to Upton Park, needing a win to get them out of the bottom three.

But one reunion that has been put on hold, on the pitch at least, is Wayne Rooney's with Everton.

It will be 10 years and two days on Sunday since Rooney, who was then 18, made his league debut for Manchester United against Middlesbrough after leaving Everton in a 27 million pounds transfer a few weeks earlier.

But the United skipper

starts a three-match suspension after being sent off in a 2-1 win over West Ham last week in which he scored.

With six matches played, Chelsea, who beat Sporting Lisbon 1-0 in the Champions League on Tuesday, lead the standings on 16 points, three ahead of Southampton, five clear of champions Manchester City and six clear of fourth-placed Arsenal.

In March, Chelsea crushed Arsenal 6-0 in manager Arsene Wenger's 1,000th match in charge of the Gunners and he goes back to Stamford Bridge, a few days after his 18th anniversary as the Arsenal boss, determined to avoid a repeat of that humiliation.

The only league points Chelsea have dropped this season were in their 1-1 draw at Manchester City on 21 September when their former player Frank Lampard scored against them.—Reuters



Chelsea's Cesc Fabregas celebrates after scoring a goal against Schalke 04 during their Champions League soccer match against at Stamford Bridge in London on 17 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS

Nadal into Beijing quarters, Berdych boosts London hopes



Rafael Nadal of Spain serves to Peter Gojowczyk of Germany during their men's singles match at the China Open tennis tournament in Beijing on 2 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS

BEIJING, 2 Oct — World number two Rafa Nadal sailed into the quarter-finals of the China Open, his first tournament in 13 weeks, with a 6-3, 6-4 win over German qualifier Peter Gojowczyk on Thursday.

The Spaniard, returning from a wrist injury, won 85 per cent of his first service points against the German

and took an hour and 45 minutes to seal victory and set up a last eight clash with Martin Klizan at the ATP 500 event.

Slovak Klizan was leading 6-2, 3-0 when seventh seed Ernests Gulbis retired due to a right shoulder injury.

Third seed Tomas Berdych moved up a place

to seventh in the race to the season-ending ATP World Tour Finals in London after his 6-3, 6-4 victory against wild card Viktor Troicki despite a poor serving display.

The Czech only managed to make 32 percent of his first serves and now meets eighth seed and big server John Isner in the quarter-finals.

Elsewhere on Beijing's blue hard courts, Bulgarian Grigor Dimitrov beat Spaniard Pablo Andujar 6-4, 6-4 to set up a quarter-final clash with world number one Novak Djokovic, while sixth seed Andy Murray beat Pablo Cuevas 6-2, 6-2.

In the women section, Russian Svetlana Kuznetsova upset seventh seed Angelique Kerber in three sets, while Petra Kvitova also reached the quarter-finals without hitting a ball after American Venus Williams withdrew with a viral illness.—Reuters

Kagawa sparkles in Dortmund's Champions League win

BRUSSELS, 2 Oct — Japan midfielder Shinji Kagawa had a hand in all three goals as Borussia Dortmund beat Anderlecht 3-0 away on Wednesday to stay top of Champions League Group D.

Kagawa created the opener after just three minutes, scooping a lovely ball into the box for Ciriaco De Falco to steer into the bottom left hand corner.

"I was thinking about shooting but saw Ciri," said Kagawa, who is finding his feet again in his second stint at Dortmund after failing to make a significant impact at Manchester United.

"It was a flash of inspiration," added the 25-year-old, who was involved in Dortmund's 69th-minute second goal. Kagawa's pass found Lukasz Piszczek, who whipped a cross in for Adrian Ramos to score his first of the night.

Kagawa completed a solid all-round shift when Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang collected his clever pass and cut the ball back for Ramos to seal victory 11 minutes from time. Despite his performance, Kagawa admitted it would be a while before he was back to his best.

"It was heavy going over the course of 90 minutes and it will still take some time," he said.—Kyodo News



Borussia Dortmund's Adrian Ramos (C) celebrates his goal with team mates Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang (L) and Shinji Kagawa during their Champions League group D soccer match against Anderlecht at Constant Vanden Stock stadium in Brussels on 1 Oct, 2014.

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Liang Wanxia of China falls off during the women's individual riding match of modern pentathlon at the 17th Asian Games in Incheon, South Korea, on 2 Oct, 2014.—XINHUA

Asian Games: Nadeshiko Japan fall to N Korea in final

INCHEON, 2 Oct — Nadeshiko Japan failed to retain the Asian Games title as Norio Sasaki's side were beaten 3-1 by a tenacious North Korean team in the final on Wednesday.

Kim Yun Mi, Ra Un Sim and Ho Un Byol struck for North Korea, who out-hustled and outmuscled the world and Asian champions over the 90 minutes. Captain Aya Miyama pulled one back for Japan in the second half.

Hosts South Korea defeated Vietnam 3-0 earlier for bronze.

Looking ahead to next year's Women's World Cup in Canada, Sasaki left out the over-30 veterans and could not pick the Europe-based players for this competition, seeking to transfuse new blood

into the squad.

But the manager refused to use that as an excuse, saying Japan deservedly lost.

"North Korea were stronger attacking the ball and this is a lesson for us," Sasaki said. "I'm sorry we could not win the title for the second time in a row but we must learn from this and increase our efforts."

"They played to their strengths and won with their style of football. We couldn't get into a rhythm of any kind, and our experienced players had an off night and didn't play to their usual capabilities."

"The 3-1 scoreline accurately reflected the performance. We were reminded once again that when you make mistakes, the high quality teams

will punish you."

Miyama echoed Sasaki's sentiments.

"It would've been nice had we played proper football," she said. "I know North Korea are strong and fast, and so do a few others on the team. But if you ask me if everyone understood that, I'm not so sure."

"As you all saw, their counterattacking game is incredibly good. Their No 10 (Ra) isn't the quickest of players, but she executes the break really well. It was perfect."

"It's disappointing we're not going home with a gold because that's what we were aiming for. I feel pathetic."

North Korea are banned from the Women's World Cup because of a doping infraction, and were determined to win these Games.

"We won the final against Japan and this inevitable result is because of our dear and respected Kim Jong Un taking care of our players," coach Kim Kwang Min said. "The reason for our victory is because we wanted to repay (Kim)."

Japan conceded for the first time this tournament in the 12th minute, when Kim Yun Mi's deflected shot from a free kick wrong-footed Ayumi Kaihori, beating the goalkeeper at the near post.

North Korea sat back to play Japan on the counterattack and succeeded in doubling their lead after 52 minutes through Ra, who latched on to a long ball from Jon Myong Hwa before hitting past Kaihori into the bottom corner.

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North Korea's Kim Yun Mi (12) celebrates after her deflected shot beats Japan goalkeeper Ayumi Kaihori (far L) in the first half of the women's soccer final at the Asian Game in Incheon, South Korea, on 1 Oct, 2014. Japan lost 3-1 to North Korea.

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Asian Games: Shimizu maintains tradition with karate gold

INCHEON, 2 Oct — Japan's Kiyo Shimizu won the Asian Games gold medal in women's karate kata on Thursday, while teammate Issei Shimbaba took the men's bronze.

The 20-year-old Shimizu, the East Asian Games and Japan champion, defeated Vietnam's Nguyen Hoang Ngan 5-0 to give Japan's women a medal in the discipline for

the sixth straight time since it was added to the Asian Games program in 1994 in Hiroshima.

"I was pretty nervous," said Shimizu, who won all her matches 5-0. "What won the gold medal was my wanting to win it more." "Because we had this championship streak going, I wanted to win, no matter what it took."

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Shimizu Kiyou of Japan competes during the women's kata semifinal contest of karate against Cheung Pui Si of China's Macao at the 17th Asian Games in Incheon, South Korea, on 2 Oct, 2014. Shimizu Kiyou won 5-0.—XINHUA

Medals table of the Asian Games 2 October, 2014				
	G	S	B	Total
China	141	98	78	317
S Korea	70	66	73	209
Japan	46	68	69	183
Kazakhstan	20	19	32	71
Iran	18	11	16	45
DPR Korea	10	10	13	33
Qatar	10	-	4	14
Uzbekistan	9	11	19	39
Thailand	9	7	27	43
Chinese Taipei	8	16	18	42
India	7	9	35	51
Bahrain	7	6	3	16
Hong Kong	6	11	23	40
Singapore	5	6	11	22
Malaysia	4	14	11	29
Indonesia	4	5	11	20
Mongolia	4	4	11	19
Kuwait	2	4	3	9
Saudi Arabia	2	2	1	5
Myanmar	2	1	1	4
Vietnam	1	10	24	35
Philippines	1	2	8	11
Tajikistan	1	1	2	4
Iraq	1	-	3	4
Pakistan	1	-	3	4
UAE	1	-	3	4
Macau	-	3	3	6
Kyrgyzstan	-	2	4	6
Turkmenistan	-	1	5	6
Bangladesh	-	1	1	2
Laos	-	1	1	2
Lebanon	-	1	1	2
Afghanistan	-	-	1	1
Jordan	-	-	1	1
Nepal	-	-	1	1
Sri Lanka	-	-	1	1