

President U Thein Sein meets former Prime Minister of United Kingdom

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Oct—President U Thein Sein received Mr. Tony Blare, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and party at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw at 11 am on Friday.

Also present at the call were Union Minister U Soe Thane, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Tin Oo Lwin and officials.

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President U Thein Sein cordially greets Mr. Tony Blare, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, at Presidential Palace.

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Myanmar faces a bright future which can, with the right decisions, mean a better life for everybody in the country: IMF Myanmar mission chief

By Ye Myint

WASHINGTON, D.C, 10 Oct—Matt Davies who led

The International Monetary Fund sees a bright economic outlook for Myanmar in which growth is projected to average 8.25 per cent in the next few years.

PHOTO: YE MYINT

an International Monetary Fund (IMF) team to undertake a staff report for the 2014 Article IV Consultation with Myanmar met for an interview with *The Global New Light of Myanmar* on Thursday. The IMF mission chief for Myanmar elaborated on Myanmar's macroeconomic situation and outlook, the main challenges Myanmar faces

while striving to achieve economic success, debt distress risk and the impact of foreign bank entry on the financial sector and small and medium businesses in the country. The IMF issued a press release on the statement by its Executive Board on the 2014 Article IV Consultation with Myanmar on Monday.

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Tourist arrivals to Ngwesaung rise by 102 percent

YANGON, 10 Oct—The number of tourists including both locals and foreigners to Ngwesaung Beach in Ayeyawady Region rose by 102 percent in the last tourism season, according to an announcement released by Ayeyawady Region Hotels and Tourism Development Office.

According to the announcement dated 7 October, the number of tourists to other tourist attractions in the region such as Chaungthar Beach and Patheingyi Township also increased compared with that of last year.

“Compared with the number of tourists in 2013, tourist arrivals to the region increased significantly. Ngwesaung Beach saw a 102-percent increase in the number of tourists while Chaungthar Beach

witnessed a 23-percent rise and Patheingyi Township experienced a 7-percent increase,” said U Aung Thu Oo, an official at the Hotels and Tourism Development Office. The rise in tourist arrivals to the two beaches contributed to that of Patheingyi.

“Either Ngwesaung or Chaungthar beach is only two hours’ drive from Patheingyi. If you leave Yangon at 4 am, you will arrive in Chaungthar or Ngwesaung at around 9 am. Tourists take a rest at the beaches and they spend the night in Patheingyi,” said U Htun Shwe, an hotelier from Patheingyi Township.

In the 2013 tourism season from Jan to Dec, the number of local tourists to Ngwesaung beach totalled 30,819 while that of foreign tourists amount-



Scenic beauty of Ngwesaung beach with bungalows and swimming pool for relaxation of guests.

PHOTO: HTAY AUNG (KYEMON)

ed to 8,927. Local tourists to Chaungthar beach hit 243,050 and a total of 4,167 foreign tourists visited the

beach during the same period, according to the an-

nouncement.—Myitmakha (Edited by MWT of GNLM)



Friendly Myanmar Photo Exhibition held at Yangon National Museum

YANGON, 10 Oct— A photo exhibition entitled “Friendly Myanmar” was opened at the National Museum here on Friday, with an official saying that the event was organized as a gesture of commemorating

the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the diplomatic relations between Myanmar and Japan as well as of honouring the 25th ASEAN Summit, which will take place in Nay Pyi Taw in November 2014.

U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, and U Saw Hla Min, Chairman of the Japan Myanmar Association, made speeches at the opening ceremony.

Mr Ichiro Maruyama, Minister-Counselor of the

Embassy of Japan, also spoke on the occasion, followed by photographer Paul Broman’s briefings on the photo exhibition.

The gallery show displays a selection of 53 unique pictures taken by John Broman and Joshua Broman throughout Myanmar from 1997 to 2014.

The event will be kept open for public observation up to 17 October, with no admission fee.

Phoe Thant

Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin enjoys photo works at Friendly Myanmar photo exhibition.

PHOTO: PHOE THANT

Australia helps Asia-Pacific region with environmental conservation

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Oct—U Aye Myint Maung, Deputy Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry, received a call by a delegation led by Honorary Professor Mr Robert Hill, advisor to the Summit on Mangroves of Asia-Pacific Countries organized by the Department of Environmental Affairs of Australia, at his office here on Friday, sources said.

According to officials, Australia is rendering assistance to Asia-Pacific countries in terms of protection of tropical rainforests, glob-

al climate change and environmental conservation.

Asia-Pacific countries have been invited to a World Park Congress and a Rainforest Summit, both of which will be organized in Australia this year.

Discussions made at the call included how to reduce, monitor, report and verify emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, how to curb illegal logging and how to enhance forest management in partnership with international organizations.

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MoU on legal cooperation signed between Myanmar and Singapore

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Oct—The signing ceremony of the MoU on Singapore-Myanmar integrated legal exchange was held at the Hotel Royal Ace in Nay Pyi Taw on Friday.

At the ceremony, Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin said that the two countries had been cooperating in legal affairs since 1994 and the signing of the MoU marked a new milestone in the legal cooperation between the two countries. Senior Minister of State Ms Indrance Rajah said that Singapore will offer scholarships for masters’

degrees in law at the National University of Singapore and Singapore Management University to Myanmar nationals and will give assistance for short term train-

ings, legal research, on-job trainings and workshops in Myanmar under the MoU.

Then, Director-General U Kyaw Hsan of the Office of Attorney-General of the

Union and Director-General Ms Thian Yee Sze of Ministry of Law of Singapore signed the MoU. Afterwards, the two sides held discussions.—MNA



Union Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin attends signing of MoU on Singapore-Myanmar integrated legal exchange.—MNA

Myanmar faces a bright...

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GNLM: What criteria are used in talking about Myanmar’s macroeconomic situation and outlook that growth is accelerating, with average growth projected around 8.25 per cent in the next few years and inflation should remain broadly stable?

Davies, IMF’s Mission Chief for Myanmar: Growth has strengthened recently as construction and services, including through telecommunications and tourism, expand rapidly. The manufacturing sector is also picking up, as domestic and foreign investment increase. We expect this trend to continue and be further assisted by rising gas production. Inflation will continue to be pressured by rising demand, but with the Central Bank of Myanmar beginning to exercise more active monetary policy, including through less inflationary financing of the budget deficit, we expect price increases to remain moderate for the fore-

seeable future.

GNLM: What are the biggest challenges for medium and long-term prospects in Myanmar? Do you think there are capacity constraints and slow institutional reform? In what areas are policy frameworks needed to be built and realized?

Davies: The main risks to this bright outlook come from the thin cushions that are available to the authorities to absorb shocks. This reflects low levels of international reserves, relatively elevated public debt and policy frameworks that are still under development. In particular, the newly independent central bank is still fine-tuning its monetary policy tools and upgrading its regulatory framework. In addition, taxation policies remain fragmented, leading to low revenue collections. Making progress in these areas will be important in helping the government manage the challenges that Myanmar’s economic success will bring, in particular

from rising foreign inflows and greater foreign participation in the financial sector.

GNLM: You said Myanmar is now at a low risk of debt distress, why?

Davies: The IMF and World Bank make an annual assessment of the risk of debt distress for all low-income countries. This assessment looks at the current level of debt and how it may evolve under a number of different scenarios. When we do this we find that Myanmar’s overseas debt is quite manageable and is unlikely to reach worrying levels even if economic outturns are not as good as we currently project. That’s why we say that there is a low risk of debt getting out of control. When we look at total public debt—including the money owed within Myanmar—this is also projected to remain below risky levels. But shocks could drive it above them. It is therefore important that the government pays careful attention to ensuring borrowing is kept under control and ex-

ternal concessional borrowing is prioritized.

GNLM: What will be the impact of foreign banks entry on Myanmar financial sector, local small and medium-sized businesses hoping to get low-interest loans from them in particular?

Davies: The entry of foreign banks will spur significant changes in the Myanmar financial sector. They will improve access to the international financial system, strengthen the ability of the banking sector to lend to large investment projects and help introduce modern banking practices. However, in the initial stages, the impact on domestic SMEs is likely to be limited as the foreign banks will be constrained to only dealing with foreign firms and domestic banks.

However, there are risks involved in foreign bank entry. In order to manage these risks, it is important that, as planned by the Central Bank of Myanmar, a modernized regulatory structure for the whole banking sector is put

in place before the foreign banks begin their operations.

GNLM: What are the next steps of the IMF to continue technical assistance to Myanmar as IMF directors agreed given Myanmar’s vast transformational needs and limited capacity?

Davies: The IMF has been steadily intensifying its support to Myanmar, which is now the largest recipient of IMF’s technical assistance in the world. The main focus areas are helping build a modern central bank and an effective revenue collection system, and we are also active in budget management and statistics. We provide this capacity building support in a number of ways, including through experts who live in Myanmar and those based in our Bangkok-based technical assistance office for Myanmar. Our support is aimed to be tailored to the particular needs of Myanmar and we work closely with other development partners.

Myanmar is making

great strides towards building the institutions needed to manage a modern, open economy. There is a long way to go before the transformation is complete, and we at the IMF are looking forward to continuing our close partnership with the authorities in this exciting endeavor.

GNLM: What is your message to Myanmar and its people?

Davies: Myanmar faces a bright future which can, with the right decisions, mean a better life for everybody in the country. I wish you all the very best of luck! I feel honored to have had the opportunity to work in such a beautiful country with such friendly, dedicated people.—GNLM

Matt Davies, IMF mission chief for Myanmar, is deputy division chief of the Asia Pacific Department of the International Monetary Fund. He made several visits to Myanmar for the implementation of the staff-monitoring program and Article IV Consultations with authorities in Myanmar.

NATIONAL

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw speaker arrives back from Italy

YANGON, 10 Oct—Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) Thura U Shwe Mann left Fiumicino international airport in Rome of Italy on 8 October night after meeting with family members of Myanmar Embassy.

Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann was seen off at the airport by Myanmar Ambassador U Myint Naung and em-

bassy staff.

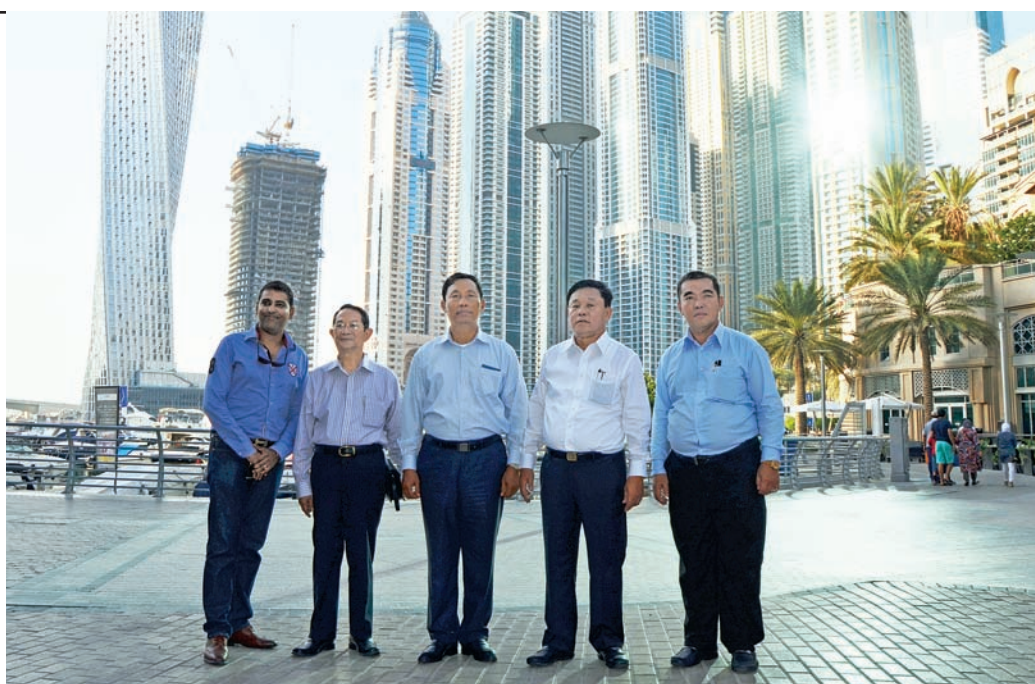
On Thursday, the Speaker and party arrived at Dubai of the United Arab Emirates and visited Damac urban project.

Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann arrived back at Yangon International Airport on Friday morning via Bangkok of Thailand.

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Speaker
Thura
U Shwe
Mann and
party pose
for
documentary photo
in Italy.

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Thai Prime Minister and wife conclude visit



Thai Prime Minister Mr Prayuth Chan-o-cha meets Thai businessmen at Thai Embassy in Yangon.—MNA

YANGON, 10 Oct— Thai Prime Minister Mr Prayuth Chan-o-cha and wife Associate Professor Naraporn Chan-o-cha arrived at Yangon International Airport from Nay Pyi Taw at 9 am on Friday and they were welcomed by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay.

The Thai delegation led by the Thai prime minister and wife paid homage to Buddha images at Shwedagon Pagoda and offered flowers, water and lights to the images.

They donated cash to the fund of the pagoda through the pagoda board of trustees.

The Thai prime minister

met Thai businessmen in Myanmar at the Thai Embassy and viewed round Thai traditional costumes and books on Thai culture and languages donated by Thailand at the Thai Study Center.

The Thai delegation led by the Thai Prime Minister and wife left Yangon International Airport by special flight at 2.40 p.m. They were seen off at the airport by Union Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security U Aye Myint and wife Daw Khin Win Myint, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay and officials.

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MoUs signed for implementation of two thermal power plants in Myeik

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Oct—Hydropower Planning Department under the Ministry of Electric Power, Ratchaburi Electricity Generating Holding Public Co Ltd and Blue Energy & Environment Co Ltd of Thailand Development, Vantage Co Ltd and Kyaw Kyaw Phyto Co Ltd of Myanmar signed an MoU on

Operation and Transformer of Coal-fired Thermal Power Project at Hotal Royal Ace in Nay Pyi Taw on Thursday.

The project will be implemented at the mouth of Taninthayi River in Myeik Township.

Likewise, Hydropower Planning Department, Global Power Synergy

Co Ltd, Sri Synergy Co Ltd and EGAT International Co Ltd of Thailand, Marubeni Corporation of Japan and Ayeyar Hinthar Holdings Co Ltd signed an MoU for implementation of another power plant project in Myeik.

The projects will be implemented through clean coal technology.



The Signing Ceremony of "Memorandum of Understanding" Among

t of Hydropower Planning, Ministry of Electric Power, The Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Ratchaburi Electricity Generating Holding Public Co.,Ltd. (Thailand) And Blue Energy & Environment Co.,Ltd. (Thailand) Development, Vantage Co.,Ltd.(Myanmar) And Kyaw Kyaw Phyto Co.,Ltd. (Myanmar) for The Development, Construction and Transfer of Coal-Fired Thermal Power Plant Project in Myeik Township, Tanintharyi Region

Myanmar, Hungary to promote bilateral relations



Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) U Nanda Kyaw Swa receives Hungarian Ambassador Mr Denes Tomaj.—MNA

Officials of Hydropower Planning Department, Thai companies and local companies sign MoU on implementation of Coal-fired Thermal Power Project.

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NAY PYI TAW, 10 Oct—Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) U Nanda Kyaw Swa received Bangkok-based Hungarian Ambassador Mr Denes Tomaj at the Hluttaw affairs building in Nay Pyi Taw on Thursday.

They held discussions on promotion of bilateral relations between Myanmar and Hungary and co-operation between Hluttaws.—MNA

Respects paid to retired basic education teachers

AYADAW, 10 Oct—A ceremony to pay respects to retired teachers took place at Basic Education High School in Ayadaw of Sagaing Region on 5 October.

Assistant Township Education Officer U Tun Tun Oo explained the purpose of the ceremony. Retired Deputy TEO U Soe Win spoke words of thanks.

Old students and teachers paid respects to the retired teachers and gave gifts and cash assis-



tance. Students of Ayadaw BEHS sang the song in commemoration of the ceremony.—Soe Win Bo (Ayadaw)

Health official gives lectures on Ebola virus



YANGON, 10 Oct—Health Department and Department jointly organized a talk on Ebola Kyauktada Township General Administration.

disease at the Dhammayon in Ward 3 on 7 October and the Dhammayon in Ward 6 on 9 October.

Head of Township Health Department Dr Mya Thet Win explained symptoms of Ebola disease, ways to infect the disease one after another, and preventive measures against Ebola disease.

On 13 October, the officials will give more talks on health knowledge about Ebola disease.

Township IPRD

Villagers in Kalay Township get water sufficiency

KALAY, 10 Oct—The Department of Rural Development funded sinking of a tube-well for local water sufficiency in KanU Village of Kalay Township in Sagaing Region, spending K16.3 million in 2014-15 fiscal year.

Township Develop-

ment Affairs Committee sank a 235 feet deep tube-well in front of the Basic Education Middle School branch.

Local people had taken water from the creek beside the village for many years. Thanks to tube-well, the local people have

water sufficiency, said a local.

Chairman of Kalay District Management Committee U Maung Htoo and officials inspected successful supply of water to the local people on 8 October.

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Indian entrepreneurs to meet Myanmar counterparts



MANDALAY, 10 Oct—With the aim of fostering further relations between Myanmar and India and promoting trade relations, the Enterprise India Show kicked off at the city hall for the first time in Mandalay as of 9 October.

The show displays automobiles, agricultural machinery, electronic equipment, construction materials, textile and cos-

metics, banking services and mining materials.

A total of 70 entrepreneurs showcase their products at over 80 booths.

The similar shows were held in November 2011 and January 2014 in Yangon, said Director Roy Jacob of Confederation of India Industry. "After holding the shows two times in Yangon, we got many orders for purchase of products. As a

main theme, Indian entrepreneurs are willing to put their investment in Myanmar. They wish to improve trade between Myanmar and India. Now, Indian entrepreneurs plan to hold talks with Myanmar entrepreneurs," he said.

The show is being held from 9 am to 7 pm up to 12 October.—Min Htet Aung (Mandalay Sub-printing House)

LOCAL NEWS

Training course polishes capacity of police officers

MANDALAY, 10 Oct—The refresher course 1/2014 for capacity enhancement of police officer was opened at the hall of Mandalay Region Police Force Commander Office in Mandalay on Thursday.

Commander of the region police force Police Col Han Tun made a speech, urging the trainees to make utmost efforts for ensuring prevalence of law and order.

A total of 100 police

officers from Mandalay Region Police Force, Sagaing Region Police Force and No 3 Security Police Branches Control Commander's Office are attending the course up to 22 October. The opening ceremony was also attended by Commander of No 3 Security Police Branches Control Command Police Brig-Gen Maung Maung Khaing and senior police officers.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)



Vendors, shop owners urged not to sell fireworks, fire crackers



MAHLAING, 10 Oct—Township level officials of Mahlaing Township in Mandalay Region on 7 October visited Myoma market and shops in wards whether the vendors sell

fireworks and fire crackers.

Township authorities have announced that the people are not to sell fireworks and fire crackers and play them.

Officials also checked the shops in the Myoma market and urged the shop owners not to sell fireworks and fire crackers.

Aung Htay (Mahlaing)

Mandalay Region secures second position in Regions/States sports competitions



MANDALAY, 10 Oct—Sports competitions are being held in regions and states with the aim of improvement of Myanmar sports standards in 2014.

Mandalay Region

stands the second position by bagging 29 gold, 40 silver and 42 bronze among the regions and states in weightlifting, boxing, traditional boxing, Taekwondo, volleyball, basketball,

Wushu, Judo, table tennis, Pancek Silat, swimming, shooting, chess, Sepak Takraw, hockey and football events.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

International Day for Disaster Reduction marked in Haka

HAKA, 10 Oct—A ceremony to mark the International Day for Disaster Reduction was held at the city hall in Haka of Chin State on Thursday.

Everybody needs to take part in reduction of natural disaster risk, said Chief Minister of Chin State U Hong Ngai.

In-charge of UNDP in Chin State U Tun Tun explained cooperation of his organization with the government in reducing natural disaster risk.

Speaker of Chin State Hluttaw U Hauk Khim Kham and officials presented prizes to winners in the essay and painting



contests.

The chief minister and party viewed round the

booths to mark the commemorative day.

Chin State IPRD

Thadingyut book fairs attract Mandalarian bookworms

MANDALAY, 10 Oct—Thadingyut Book Fair was held in Mandalay with participation of book shops in Mandalay.

Yar Pyae (Mandalay) Literary House on 35th street between 72nd and 73rd

streets held the book fair from 4 to 10 October. The house sold books published from Yar Pyae, Uttara Lamin, Phu Pwint Wai Wai and Alinka at 10%-30% discount.

Nyo Literary House on

71st street between 29th and 30th streets in Chanayethazan Township showcase various subjects of books and publications at special discount from 1 to 15 October.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)



Cabinet approves bill to freeze terrorists' assets in Japan

TOKYO, 10 Oct — The Cabinet approved Friday a bill to freeze assets held in Japan by people and organizations involved in terrorist activities, as Japan aims to work with the international community in its fight against terrorism.

The government hopes to have it pass through the Diet during its extraordinary session through late November. When enacted, the law will regulate financial and real-estate transactions in Japan by 89 terrorist groups and 360 activists, such as Al-Qaeda and Islamic State extremists. No domestic groups have been designated to be subject to asset freezes.

Japan has been urged by the Financial Actions Task

Force, an intergovernmental body aimed at eliminating terrorist financing, to block the transfer of money linked to terrorism. Currently, there is no legal framework to regulate financial transactions involving terrorists within the country.

As Tokyo will host the 2020 Olympics and Paralympics, there are growing calls for Japan to improve its antiterrorism measures through legal changes, although critics of the latest bill are concerned that regulating financial transactions could infringe on people's property rights guaranteed by the Constitution.

Still, the bill states that financial assets needed for personal living will not be

targeted, with a senior official at the National Police Agency saying that "there is no need for concern."

A total of 71 groups, including Al-Qaeda, and 352 people picked by the UN Security Council Sanctions Committees will be subject to the law. The list also includes 18 groups and eight individuals selected by the Group of Seven nations based on UN resolutions.

The law will impose a maximum one-year prison sentence or a fine of up to 500,000 yen on people who defy administrative orders and repeatedly make transactions with a terrorist group or those who are involved in terrorist activities.

Kyodo News



People visit the exhibition during the Trade Expo Indonesia in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 9 Oct, 2014. Trade Expo Indonesia was an annual national showcase of export oriented products and services from all Indonesia.—XINHUA

Pakistani teen, Indian children's right activist win Nobel Peace Prize



Pakistani schoolgirl activist Malala Yousafzai poses for pictures during a photo opportunity at the United Nations in the Manhattan borough of New York on 18 Aug, 2014. — REUTERS

OSLO, 10 Oct — Pakistani teenager Malala Yousafzai, who was shot in the head by the Taliban in 2012 for advocating girls' right to education, and Indian children's right activist Kailash Satyarthi

won the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize on Friday.

With the prize, Yousafzai, 17, becomes the youngest Nobel Prize winner, eclipsing Australian-born British scientist Lawrence Bragg, who was 25 when he shared the Physics Prize with his father in 1915.

Satyarthi and Yousafzai were picked for their struggle against the suppression of children and young people, and for the right of all children to education, the Norwegian Nobel Committee said.

"The Nobel Committee regards it as an important point for a Hindu and a Muslim, an Indian and a Pakistani, to join in a com-

mon struggle for education and against extremism," said Thorbjørn Jagland, the head of the Norwegian Nobel Committee.

"It has been calculated that there are 168 million child labourers around the world today," Jagland said. "In 2000 the figure was 78 million higher."

The world has come closer to the goal of eliminating child labour.

Satyarthi has headed various forms of peaceful protests and demonstrations, focusing on the exploitation of children for financial gain.

Yousafzai was attacked in 2012 on a school bus in the Swat Valley in northwest Pakistan by

masked gunmen as a punishment for a blog that she started writing for the BBC's Urdu service as an 11-year-old to campaign against the Taliban's efforts to deny women an education.

Unable to return to Pakistan after her recovery, Yousafzai moved to Britain, setting up the Malala Fund and supporting local education advocacy groups with a focus on Pakistan, Nigeria, Jordan, Syria and Kenya.



Kailash Satyarthi

The prize, worth about \$1.1 million, will be presented in Oslo on 10 December, the anniversary of the death of Swedish industrialist Alfred Nobel, who founded the award in his 1895 will.

Reuters

Vietnam expects Russia to share experience on defence, security

HANOI, 10 Oct — Vietnam on Thursday sought Russia's help in sharing its experience on defence and security issues.

Speaking at a meeting with Yevgeny Lukyanov, deputy secretary of the Security Council of the Russian Federation (SCRF), in Hanoi on Thursday, Vietnamese Defence Minister Phung Quang Thanh said the cooperation between the two countries would contribute to boosting Vietnam-Russia defence partnership, reported Vietnam's state-run news agency VNA. The Russian guest, for his part, expressed his hope that the cooperation between SCRF and Vietnam's Ministry of Defence would further develop, benefiting all-round

cooperation.

On the same day, Lukyanov also met with Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Pham Binh Minh and Deputy Minister of Public Security To Lam.

During the meetings, the two sides agreed to boost security ties in order to promote national security and public safety, tackle transboundary and cyber crime and continue close coordination at regional and international forums, especially ASEAN-led mechanisms, such as East Asia Summit, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), and the United Nations, for the sake of the two countries and the peace and development in the region and the world at large.—Xinhua

India say's cyclone to intensify

NEW DELHI, 10 Oct — Indian authorities on Friday said Cyclone Hudhud, currently hovering over the Bay of Bengal, would intensify later in the day and expected to trigger downpours in the eastern state of Odisha and the southern state of Andhra Pradesh.

"The cyclone is developing into a severe cyclonic storm and likely to bring heavy rainfall in the two states before finally making a landfall in the port city of Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh and Odisha's coastal districts Sunday," a senior weather official said. Highly placed sources said Indian Home Minister Rajnath Singh this morning discussed preparedness to deal with the aftermath of the cyclone with the Chief Ministers of the two states and offered the central government's help.

"A number of satellite phones have been sent to Odisha anticipating that telecom networks in the state might get affected by the clone," they said.

Thousands of disaster management personnel have been deployed in both the states and the military has also been kept as standby, the sources said. Cyclone Hudhud is named after a bird.—Xinhua



Photo taken on 9 Oct, 2014 shows the tents at a temporary resettlement site in quake-hit Yongping Township of the Jinggu Dai and Yi Autonomous County, southwest China's Yunnan Province. A total of 8,000 tents have been pitched at several temporary resettlement sites in the quake zone.—XINHUA

UN & WORLD

As Obama gave Syria nod, his coalition was still unclear

WASHINGTON, 10 Oct—The effectiveness of the US-led coalition effort in Syria is under scrutiny as Islamic State fighters try to overrun a strategic Syrian town on Turkey's border.

The United States and its allies, including Gulf states, have conducted more than 130 air strikes in Syria against Islamic state militants since 22 September, in the biggest show of Arab support for US-led military action in the Middle East since the 1991 Gulf War.

Reuters interviews with current and former administration officials show that the coalition was still taking shape even as President Barack Obama approved the US military's plan on Thursday, 18 September. "It wasn't clear Thursday morning that you would have five countries flying with us," a senior Obama administration official told Reuters. "(Obama) explicitly wanted to have the biggest coalition possible. And that was part of the reason why it took several days to initiate strikes."

The result — the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Bahrain carried out air strikes alongside the United States, while Qatar flew a defensive mission — allowed Obama to declare the morning after the strikes that "this is not America's fight alone."

The support of his fledgling coalition and backing of Congress forged during those days will be tested during a long-term effort in Syria that may outlast Obama's presidency.

When Obama declared on the night of 10 September in a televised address,

that he would not allow the Islamic State a "safe haven" in Syria, he was explaining to Americans a policy shift he and his advisors had already been quietly detailing for days to members on Congress and their staff.

Their lobbying focused on US military plans to train and equip moderate Syrian rebels, who Obama hoped, in time, would be able to take territory back from the Islamic State. He needed Congress to authorise the training before it went into recess on 19 September.

"We want to move fast and we're sending the language over," Lisa Monaco, Obama's counter-terrorism adviser, told Republican Representative Buck McKeon, the chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, a person familiar with the exchange said.

The urgency was a turnabout for the Obama White House. Long wary of the Syrian rebels, Obama and his aides had sent a proposal for training the rebels to Capitol Hill months before but did not lobby for it aggressively at the time, congressional aides and former US officials said.

Obama personally met congressional leaders the day before his speech, assuring them that he would not deploy American ground troops. The top Republican in Congress, Speaker of the House of Representatives John Boehner, went along with the plan, which was key to winning enough support from his party to pass the measure.

Representative Adam Smith, the top Democrat on the House Armed Services

United States President Barack Obama departs the White House, en route to California, in Washington, on 9 Oct, 2014. Obama will stop in Los Angeles and San Francisco during his three-day trip.
REUTERS



Committee, described the administration's outreach as "very aggressive" and couched in reassurances that Gulf allies would be there.

"So it would not be just us sticking our neck out. It (the anti-IS push) would be in coordination with our local partners," Smith said.

Smith said he had several calls from Susan Rice, White House National Security Advisor, and even one call from Obama. All had the same message: "Please pass this."

The political stakes for Obama were hard to understate — particularly after Congress balked last year when he presented plans for air strikes to punish Syrian President Bashar al-Assad for using chemical weapons against his own people.

As the House debated the amendment to allow for the training, a member of the Democratic leadership admonished one member who said he would vote his conscience.

"You're going to destroy the administration," the lawmaker said, punctuating his remarks with a curse, according to an aide who was told about the exchange. The measure

passed the House of Representatives on 17 September and the Senate on 18 September.

One of the challenges for Obama going into the battle against Islamic State was to convince allies in the region that the United States would actually follow through with threats of military action.

Only a year earlier Obama had shied away from air strikes in Syria over Assad's use of chemical weapons, and his 10 September speech was not followed by any immediate action in Syria. At one point, aides used phrases such as "if the president" chooses to act.

Secretary of State John Kerry was tasked with repairing damage to US-Saudi ties, which had been strained by Obama's long reluctance to get militarily involved in Syria. Kerry had been laying the groundwork for this with Saudi officials from King Abdullah on down during a series of trips to the region.

Initially, the Saudis made no effort to hide their suspicion that in the end, Washington would do nothing, US officials said.

Reuters

UN Secretary-General's Message on the International Day of the Girl Child

11 October 2014

Following is UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's message on the International Day of the Girl Child, to be observed 11 October:

All over the world, an alarming number of adolescent girls are assaulted, beaten, raped, mutilated and even murdered. The threat of violence at the hands of family members, partners, teachers and peers grossly violates their rights, diminishes their power and suppresses their potential.

This violence is exacerbated and reinforced by the multiple deprivations adolescent girls face, including unequal access to education, skills, information, sexual and reproductive health services and social and economic resources. Girls are subjected to discriminatory social norms and harmful practices — such as female genital mutilation — that perpetuate a cycle of violence. A culture of impunity allows violence against adolescent girls to continue unabated. Conflict and humanitarian crises dramatically increase the risk of violence, abuse and exploitation.

My UNiTE to End Violence against Women campaign is engaging Governments, international organizations, civil society groups, the media and citizens everywhere to raise awareness and increase political will and resources for preventing and ending violence against women and girls. A parallel campaign — He-ForShe — emphasizes that gender equality is not just a women's issue by enrolling males to act against all forms of violence and discrimination against women and girls. As we define the post-2015 development framework and review progress achieved under the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, ending gender violence and promoting the empowerment of girls and women must be at the heart of our global agenda.

To end the cycle of violence against adolescent girls we must go beyond raising awareness and take action to equip girls with knowledge, skills, resources and power to determine their own path in life. We must provide them with safe transport and access to sources of energy and water, quality health services and supportive environments that will allow them to thrive.

On this International Day of the Girl Child, I call on all Governments to take action to end all forms of violence against girls in all parts of the world. Together, we must create a world where violence against women and girls is never tolerated and girls are always empowered to reach their full potential. —UNIC/Yangon

Taiwanese men arrested in record Australian drug bust

SYDNEY, 10 Oct—Australian police have arrested six men from China's Taiwan on Friday in Perth in a record-breaking drug bust involving 90 kg of methamphetamine worth 63 million Australian dollars (55 million US dollars).

The joint investigation by Western Australian and federal police, Australian Crime Commission, and the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service began in July after 117 kg of methamphetamine, or ice, was seized from a Melbourne apartment. Four Taiwanese men were arrested in that raid and information led investigators

to Perth, where authorities uncovered what they believe is a South-East Asian-based trafficking racket.

Two 25-year-olds, two 27-year-olds, a 24-year-old and a 20-year-old, all males, were charged with trafficking offences. It is the biggest ever methamphetamine seizure in Western Australia. AFP commander Matt Rippon told reporters that those arrested in Melbourne and Perth are a part of a well-established international criminal syndicate targeting Australia.

The six men will appear in Perth Magistrates Court later on Friday.

Xinhua



Argentinean President Cristina Fernandez (C, rear) reacts during a videoconference with Russian President Vladimir Putin in a launching act of the Federal System of Audience Measurement (SIMEFA, for its acronym in Spanish), in Santa Cruz, Argentina, on 9 Oct, 2014. Cristina Fernandez launched the SIMEFA during an act that counted with a videoconference of Vladimir Putin, to inaugurate the broadcast of the Russian television network RT in Spanish, in the open digital television (TDA, for its acronym in Spanish), according to the local press.—XINHUA

PERSPECTIVES

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Difficulty does not necessarily mean impossibility, so just remain patient

By Kyaw Thura

All things are difficult before they are easy. They are the words Thomas Fuller once said. This reminds us all that people throughout history have been inspired by big dreams and great desires in the belief that 'tough times never last but tough people do'. The world has come to this far thanks to their relentless and insatiable thirst for constant im-

provement and betterment.

As is known to all, Rome was not built in a day. In other words, there is no such thing as something for nothing. It always takes something to realize something. In this respect, patience seems to be a forgotten word.

Ironically, patience is our innate quality. None of us bothers ourselves with flying into a rage while queuing for tickets or while waiting for an appointment with our seniors. Under such circumstances, we tend to stay calm in spite of occasional anger and emotional upset.

Nothing will last when done hastily. It takes time, effort and patience for anything to complete as flawlessly as possible. In fact, patience is concerned with living in the situation in hand and waiting for something special to happen, even if it takes months or years, as long as it manifests itself to us in the way we have been expecting.

There is a Myanmar saying that goes "To achieve better things in life, remain patient." This shows that patience can affect our decisions and actions. Unless we take some time for our dreams to come true, unhappy endings will follow. We should therefore keep in mind that nothing in the world comes without difficulty. It will be our level of patience that will determine our future.

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The meaning of Buddhism*Ba Sein (Religious Affairs)*

THE Buddhist ascends to Nibbana through many stages of the middle way, the path of wisdom, morality and control. There is not space enough here even to mention these phases or the various aspects of regimen recommended by the Omniscient Buddha in his vast scriptures, but it may be taken for granted that the life of the conscientious Buddhist is full and rich. Through the cycle of rebirths he ascends, he perfects himself; he conquers his cravings through wisdom and love. Slowly the Kammic force ebbs away, the flame dies down.

At the root of man's trouble is his primal state of ignorance. From ignorance comes desire, which sets the Kammic force in motion. Hence, the way to Nibbana lies through knowledge, and we come again full cycle to Dhamma, the Omniscient Bud-

dha's teachings. For in Dhamma, as truth, lies release from ignorance and desire, and perpetual change, and the Buddha has shown us the way to truth.

What, then, is the meaning of Buddhism? Ultimately Buddhism, although not strictly speaking a religion, is a systematic exercise in spirituality, certainly one of the greatest ever conceived. It offers the individual a means by which he may fulfill himself through understanding, reaching eventually the plane of supra person on which both self and self-knowledge are no longer useful. Meister Eckhart, the Great Christian Mystic said: "The Kingdom of God is for none but thorough dead". The Buddhist would agree, though he would probably prefer a less grim way of saying it. Nibbana in life, the peace which, "pass the all understanding" is the conquest of

life, the discovery of the permanent in its flux of psychophysical accidents and circumstances. The Buddhist believes that through meditation and good hard thought he follow the Omniscient Buddha through the successive stages of enlightenment and achieve at last the perfect wisdom which surmounts all need.

But by no means, all Buddhists are monks or adepts. What does Buddhism mean for the ordinary persons going about his work in the world? All through the Omniscient Buddha's teaching, repeated stress is laid on self-reliance and resolution. **Buddhism makes man stand on his own feet, it arouses his self-confidence and energy. The Omniscient Buddha again and again reminded. His followers that there is no one, either in a heaven or on earth, who can help them or free them from the results of their past evil deeds.** The Buddhist knows that the

powers of his own mind and spirit are enough to guide him in the present and shape his future and bring him eventually to the truth. He knows that he possesses a strength which is ultimately unsurpassable.

Moreover, Buddhism points unequivocally to the moral aspect of everyday life. Though Nibbana is amoral, in the sense that final peace transcends the conflict of good and evil, the path to wisdom is definitely a moral path. This follows logically from the doctrine of Karma. Every action must produce an effect, and one's own actions produce an effect in one's own life. Thus the Karmic force which carries us inevitably onward can only be a force for good, that is, for our ultimate wisdom, if each action is a good action.

This doctrine finds its highest expression in Metta (loving-kindness), the Buddhist goal of universal and all-embracing love. Metta means much more than brotherly feeling or kindheartedness, though these

are parts of it. It is active benevolence, a love which is expressed and fulfilled in active ministry for the uplifting of fellow beings. Metta (loving-kindness) goes hand in hand with helpfulness and willingness to forego self-interest in order to promote the welfare and happiness of mankind. It is Metta (loving-kindness) which in Buddhism is the basis for social progress. Metta (loving-kindness) is finally, the broadest and interest conceivable degree of sympathy, expressed in the throes of suffering and change. The true Buddhist does his best to exercise Metta (Loving-Kindness) toward every living being and identifies himself with all, making no distinctions whatsoever with regard to caste, colour, class or sex.

In addition, of course, the teachings of the Omniscient Buddha are a prime cultural forces in oriental life, just as the Bible is the ultimate source of much western art and thought. The Buddhist scriptures in translation would fill a doz-

en volumes. In Pali, the language of the scriptures, the Omniscient Buddha's teachings are called Tipitaka, which means, "The Three Baskets."

Vinaya Pitaka, "the basket of Discipline", consists of five books which expound the rules of monastic life, Sutta Pitaka, "The basket of Discourses", is a collection of discussions, stories, poems and proverbs, written in simple language, imparting all the precepts of practical Buddhism. The third basket; Abhidhamma Pitaka or "the Basket of Ultimate Things", deals with epistemological, metaphysical and psychological matters and is of interest mainly to trained philosophers.

Thus the Tipitaka offers cohesive guidance at every level of intellectual, ethical and spiritual activity. The Omniscient Buddha's word is light a lamp not only for all Buddhists but also for all.

Ref: *Essential Themes of Buddhist lectures by Ashim Thittila, Aggama-hapandita*

ONCB Secretary-General studies alternative development activities in Shan State

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Oct —Secretary-General Permpong Chaovalit of the Office of the Narcotics Control Board of Thailand and member and the Thai media, together with Director-General U Htwe Hla of Alternative Development Implementation Board of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control of Myanmar and the local journalists, visited Phathi (Upper) Village in Tachil-

ek on Friday.

They studied alternative development activities there and attended the ceremony to hand over a school building in Mongkin Village in Monghsat Township. Then, they donated medicines, farming equipment and sports gears for the school.

The delegation also went to Naryaung-Narkha Village, Mahin Village, Mongton Village and Lwe-

payinhit Village and viewed the alternative development implementation activities there. —MNA

Secretary-General Permpong Chaovalit of the Office of the Narcotics Control Board of Thailand and party present assistance to Mongkin Village of Monghsat Township.

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NATIONAL

WB implements agricultural development projects in three regions

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Oct — Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing held a talk with a delegation led by Mr Paavo Eliste of Teams of Technical Appraised Mission of World Bank at the ministry on Friday.

They discussed development of agricultural sector and progress of Agricultural Development Support project (ADSP).

The union minister thanked the World Bank for carrying out agricultural development projects

in Mandalay, eastern Bago and Sagaing regions to ensure food sufficiency.

The team leader of the mission explained the plan to implement the project meeting the international standard.

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Huawei Ascend Mate7 and G7 handsets introduces with EMUI 3 and built in Myanmar Keyboard

YANGON, 10 Oct — Huawei Myanmar has introduced its new products, Huawei Ascend Mate 7 and G7, with a country director saying that both handsets feature more functions.

In an launching event which took place at the Parkroyal Hotel in Yangon, Mr. Rosan Luo, Country Director of Huawei Device Myanmar, explained Ascend Mate7 is now with such specifica-

tions as 1st Single-touch fingerprint, six-inch screen display, localization support, built-in Myanmar fonts plus a Zawgyi keyboard, the third generation of emotional user interface (EMUI), a gallery by location and time, timeline localization support, best security system, 8+1 Core Processor, 4GB of RAM, 13MP rear camera, 5MP front camera, 4100 mAh battery, and a

finger print sensor.

He added that more and more innovative new products are being made for Huawei brand users. Huawei Ascend Mate7 can be used with both WCDMA and CDMA 800MHz SIM cards and will be sold for around K 480,000.

The other new product, G7 with a 5.5-inch screen display can be bought for around K 250,000.

Phoe Thant



Model girls display Huawei Brand new products Huawei Ascend Mate 7 and G7 handsets at the Parkroyal Hotel.
Photo: PHOE THANT

YANGON, 10 Oct—The British Council and the UK Trade and Investment jointly conducted a panel discussion to bring culture to the fore in Myanmar's public policy while recognizing the social and aesthetic value of culture and the potential benefits it can bring to the country's budding economy.

The event on Thursday was joined by four panelists, including the UK Trade envoy and independent film producer Lord Putnam.

Lord Putnam, who is now in Myanmar to identify business opportunities for British companies and participate in discussions on public policy and culture, called culture a driv-

Panel discussion conducted to bring culture to the fore in Myanmar's public policy

By Khaing Thanda Lwin

ing force in uniting nations and peoples.

The GDP in UK's creative industry is higher than in other industries, with roughly 2 million people being employed in this industry, he said, adding that advice should be offered to the new generation of artistes in enlivening their traditional arts and culture.

Swe Zin Htike, a Myanmar former actress, said that traditional media should collaborate with independent filmmakers to expand both local and foreign markets, urging those

engaged in film making to change their mindsets and help develop the Myanmar's film industry.

In a discussion, Nay Lin Soe, Founder of Myanmar Independent Living Initiative (MILI), explained the role of persons with disability in culture, urging people not to leave the disabled behind in the bid to build a modern developed country. Rector U Kyaw Oo, one of the panelists, discussed the functions and duties of the departments of the National University of Arts and Culture, re-

MoU on establishment of foreign ministry consultations signed

Australian Ambassador Ms Bronte Nadine Moules and Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Thant Kyaw exchange notes for MoU on establishment of foreign ministry consultations.

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NAY PYI TAW, 10 Oct — The signing ceremony of Memorandum of Understanding on the establishment of foreign ministry consultations between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the

Union of Myanmar and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Australia was held on Friday at the ministry.

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Thant Kyaw and Ms Bronte Na-

dine Moules, Australian Ambassador to Myanmar signed the MoU.

Also present were directors-general and officials from the ministry and officials from Australian Embassy in Yangon.—MNA

Coordination meeting on preparations for 25th ASEAN Summit and related meetings held in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Oct — A Coordination Meeting on preparations for ASEAN Senior Economic Officials was held at the Lake Garden Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw on Friday.

It was attended by a total of 45 representatives including senior economic officials from ASEAN countries and the deputy secretary general of the ASEAN.

The meeting discussed the report of the ASEAN Economic Community Council to be submitted to the 25th ASEAN Summit, the assessment report on

implementation of the ASEAN framework for equitable economic growth and development of the framework for private-public partnership for ASEAN countries and the framework for ASEAN community beyond 2015. In addition, the participants exchanged views on topics to be included in the declaration of the chairman at the 25th ASEAN Summit.

ASEAN senior economic officials and representatives will also attend the coordination meeting for the 25th ASEAN Summit on 11 October.

Coordination meeting on joint preparations for the ASEAN plus Three meeting and East Asia Summit were also held at the Grand Amara Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw on Friday.

The meeting were chaired by Director-General U Aung Lynn of the ASEAN Affairs Department and attended by senior officials from the ASEAN plus Three countries. The meetings focused on review of current cooperation and future tasks, topics to be discussed at the 25th ASEAN Summit.

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quirements for admission to the university and its academic schedule, urging young people not to misuse

social media like Facebook but maintain the country's traditional customs and culture.—GNLM



Local and foreign panelists discuss the roles of culture in the country's development at UMFCFI in Yangon..—PHOTO: KHAING THANDA LWIN

Ten killed, including police, as violence sweeps southeast Turkey

ISTANBUL / MURSIPTINAR, 10 Oct — At least ten people died in eastern Turkey when gunmen opened fire on police, and Kurds angry over a siege by Islamist militants on their ethnic kin in Syria clashed with other groups in the country's sixth largest city, local media said on Friday.

Intense fighting continued in the Syrian Kurdish border town of Kobani, where a more than three-week-old assault by Islamic State fighters has infuriated Turkey's 15 million strong Kurdish minority, which wants Ankara to intervene militarily.

Automatic gunfire echoed across the border but a Kurdish military official said the advance by Islamic State militants on the town had been slowed by ongoing US-led coalition airstrikes.

The unrest in Turkey over the fate of Kobani risks stirring up deep-running ethnic divisions there and wrecking a delicately poised peace process aimed at disarming fighters from the out-

lawed Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), who have been fighting a 30-year-old insurgency against the Turkish authorities demanding more autonomy.

At least 25 people were killed earlier in the week as violence erupted during pro-Kobani demonstrations in towns and cities across the country.

A police chief and a policeman were seriously injured and two officers killed on Thursday after unidentified gunmen opened fire with automatic weapons as they inspected shops damaged during troubles earlier in the week in the eastern province of Bingol, according to *Dogan News Agency*.

Four of the alleged attackers were later killed and two more were caught following a shootout with security forces, the agency reported.

No details of the attackers were available early on Friday and no one claimed responsibility for the reported assassination attempt, the first of its kind since a senior

police officer was gunned down in Diyarbakir in 2001.

"Terrorists responsible for this (attack), were punished within one or two hours, all necessary measures taken," Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu told reporters in Ankara on Friday, without giving further details.

The southeastern border province of Gaziantep saw some of the worst violence overnight, when four people were killed and 20 were wounded as armed clashes broke out between protesters demonstrating in solidarity with Kobani and groups opposing them.

Footage showed crowds of mostly men armed with guns, swords and sticks roaming the street of Gaziantep, and two local branches of the Kurdish People's Democratic Party (HDP) in Gaziantep were set on fire, *Dogan News Agency* reported.

Police officers were also targeted in attacks in the southeastern province of Siirt, the southern province



A woman walks past a tank from which Turkish soldiers keep guard on a main street in Diyarbakir on 9 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS

of Mersin and the eastern Tunceli Province, local media reported, whilst government buildings including police headquarters came under attack.

The fledgling Kurdish peace process championed by Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan has helped smooth over some of the bitterness created by the three dec-

ade insurgency which left an estimated 40,000 people dead, but recent clashes risk re-opening old wounds.

Kurdish anger over Kobani has also revived long-standing grudges between sympathizers of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) and Turkey's Hizbullah, a radical Islamist group with strong anti-PKK lean-

ings.

Speaking on Wednesday, Davutoglu warned against jeopardizing efforts to find a lasting peace.

"Where there is no public order, there won't be a peace process, there will be nothing," he said during a speech in Ankara, in reference to the unrest earlier in the week.—Reuters

Anti-EU party wins first British parliament seat in landslide victory

CLACTON-ON-SEA (England), 10 Oct—Britain's anti-EU UK Independence Party won its first elected seat in parliament on Friday by a huge margin and came a close second in another vote, proving it poses a threat to the country's two main parties in a national election next year.

UKIP, which wants a British EU withdrawal and strict curbs on immigration, was expected to do well in both votes. But the unexpectedly wide margin of its victory in the seaside town of Clacton and its strong performance in an election in northern England came as a surprise.

In Clacton, it won 60 percent of the vote, up from zero in 2010 when it didn't contest the area. In Heywood and Middleton, in northern England, a traditional stronghold for the opposition Labour party, it got almost 39 percent of the vote, up from less than 3 percent in 2010.

"There is nothing that we cannot achieve," Douglas Carswell, Clacton's new UKIP member of parliament, told supporters.

Quoting Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and the words of John Wy-



United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP) candidate Douglas Carswell (L) reacts next to the Conservative Party candidate Giles Watling after winning the by-election in Clacton-on-Sea in eastern England on 10 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS

cliffe, a 14th Century dissident translator of the bible into English, Carswell said he backed "government of the people, by the people, for the people."

"The governing can no longer presume to know what is right for the governed," he said immediately after he was declared the winner. "Crony corporatism is not the free market. Cosy cartel politics is not meaningful democracy. Change is coming."

There is little prospect of UKIP winning more than a dozen of 650 seats in a national election in May next year. But its growing success

threatens to split the centre-right vote and chip away at the traditional left-wing vote too making it harder for any one party to win an outright majority.

That increases the likelihood of a hung parliament, another coalition government, and potential political instability in the world's sixth largest economy.

UKIP's success is also likely to increase pressure on Prime Minister David Cameron to become more Eurosceptic, three years before a referendum on European Union membership which he has promised to hold if re-elected.

Douglas Carswell, a Eurosceptic, defected from Cameron's Conservatives in August, triggering Thursday's Clacton vote. He switched allegiance because he said he doubted the prime minister's determination to reform the EU.

Cameron has promised to try to renegotiate Britain's EU relationship before offering voters an in/out membership referendum in 2017.

But some of his own lawmakers are sceptical about his resolve to push for real change, viewing his promise as a tactical move to try to hold his divided party together. With a population of 53,000, Clacton, once a thriving seaside resort, began to decline as Britons turned to cheap foreign package holidays in the 1980s. It now earns its keep from retirees and day trippers from London.

Retirement homes line the seafront, gaudy arcades filled with slot machines and bookmakers dominate the town centre, and caravan parks luring low-income families with cheap deals sit on the outskirts along with Jaywick, an area officially rated as one of the most deprived in the country.

Reuters

Nine killed including UN peacekeeper in Central African Republic

BANGUI, 10 Oct—A UN peacekeeper from Pakistan was killed in an ambush in the capital of Central African Republic on Thursday bringing the death toll in 48 hours of fighting to at least nine, according to the United Nations and the country's Red Cross.

Human Rights Watch said the unrest is the most serious in months in a country where thousands have died and more than 1 million have fled in two years of conflict over power and resources.

Gunfire and explosions rang out in Bangui on Thursday. Streets emptied, shops closed and youths blocked roads with barricades in unrest that appeared to centre on the mainly Muslim KM-5 neighbourhood.

In all, 25 people excluding peacekeepers have been wounded since Tuesday, the Red Cross said.

Soldiers from the French and UN peacekeeping mission patrolled the KM-5 area, witnesses said. The ambush, however, occurred in the KM-11 neighbourhood on the outskirts of the city. A peacekeeper was seriously wounded in that attack on troops from Pa-

kistan and Bangladesh and seven others were also lightly wounded, said the head of the UN mission, General Babacar Gaye. He condemned the attack and called for dialogue.

"In the next 72 we will know the impact of these events. Anything is possible. It might calm down or it might not," he told *Reuters* by telephone. The United Nations in mid-September took over the peacekeeping mission that was previously run by the African Union.

Central African Republic, which is poor despite gold and diamond reserves, was plunged into chaos as mostly Muslim Seleka rebels seized power in March 2013. Their rule was marked by abuses that prompted a backlash from Christian and animist militia known as "anti-balaka". France sent troops to its former colony and an existing African peacekeeping force was beefed up.

Sporadic violence has continued despite the Seleka leader's resignation from the presidency in January and the formation of a transition government led by Catherine Samba-Panza.

Reuters

BUSINESS & HEALTH

China to allow individuals to invest abroad



BEIJING, 10 Oct — China is considering allowing individuals to directly invest in overseas markets, a central bank official revealed on Thursday.

Currently, only institutions can invest abroad under a scheme called “Qualified Domestic Institutional Investors” (QDII). More than 100 institutions are qualified at present, with a combined quota of 76.8 billion US dollars.

Wang Dan of the People’s Bank of China (PBoC) said the central bank is working on a QDII2, to allow Chinese people to trade stocks on

foreign bourses and hold other assets. In addition, the PBoC is considering “RMB Qualified Domestic Institutional Investors” (RQDII), which means institutions would be able to use the Chinese yuan to invest abroad rather than convert into local currency.

Both outbound and inbound investment across China’s border are still subject to many restrictions as the country’s capital account is not open and the yuan not fully convertible, though cross-border use of the yuan is being gradually liberalized.

Xinhua

Over 1,800 new dengue cases reported in south China

GUANGZHOU, 10 Oct — A total of 1,826 new cases of dengue were confirmed in south China’s Guangdong Province on Wednesday, local authorities said on Thursday.

The provincial health and family planning commission reported that the number of dengue infections rose to 26,270, with the capital, Guangzhou, hit worst with 22,378 cases.

The disease, which has killed six people, has been detected in 20 prefecture-level cities in the province, where the outbreak this year is believed to be the worst in two decades.

The government and public have sprayed insecticide to kill the mosquitoes that spread the virus.

“We are screening 500 to 600 people for dengue symptoms each day now. The number was 1,000 a day several days ago,” said Yin Chibiao, president of the No 8 People’s Hospital of Guangzhou.

Xinhua

Three Malaysian lenders strike deal to form mega bank

KUALA LUMPUR, 10 Oct — CIMB Group Holdings Bhd, which owns Malaysia’s second-largest bank, has secured a deal to take over two other financial institutions in a bid to become the country’s biggest bank, the parties involved said in a joint statement on Thursday.

Under the deal, CIMB will take control of RHB Capital Berhad, the coun-

try’s fourth-largest lender, via a share swap.

CIMB shareholders will own 70 percent of the merged CIMB-RHB Group and RHB Capital shareholders the remaining 30 percent.

At the same time, the Islamic banking arms of CIMB and RHB will merge with Malaysia Building Society Bhd., a nonbank property financing compa-

ny, to form a mega Islamic bank that will become a subsidiary of the merged CIMB-RHB entity.

The due diligence process will now commence for the proposed merger, which has been submitted to the central bank, Bank Negara, for approval. The parties hope to complete the deal by mid-2015.

The three parties had in July obtained Bank Ne-

gara’s consent to initiate talks. They had signed a 90-day exclusivity agreement to negotiate and finalize pricing and structure among others. That 90-day exclusivity clause expired on Wednesday.

“The merged entity will be a major ASEAN financial powerhouse and a mega-Islamic bank,” the statement said.

Kyodo News

Asian shares, oil prices tumble on growth worries



A man is reflected on a screen displaying a graph showing movements of the Tokyo Stock Exchange Stock Price Index (TOPIX), outside a brokerage in Tokyo on 14 April, 2014.— REUTERS

TOKYO, 10 Oct — Asian shares shuddered and Brent crude oil prices tumbled to their lowest since 2010 on Friday after weak German export data raised fears that Europe’s economic woes could drag down the global economy.

A bleak market day dawned in Europe, where futures for the Euro STOXX 50 STXEc1, the UK’s FTSE 100 FFIc1, Germany’s DAX FDXc1 and France’s CAC FCEc1 were all down more than 1 percent, indicating that opening losses were likely.

“European markets face the prospect of a weak open and the bulls will

hope for improvement in French and Italian industrial production today. One suspects the negative news low will continue,” Chris Weston, chief market strategist at IG in Melbourne, said in a note.

Many investors fear that the gradually recovery US economy — the world’s largest, but comprising less than a quarter of the entire global economy — cannot escape unscathed as Europe stalls and other big economies, including China, Japan and Brazil, face their own hardships.

“The global economy continues to recover mod-

erately. But the degree of recovery varies quite a lot from country to country,” Japanese Finance Minister Taro Aso told reporters in Washington, where he’s attending the annual International Monetary Fund meetings. MSCI’s broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan .MIAPJ0000PUS shed 1.5 percent in late afternoon trade, leaving it down 0.8 percent for the week.

Japan’s Nikkei share average .N225 ended down 1.2 percent as the yen strengthened on safe-haven bids, and skidded 2.6 percent this week. Japanese markets are closed on Monday for a holiday.

Hong Kong’s Hang Seng Index .HSI was down 1.8 percent, undermined by global growth fears as well as concern about a possible flare-up in pro-democracy protests there after students said they would maintain their campaign after the city government cancelled talks.

Worries about global growth hit oil prices hard. European benchmark Brent crude oil LCOc1 fell as low as \$88.11 a barrel, its lowest since December 2010. It last stood at

\$88.77, down 1.4 percent on the day. US crude futures CLc1 plunged 1.9 percent to \$84.14, after dropping as low as \$83.59, their lowest since July 2012.

The latest tumble was a reverberation from Germany’s downbeat data on Thursday, which showed exports from the engine of the euro zone economy fell 5.8 percent in August, the worst decline since January 2009.

A string of dismal data from Germany in recent weeks has fed anxieties about recession in the euro zone. Wall Street stocks slumped 2 percent on Thursday, with the S&P 500 index .SPX hitting a two-month closing low.

The CBOE volatility index .VIX, a measure of investor anxiety, rose to highs not seen since early February. “If US stocks jumped back today, then the market could go back to the same habit of assuming everything will be all right. But if they fall big for two days in a row, markets will be clearly entering a whole new phase,” said Daisuke Uno, chief strategist at Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp.—Reuters

Fears grow in United States over Ebola’s spread outside West Africa

NEW YORK/ WASHINGTON, 10 Oct — Fears are growing in the United States about Ebola with about 200 airline cabin cleaners walking off the job in New York and some lawmakers demanding the government ban travelers from the West African countries hit hardest by the virus.

“The nation is frightened, and people are frightened of this disease,” the US cabinet secretary for health, Sylvia Burwell, said on Thursday, a day after the death in Texas of the first person to be diagnosed with

Ebola in the United States.

US Health and Human Services Secretary Burwell told a news conference that people were frightened because Ebola “has a very high mortality rate. They’re frightened because they need to learn and understand what the facts are about that disease.” As the government prepares to start screening passengers from West Africa for fever at five major airports over the next week, cleaners at New York’s LaGuardia Airport staged a one-day work stoppage over what they say is insuffi-

cient protection for workers whose jobs include cleaning up vomit and bathrooms. The cleaners will return to work Thursday night.

US Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson said the goal was to expand airport screenings for Ebola internationally to “as many different checkpoints as possible.”

The Ebola virus causes hemorrhagic fever and is spread through direct contact with body fluids from an infected person, who would suffer severe bouts of vomiting and diarrhea.



A sign asks patients to inform staff if they have fever, cough, trouble breathing, rash, vomiting or diarrhea symptoms and have recently traveled internationally or have had contact with someone who recently traveled internationally at Bellevue Hospital in Manhattan, New York on 8 Oct, 2014.— REUTERS

“We are always with feces and near garbage,” Sharekul Islam, 20, whose job cleaning airplane cabins at New York’s John F. Kennedy airport regularly exposes him to the type of waste and fluids that can transmit Ebola.

Twenty-three Republican and three Democratic members of the US House of Representatives signed a letter to President Barack Obama asking the State Department to impose a travel ban and restrict visas issued to citizens of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.—Reuters



A man visits the book exhibition for commemorating the victories of the World War I and World War II and Chinese people's anti-Japanese War and the world's anti-Fascist War during the 66th Frankfurt Book Fair in Frankfurt, Germany on 9 Oct, 2014.—XINHUA

Japan braces as super typhoon Vongfong powers north

TOKYO, 10 Oct — Japan was bracing on Friday for its strongest storm this year, a super typhoon powering north towards the Okinawa island chain that threatens to rake a wide swathe of the nation with strong winds and torrential rain.

Typhoon Vongfong, which at one point rivalled last year's devastating Haiyan in strength, was weakening slightly as it moved across the open ocean, but still packed winds gusting as high as 259 kph (160 mph). "There is no question that it is an extremely large, extremely powerful typhoon," said an official at Japan's Meteorological Agency (JMA).

"It's the strongest storm we've had this year, definitely, although it has lost some strength from its peak." The storm, which will be Japan's second typhoon in a week, was south of Okinawa, and moving north at 15 kph (9 mph) with sustained winds of 185 kph (114 mph) as of Friday afternoon, the agency said.

The typhoon is moving extremely slowly, which raises the danger of landslides and flooding.

It was likely to be closest to Okinawa, an is-

land chain 1,600 km (1,000 miles) southwest of Tokyo, and the home of the largest contingent of US troops in Japan, late on Saturday or early on Sunday.

Television broadcast images of residents of Minami Daitojima, an island southeast of Okinawa, boarding up windows ahead of the storm.

Government officials were set to meet on Friday night to coordinate their response, Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told a regular news conference.

"We are calling on all citizens to pay close attention to weather reports and respond promptly if the authorities advise them to evacuate," Suga said.

The typhoon was expected to weaken as it moved north, however, and likely to hit land on Sunday on the westernmost main island of Kyushu, before moving northeast towards Japan's largest main island of Honshu, where it is likely to weaken into a tropical storm. Tokyo was set for heavy rain, at the worst.

Tropical Storm Risk, which tracks typhoons, labelled Vongfong as a Category 4 typhoon, set to weaken to Category 2 before hitting Kyushu.

Reuters

TOKYO, 10 Oct — The cauldron of the 1964 Tokyo Olympics was removed from the National Stadium in Tokyo on Friday, the 50th anniversary of the opening of the games, to be sent for exhibition to a northeastern Japan city that was devastated by the March 2011 tsunami.

The 2.1-metre tall, 2.6-ton heavy cauldron that symbolized Japan's recovery from World War II will be loaned to the city of Ishinomaki for display at a coastal park to be built there. It has not yet been decided when the cauldron will be moved to the city.

It will eventually return to the National Stadium, which will be demolished by the end of the year and renovated in time for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics as the main venue.

"It will be nice if (the cauldron) gives encouragement to disaster victims," an Ishinomaki city official said.—Kyodo News

1964 Olympic cauldron removed, to be exhibited at tsunami-hit city



Photo taken from a Kyodo News helicopter on 10 Oct, shows workers preparing for the removal of the 1964 Tokyo Olympics cauldron at the National Stadium in Tokyo. The Olympic cauldron, a symbol of Japan's postwar reconstruction, will be transferred to the March 2011 disaster-hit city of Ishinomaki as the stadium will be demolished prior to the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.—KYODO NEWS



Residents hold banners during a demonstration to protest against bull fighting in front of the headquarters of the Legislative Assembly in Mexico City, capital of Mexico on 9 Oct, 2014.—XINHUA

Venezuelan government says Exxon Mobil compensation "reasonable"

CARACAS, 10 Oct — Venezuela said on Thursday that a compensation ordered by the World Bank in a dispute with oil giant Exxon Mobil was within a "reasonable range" once a previous payment is deducted from the 1.6 billion US dollars new determination.

In an official statement, Venezuelan Foreign Minister Rafael Ramirez said the court's order, lower than the 20 billion US dollars Exxon had been seeking, was a victory for Venezuela over "exaggerated" claims by the US company. "Exxon Mobil has been attacking the sovereignty of our nation continuously during the last seven years since we nationalized our oil industry," said Ramirez.

After the nationalization of the Orinoco Oil Belt in 2007, Exxon Mobil filed an international dispute, claiming fair compensation for the Cerro Negro oil project,

which the company declined to enter in a partnership proposed by state-owned firm PDVSA.

"It has been a long judicial and political battle, which ends today. We have put an end to this dispute with Exxon Mobil," added the minister. Ramirez, who just ran state oil giant PDVSA a few weeks ago, said that the court's order is a "victory" for the oil-rich nation to implement a sovereign policy of its natural resources.

The World Bank's international arbitration panel ordered Venezuelan government on Thursday to pay 1.6 billion US dollars to Exxon Mobil for the seizure of a major oil project in the South American country and other losses. However, 1.6 billion US dollars is still a huge financial burden for Venezuela because of the country's declining oil production and soaring inflation.—Xinhua

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2. EoI must be submitted to the Director General's Office (Office No.39), Forest Department, Nay Pyi Taw not later than 16:00 hrs of 23rd October 2014.
3. On the date of 24th October 2014 at 09:30 hrs, orientation meeting on submission of OPEN TENDER for Private Forest Plantation Program will be held at the above-mentioned place.
4. EoI Form can be either downloaded at www.fdmoe-caf.gov.mm/newdesign or acquired from DG's office, Director's office at Nay Pyi Taw Council and all states and Regions of the Forest Department.
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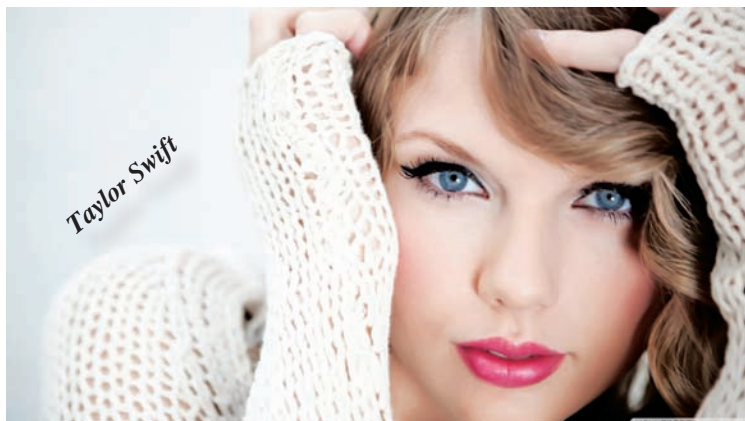
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STATE OF THE SEA: Squalls with rough sea are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) m.p.h.

Taylor Swift: My friends are the most important thing to me



LOS ANGELES, 10 Oct —Country star Taylor Swift considers author Lena Dunham, singer Lorde and actress Jaime King as the most important people in her life. The 24-year-old 'Red' singer said she is lucky that her friends accept her the way she is, reported *People* magazine. "The creative, close-knit group is the most important thing to me right now. They are trustworthy and know me and like me for who I actually am," she said.

Swift also gathered some of her best friends including Emma Stone, King, Dunham and Jessica Szohr for a fun-filled July get-together in Rhode Island this summer.

"We made a giant slip-and-slide in the yard, we were running around the beach, jumping into the pool, cooked a giant dinner and played games," says the Grammy-winning singer. "Everybody in the group was so happy. Seeing your friends all together, and seeing your friends bond and everyone smiling and laughing together was the coolest thing I could have expected of that trip," she added.—PTI

Jennifer Lawrence: I just want someone to watch TV with

LOS ANGELES, 10 Oct—Oscar-winning actress Jennifer Lawrence says all she needs from a relationship is someone to watch TV with.

Lawrence, 24, who was dating 'X-Men' co-star Nicholas Hoult and has now been linked with Chris Martin, revealed in an interview about her dream man.

"Isn't boring so much better than passion? (I like to date) somebody (who) has the same taste in reality TV. 'Shark Tank'. Wait! Oh, 'Dance Moms' — that is a good one! OK, maybe my favourite is Dance Moms but I do love my 'Real Housewives'.

"But there's also — there's 'Doomsday Preppers'. 'Hoarders' is OK. I find it gets a little boring after a while, but it's great... Basically, what I'm saying is all I need in a relationship is somebody to watch TV with me," she said.

Lawrence and Martin have been linked since early September after the actress split from Hoult and the Coldplay frontman separated from wife Gwyneth Paltrow.

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Highlights of Indian Fashion Week



A model presents a creation of designer Tarun Tahiliani at the "Wills Lifestyle Indian Fashion Week Spring/Summer 2015 Collection" in New Delhi, capital of India, on 8 Oct, 2014.

XINHUA

Blake Shelton tops Billboard 200; Prince lands two albums in top 10

LOS ANGELES, 10 Oct—Country music artists Blake Shelton and Lady Antebellum raced to the top of the weekly US Billboard 200 chart on Wednesday, while R&B veteran Prince scored two new debuts in the top 10.

Shelton, who is also a judge on NBC's talent show "The Voice," topped the chart with "Bringing Back the Sunshine," which sold 101,000 copies in its first week, according to sales figures compiled by Nielsen SoundScan.

Tailing Shelton is Lady Antebellum at No 2 with "747" selling 74,000 copies. Last week's No 1 album, "Cheek

to Cheek" by Tony Bennett and Lady Gaga, dropped to No 4.

R&B singer Prince, who last released an album in 2010, gave his fans two new albums at once. "Art Official Age" notched No 5, while "Plectrumelectrum," his collaboration with his backing band 3rdeyegirl, landed at No 8.

Billboard said Prince is the first act in a decade to achieve two simultaneous albums in the top 10 of the Billboard 200 chart. Rapper Nelly last achieved that feat in 2004 with his "Suit" and "Sweat" records.

The only other new debut in the top 10 of the Billboard 200 chart, which measures physical and digital album sales, is Irish



Musician Blake Shelton performs 'Boys' Round Here' during the 2014 CMT Music Awards in Nashville, Tennessee on 4 June, 2014.—REUTERS

pop-rockers the Script at No 10 with "No Sound Without Silence."

For the week ended 5 October, total album sales clocked in at 4.35 million units, down 9 per-

cent from the comparable week in 2013, while year-to-date sales totaled 180.01 million, down 14 percent from last year, Billboard said.

Reuters

Catherine Zeta-Jones in 'Dad's Army' remake

LONDON, 10 Oct—A movie remake of hit sitcom 'Dad's Army' is under works and has added Catherine Zeta-Jones and Michael Gambon as cast members.

The original BBC series follows Home Guard service made up of retired soldiers and civilian volunteers as they are preparing to defend Britain from invasion by Germany.

The show aired from 1968 to 1977, reported Ace Showbiz.

The first film adaptation was made in 1971 with the original cast reprising their roles. To be directed by Oliver Parker, Zeta-Jones will play a journalist in the movie who

visits the soldiers for an interview. The arrival of the beautiful woman stirs the blood of the men and coincides with news that a spy is on the loose.

Nighy will play Sergeant Wilson who was made famous by the late John Le Mesurier, while Jones will star as Captain Mainwaring originally played by the late Arthur Lowe.

The other members of the platoon will be portrayed by Gambon, Tom Courtenay, Blake Harrison, Danny Mays and Bill Paterson.

PTI



Catherine Zeta-Jones

McIlroy has joined pantheon of greats — Torrance

LONDON, 10 Oct — Rory McIlroy's accomplishments this season have helped him join Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer and Seve Ballesteros among the pantheon of golfing greats, according to former European Ryder Cup captain Sam Torrance.

Torrance, who was able to get a close-up view of the way the world number one operates when he worked as a deputy to victorious captain Paul McGinley in the Ryder Cup at Gleneagles last month, said he was mesmerised by what he saw.

"Rory is as good as I've seen in a long, long time," the 61-year-old Scot told Reuters in an interview. "He's got everything."

"Butch Harmon did an analysis of his swing and every single pinpoint part was in a perfect position," added Torrance, referring to one of the game's leading coaches.

"I don't think Rory can get much better and I fancy him to win any tournament he plays in. Every 10 or 20 years someone like him comes along."

"Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Seve Ballesteros, Lee Trevino, Nick Faldo, these guys only come along every once in a while and Rory has now arrived and is here to stay."

McIlroy won this year's British Open and US PGA Championship, taking his total of major victories to four, and was an integral member of the European team that beat the US by 16 1/2 points to 11 1/2 at the Ryder Cup.

The 25-year-old Northern Irishman was the star of



European Ryder Cup player Rory McIlroy (L) chats with vice-captain Sam Torrance during practice ahead of the 2014 Ryder Cup at Gleneagles in Scotland on 23 Sept, 2014. —REUTERS

the show in the final-day singles, firing seven birdies and an eagle in a spectacular 14-hole burst to dispatch Rickie Fowler 5 & 4.

"His start on the Sunday, 3-3-3-3-3, to go five up on one of the young American lions was extraordinary," said Torrance, a representative of Standard Life Investments, worldwide partner of the Ryder Cup (for exclusive content visit youtube.com/standardlifeinvest).

"That's something Rory has got, the ability to turn it on. I watched him up close at Gleneagles and it was like something I've never seen before."

Torrance, who has a proud Ryder Cup history having captained Europe to victory at The Belfry in 2002 and holed the winning putt as a player at the same venue 17 years earlier, said

it was a real eye-opener to be back inside the ropes last month.

"It's been a long time, 12 years, since I was last in the team room and to be invited back was a huge honour," said the 21-times European Tour winner.

"The highlight for me was to be able to watch the way the players these days hit the golf ball. It's a game I'm unfamiliar with, the distance they hit it, the clubs they hit for their irons, and it's wonderful to watch."

"Everything about the European team was exceptional. The team effort, the way the players gelled, the way they looked after each other and the companionship in the team room."

Torrance also said Irishman McGinley's leadership skills were exceptional.

"He was as good a captain as there has ever been," he explained. "Paul was meticulous in everything he did...it was a different style to anything I've ever seen."

"The team meetings every night, his involvement with the caddies, the people he got to come in and talk in the team room."

"He was positive, he was vocal, he spoke to everybody. His involvement with the caddies was special, he gave them a very high position that week, they had lunch with us in the team room all the time and it led to a great atmosphere," said Torrance.

"There was lots of banter and the atmosphere was really good from start to finish. His speeches at night, in the team meetings, were extraordinary, and for me it was just great to be a part of." —Reuters

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Uchimura claims record-extending fifth all-around title



(From L to R) Silver medalist Max Whitlock of Britain, gold medalist Kohei Uchimura of Japan and bronze medalist Yusuke Tanaka of Japan pose for photographs at the podium after the men's all-around final of the 2014 World Artistic Gymnastics Championships in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 9 Oct, 2014. —REUTERS

NANNING, 10 Oct — Japan's Kohei Uchimura claimed a record-extending fifth consecutive men's all-around title at the Gymnastics World Championships on Thursday.

The reigning all-around Olympic champion totalled 91.965 points to finish 1.492 ahead of Briton Max Whitlock who did not originally qualify for the final but entered the field after team mate Nile Wilson withdrew through injury.

Japan's Yusuke Tanaka took bronze with a score of 90.449 at the Guangxi Sports Centre Gymnasium in Nanning, southern China.

Uchimura proved his superiority again and was the only gymnast to score at

least 15 on each apparatus, but the 25-year-old was still not fully satisfied with his performance.

"I am really pleased because this (winning the title) is what I was aiming for, but there are aspects (of my performance) that mean I can't be genuinely happy," Uchimura told Kyodo news agency.

"Looking at the result itself I have won the gold medal and a fifth straight title so I am happy with that, but it was hard on the parallel bars and the high bar. I feel like I didn't perform that well."

"I was doing well until the vault and lost a bit of momentum and I feel I still have a way to go," he added.

Reuters

One dead in Italy as floods sweep through Genoa

GENOA, 10 Oct — At least one person died when flood waters swept through the northwestern Italian city of Genoa overnight, smashing shop windows, washing away cars and leaving many streets knee deep in muddy water.

One of Genoa's biggest rivers, the Bisagno, burst its banks shortly before midnight after days of heavy rain, three years after another flood killed at least seven people in the medieval port city.

Emergency services

said they had recovered the body of a 57-year-old man who had apparently been swept away.

Crews clearing debris from the streets early on Friday found cars piled up on top of each other and sunk into huge holes in the roads. Thick layers of mud reached high up many shop walls.

Recent floods have been exacerbated by Italy's mountainous and unstable geography and the poor state of public infrastructure in many areas.

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England made to work hard in 5-0 win over San Marino

LONDON, 10 Oct — England duly beat San Marino 5-0 to maintain their perfect start to their Euro 2016 qualifying campaign but laboured for long periods against the joint-worst team in the world at a half-full Wembley on Thursday.

England went ahead when Phil Jagielka headed home a corner after 24 minutes, doubled their lead when Wayne Rooney scored his 42nd England goal from a 43rd-minute penalty and added a third in the 49th minute when Danny Welbeck smashed home a cross from his Arsenal team mate Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain.

Andros Townsend, who replaced Welbeck on 66 minutes, made it 4-0 six minutes after coming on, scoring with a fierce shot that bounced in between goalkeeper Aldo Simoncini and his near post.

The fifth was an own goal from Alessandro Della Valle, who deflected a cross shot from Rooney into his own net after 77 minutes.

While the result was convincing, it did not reflect how poor England were in the first half or how they were frustrated



England's Wayne Rooney (R) has his path blocked by the San Marino defence during their Euro 2016 qualifying soccer match at Wembley Stadium in London on 9 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS

for much of the match by a blanket San Marino defence and by Simoncini, who made one superb save from Welbeck in the 42nd minute and several other good stops in the second half.

San Marino spent most of the match in their own half and despite England having to work hard for the win, there was never any doubt the visitors were heading for their 66th

successive defeat in World Cup and European Championship qualifiers.

"The fact is, in the first half of this game, a very fit and healthy team got 10 men behind the ball," England manager Roy Hodgson told ITV.

"We had to wear them down and keep doing the right things, knowing if you do that and you score one or two goals in the second half, it will open up

and you can score lots and lots of goals."

England, who beat Switzerland 2-0 in their opening qualifier last month, now have six points in Group E and play in Estonia on Sunday.

The only question before the match was how many goals would England score, having won all their four previous encounters against San Marino, ranked with Bhutan joint 208th and

last in the FIFA rankings, with a goal tally of 26-1.

With huge swathes of Wembley's upper tiers empty, the 55,000 crowd watched the opening exchanges in muted tones as England, camped in their opponents' half, failed to make the breakthrough until Jagielka scored.

The second goal did not come until just before halftime when Rooney smashed home a penalty after being kicked in the face by San Marino forward Andy Selva.

It was his 42nd goal in his 98th international and brought him closer to Bobby Charlton's all-time England record haul of 49.

Adam Lallana was unlucky to see what would have been his first goal for England disallowed for offside when he deflected home a fierce shot from Oxlade-Chamberlain.

Rooney then failed to chip the keeper when through on goal and Townsend had a late shot cleared off the line.

It was not a classic victory by any standard, but keeps England on course for a place in the expanded 24-team finals in France in two years' time.—Reuters

Simon shocks again in Shanghai, Lopez continues run

SHANGHAI, 10 Oct—Unseeded Frenchman Gilles Simon moved into the semi-finals of the Shanghai Masters on Friday after ousting sixth seed Tomas Berdych in three sets, leaving the Czech sweating about a place at the ATP World Tour finals.

Simon, ranked 29th in the world, earned a 7-6(4), 4-6, 6-0 win after a two-and-a-half hour slugfest to set up a last four meeting with Spain's Feliciano Lopez.

The tall left handed Spaniard, who knocked out compatriot Rafa Nadal in the second round, fought back from a set and a break of serve down to beat Russian Mikhail Youzhny 5-7, 6-4, 6-4. Lopez, who also made the semi-finals of the Toronto Masters in August, lost his serve on a double fault leading 5-3 in the third but regained his composure to break straight back and prevail in just over two hours.

Simon has made the final of a Masters series event just once, in 2008, but will be confident he can repeat that feat after taking down Berdych, who was in good form after reaching the final in Beijing last week. The win was Simon's second big upset of the tournament following his second round victory over Australian Open champion Stan Wawrinka. Berdych is currently seventh in the ATP Race To London standings, with five singles spots left up for grabs at next month's season-ending event. The Czech will compete in next week's Stockholm Open to try to book a spot in the eight-man field for London. World number one Novak Djokovic plays another London hopeful in Spain's David Ferrer later on Friday in the third Shanghai quarter-final, while Swiss Roger Federer takes on Julien Benneteau of France in the final match of the day.

THE RACE TO LONDON:
1 Novak Djokovic 8650-qualified
2 Roger Federer 7020-qualified
3 Rafa Nadal 6735-qualified
4 Stan Wawrinka 4795
5 Kei Nishikori 4255
6 Marin Cilic 3980
7 Tomas Berdych 3765
8 Milos Raonic 3740
9 Andy Murray 3565
10 David Ferrer 3535
11 Grigor Dimitrov 3405
12 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 2650
13 Ernests Gulbis 2445
* Points as of 6 October.

Spain beaten as Stoch earns dividend for Slovaks

ZILINA, (Slovakia) 10 Oct — Holders Spain suffered their first defeat in qualifying for a major tournament in eight years when Miroslav Stoch nodded a late goal to earn Slovakia a shock 2-1 victory in Euro 2016 Group C on Thursday.

A powerful, swerving free kick from Juraj Kucka in the 17th minute that deceived goalkeeper Iker Casillas put the hosts ahead and Spain struggled to find a way past inspired home goalkeeper Matus Kozacik despite dominating possession.

Substitute Paco Alcacer levelled for the visitors eight minutes from time but any hopes the 2008 and 2012 champions had of snatching a winner were shattered when Stoch headed past Casillas in the 87th minute. It is the first time Spain have lost a qualifier in the European Champi-

onship or World Cup since they were beaten by Sweden in October 2006 and it sparked wild celebrations among the Slovakia players and supporters.

"They hit us on the counter attack, we lost concentration and they scored a second goal," Alcacer told the Spanish television broadcaster TVE.

"There are still plenty of games to turn things around," added the Valencia forward. "It will do us good as it means we won't let ourselves make the same mistake again."

Slovakia, who won 1-0 in Ukraine in their opening qualifier last month and are ranked 40th in the world, top Group C with a maximum six points. Spain have three after they began their campaign with a 5-1 triumph at home to Macedonia.

Ukraine and Macedonia also have three points and Luxembourg and Belar-



Juraj Kucka of Slovakia (3rd L) celebrates his goal against Spain with team mates during their Euro 2016 qualification soccer match at the MSK stadium in Zilina on 9 Oct, 2014. REUTERS

rus a point each.

Slovakia made a bright start at the MSK stadium in Zilina and Casillas had to conjure a brilliant reaction save to keep out Robert Mak's 11th-minute volley.

Forward Diego Costa, who has been in red-hot form for Chelsea but has failed to score for Spain in six appearances, nodded a Cesc Fabregas centre narrowly wide two minutes later before Kucka struck.

The champions went

close to an equaliser at a corner moments before the break when Kozacik denied first Costa and then Sergio Busquets with a pair of fine saves and the Slovakia players were given a standing ovation as they trooped off.

Spain pressed hard at the start of the second period and Fabregas and Costa went close as they tried to break through the massed Slovak ranks.

Coach Vicente del

Bosque threw on Pedro and Alcacer to try to add extra zip to the Spain attack and although the visitors thought they had secured at least a point when Alcacer scored, there was still time for substitute Stoch to bury his header past Casillas.

The 24-year-old, who plays for Al Ain in the United Arab Emirates, tore off his shirt in celebration before being engulfed by ecstatic team mates.

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