

## Curriculum Vitae of His Excellency General Prayut Chan-o-cha (Ret.) Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand

General Prayut Chan-o-cha (Ret.), Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand was born on 21 March 1954 in Nakhon Ratchasima Province, Thailand.



He obtained Bachelor of Science degree from Chulachomklao Royal Military Academy (class 23) and also attended Infantry Officer Basic Course in 1976 and Infantry Officer Advanced Course in 1981. He also studied at the Command and General Staff College in 1985 and National Defence College of Thailand in 2007.

He served in the Queen's Guard as Battalion Commander of Second Infantry Battalion in the 21<sup>st</sup> Infantry Regiment in 1990, Commanding Officer of 21<sup>st</sup> Infantry Regiment in 1998 and Commanding General of Thailand in 2007.

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## Curriculum Vitae of Associate Professor Naraporn Chan-o-cha



Associate Professor Naraporn Chan-o-cha is a retired professor of Chulalongkorn University. She graduated from Thammasart University with a Bachelor of Arts

(English), and Mahidol University with a Master of Arts in Applied Linguistics. Associate Professor Naraporn received her Teacher's Education Certificate from Leeds University, United Kingdom. She also completed a course from National Defence College in 2003 and Justice Executives Training Course in 2010.

Associate Professor Naraporn's previous civil service positions include

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## Cyclone Hudhud likely to hit Odisha Coast of India by 12 Oct

YANGON, 8 Oct—Myanmar Meteorology and Hydrology Department has announced on Wednesday that the depression over the Andaman Sea has moved to Southeast Bay of Bengal and intensified into a Cyclonic Storm Hudhud.

According to the observations at 13.30 hrs M.S.T on Wednesday, the cyclonic storm centered at about 130 miles Southwest of the Cocogyun (Myanmar) and 600 miles Southeast of Visakhapat-

nam (India).

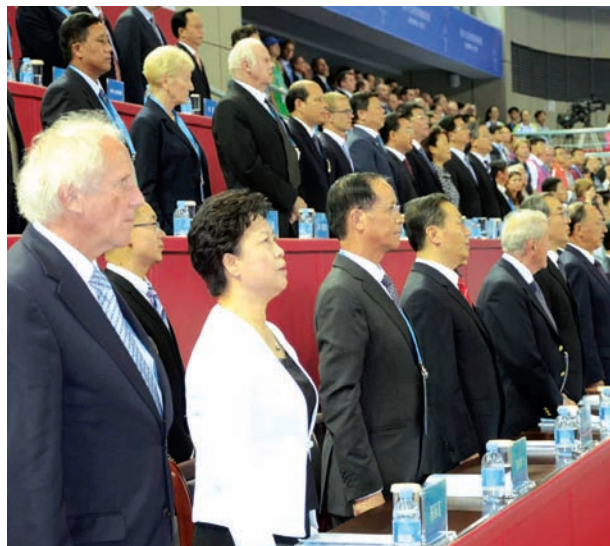
It is likely to intensify and forecast to move West-Northwest ward, according to MMHD.

The cyclone is brewing in the Bay of Bengal and is expected to hit the Ordisa Coast by October 12, according to India Meteorological Department.

The cyclone appeared on Monday as a low pressure over the south Myanmar coast and adjoining Andaman Sea.

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## Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham completes China tour



NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct —Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham attended the opening ceremony of 45<sup>th</sup> World Artistic Gymnastic Championships held in Nanning of Guangxi Autonomous Region, China,

**Vice President  
Dr Sai Mauk Kham  
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on Tuesday.

The ceremony was attended by Vice Chairman Mr Ma Biao of the Chinese People Political Consultative Conference and sports ministers and deputy ministers from countries participating in the championships.

After the opening speeches by communist party secretary of the autonomous region and the sports minister of China and President of the

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## International Monetary Fund trims global growth outlook this year and next

By Ye Myint

WASHINGTON D.C, 8 Oct —International Monetary Fund has revised its outlook of world growth that was said in April spring meeting to reach 3.6 per cent in 2014, up from 3.3 per cent in 2013, and 3.9 per cent in 2015 that world growth is forecast to be 3.3 percent this year and 3.8 percent next year.

The IMF's latest

World Economic Outlook trimmed its projection for global growth to 3.3 percent in 2014, unchanged from 2013, saying that growth is forecast to pick up to 3.8 percent in 2015.

"Recovery continues, but it is weak and uneven," said Oliver Blanchard, IMF Economic Counsellor and Director of Research Department, at IMF's World Economic Outlook press briefing on Tuesday.

The Fund economist pointed out that potential growth rates are being revised down, and these worse prospects are in turn affecting confidence, demand, and growth today.

In his short opening remarks before opening it up to questions, potential growth forecast for emerging market economies will be 1.5 percent lower than it was in 2011.

He continued that

China is maintaining high growth despite the end of a housing boom and a credit boom and India has recovered from its slump with growth forecast to exceed 5 percent again.

Despite it is growing, high public debt inherited from the past together with very low potential growth are rising major macroeconomic and fiscal challenges for Japan, he added.

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# Tourists enjoy elephant dancing entertainments in Kyaukse



KYAUKSE, 8 Oct — Mandalay Region participated in the entertainment from wards of Kyaukse in at Shwethalyaung Hill of

the township on Tuesday, attended by Mandalay Region Minister for Forest-

ry and Mines U Than Soe Myint and officials.

A total of 23 danc-

ing troupes performed entertainments on the stage while some am-

ateur elephant troupes presented dancing around the Myoma market in Kyaukse.

Among the local people, globetrotters enjoyed the elephant dancing entertainment.

The organizing committee and Kanbawza Bank presented cash awards to the first prize winners at the different levels.

On the Fullmoon day of Thadingyut (9 October), the elephant dancing troupes paid homage to the Shwethalyaing Pagoda in Kyaukse. Wellwishers donated gold foils and elephant statues at the pagoda.

*Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)*

## Elephant dance causes traffic congestion on highway



KYAUKSE, 8 Oct—Elephant dancing troupes performed entertainment by heavy truck at the junctions in Kyaukse of Mandalay.

Due to crowded people who enjoyed the elephant dancing entertainment, the traffic congestion occurred on Yangon-Man-

dalay Highway two hours on Tuesday. Even though local traffic police and staff of Bus-line Control Committee cleared the traffic junctions, vehicles large and small stopped on the highway two hours.

*Maung Pyi Thu (Mandalay)*

## Highway buses under inspection for safety of passengers

CHAUKE, 8 Oct—With the aim of preventing traffic accidents and safety of passengers, the combine team of township officials checked highway buses that will leave for Yangon and Mandalay from Chauk on Wednesday.

The officials inspected work licences, wheel

tax, maintenance, installation of fire extinguisher and necessary documents at highway buses of Bayintnaung, Aye Chan Phyto, Pyae Phyto Aung, Mann Thitsa and Mya Tharaphu.

The combine team plans to check the highway buses weekly.

*Win Htay (IPRD)*

## Globetrotters visit festival of Tawateintha Pagoda Pujaniya in Myanaung

MYANAUNG, 8 Oct—The flocks of globetrotters who arrived in Myanaung of Ayeyawady Region by Katha Pandaw vessel on 7 October visited the festival of Tawateintha Pagoda Pujaniya and took documentary photos.

The flocks comprising seven from Australia, five from the US, four from New Zealand and four from United Kingdom make trips along Ayeyawady River from Yangon to Mandalay.

*Win Bo-Township IPRD*



## School scout course conducted in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 8 Oct—A ceremony to open the scout course was held at San Hein private high school on 41<sup>st</sup> street between 83<sup>rd</sup> and 84<sup>th</sup> streets in Chan-

myathazi Township on Tuesday, with an address by Mandalay Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Win Hlaing.

Joint Secretary of

Myanmar Scouts Temporary Committee U Aye Kyaing explained formation of scout student troops.

A total of 113 students

from San Hein private high school are attending the scout course from 7 to 11 October.

*Tin Maung (Mandalay)*





## NATIONAL

## Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham . . .

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Federation Internationale de Gymnastique (FIG) Mr Bruno Grandi, Vice Chairman Mr Ma Biao of the CPPCC formally opened the championship.

Then, the vice president and party watched the competitions.

The event will continue until 12 October and over 600 athletes from 73 countries are participating in the championship.

On Wednesday morning, the vice president and party visited the a village-tract hospital in Nanning.

The head of the hospital briefed the vice president on management, staff, medical equipment, health-care services and annual budget of the hospital. Afterwards, the vice president

and party viewed round the 76-bed hospital, which was established in 1956.

Then, the vice president and party visited a local health clinic in Nanning and viewed the services provided at the clinic.

In the afternoon, the vice president and party left Nanning for Nay Pyi Taw and arrived in Nay Pyi Taw at 4.10 pm.

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**Speaker of Pyidaung Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) Thura U Shwe Mann with delegates to 8<sup>th</sup> Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership Meeting in Rome.**—MNA

## Thura U Shwe Mann makes a speech in Rome



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of 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division in 2003. He also served as Commanding General of 1<sup>st</sup> Army Area in 2006 and Chief of Staff of Royal Thai Army in 2008. He became a Deputy Commander in Chief of Royal Thai Army in 2009 and promoted to the rank of Commander in Chief in 2010.

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Deputy Director for Administration and Planning at Chulalongkorn University Language Institute. Her other prominent appointments include committee member of the International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language (IATEFL) between 1999 and 2005 and President of Thailand Teachers of Eng-

He assumed responsibility as the Head of the National Council for Peace and Order on 22 May 2014.

He was appointed as Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2014.

He is married to Associate Professor Naraporn Chan-o-cha, and has two daughters.

lish to Speakers of other Languages (TESOL) Association under the Patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Galyani Vadhana between 2001 and 2003.

Associate Professor Naraporn is married to General Prayut Chan-o-cha and has twin daughters. Associate Professor Naraporn is passionate about linguistics and social work. She also enjoys reading, visiting museums, and learning about different traditions and cultures.

ROME, 8 Oct— Thura U Shwe Mann, speaker of Pyidaung Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) delivered a speech at the 8th Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership Meeting in Rome, Italy on Wednesday.

The event was held at the Nuova Aula dei Gruppi Hall at the parliament building in Rome, focusing on the role of parliaments in fostering dialogues between Europe and Asian countries, on sustainable growth and stronger governance structures of participant countries.

Laura Boldrini, Speaker of Lower House and Pie-

tro Grasso, Speaker of Upper House of parliament of Italy made speeches.

In his speech, Thura U Shwe Mann said that Myanmar could make democratic reform processes thanks to the 2008 Constitution which states clear political and economic practices.

He also acknowledged the appraisal of global countries which support the peaceful transition process of Myanmar which was previously regarded as a totalitarian regime.

Thura U Shwe Mann affirmed that Myanmar people are now enjoying democratic rights com-

pared with the situations of 50 years ago. He also said that political reform processes have reached to a certain point.

He then promised to overcome difficulties and challenges in cooperation with other governments and countries.

The Speaker also explained the activities of parliament in legislative sector, monitoring, voter educations, peace-making efforts, unity and listening to the voices of people.

He said that the ongoing 11<sup>th</sup> session of the first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw will discuss the fundamentals of constitution amendment,

studying electoral system and submitting the findings to the parliament before six months of next elections.

However, he reiterated that the amendment of constitution will be based on stability of state, peace and development and national unity among ethnics.

Thura U Shwe Mann and Myanmar delegates attended the meetings of 'Economic and Financial Governance Structures' and Sustainable Growth and Food Security'.

He then took part in the closing ceremony of the 8th Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership Meeting in the evening.—MNA

## Thai pilot rescued as search operations for Myanmar pilot goes on

YANGON, 8 Oct — Pilot Chatchawal of the B4 helicopter of Thailand that had lost contact during the search and rescue

operations for two missing mountain climbers was rescued on Wednesday morning by the rescue team of Htoo Foundation

which has been trying to save the two pilots since Tuesday with the help of locals, local authorities and the armed forces.

The slightly injured pilot was taken to Lamsarhtu Village with the help of local Rawan ethnic group.

Doctors including Dr Oliver of the SOS medical team gave medical treatment to the Thai pilot. The airplane carrying the Thai pilot left Putao for Mandalay on Wednesday afternoon. Myanmar pilot of the helicopter, Pilot Aung Myat Toe was also injured in the eyes and is taking shelter in a cave.

Patron U Tay Za of Htoo Foundation and the search and rescue team is trying to rescue the Myanmar pilot with the help of local Rawan ethnic group.

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## International Monetary . . . .

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The WEO predicts low income developing countries—not all of them, but most of them—continue to do well with high growth rate of reaching 6.1 percent this year and 6.5 percent next year.

According to the WEO, real GDP projection for Myanmar is to be 8.5 percent, up 0.2 percent from last year, and it is projected to see the same growth rate in 2015.

In his conclusion, he

called on both advanced and emerging market countries to address the challenge by going beyond the general mantra of more structural reforms, identifying which reforms are mostly needed at the moment and which reforms are politically feasible. He stressed the need of policymakers to re-establish confidence for a clear plan to deal both with the legacies of the crisis and the challenge of low potential growth. —GNLM



**Medics giving health care service to Pilot Chatchawal of the B4 helicopter of Thailand. Htoo FOUNDATION**



## Expired products, sanitation at shops checked

TANINTHAYI, 8 Oct — A combine team comprising township departmental officials and staff make surprised checks over fresh and hygienic foods, foodstuff and snacks at the food stalls, grocery shops, meat and fish shops and vendors in two wards of Taninthayi Township in Taninthayi Region.

On 5 October, the officials inspected Aung-mingala-2 green grocery market and shops in the ward for sales of goods whether these were fresh and hygienic products.

Departmental officials gave talks on danger



of expired products, disadvantages of illegal mos-

quito coins and thyroid disease from iodine defi-

ciency.—Nantharyi-Htein Win (IPRD)

## Basic librarian knowledge disseminated to local youths

NAMKHAM, 8 Oct—The basic librarian course No. 1/2014 was conducted at Seihing (Mankang) Village of Namkham Township in northern Shan State on Tuesday.

Staff of Township Information and Public Relations Department explained duties and functions of librarian. The one-week course was attended by 25 trainees.

Head of Township IPRD Daw Nay Chi Thway and Seihing Village administrator U Sai Tun Hlaing presented prizes to three outstanding trainees.

The village library was built with K1 million contribution of Myanmar Libraries Foundation and K4 million by local people.

L Soe (IPRD)

## Taninthayi Township SPED to get new office



TANINTHAYI, 8 Oct — Myeik-Ahman Company started construction of the building for Taninthayi Township Sports and Physical Education Department in Taninthayi Region on 1 October. Taninthayi Region government allotted the fund for construction of a 30 feet long, 20 feet wide and 11 feet high one-storey building for the department in 2014-15 fiscal year.

The township SPED formed with eight staff and officer opens its office at a house of the township.

Nantharyi Htein Win (IPRD)

## Course for teachers conducted to implement non-formal education

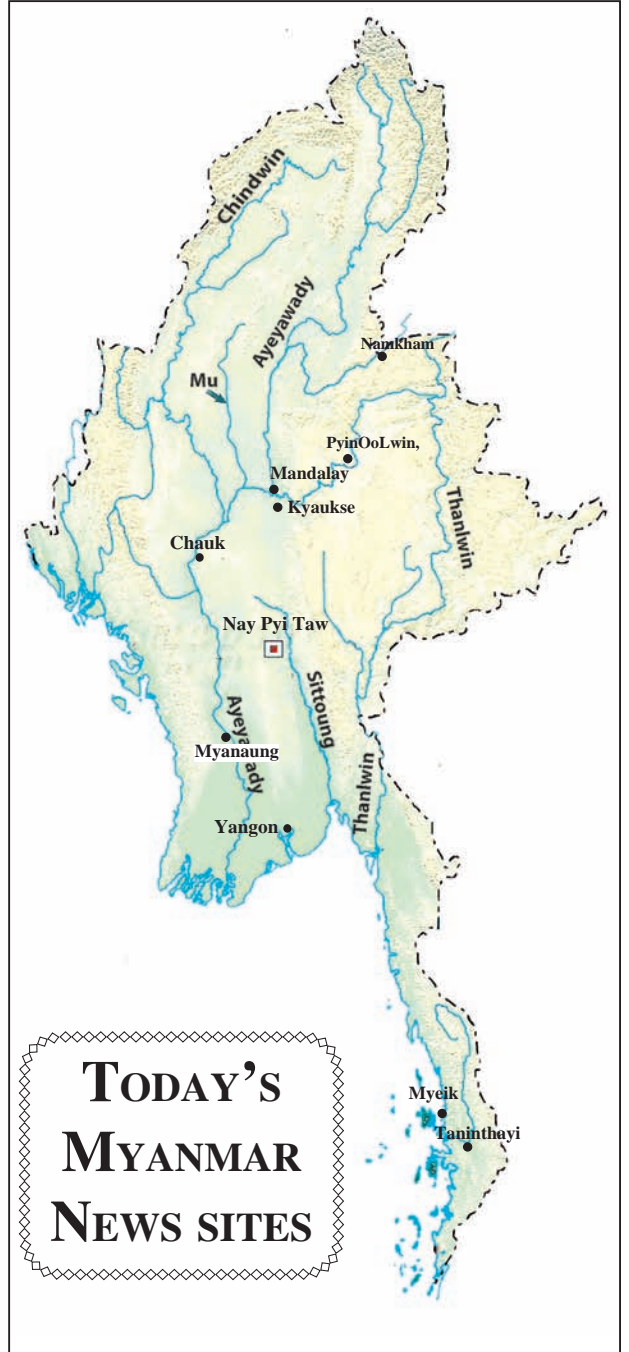
MANDALAY, 8 Oct —The instructor course for non-formal education kicked off at the hall of No 4 Basic Education High School in Aungmyethazan Township of Mandalay on 7 October.

Mandalay Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Win Hlaing made a speech. Veteran teachers U Aye Kyaing and Daw Aye Khaing of Myanmar Literacy Supporting Centre explained the nature and purpose of the non-formal education system.

The training was jointly organized by the Ministry of Education, Myanmar Literacy Supporting Centre, UNICEF and wellwishers so as to create learning opportunities for the aged 10-14 children.

In 2014-15 academic year, a total of 194 teachers from Kachin and Shan states, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, Sagaing, Magway, Mandalay and Bago regions from the schools implementing the non-formal education

program are attending the nine-day course from 5 to 13 October.—Tin Maung (Mandalay)



## MMID holds annual general meeting for the first time

MANDALAY, 8 Oct—Mandalay-Myohta Industrial Development Public Company Ltd held the first annual general meeting at the National Theatre on 66<sup>th</sup> Street in Aungmyethazan Township of Mandalay on 5 October, with an address by Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint.

Chairman of Mandalay-Myohta Industrial

Development Public Company Ltd U Aung Win Khaing explained progress of Myohta Industrial Park Project.

An official submitted an annual report of the Board of Directors.

The meeting approved the financial statement and audit report.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)



## WORLD

## Nobel Prize for seeing how life works at molecular level

STOCKHOLM/LONDON, 8 Oct — A German and two American scientists won the 2014 Nobel Prize for Chemistry on Wednesday for smashing the size barrier in optical microscopes, allowing researchers to see individual molecules inside living cells. US citizens Eric Betzig and William Moerner and Germany's Stefan Hell won the prize for using fluorescence to take microscopes to a new level, making it possible to study things like the creation of synapses between brain cells in real time.

"Due to their achievements the optical microscope can now peer into the nanoworld," the Royal Swedish Academy of

Sciences said in awarding the 8 million crown (\$1.1 million) prize.

Back in 1873, scientists thought there was a limit to what could be seen when Ernst Abbe stipulated that the resolution of an optical microscope could never be better than 0.2 micrometers, or 500 times smaller than the width of a human hair.

But the three Nobel winners bypassed this limit by scanning fluorescent molecules to build up a far more detailed images, leading to the creation of "nanoscopy", now used widely to peer into the internal molecular machinery of cells.

Modern nanoscale microscopes can follow individual proteins to bet-



**Mans Ehrenberg (bottom R) speaks next to Sven Lidin (bottom L) and Staffan Normark (bottom C) as they announce the laureates of the 2014 Nobel Prize for Chemistry, at the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in Stockholm on 8 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS**

ter understand diseases like Alzheimer's and Parkinson's or to track the development of fertilised eggs as they divide and become embryos. "This

is very, very important to understanding how the cell works and understanding what goes wrong if the cell is diseased," Hell told a news conference by tele-

phone after learning of the award. Hell, who is director of the Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry in Germany, said he was "totally surprised" by the prize, while co-winner Betzig said he was stunned by the news.

"I have been walking around a daze for the last hour, on a nice day in Munich, fearful that my life has changed," he told Reuters by phone from Munich, where he was scheduled to give a lecture on Wednesday. Betzig works at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute in Ashburn, United States, while Moerner is professor at Stanford University. Chemistry was the third of this year's Nobel prizes. The prize is named

after dynamite inventor Alfred Nobel and has been awarded since 1901 for achievements in science, literature and peace in accordance with his will.

The chemistry prize has often lived in the shadow of physics and its star scientists such as Albert Einstein, though it was the field that was arguably closest to the heart of Nobel's own work developing dynamite and other explosives. As winners of the chemistry prize, the laureates enter an exclusive club of researchers such as nuclear pioneer Ernest Rutherford and Linus Pauling, the only person to win two Nobels on his own — for chemistry in 1954 and peace in 1962.—Reuters

## Dacic: Serbia to preserve friendship with Russia

MOSCOW, 8 Oct — Serbia wants to become a member of the European Union, but it will not do so at the expense of its traditional friends such as Russia, Serbian Deputy Prime Minister Ivica Dacic, who is also minister of foreign affairs, said on Tuesday.

"That means that Serbia will preserve its friendship with Russia," Dacic told reporters in Moscow, where he attended the 13th session of the Serbian-Russian intergovernmental committee on trade and economic, scientific and technical cooperation in his capacity as co-chairperson of the mixed committee.

Dacic said that he is

satisfied with the economic relations between the two countries and that their trade totals USD 3 billion, but noted that they are still not on par "with the very good political relations."

The Serbian foreign minister said that a range of bilateral economic matters was discussed with the Russian side in Moscow, including further liberalization of trade — expanding the list of customs-free products from Serbia to include poultry meat, sugar, cigarettes, cars and other products.

The Russian side has requests of its own, because these are reciprocal measures, he noted.

"For that reason, in the next few days we will see how possible that is, because if, for example, we are talking about a reciprocal scrapping of customs tariffs on cars... that means that Russians too, can sell their cars in Serbia, not just that Fiat Serbia can sell its vehicles in Russia," Dacic noted.

He said that the South Stream gas pipeline was not discussed "because everything is alright with it." "Serbia and Russia have no problems with the South Stream. Serbia wants to build the South Stream, the preparations are progressing well, while Russia must solve all other prob-

lems with Brussels," Dacic said.

Also discussed in Moscow was the need to secure fuels to Serbia for the upcoming winter and find ways for supplies to be independent of the situation in Ukraine or debts to Gazprom and NIS, Dacic said.

Price cuts for some industrial gas consumers were also discussed, Dacic said.

The Serbian foreign minister also headed the Serbian delegation in discussions with Russian Energy Minister Alexander Novak, the Serbian Foreign Ministry said in a statement.—Tanjug

## Hospital successfully performs heart surgery on 2-month-old boy



**Yoshifumi Fujimoto (R), a heart surgeon at Shimane University Hospital, attends a press conference on 8 Oct 2014, in the western Japan city of Izumo.**

—KYODO NEWS

MATSUE, (Japan), 8 Oct — A team at Shimane University Hospital has successfully performed arterial switch operations on the heart of a 2-month-old baby who was suffering from a serious congenital heart disease, the state-run institution said on Wednesday.

The baby, whose condition had left his main arterial blood valve and pulmonary artery reversed, is recovering well and is expected to leave the hospital by the weekend.

The boy weighed only about 1,700 grams at the time of surgery, making him the lightest infant to receive such a heart operation in Japan, according to the hospital.

Heart surgeon Yoshifumi Fujimoto said the boy weighed only 1,168 grams when he was born.

The baby's heart was smaller than a table tennis ball, requiring surgeons to conduct the operation in a very delicate manner, Fujimoto said.

The baby was born on 30 December, 2013, to a couple in Matsue, Shimane Prefecture.

The baby was found to have suffered from the complete transposition of the great arteries as his main arterial valve was linked with his right cardiac chamber rather than the left and his pulmonary artery with the left chamber rather than the right, the hospital said.

The baby was also found to have suffered from patent ductus arteriosus, a congenital disorder in the heart where a neonate's ductus arteriosus fails to close after birth, the hospital said.

The university's team conducted the operation to close the baby's ductus arteriosus on 24 January and conducted the arterial switch operations on the baby on 3 March. Since the operation, the baby has grown to a weight of 2,690 grams, the hospital said.—Kyodo News



**Visitors wait to taste food during a food and hotel exhibition in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on 8 Oct, 2014. Cambodia hosted an international food and hotel exhibition here on Wednesday with an aim to further promote tourism industry, officials said.—XINHUA**



## Indonesian president-elect Jokowi's camp loses parliamentary battle

JAKARTA, 8 Oct — The camp of Indonesian president-elect Joko "Jokowi" Widodo on Wednesday lost its bid to secure any key posts in parliament, after candidates from a coalition of parties that supports defeated presidential candidate Prabowo Subianto won the posts of speaker and deputy speakers of the People's Consultative Assembly, the upper house.

In a similar election held last week in the House of Representatives, Jokowi's camp failed to secure any such key posts in the lower house.

The defeats raise concerns whether his government can be strong and effective as it may encounter trouble when negotiating with parliament.

The 692-member upper house consists of the 560 lower house members plus the 132 members of the Regional Representative Council.

During an 18-hour plenary session of the upper house that lasted from Tuesday morning to dawn on Wednesday, Prabowo's camp won with 347 votes over 330 gained by Jokowi's camp.

The session elected Zulkifli Hasan of the Na-



Indonesia's President-elect Joko Widodo looks on after a ceremony inaugurating a new parliament in Jakarta, on 1 Oct, 2014.—KYODO NEWS

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

At the last minute, the Muslim-based PPP, however, left the parliamentary coalition after none of its politicians were included in the nomination package proposed by Prabowo's camp and joined Jokowi's coalition.

Zulkifli, 52, is a former forestry minister under

Yudhoyono's administration. He resigned recently after being elected as lawmaker during the on 9 July legislative election.

Last year, he made the headlines after complaining about Harrison Ford's attitude when the Hollywood actor grilled him about deforestation in Indonesia during an interview for a documentary series about the human impact on climate change.

In the new parliament, the opposition coalition eyes amending the country's 1945 Constitution to scrap direct presidential elections, first held in 2004 and amend a law to reduce

the Corruption Eradication Commission's power to deal with corrupt lawmakers.

Rumours have spread widely across the archipelago that the coalition may block Jokowi's oath-taking ceremony from taking place as scheduled on 20 October by not meeting the quorum of a plenary session.

According to the law, Jokowi and vice-president-elect Jusuf Kalla must take oath before at least two-thirds of the People's Consultative Assembly members.

If the quorum cannot be met, they can take oath before at least two-thirds of the House of Representatives. Failing that, they can do so before the upper house's speaker and deputy speakers, witnessed by the chairman and vice chairmen of the Supreme Court.

Worried about any such efforts to abort Jokowi's inauguration, activists across the country have since past week held a series of gathering and plan to mass at parliament to ensure it takes place.

In his first Press conference as the upper house speaker, however, Zulkifli denied any such efforts.

Kyodo News

## China, Malaysia vow to promote bilateral relationship



Chinese State Councilor Yang Jiechi (R) meets with Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 7 Oct, 2014.—XINHUA

KUALA LUMPUR, 8 Oct — Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak has voiced his country's readiness to support Chinese President Xi Jinping's initiatives to build the 21 century Maritime Silk Road and establish an Asian infrastructure investment bank.

Malaysia will actively involve and coordinate in them and broaden and deepen the two countries' cooperation in all fields, Najib said during a meeting with visiting Chinese State Councilor Yang Jiechi here on Tuesday.

Najib said that as comprehensive strategic partners, Malaysia and China enjoy broad fields of cooperation and huge potentials, adding that it is of critical importance to Malaysia and Asia that China's economy maintains strong growth. Yang said China is willing to maintain high-level communications and continue cooperation with Malaysia for new achievements.

Yang welcomed Najib to attend the informal leaders' meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation to be held in Beijing next month, saying China would like to work together with Malaysia to propel the meeting to reach its expected results.

On his part, Najib said he is expecting to attend this important meeting, and Malaysia will maintain close communication and coordination with China.

Yang said that China supports Malaysia's rotating chairmanship of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) next year, and will work with Malaysia to promote the healthy development of China-ASEAN relations and the construction of the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road.

Yang also held talks with Hishammuddin Hussein, representative of the Malaysian government and defence minister, and had a telephone conversation with Malaysian Foreign Minister Anifah Aman who was in New York to attend the UN General Assembly.

According to diplomatic sources, Yang also exchanges views with other Malaysian officials and both sides agreed to deepen cooperation in law enforcement, security and counter-terrorism, and continue bilateral friendly consultation on properly handling the South China Sea issue to maintain peace and stability.—Xinhua

## Vietnam urges countries to help seek missing oil tanker with 18 on board

HANOI, 8 Oct — The Consular Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) of Vietnam has recently sent notes to embassies of countries including Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei and Indonesia, urging them to help search for a missing oil tanker with 18 crews on board,

the MOFA's website said on Wednesday.

Accordingly, the 6,000-ton tanker, *Sunrise-689*, under Vietnam's northern Hai Phong Fishery Shipbuilding Company was carrying 5,226 tons of oil and 18 crews at missing time. The ship left Singapore at 17:40 local time in

Singapore (0940 GMT) on 2 October to head for Vietnam. However, Hai Phong Fishery Shipbuilding Company, the ship owner, did not receive its daily reports and completely lost contact with the ship, said the announcement. In a related development, Nguyen Hong Truong, Vietnamese Deputy Minister of Trans-

port said on Tuesday that Vietnam Maritime Administration, Vietnam Maritime Corporation and relevant agencies are working out reasons as well as seeking for the missing ship, reported Vietnam Business Forum, an online newspaper under Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry on Wednesday.—Xinhua

## Elite forces sent to southern Philippine province to rescue hostages

MANILA, 8 Oct — The Philippine military said on Wednesday that it will deploy elite forces to the southern Philippine province of Sulu as it intensifies efforts to rescue hostages being held by Abu Sayyaf militants.

The 100-strong elite unit of the Special Operations Command from Zamboanga City will be placed under the control of the Philippine Army's 501st Infantry Brigade in the cap-

ital town of Jolo.

Special Forces soldiers are trained for such missions as long-range reconnaissance, sniping and infiltration deep inside the enemy territory.

The Abu Sayyaf is believed to be holding 12 hostages, including five foreigners. The group has earlier threatened to behead one of two kidnapped German tourists on 17 October if their demands were not met.—Xinhua

Indonesian military snipers parade during celebrations of the 69th anniversary of the Indonesian Armed Forces in Banda Aceh, Aceh, Indonesia on 7 Oct, 2014. XINHUA





## UN &amp; WORLD

## United States supports reforms in Serbia

BELGRADE, 8 Oct — United States Vice President Joseph Biden has spoken over the phone to Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic and expressed the US respect and support for the reforms that Serbia has begun to implement, the Serbian government's media relations office has said in a release.

Biden reportedly voiced hope that Serbia would remain a factor of stability in the whole of

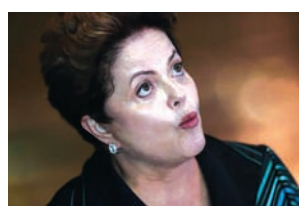


South East Europe. Vucic said that Serbia was committed to making progress on its European

path, and it would, by the will of its citizens, tackle the difficult economic reforms in order to become a modern, successful country, according to the release. In a long and friendly conversation, Biden and Vucic discussed political and economic relations between the US and Serbia.

Biden and Vucic exchanged opinions about the global political and economic developments, says the release.—*Tanjug*

## Rousseff's election strategy digs deeper hole for Brazil economy



**Brazil's President and Workers' Party (PT) presidential candidate Dilma Rousseff reacts during a news conference in Brasilia on 6 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS**

SAO PAULO/ BRASILIA, 8 Oct — President Dilma Rousseff's strategy of slamming bankers and playing up class divisions may give her the edge in this month's election but it further strains relations with business leaders just as Brazil's stagnant economy badly needs fresh investment.

The leftist incumbent, who led the first round of voting on Sunday and now faces market favourite Aécio Neves in an 26 October runoff, is using heavy government spending and some tough rhetoric to shore up her support

among Brazil's poor. The ruling Workers' Party has used a similar approach to win the last three presidential elections in a country with a vast wealth gap, and Rousseff is doubling down on it in Brazil's closest and most volatile campaign in decades.

She is focusing on her party's impressive record of reducing poverty during its 12 years in power while portraying Neves' Brazilian Socialist Democracy Party (PSDB), which led the country in 1995 to 2002, as beholden to the wealthy. "We're going to have another dispute with the PSDB, which governed for a third of the population and forgot the neediest," Rousseff said on Sunday night after Neves had a last-minute surge in support to grab second place and a runoff spot.

She hammered on the same theme on Monday, lambasting the PSDB as the party of the rich and dismissing a market rally following Neves' strong

showing as irrelevant.

"Investors can do all they want, but they don't win elections," Rousseff said. "The people win elections."

Last month, her team ran a TV ad criticizing the proposals of another market-friendly rival by showing bankers in suits sitting around a table and laughing as food disappeared from the plates of a poor family.

Rousseff's advisers believe the campaign does no lasting damage because investors understand that attacks on bankers are part of the election process since the global financial crisis, even in the United States and other rich countries. "I think the rhetoric that we see against the private sector will fizzle very quickly if she wins," said Carlos Thadeu de Freitas, chief economist with Brazil's National Confederation of Commerce and a former central bank director.

Yet others say the Workers' Party approach is more dangerous than in the

last three elections, because of the particular problems facing Latin America's largest economy.

Last decade, Brazil grew nearly 4 percent a year thanks to hefty demand for commodities from China and a big rise in consumer credit and spending. But growth has slowed to below 2 percent a year under Rousseff due to infrastructure bottlenecks and other supply-side problems that only investment can fix.

Rousseff already had a poor reputation among investors who distrust her penchant for state intervention in the economy.

Several senior executives told *Reuters* that Rousseff's campaign rhetoric may prevent her from repeating efforts, seen during her first term, to reach out to leaders in industry and finance, a "charm offensive" aimed at winning their confidence.

"If she thinks we're marching up to Brasilia again next year, she can forget it," a leading financial executive in Sao Paulo said on condition of anonymity.—*Reuters*

## Chinese official close to Xi meet with Abe: Japan gov't

TOKYO, 8 Oct — A visiting senior Chinese official known for her close ties with President Xi Jinping briefly met with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, the top government spokesman in Tokyo said on Wednesday.

Abe's meeting on Tuesday night with Li Xiaolin, the youngest daughter of former President Li Xiannian who has known Xi since childhood, came at a time when the Japanese leader is looking for his first summit with Xi to repair bilateral ties strained by historical and territorial issues.

During a daily press briefing, Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga admitted to their contact at a cultural event reported by the Japanese media, saying the two countries "should step up cultural exchanges and eventually improve Japan-China relations."

"As the world's second- and third-largest economies, we are responsible for contributing to world peace and prosperity," Suga added.

Li, president of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, is also

scheduled to attend a series of other events and meetings with the theme of bilateral friendship.

Abe hopes to meet with Xi on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum's summit in Beijing next month.

"I have found China becoming more positive toward improving relations (with Japan)," Abe said in a parliamentary session on Wednesday when asked about the current situation for bilateral ties. "It's important to promote cooperation and dialogue in a wide range of fields."—*Kyodo News*

## Message from the Director General for World Post Day

9 October, 2014

### Posts claim their place in the changing communication landscape

Postal services have always been important motors of economic activity and growth.

The very creation of the Universal Postal Union 140 years ago established a multilateral framework for the exchange of documents and goods across borders. It helped postal services pave the way to globalized trade and commerce.

Today, Posts are poised to play a very important role in a new wave of globalization being ushered in by the Internet, which calls for greater inclusion of citizens everywhere.

With half of the world's population living in rural areas, the postal network is well placed to reach them. In Sub-Saharan Africa, for example, 80% of post offices are located in smaller cities and rural areas, where the majority of people live.

For postal services to flourish, electrical and Internet connectivity is essential, especially in developing countries, where only 32% of the population has access to the Internet.

The global postal network is a tremendous asset for extending this digital reach – not only for the benefit of citizens and businesses, but also for governments, development agencies and other stakeholders looking for solutions to many of the challenges our world is grappling with.

According to the World Bank, post offices are the cheapest providers of remittance services, ahead of banks and money transfer operators.

Posts are also the second biggest contributors to financial inclusion after banks, with one billion people holding a postal account.

And there are new opportunities with cross-border e-commerce. Although this business is still relatively new, global online sales should reach 1.5 trillion dollars by year end. More often than not, online purchases are delivered by the Post.

Postal activities stimulate the global economy and improve livelihoods. And, with 640,000 post offices worldwide, we find them where they can make a difference.

By increasing post offices' electrical and Internet connectivity, governments can ensure that post offices make a major contribution to efforts to bring communication, financial, social and economic services to rural populations.

As the communication landscape evolves, I see an important place in it for Posts, especially in this new globalized world.

I urge governments to carry on investing in their national postal network so that citizens and businesses continue to benefit from a most essential and affordable public service.

I wish you a happy World Post Day.

Universal Postal Union International Bureau



**Japanese Prince Fumihito Akishino (front R) holds a specimen of a teporingo rabbit during his visit to the Zoo of Chapultepec, in Mexico City, capital of Mexico, on 7 Oct, 2014. — XINHUA**



## PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 9 October, 2014

## Justice is vital for a safe and peaceful society

By Aung Khin

**J**ustice and fair treatments are crucial for every civilized world. On the contrary, injustice and unfair practices will have bad consequences. Justice is one of the most important moral and political concepts for every society.

The word justice comes from Latin jus, representing right or law. The 'just' person is one

who typically does what is morally fair and is disposed to giving everyone his or her due. The nature of justice is fundamental for a moral virtue of character and a desirable quality of political society, as well as for ethical and social decision-making.

Practices of justice should even cover civil disobedience, punishment, equal opportunity for women, slavery, war, property rights and international relations. According to Plato, justice is a virtue establishing rational order, with each part performing its appropriate role and not interfering with the proper functioning of other parts.

Theory of Justice by Aristotle said that justice consists in what is lawful and fair, with fairness involving equitable distributions and the correction of what is inequitable.

Therefore, justice is the most fundamental of

all virtues for ordering interpersonal relations and establishing and maintain a stable political or communal society. If there is no prevalence of justice for people at any corner of the world, that society will never enjoy peace. Fairness and justice should be maintained for the betterment and prosperity of any society, as well as for the establishment of good relations with other countries.

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## "Board of Directors" of a public company

U Win Sein

**M**yanmar, though it has opened up its economy and invited foreign countries to come to Myanmar to invest and help develop the country in its economic sectors. However, even after a few years of her endeavor in trying to upgrade the nation's standard of living conditions, there has found not much better sign of improvement, when comparing her with other countries, she is still trailing behind the tails of our neighbouring countries.

In order to add fuel to the country's commercial affair sector, there is a need for a compatible Companies Act to regulate all the companies doing business in Myanmar, who are still relying on the old age Myanmar Companies Act to keep all of them in line as much as possible so as not to hinder the economic activities progress of the country.

A rough estimate of about more than 100 public companies in Myanmar are now taking part in import, export business and other industrial activities, each company is on its own running its daily operation in order to arrive at the ultimate achievement of the national target of bigger volume of trade and industrial growth.

To know the good or bad performance of a public company, it is required to center on the part played by the Board of Directors on their role in the control and

management of the company. The directors are elected from the shareholders in a general meeting and also the elected non-shareholders who are knowledgeable in economics, commerce and legal aspects related to company matters, all these elected directors have formed a group called themselves as Board of Directors of the public company, they are to act as representative of the shareholders, in relation to make decisions on major company issues, such as hiring of executives, dividend policies, option policies and executive compensation policies. In general, the Board made decisions on the shareholders' behalf, it does not manage the minute details of the company management, but they take careful attention for the following important matters:-

- approve the company strategy.
- identify key performance measure.
- identify risk areas and oversee risk management.
- plan for and select new executives.
- design executives compensation packages.
- ensure the integrity of the published financial statements.
- approve major assets purchases.
- protect company assets and reputation.
- represent the interest of the shareholders.
- ensure the company complied with laws

Not all the matters are deliberated by the full Board of Directors' responsibilities, some are delegated to sub-committees, so the Board is required to set up the fol-

lowing committees.

—Executive committee: it is a group with small number of members that might meet when the Board is not available.

—Audit committee: review the financial statements with the Internal and External auditors.

—Compensation committee: determine the salaries of top executives, including the Board itself.

—Nominating committee: decide the state of directors for the shareholders to vote for approval. Set criteria for selection of directors

The CEO is the top decision maker, all other executives answer to him or her. CEO is accountable to the Directors, however, the Board should not run the company itself, that is the role of the CEO and his/her senior management team. The Board is to make sure the right team is at the helm, not to be at the helm themselves. If the Board that meddles, that gets too much involved, so that the management team will be hurting the company, not helping it.

The number of members of the Board of Directors may consist of 7 to 15, while other public companies may up to 35. Every director from the Board must put the interest of the company in first and his / her interest is second. The Board works for the company, the company is their responsibilities. They must always act in the best interest of the company and its major shareholders, the employees and customers.

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## From Wishful-thinking to Reality

By: TOMMY PAUK

**I**T is a global alarm that the acts of terrorism and extremism prevail in some countries. Consequently, the global innocent people get insecure and dejected because of the ruthless and threatening danger of terrorists and extremists. This is the open warfare between brutal scoundrels and civilized people. These scoundrels practice extreme ideology among global communities. However, sensible people utterly oppose, reject and denounce their manifesto. In the world, the victims of terrorists are seemingly helpless and

homeless, demanding for the stability of peace and security. Some of those who fled to remote barren border areas in fear of terrorists are even starving. Therefore, we should not only express concern, but also should urgently help the victims or refugees with humanitarian aid such food, shelters, clothing, and medicines and clean drinking water etc. To provide security, the deployment of international forces or UN peace keeping forces should be made available around the location or refuge where they now stay in. Besides, we should help the refugees find safe haven for them as well. We, all the sympathetic and affec-

tionate people should help and protect their human lives as much as we can. There is no boundary for charities and social work contributing to all mankind on earth indeed. In the mean time, we ought to co-operate among global nations for the benefit of all mankind so that we can enjoy peaceful co-existence and guarantee the ever-lasting human inhabitation on earth surely.

All the countries in the world must definitively reach the broad consensus for combating the terrorism as well as extremism anywhere. Merely protecting the innocent people from the danger of terrorism is not the solution. Obvious-

ly, any kind of terrorists is the common enemies of the global communities. In both poor countries and rich countries, we all must firmly resolve to fight and track down the sources of terrorism in order to create pleasant, peaceful and secured world. In addition, we should treat each other with warmth, compassion and humanity wherever we are. Actually, the prevalence of Justice, equity, mutual understanding, harmony and benevolence leads to peaceful and pleasant atmosphere in the world.

Nowadays, no country in the world can act without regard for the opinion of others. Since the globaliza-

tion created by modern technologies, our world seems like a global village. Therefore, we the global peoples ought to live through thick and thin forever. Unless there are violence and terrorists in the world, we can travel, trade and communicate with any regions or continents happily and safely. The world social standards and economies will tremendously develop in line with globalization. The situation free from threats and worries encourages us to deal with international communities easily and effectively for human endeavor. Thus, certainly we can exchange our sincerity, fraternity, goodwill and loving-kindness among the different peoples in the world.

In conclusion, we are

human beings so we protect the innocent people and avoid from any danger or chaos. However, we are facing the so-called man-made disaster known as terrorism in this age whose intensity is very huge and fierce. The act of terrorism is spreading in various countries in the world. We are responsible for safeguarding the innocent and peace-loving peoples. If we really want to see our world in peaceful situation, we should not express wishful-thinking all the time. Instead of saying wishful-thinking, we must practically work together in harmonious unanimity for peace building process among nations. Let's try to be a humane, helpful and kind person to other humans!!!!



## NATIONAL

## Pilgrims, devotees offer lightings at famous pagodas, stupas in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct—Religious edifices were thronged with pilgrims, devotees and religious association members on Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut (Wednesday) in Nay Pyi Taw.

The ceremony of successful concluding the 57<sup>th</sup> recitation of Maha Pathana

threatise was held at the cave of Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw. Pilgrims participated in the offering 9,000 oil lamps at the platform of the pagoda in the evening.

Wellwishers donated refreshments to pilgrims at the Uppatasanti Pagoda the whole day.

Lighting offering ceremonies took place at Phayakoehsu, Koekhamgyi, Lawkamarazein and Lawkayanhnein pagodas in Pyinmana Township and Datusaya, Maha Myat Muni and Thatta Thattaha Maha Bawdi Pagodas in Nay Pyi Taw crowded with people from various cor-

ners of the nation.

Pagodas, stupas, housings and offices were illuminated with multi-coloured lightings in the night of Thadingyut lighting festival. People young and old visited and enjoyed the lighting festival in various areas of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.—MNA

## People visit famous pagodas on Abhidhamma Day in Yangon



*Shwedagon Pagoda crowded with pilgrims on Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut.—MNA*

YANGON, 8 Oct — Today is Abhidhamma Day which falls on Fullmoon day of Thadingyut (Wednesday) when the Buddhist people performed meritorious deeds.

Organized by the board of trustees, people and pilgrims offered lightings to Shwedagon Pagoda on its platform. The Abhidhamma Day was observed at the ancient pagoda images

prayer hall, and people offered alms to members of the Sangha.

Religious association recited religious verses at Sule Pagoda in the morning and offered oil lights

## Cyclone Hudhud likely to hit

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Squalls with rough sea can happen frequently in Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama,

off and along Mon-Tanin-thayi Coasts, causing waves as high as 10 ft to 14 ft, said U Tun Lwin,

Myanmar meteorologist and an ex-director general of the MHD. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 40 m.p.h, according MHD. GNLM



*A map showing direction of Cyclone Hudhud from southeast of Bay of Bengal to India.*



*People from various parts of the nation visit Thatta Thattaha Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw on Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut.—MNA*



*Buddhist devotees throng at the platform of Botahtaung Pagoda in Yangon on Fullmoon day of Thadingyut.—PHOTO: PHOE THANT*

## Deputy minister for commerce holds talks with World Bank experts

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct—Dr Pwint Hsan, deputy minister for commerce, met with three experts from the World Bank here on Wednesday.

The ministry has formed sub-committees on the development and trad-

ing of private sector and sub-committee on development of trading which are being led by the deputy minister.

The meeting was attended by the members of sub-committees, presidential advisor Dr Zaw Oo and

officials of respective working groups for economic development. The expert team is giving advice after studying the government sub-committees with suggestion on implementation of effective on short and long term plans.—MNA

## Myanma Airways arranges flights to major cities

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct—Myanma Airways under the Ministry of Transport arranged daily flights from Yangon to Nay Pyi Taw, NyaungU, Dawei, Myeik, Kawthoung and Sittway.

Moreover, arrangements have been made for running flights from Yangon to Bhamo on Sunday; to Mandalay on Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; to Myitkyina on Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday; to Putao on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday; to Kalay on Monday, Friday and Saturday; to Monywa and Homalin on Tuesday; to Loikaw on Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; to Heho on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday; to Lashio on Tuesday and Saturday; to Kengtung on Sunday, Mon-

day, Wednesday and Friday; to Tachilek on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday; to Monghsat on Sunday and Wednesday; to Bokpyin on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday; to Mawlamyine on Monday and Friday; to Thandwe on Monday to Saturday; to Kyaukpadaung from Sunday to Saturday except Thursday; to An on Tuesday and Thursday; and to Patheingyi on Sunday, Monday, Friday and Saturday.

Myanma Airways flies from Mandalay to NyaungU and Heho daily; to Lashio on Sunday; to Bhamo on Tuesday and Saturday; to Khamti on Monday and Thursday; to Myitkyina on Wednesday and Friday; to Kalay on Tuesday; to Tachilek on Tuesday and Friday; to Homalin on Thursday; and to Thandwe on Tuesday and Saturday.—MNA



# Kurds say air strikes push Islamic State back from Kobani



*Unidentified fighters on the streets of Syrian town of Kobani, are seen from near the Mursitpinar border crossing on the Turkish-Syrian border in the southeastern town of Suruc, Sanliurfa province on 7 Oct, 2014.*

REUTERS

MURSIPTINAR, (Turkey) 8 Oct — US-led air strikes on Wednesday pushed Islamic State fighters back to the edges of the Syrian Kurdish border town of Kobani, which they had appeared set to seize after a three-week assault, Kurdish officials in the town said.

The town has become the focus of international attention since the Islamists' advance drove 180,000 of the area's mostly Kurdish inhabitants to flee into adjoining Turkey, which has infuriated its own restive Kurdish minority by refusing to intervene.

Islamic State hoisted its black flag on the eastern edge of the town on Monday but, since then, air strikes by a US-led coalition that includes Gulf

states opposed to Islamic State have redoubled.

"They are now outside the entrances of the city of Kobani. The shelling and bombardment was very effective and as a result of it, IS have been pushed from many positions," Idris Nassan, deputy foreign minister of Kobani district, told Reuters by phone.

"This is their biggest retreat since their entry into the city and we can consider this as the beginning of the countdown of their retreat from the area."

Islamic State had been advancing on the strategically important town from three sides and pounding it with artillery despite fierce resistance from heavily outgunned Kurdish forces. Defence experts said it was unlikely that the advance

could be halted by air power alone.—Reuters

## At least 12 dead in Turkey as fate of Syrian town stirs up Kurdish tensions

ANKARA/ISTANBUL, 8 Oct — At least 12 people died on Tuesday during violent clashes across Turkey, local media reported, as the fate of the besieged Syrian border town of Kobani stirred up decades of tensions with Turkey's Kurdish minority.

Violence erupted in Turkish towns and cities mainly in the Kurdish southeastern provinces, as protesters took to the streets to demand the government do more to protect Kobani, a predominantly Kurdish settlement which has been surrounded by Islamic State

fighters for three weeks.

Authorities imposed curfews in at least five provinces, police fired tear gas and water cannon to disperse demonstrators who burnt cars and tyres, whilst groups linked to the outlawed Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) clashed with Islamic State sympathisers, authorities said.

Eight people died in Diyarbakir, the largest Kurdish city in the southeast, DHA News agency reported, citing a senior police

officer. Several others died in the eastern provinces of Mus, Siirt and Batman in clashes between police and protesters.

Istanbul Governor's Office said 98 people were detained in 'illegal protests' across the country's biggest city, and 30 people were wounded, including eight police officers.

The death toll in one night has already surpassed that seen during weeks of anti-government protests which turned violent last

year. Protesters burnt Turkish flags and sculptures of the founder of the modern Turkish republic Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, gestures likely to infuriate nationalist Turks and the government.

"I condemn those who burn flags and Ataturk sculptures. These are provocations carried out to prevent help coming to the east (towards Kobani) from the west," Selahattin Demirtas, co-chair of the HDP, Turkey's leading Kurdish party.—Reuters



*Smoke rises from the Syrian town of Kobani during what activists said were clashes between Islamic State fighters and Kurdish fighters, as seen from a hill in Tal-Hajeb village that overlooks the town, on 7 Oct, 2014. —REUTERS*

## India and Pakistan intensify Himalayan border conflict

SRINAGAR, 8 Oct — Fighting intensified between India and Pakistan in the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir on Wednesday, wounding a dozen along a more than 200-km (124-mile) stretch of border.

Pakistan's military fired machine guns and mortars at about 60 Indian army posts, a senior Indian border security force official said, adding that India retaliated.

"Pakistani rangers targeted the entire Jammu border during the night and the firing is still going on," said Indian police official Uttam Chand.

Eight Indian civilians and a member of India's

border security force were wounded, Chand said. Three Indian soldiers were also injured, a senior army officer said.

The mostly Muslim Himalayan region of Kashmir is claimed by both India and Pakistan and has been a major focus of tension in South Asia. The nuclear-armed neighbours have fought two wars over the territory and there have been regular clashes along their de facto border, known as the Line of Control.

Thousands of Indians living in Indian-controlled Kashmir have fled their homes as the fighting moves to civilian areas. The shooting, which start-

ed more than a week ago, has seen some of the most intense violence between the two nations since they agreed a border truce in 2003. Indian and Pakistani politicians have accused each other of unprovoked violations of their border truce, as goodwill that had built up after Prime Minister Narendra Modi took office in May evaporates in the face of weeks of sporadic fighting. "It is very unusual that we are seeing both sides targeting civilian areas and buildings," said S Chandrasekharan, director of the South Asia Analysis Group in New Delhi. "At the moment neither side seems willing to back down."—Reuters

## Three militants killed in Dagestan

MAKHACHKALA, 8 Oct — Three armed militants who opened fire on a police checkpoint in the mountains in Russia's North Caucasus republic of Dagestan have been killed, a law enforcement source said on Wednesday.

The source told TASS that three militants stole a car in the village of Kheb-

da, approached the police checkpoint near the village and opened fire. They were eliminated by return fire. No police officers were killed or wounded in the shootout.

An investigation is underway.

Russia's law enforcement agencies continue fighting militants in Dag-

estan over 13 years since the battle phase of the second war against Islamist separatists in the neighbouring Chechnya came to an end in 2000. Attacks on security officials and civilians occur from time to time in Dagestan, Ingushetia and Kabardino-Balkaria.

Itar-Tass

## UN envoy warns IS operation in Libya

TRIPOLI, 8 Oct — UN envoy to Libya warned against the Islamic State (IS) militants are already operating in the volatile North African country, posing major threat to regional security, local media al-Wasat reported on Wednesday.

Bernardino Leon, head of the UN Support Mission in Libya, said the Libyan militants who had fought in Syria and Iraq are now back in the country and the current chaos might be an ideal hotbed to breed for them.

"The jihadists are already here," Leon said, adding that if the warring parties continued fighting each

other, then the country will be turned to an "open field" for the IS.

He also urged them to have dialogues instead of prolonging the bloody clashes.

Earlier local media reports suggested that the IS group has set up a permanent base in Libya as headquarters of their North African branch, which functioned as a recruiting depot.

Last Monday, a group of militants paraded with IS flags in the eastern town of Derna, pledging their allegiance to the terrorist organization.

Libya has witnessed growing waves of violence

since the 2011 turmoil that toppled the country's former leader Muammar Gaddafi. Since then, its political transition has been mired in endless clashes between Islamist and secular factions.

A UN-brokered talk is underway between Libya's parliament and the opposing political figures in the border town of Ghadames, in an attempt to prevent the country from descending into further anarchy. However, some analysts said the talk might come to nothing as some major Islamist militant groups has boycotted it.

Xinhua



*An Indian villager clears the debris from his house, which locals said was damaged by firing from the Pakistan side of the border, at Trewa village near Jammu on 7 Oct, 2014. REUTERS*



## Dollar in lower 108 yen zone, IMF forecast dents risk appetite

Tokyo, 8 Oct — The US dollar traded in the lower 108 yen zone on Wednesday morning in Tokyo, after concerns over global growth drove demand for the safe-haven yen against the US currency.

The dollar fetched 108.32-33 yen at noon. It regained some ground from 107.97-108.07 yen at 5 pm in New York overnight, but still stood lower than 108.50-52 yen in To-

kyo late Tuesday.

The euro was quoted at \$1.2631-2631 and 136.81-82 yen against \$1.2665-2675 and 136.83-93 yen in New York and \$1.2639-2640 and 137.14-18 yen in Tokyo late on Tuesday afternoon.

In Tokyo, the dollar slipped into the upper 107 yen range in the early morning before recovering above the 108 yen line. In New York overnight, it fell below 108 yen for the first

time in three weeks.

The US currency had lost ground against the yen amid flagging risk appetite and reduced US Treasury bond yields after the International Monetary Fund brought down its forecast for global growth for 2014 to a weaker-than-expected 3.3 percent, unchanged from last year.

The risk-off mood, combined with traders' caution ahead of the release of the US Federal

Open Market Committee's September meeting minutes later Wednesday, would keep the dollar-yen pair in a narrow range, said Shinichiro Kadota, foreign exchange strategist at Barclays Bank.

Comments by Japanese and US policymakers had dented speculation that the Japan-US monetary policy divergence will widen further, making traders wary of aggressively buying the dollar against the

yen, Kadota said.

Comments by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe conceding the negative aspects of yen weakness saw the Japanese currency strengthen on Tuesday, conflicting with statements endorsing a weak yen by Bank of Japan Governor Haruhiko Kuroda the same day. Dovish comments overnight by regional Fed policymakers, namely New York's William Dudley and Minnesota's Naraya-

na Kocherlakota, added to speculation the Fed is in no hurry to raise interest rates, Kadota said.

The euro traded narrowly against the dollar and yen in Tokyo, remaining under pressure amid concern about slowdown in the eurozone economy, and "prone to falling further if the European Central Bank hints at rolling out quantitative easing measures," Kadota said.

Kyodo News

## UK shop price decline accelerates in September



A man shops at a supermarket in London on 16 Feb, 2013. — REUTERS

LONDON, 8 Oct — Prices in British shops fell last month at a faster pace, driven down by a steep decline in prices for non-food products, the British Retail Consortium said on Wednesday.

The BRC said retail prices in September were 1.8 percent lower than a year earlier, not far off the

record decline of 1.9 percent seen in July and compared with a 1.6 percent fall in August.

Prices for non-food products tumbled 3.2 percent on the year compared with a 2.9 percent drop in August, with clothing and electricals seeing the sharpest price cuts.

"Consumers can take

heart that the outlook for inflation remains modest," said Helen Dickinson, director general of the BRC.

"Falling commodity prices, the strengthening of sterling, benign pressure in the supply chain and, critically, fierce competition across the retail industry suggests lower shop prices for consumers will contin-

ue." Britain's major supermarkets have been engaged in an escalating price war, spurred by discounters like Aldi and Lidl taking a growing market share from traditional rival grocers.

Food prices rose 0.3 percent in September compared with a year earlier, unchanged from August and equalling the record low from the survey's seven-year history. Overall consumer price inflation ran at 1.5 percent in August, well below the Bank of England's 2 percent target, and wages are growing even more slowly — something the BoE has cited as a reason to keep interest rates on hold.

However, BoE Governor Mark Carney has warned that the time for raising rates from record low levels is getting closer, although the exact date would depend on how economic data turns out.

The BRC survey is designed to reflect price changes in 500 of the most commonly bought high street products in shops.

Reuters

## Japanese researchers develop "organs-on-chips" technology for drug testing

Tokyo, 8 Oct — Researchers in Japan have developed a chip that mimics human organs, a technology that could test the efficacy and side effects of drugs and speed the development of new drugs.

Hiroshi Kimura, a lecturer at Tokai University, and Teruo Fujii, a professor at the University of Tokyo, successfully replicated how a cancer medication absorbed by the bowel is metabolized in the liver and reaches areas affected by lung cancer, the *Nikkei* reported on Wednesday. The chip is used to culture human cells on a palm-sized plastic substrate.

The researchers created tiny chambers to cultivate bowel, liver and lung cells on the substrate and connected these with channels that simulated blood vessels, using etching technology developed for semiconductor.

When a liquid solution that simulates blood is circulated with a pump, the drug absorbed by the bowel cells goes to the liver cells and then reaches the lung cells. In one experiment, the research team tested the efficacy of Irinotecan, a cancer drug metabolized in the liver. Developing new treatments often requires animal testing to confirm the efficacy and safety of drugs before they can be administered to people. But animal testing has limits: A drug may not work the same way in a human as it does in an animal. And rights groups are opposed to many types of testing on animals.

The researchers hope to put the organs-on-chips technology to practical use within five years. Similar work is also underway in the United States, led by the National Institutes of Health. — Xinhua

## Philippine Airlines says considering delaying delivery of Airbus orders

MANILA, 8 Oct — Philippine Airlines (PAL) said late on Tuesday it is considering delaying delivery of Airbus (AIR.PA) planes it has on order as it reviews operations after Filipino billionaire tycoon Lucio Tan resumed management control of the carrier last month.

The airline is currently scheduled to take delivery of its 30th Airbus jet in November under a \$7 billion (4.36 billion pounds) deal to buy 44 new A320 and 20 new A330 aircraft signed in 2012, including firm orders and options for more purchases.

It's scheduled to take 10 more aircraft in 2015 and another 10 in 2016.

"We have to discuss with Airbus," Jaime Bautista, PAL general manager, told reporters at an event in Manila.

"It can be deferred, but of course that entails cost if you defer delivery."

The airline has decided to indefinitely defer planned opening of new routes in Europe, instead focusing on profitable routes in North America amid a shortage of aircraft for long-haul flights in its fleet, Batista said.

Reuters



Philippine Airlines (PAL) planes are seen parked on tarmac in Manila International Airport in Pasay city, metro Manila September 9, 2014. — REUTERS



## Australian PM orders crackdown on visas for radical preachers

SYDNEY, 8 Oct — Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott said on Wednesday that he was ordering a crackdown to prevent radical Islamist preachers entering the country, amidst rising tension with the Muslim community following a series of security-related raids.

Abbott, who recently warned that the balance between freedom and security “may have to shift” to protect against radicalized Muslims seeking to carry out attacks, said hate preachers would now be “red-carded” during the visa process.

The tougher new system, which he said would not require new legislation, comes on the heels of a public meeting in Sydney last week by Hizb ut-Tahrir, an international group that says its goal is to establish a pan-national Muslim state.

Conservative com-



*Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott speaks at a joint news conference with his Malaysian counterpart Najib Razak during an official visit in Putrajaya on 6 Sept, 2014. —REUTERS*

mentators have seized on the speech to urge greater restrictions on radical preachers.

“What we want to do is to ensure that known preachers of hate do not come to this country to peddle their divisive extremist message,” Abbott told reporters in Sydney.

“What I’m doing is declaring that we will hence-

forth have a new system in place which will ensure that preachers of hate can’t come to Australia to peddle their extreme, divisive and alien ideologies.”

Australia is on high alert for attacks by radicalized Muslims or by home-grown militants returning from fighting in the Middle East, having raised its threat level to

high and undertaken a series of high-profile raids in major cities. Officials believe up to 160 Australians have been either involved in fighting in the Middle East or actively supporting groups fighting there. At least 20 are believed to have returned to Australia and have been said to pose a security risk.

Prominent Australian Muslims say their community is being unfairly targeted by law enforcement and threatened by right-wing groups, and there are concerns that policies aimed at combating radical Islamists could create a backlash.

The Hizb ut-Tahrir Islamist group, which has a limited following in Australia and does not advocate violence, has not canceled a public meeting planned for Friday in Sydney, said spokesman Uthman Badar.

The group was not

surprised by the new policy, he said, but it was perplexed because no foreign speakers were invited to the Friday meeting, which is set to discuss US foreign policy in Syria.

“We have long exposed government attempts to silence dissent against its unjust and brutal foreign policies and here we now see moves to legalize this silencing of dissent,” he said in a statement. “The speakers, who have not even been announced, are all local. There are no ‘top draw’ or international speakers. Evidently, the prime minister is not interested in facts when seeking to silence political dissent or whip up Islamophobic hysteria.”

Australia also confirmed on Wednesday that it had begun flying combat operations in Iraq on Sunday, but that its jets had pulled out of their first potential strike against Islam-

ic State militants over fears of killing civilians.

Vice Admiral David Johnston said the militants were moving into built-up areas, effectively using the civilian population as a shield against the coalition’s overwhelming air power.

“Elements of them are moving into built-up areas and that clearly brings a different collateral damage issue with it that we have to manage,” he told reporters. Last week, Abbott said Australian special forces troops would be deployed in Iraq to assist in the fight against Islamic State militants, and that its aircraft would also join US-led coalition strikes.

The United States has been bombing Islamic State and other groups in Syria for almost two weeks with the help of Arab allies, and hitting targets in neighbouring Iraq since August.—Reuters

## Britain arrests four men in operation against Islamist militants

LONDON, 8 Oct — British anti-terrorism police arrested four men in their early 20s in London on Tuesday as part of an investigation into Islamist-related militancy, police said in a statement.

Armed police were present at one of the raids, but no shots were fired, police said. “These arrests and searches are part of an ongoing investigation into Islamist related terrorism,” the statement said. “A number of residential addresses and vehicles are being searched by specialist officers in west and cen-

tral London as part of the investigation.”

A European security source familiar with the case said investigators believe they may have foiled a plot to attack targets in Britain which was in the early stages of planning.

The source said that at least one of the arrested men is believed by British authorities to have spent time in Syria.

Both the counter-terrorism command of Scotland Yard and MI5, Britain’s counter-intelligence agency, were involved in the investigation, the secu-

rity source said.

British police arrested 11 people last month in other Islamist-related operations. It was not immediately clear if the various investigations were connected. In August, Britain raised its international threat level to the second-highest classification of “severe”, meaning an attack was considered highly likely. British Prime Minister David Cameron has said Islamic State militants battling for territory in Syria and Iraq also posed a grave security risk to Britain.

Reuters

## Australian fighter jets cancel IS strike over fears of killing civilians

SYDNEY, 8 Oct — Australian jet fighters pulled out of a potential strike on a moving Islamic State (IS) target in Iraq because of concerns of killing civilians, senior defence personnel said on Wednesday.

Defence chiefs revealed in a media briefing on Wednesday, that the Super Hornet pilots and their commanders stopped pursuing their IS target when

it moved into a populated urban area.

Vice Admiral David Johnston, Chief of Joint Operations, said the jet fighters, which were providing air cover to Iraqi forces on the ground on Sunday night, put the safety of civilians first.

“One of our [Super Hornet] packages on the first night ... had an identified target which it was tracking and that particular

target moved into an urban area where the risks of conducting a strike on that target increased to a point where it exceeded our expectations of collateral damage, so they discontinued the attack at that point,” he told reporters.

He said IS militants were “not moving as freely as they were” since the air strikes began.

Xinhua

## US drawdown in Iraq, Afghanistan dents Israeli arms exports

JERUSALEM, 8 Oct — Israel’s defence exports dropped by almost 13 percent in 2013 as the United States and its allies drew down forces in Iraq and Afghanistan and other foreign buyers trimmed procurement budgets, Israeli officials said on Tuesday.

Israeli arms firms, many of them state-owned, sell some 80 percent of their products abroad - income which helps support the annual defence budget of around \$18 billion.

Defence exports totalled \$6.54 billion in 2013, the Defence Ministry said, compared to \$7.47 billion in 2012.

The decline was attributed to “the trend of tightening defence budgets and big procurement programmes in core markets, headed by the United States and Europe”.

“The exit of coalition forces from Iraq and Afghanistan increased the reduction in demand for defence systems,” the ministry said, listing plane upgrades, avionics, radar systems and drones among Israel’s main defence exports.

A defence official said exports had waned in recent years but that the latest drop-off was “especially significant”.— Reuters



*US soldiers walk past tanks at a courtyard at Camp Liberty in Baghdad on 20 Sept, 2011. — REUTERS*



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**Captain of doomed South Korean ferry apologizes for failure to rescue**

SEOUL, 8 Oct — The captain of a South Korean ferry that capsized in April killing about 300 people, most of them school children, apologized in court on Wednesday for his failure to rescue passengers in the country's worst maritime disaster for decades.

“I have committed a grave crime. I am sorry,” Lee Joon-seok, the 68-year-old captain, was quoted as saying by *Yonhap News Agency*.

Anger and grief gripped the nation after the disaster, and President Park Geun-hye's government was heavily criticized for what was seen as a botched rescue operation.

The overloaded ferry Sewol had capsized while making a turn on a routine voyage to the holiday

island of Jeju. The victims totaled 304 people killed or missing.

Lee was among 15 crew members accused of abandoning the sharply listing ferry after telling the passengers to stay put in their cabins.

Four, including the captain face homicide charges. Lee has denied any intent to kill.

The rest face lesser charges, including negligence. “I know I can't get out of the prison no matter how much my lawyer and God help me. But I can't have my children and grandchildren called a murderer's family,” Lee said.

“I have never had any intent to kill.”

Video footage of the crew abandoning the vessel after instructing the

passengers, mostly teenagers, to remain in their cabins caused outrage across South Korea.

Some crew drank beer while waiting for rescue, one of them told a court, in an admission that fueled greater anger at their conduct during a critical time during the disaster.

The court is expected to rule in November.

In the wake of the disaster, South Korean police launched the country's largest-ever manhunt for Yoo Byung-un, the head of the family that owned the ferry operator, and his family and associates.

Yoo was wanted on charges including embezzlement and negligence that prosecutors contend contributed to the disaster.

*Reuters*

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**Weather report**

**BAY INFERENCE:** According to the observations at (13:30) hrs MST today, the depression over the Andaman Sea has moved to Southeast Bay of Bengal and intensified into a cyclonic storm (Hud Hud).It is centered at about (130) miles Southwest of Coco-Island (Myanmar) and (600)miles southeast of Visakhapatnam(India). It is likely to intensify further and forecast to move West-Northwest ward. Monsoon is weak in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and weather is partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**STATE OF THE SEA:** Squalls with rough sea are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon - Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) m.p.h. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

**CN Rail train derails in Saskatchewan; two cars of distillate burn**

CALGARY, (Alberta) 8 Oct — A freight train derailed in the Canadian province of Saskatchewan on Tuesday, setting two cars carrying petroleum distillate on fire, Canadian National Railway Co (CNR.TO) said.

The railway said the train, travelling from Winnipeg, Manitoba, to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, had three locomotives and was pulling 100 cars. It said 26 cars derailed near the community of Clair. “Of the 26 derailed cars, two cars carrying petroleum distillate have spilled and that's the product that caught fire. There were four other dangerous goods cars; two

of hydrochloric acid, two of caustic soda. They are reported to be intact,” said CN spokesman Jim Feeny.

He said no injuries were immediately report-

ed. The spill was not on the main line. Derailments have become a particularly sensitive issue in Canada since the crude oil train crash in Lac-Megantic,

Quebec, in July 2013 that killed 47 people.

Feeny said he could not immediately confirm what type of tanker car was carrying the distillate. He declined to identify the owner of the product, saying it was confidential customer information.

The Transportation Safety Board of Canada said it was deploying a team of investigators to the site, which is about 124 miles (200 km) east of the city of Saskatoon.

Local media reported some nearby residents in the rural area and about 50 people from Clair had been evacuated.—Reuters



A Canadian National Railway Co train that derailed near Clair, Saskatchewan burns west of Wadena on 7 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS



## ‘Avengers 3’ to have a new cast?



Marvel is reportedly planning to bring in a new team for ‘Avengers 3’ instead of the old team of superheroes.—PTI

LOS ANGELES, 8 Oct — Marvel is reportedly planning to bring in a new team for ‘Avengers 3’ instead of the old team of superheroes.

Since many contracts are going to expire in Phase Three, Marvel reportedly plans to save the original

heroes like Captain America, Thor and Black Widow for later project.

Steve Rogers was previously rumoured to assemble new team at the end of ‘Avengers: Age of Ultron’ that would lead into Phase Three, reported Ace Showbiz.

Another story doing the round is that the third film will be split into two. ‘Age of Ultron’, the second in the Avengers series, is due 1 May, 2015 in the US.

Robert Downey Jr is back as Iron Man, Chris Hemsworth as Thor, Chris Evans as Captain America,

Scarlett Johansson as Black Widow, Jeremy Renner as Hawkeye and Mark Ruffalo as Hulk.

Aaron Johnson and Elizabeth Olsen are added as Quicksilver and his twin sister Scarlet Witch respectively.

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## Jennifer Lawrence says photo hacking is sex crime

NEW YORK, 8 Oct — Oscar winner Jennifer Lawrence, one of dozens of actresses, models and celebrities whose intimate images have been posted online, spoke about the photo hacking scandal for the first time on Tuesday, saying it is a crime and sexual violation.

In an interview with *Vanity Fair* magazine, Lawrence, 24, said she was frightened after the photos were released last month and worried about the impact it would have on her career.

“Just because I’m a public figure, just because I’m an actress, does not mean that I asked for this. It does not mean that it comes with the territory,” Lawrence, who won a best actress Academy Award for “Silver Linings Play-

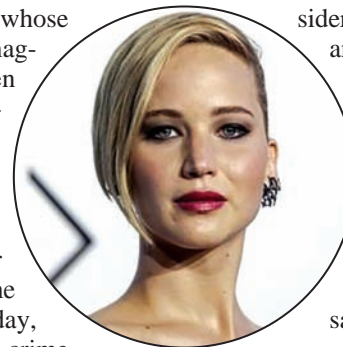
book,” told the magazine.

The star of the blockbuster “Hunger Games” franchise said she considered writing an apology but had been in a loving, four-year relationship and realized she had nothing to say sorry for.

“It’s not a scandal,” she said. “It’s a sexual violation. It’s disgusting. The law needs to be changed, and we need to change.” Lawrence had been dating British actor Nicholas Hoult but the couple reportedly split up this summer.

Photos of Lawrence, model Kate Upton, actress Kirsten Dunst and other women had apparently been hacked from individual iCloud accounts and were uploaded to the image-sharing forum 4chan.

Reuters



## I feel my mother all the time: Angelina Jolie

LOS ANGELES, 8 Oct — Opening up about her mother Marcheline Bertrand who died in 2007 due to ovarian cancer, actress Angelina Jolie said she admired her “softness and strength”.

Jolie, 39, who recently married her longtime partner Brad Pitt, says her mother continues to influence and inspire her even today.

“She was very soft but could move mountains for her kids. That’s something I always admire in women: that mix of softness and strength,” the actress told *Marie Claire*.

Jolie said her mother inspired her to get involved with humanitarian



work from a young age. “She always tried to understand the complexity of the world. She had a great heart, which was sensitive to the world’s violence,” Jolie said.—PTI

## James Bond villain Geoffrey Holder dies

LOS ANGELES, 8 Oct — Geoffrey Holder, the actor who played top-hatted voodoo villain Baron Samedi in James Bond movie ‘Live and Let Die’, has died of pneumonia complication. He was 84.

The actor breathed his last on Sunday in Mount Sinai St Luke’s Hospital in New York, according to producer and family friend Anna Glass, reported Ace Showbiz.

Geoffrey, who was also dancer, choreographer, composer, designer and painter, started his movie career in 1962’s British movie ‘All Night Long’. He later appeared in 1967’s ‘Doctor Dolittle’ along with Rex Harrison, 1982’s ‘Annie’ and 1992’s ‘Boomerang’



Geoffrey Holder with Jane Seymour in a promotional image for *Live and Let Die* (1973).

with Eddie Murphy.

Geoffrey won two Tony Awards for Best Costume Design and Best Direction of a Musical in ‘The Wiz’, an all-black version

of ‘The Wizard of Oz’, in 1975. He also appeared in all-black version of ‘Waiting for Godot’.

Most recently, Geoffrey provided narration for

Tim Burton’s ‘Charlie and the Chocolate Factory’. He is survived by his wife, Carmen de Lavallade, and their son, Leo.

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Author JK Rowling left her fans speculating about a possible return of the boy wizard by dropping hints about ‘Harry Potter’.  
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## JK Rowling sends Twitter in frenzy with Potter hint

LOS ANGELES, 8 Oct — Author JK Rowling left her fans speculating about a possible return of the boy wizard by dropping hints about ‘Harry Potter’.

Rowling told her fans that she was busy working on a novel and “tweaking a screenplay” without giv-

ing anything away as to the titles of the projects she’s working on.

The author is reportedly working on the screenplay of ‘Fantastic Beast and Where to Find Them’.

Rowling followed her update tweet with a cryptic message: “Cry, foe!

Run amok! Fa awry! My wand won’t tolerate this nonsense.”

Re-tweeted thousand times, the riddle has many ‘Potter’ fans speculating whether there would be more stories from the wizard universe.

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## Singer Morrissey reveals treatments for cancerous tissues

MADRID, 8 Oct— British singer Morrissey, who has had to cancel tours in recent years because of ill health, has said in an interview that he received several treatments to remove cancerous tissues.

The former frontman for alternative rock band The Smiths had to put off concerts last year and in 2014 after suffering various ailments, including a bleeding ulcer, double pneumonia and a respiratory infection. But he was not known to have revealed the cancer treatments.

"They have scraped cancerous tissues on four occasions already, but whatever," the 55-year-old Morrissey told Spain's El Mundo newspaper in an interview published on Monday.



English singer Morrissey performs during the Nobel Peace Prize concert in Oslo on 11 Dec, 2013.

REUTERS

"If I die, I die. If not, then no. Right now I feel good," he said, in a wide-ranging discussion in which he reiterated his support for Scottish independence and criticized his former music label, bullfighting and the world

of show business.

The singer, who performed in Lisbon on Monday night and is due to give concerts in Madrid and Barcelona this week, was also asked about recent spells in hospitals.

"I'm conscious that in

recent pictures I don't look too good, but that's what illness does to you," he said. "I'm not going to worry too much about that. I'll rest when I'm dead."

Reuters

## Badminton to make Paralympics debut in Tokyo 2020

BERLIN, 8 Oct — Badminton will make its Paralympics debut in Tokyo in 2020 after the International Paralympic Committee on Tuesday included it in the first batch of approved sports for the event.

Badminton, hugely popular in Asia, is already an Olympic sport.

"I would like to congratulate the 16 sports that we have already confirmed will be included in the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games, in particular badminton, who after missing out four years ago, submitted a very strong application," IPC President Philip Craven said after a governing board meeting in Berlin. "The IPC looks forward to working with the Badminton World Federation (BWF) over the coming years to manage their smooth transition into the 2020 sports programme."

The IPC approved 16 sports, including athletics, archery, equestrian, powerlifting, rowing and wheelchair basketball among other, as part of the Tokyo Paralympics.—Reuters

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## Unemployment still biggest fear for Spaniards

MADRID, 8 Oct— Unemployment is still the biggest worry for Spaniards, according to the most recent barometer for public opinion published by the Centre for Sociological Investigation on Tuesday.

The study, which was carried out well before a Spanish nurse was confirmed as the first person to contract the Ebola virus outside of Africa on Monday, shows that for 75.3 percent of Spaniards unemployment is their main fear, despite improved employment figures in Spain in recent months and optimistic

predictions for growth for 2014 and 2015.

Those improvements were reflected in a slight decline from the 77 percent who said unemployment was a worry in the September study.

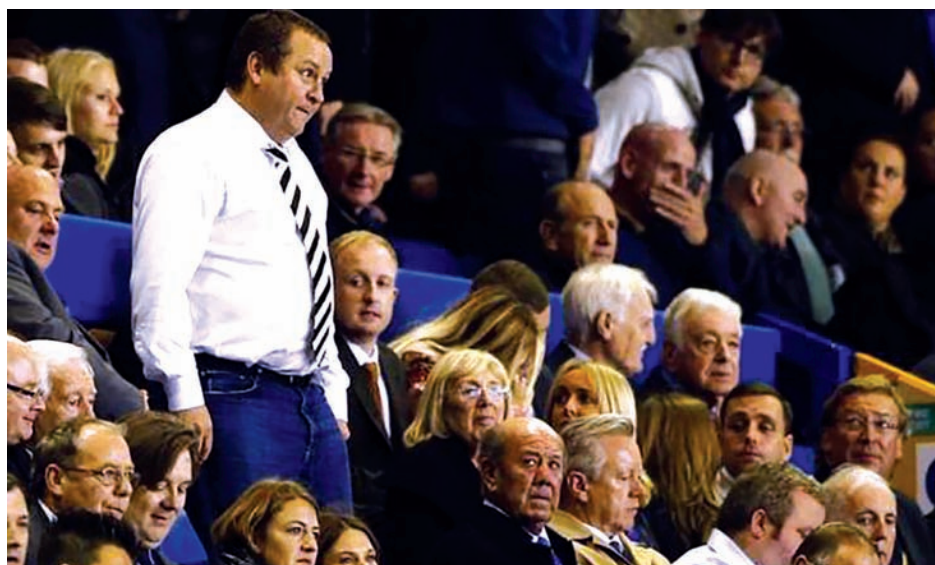
Corruption is the second major worry for Spaniards with 42.7 percent of those asked naming that problem, while the overall economic situation continues to be a major preoccupation for 28.8 percent of the population, slightly more than the 25.8 percent who mentioned the overall political situation in Spain

as a problem for the country.

These worries could explain the continued fall in the popularity of Spain's traditional major parties and the rise of the recently formed Podemos party, led by lawyer Pablo Iglesias.

Despite these worries, the CIS study reflects that 91.9 percent of those asked said they were generally satisfied with their lives with 48.5 percent, considering themselves to have a good state of happiness and 25.8 percent saying they were very happy with only 4.3 percent confessing they were sad.—Xinhua

## Sports Direct's Ashley pushes for shake-up at Rangers



Newcastle United's owner Mike Ashley walks to his seat during their English Premier League soccer match against Everton at Goodison Park in Liverpool, northern England, on 30 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

LONDON, 8 Oct — Mike Ashley, the owner of English Premier League football club Newcastle United, has called for the removal of the chief executive and a director at Rangers after increasing his stake in the Scottish club.

News that the founder of retail group Sports Direct had doubled his stake in the 54-times Scottish football champions to almost 9 percent through his MASH Holdings company, which also owns Newcastle United, emerged last week.

Rangers said on Wednesday that Ashley now wants the club to call a shareholder meeting to forward resolutions to remove

Graham Wallace, CEO since last November, and financial consultant Philip Nash as directors of the company.

The Glasgow club has climbed back within one division of the top flight of the Scottish game after its 2012 collapse under a mountain of debt forced it to relaunch from the fourth tier. However, its progress on the field has been marred by boardroom infighting and further financial losses.

Rangers said it will seek to have Ashley's meeting notice withdrawn on procedural grounds to avoid costs and disruption ahead of the club's annual general meeting.

"The board is united in its support of the executive team. If the notice is valid and is not withdrawn, the directors intend to recommend that shareholders vote against the proposed resolutions," Rangers said in a statement. Ashley's push for a shake-up is the latest in a line of surprise moves by the ambitious billionaire, whose near 58 percent stake in Sports Direct is worth more than 2.1 billion pounds.

Last month he entered into a put option agreement on a small stake in Britain's biggest grocer Tesco and followed that by moving to increase his stake in Debenhams.—Reuters



# Nadal to play in Shanghai despite appendicitis

SHANGHAI, 8 Oct — Rafa Nadal will play in this week's Shanghai Masters despite being diagnosed with appendicitis which will require a surgery, the world number two said on Tuesday.

The Spaniard went to hospital on Sunday after complaining of stomach pains and was given antibiotics which seem to have worked as the 28-year-old, after two days of resting in his hotel room, had a 45-minute practice at the Qizhong Tennis Centre.

"I was in the hospital on Sunday," said Nadal who begins his Shanghai

campaign against compatriot Feliciano Lopez on Wednesday.

"Yesterday the nurse came to my room to give me the treatment again. Today I was at the hospital in the morning again. I had again the antibiotics. It seems like everything is under control now.

"I'm not going to go for surgery. That's great news for me today. That's why I'm here practising for 45 minutes and trying to play tomorrow. But obviously I am not in my best condition.

"The positive thing is I am feeling better today



Rafael Nadal of Spain hits a return during his men's quarter-final match against Martin Klizan of Slovakia at the China Open tennis tournament in Beijing on 3 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS

than yesterday. Yesterday I felt a little bit better than the day before. I hope tomorrow I will feel better than today."

Nadal said he would consult his doctors back in Mallorca before deciding when to remove his appendix.

"I have to talk with my doctors when I get back home. It is true that the doctor here told me that (eventually) I have to take it out. Because when you have it once, the normal thing is that it is going to come back. Sooner or later I have to take it out."

Reuters

## Rooney ready to overtake Greaves, says Milner



Manchester United's Wayne Rooney reacts as he walks off the pitch after being sent off by match referee Lee Mason (not pictured) during their English Premier League soccer match against West Ham United at Old Trafford in Manchester, northern England on 27 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS

LONDON, 8 Oct — James Milner, set to win his 50th England cap against San Marino on Thursday, believes his international captain Wayne Rooney has a good chance of reaching another significant landmark in the coming days.

Rooney, 28, is fourth on England's all-time scoring list with 41 goals in 97 internationals and with Bobby Charlton's all-time record of 49 in his sights, he could move past Jimmy Greaves into third place in the Euro 2016 qualifiers against San Marino and Estonia next Monday.

Greaves scored 44 goals in 57 internationals between 1959 and 1967 and Rooney has the perfect opportunity to overtake the mark and move closer to Gary Lineker, second on the list with 48 goals, against two lowly-ranked opponents.

Manchester City midfielder Milner told reporters

at England's training base at St George's Park that he believes Rooney would go closer to those targets.

"He has had a fantastic career and has scored so many important goals for us so hopefully he can get more over the next couple of games — and years — going forwards.

"It is a good opportunity for him to get those goals now. Maybe it's on his mind. Hopefully he can get past it sooner rather than later and forget about it." Milner, 28, made his England debut against the Netherlands in 2009 and as one of the senior players in the squad, said the players had shown great character following their disappointing World Cup in Brazil when they were eliminated at the group stage.

England played well to beat Switzerland 2-0 in Basel in their first Euro 2016 qualifier last month.

"There are a lot of

players who have played together at club and youth level and it is a very tight-knit group," Milner said.

"Coming out of bad times in a tournament is when you need your team spirit. The talk around the England team when we went to Switzerland was not great but that's when we showed our team spirit, got a great result and played very well.

"Teams with less spirit and togetherness might not have got that result."

It is inconceivable that England will not beat San Marino, the joint-worst team in the world ranked equal 208th by FIFA, and his fellow midfielder Adam Lallana of Liverpool said it was a chance for the team to build on the improvement they showed against Switzerland.

The 26-year-old Lallana, who should win his 10th cap, is still searching for his first England goal and is obviously relishing the opportunity.

"We have to remain focused on ourselves, that's vital. If we achieve that hopefully we can get a convincing win and six points because although Estonia is a difficult place to go to we are expected to win."

England have beaten San Marino 6-0, 7-1, 5-0 and 8-0 in their four previous meetings.

"The players will want to fill their boots and get goals, but you always want to be getting on the score-sheet and if we focus on our game, hopefully we can get a convincing win," Lallana said.—Reuters

## Germany's Draxler doubtful for Poland, Ireland qualifier

BERLIN, 8 Oct — Germany attacking midfielder Julian Draxler is doubtful for the Euro 2016 qualifiers against Poland and Ireland after suffering from flu and failing to join up with the squad on Tuesday.

Germany travel to Warsaw to face Poland on

Saturday before hosting Ireland in Gelsenkirchen on Tuesday in qualifying Group D.

The 21-year-old Draxler was a member of this year's World Cup-winning squad and Germany kicked off their Euro qualifying campaign with a win over Scotland last month.

"Whether Julian will be called up at a later date will be decided in the coming days and after consultation with the medical and sports departments," the team said in a statement.

"So it is still open if he will take part against Poland and against Ireland on Tuesday."—Reuters

## Unhappy goalkeeper Cech eyes Chelsea exit

PRAGUE, 8 Oct — Chelsea's Czech Republic goalkeeper Petr Cech has said he would look for a solution to his plight if he continues to be left on the bench at the Premier League club.

Cech, who has been at Chelsea since 2004, has not started a Premier League game this season having fallen behind Thibaut Courtois in the pecking order after the Belgium goal-

keeper returned from a loan spell at Atletico Madrid.

"I have not spoken to anyone, but I think they know me well enough at the club (Chelsea) to know that the situation is definitely not the way I would imagine," Cech told Czech radio while on international duty.

"With the Euros (in 2016) and the national team in mind, there is no time for me to sit on the bench and

not to play. If the situation will not start to improve for me, then I will want to solve it."

Cech, who is set to start for the Czech Republic against Turkey in a European Championship qualifier on Friday, featured in his only league game this season when he replaced the injured Courtois in the first half against Arsenal on Sunday.

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Chelsea's Petr Cech waves his arms during the English League Cup soccer match against Bolton Wanderers at Stamford Bridge in London on 24 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS