

## President U Thein Sein visits museums in Turin

TURIN, 20 Oct — President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein visited the Royal Palace of Venaria in Turin on Sunday afternoon and officials at the palace briefed the president and party about the palace.

The palace, built in 1675, has been included in the world heritage list of the UNESCO since 1997 and the public and tourists were allowed to visit the palace in 2007.

Then, the president and party continued to the Museum of Oriental Art, one of the famous museums that displays art of the East, and viewed round the art collections of Asian countries.

Afterwards, the president and the vice mayor of Turin formally opened the Myanmar handicraft fair and viewed round the exhibition booths.—MNA



*President U Thein Sein with vice mayor of Turin pose for documentary photo at booth of Myanmar Handicraft Fair at Museum of Oriental Art in Turin, Italy—MNA*

## CSOs need to be free from party bias in 2015-general election: UEC Chairman

By Aye Min Soe

YANGON, 20 Oct — U Tin Aye, the chairman of the Union Election Commission, has called on civil society organizations to be free from political party bias when they observe the upcoming general election in 2015.

At the third workshop on cooperation and coordination between the Union Election Commission and civil society organizations, U Tin Aye sought the cooperation from political parties, civil society organizations, media and international aid groups, pledging that the upcoming 2015 general election will be free and fair.

The 2015-general election is slated to be held in last week of October or in first week of November 2015. The UEC carried out a pilot project to compile voting lists in Yangon Region, Kachin State and Chin State recently with the participation of 25 civil society organizations.

The UEC will computerize the voting list and the data for the election.



*Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye explains process of civil society organizations for freeing from political party.*

PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE

It will also scrutinize the civil society organizations that apply for registration at the UEC office before allowing them to cooperate with the UEC in voter-training and voter-education programmes and to work as observers in the 2015 General Election.

International organizations have offered the UEC to come to Myanmar to observe the upcoming general

election.

Regarding voting by Myanmar migrant workers in foreign countries, the UEC has made arrangements for them to be able to cast votes in the general election with the arrangement of Myanmar embassies in respective countries.

"We've arranged plans for workers who went to foreign countries legally and who are sent by the

government. But, those who are staying and working in foreign countries illegally should come back if they want to vote in the election," he said.

The UEC is also planning to establish offices in Malaysia and Thailand where the number of Myanmar migrant workers is higher than in other countries.

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## Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services meets families of military station in Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct — Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on Monday met the families of military personnel in Mandalay.

During the meeting, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing said that that Tatmadaw was composed of people, and that the military members should have the same perspective with the people while striving for the country with the proper use of infrastructural structures for the development of the country.

The command-er-in-chief then gave sport equipment and food items to the family members.

Also present were Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, wife of the Senior General, Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Khin Aung Myint, senior military officers of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Soe Htut and families.

The Senior General then donated offertories to the head monk of Zaya Maydani Waso Buddhist Monastery.—Myawady

## Press Release

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Brunei Darussalam, inspiring by the desire to strengthen the existing friendly relations in all fields between the two countries and desiring to simplify the procedures and facilitate the travelling of citizens of the two countries, the exchange of note of the Mutual Exemption of Visa for Ordinary Passports Holders with staying term not exceeding fourteen (14) days has been made through diplomatic channel and it is entered into force from 1st September 2014.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Nay Pyi Taw

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# Pyidaungsu Hluttaw discusses supplementary budget for 2014-2015 fiscal year

## Pyidaungsu Hluttaw



**Union Minister  
for Finance  
U Win Shein.**—MNA



**Secretary of Bill  
Committee U Saw Hla  
Tun.**—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct — Pyidaungsu Hluttaw convened on Monday for its 15<sup>th</sup> day with the discussion of supplementary budget allocation bill for 2014-2015 fiscal year.

On behalf of union government, Union Minister U Win Shein submitted the bill to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and discussed supplementary budget when there is not enough funds for projects or necessary expenses which are not included in original budgets.

Union level departments has asked the supplementary budget of K2032.647 billion, while the state/region level departments K202.817 billion.

While the estimated ratio of budget deficit to GDP was 4.16 percent, the actual figure shows at 3.90 percent.

The state/region governments have received K1421.737 billion, and they will need additional K 102.654 billion.

The mid-term financial framework is designed with the calculation of real GDP rate, normal GDP rate, inflation, foreign exchange rate and increasing volume of import. And the framework includes estimation of budget in the next three years and budget allocation to make effective implementation of state projects.

Budgets for three fiscal years up to 2018 have been preliminarily fixed and being prepared to submit to the Union government.

U Saw Hla Tun, Secretary of Bill Committee, presented the findings and comments of his committee on the bill.

Then, parliamentarians discussed paragraphs of the bill which amends the law on constitutional court sent by the President before receiving the decision of Hluttaw.

They also discussed the paragraphs of electricity bill sent by the comments of the President.

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## Pyithu Hluttaw

### Pyithu Hluttaw raises questions on trade policy, development funds, travel to India and interest rate of local banks

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct — Representatives at Monday's Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) session raised questions on trade policy on export of oil crops and import of edible palm oil, emergency funds for regional development tasks in less developed townships, official travel from Tamu in Myanmar to Imphal in India, and competitive increase in interest rates of local banks.

Concerning the question on whether there is a plan to change the trade policy, Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan said that it is necessary to consider long-term consequences and benefit for the country to change

a trade policy and if the trade policy on export of oil crops and import of edible palm oil is changed, there will be adverse effects on benefits of peasant farmers who grow oil crops and the consumers will be hurt by rising prices of palm oil. The deputy minister pointed out that the trade policy should be changed only after surveying the wishes of peasant farmers and the consumers.

As regard the question on whether the government has plans to provide emergency funds for less developed townships, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Daw Lei Lei Thein said the government has been fulfilling the development need for any regions as much as possible while regional development tasks are being carried out at the moment by forming township management committees, township development committees and township development supporting committees. State/region governments are also making arrangements to take out loans from the union government for prioritized development tasks if the funds provided for education, health, electricity,

roads and bridges by union ministries concerned are not sufficient.

As for the question on official travel to Infar, Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Win Myint said that it will be possible to travel to India through the border only when the agreement for trans-border travel has been signed between India and Myanmar. By then, people in both countries will be able to travel to Mandalay in Myanmar and to Imphal in India, the deputy minister added.

Deputy Governor Daw Khin Saw Oo of the Central Bank of Myanmar responded to the question how to control the competitive increase of interest rates by local banks saying that the supervisory section for financial institution is making field trips to local banks to inspect their financial statistics while financial soundness indicator of the International Monetary funds is applied to measure the financial soundness of local banks every month. Local banks that fail to abide by the rules and regulations of the Central Bank or have low FSI indexes are reminded by the Central Bank, she added.

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## Amyotha Hluttaw

### Government allots fund for prevention of landslide in Pakokku Tsp: deputy minister



**Representatives emphasize discussions at Monday's session of Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House).**—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct — At Monday's session of Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House), Deputy Minister for Transport U Han Sein replied to question raised by U Thaw Zin Oo of Magway Region Constituency No 9 whether there is a plan to maintain Ayeyawady River for prevention of landslides at farmlands and residences at villages along its route downstream Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) in Pakokku Township.

He replied that as steel basket construction is expensive but it cannot cover the landslide area. Therefore, priority should be given to dredge the sandbank for new waterway from pier No 13 of the bridge to Thegon Village. The Union government has allotted K241.94 million

for dredging 2,000 meters long new waterway.

U Thet Naing Oo of Bago Region Constituency No 6 raised a question whether there is a plan to improve old railway stations in the nation and to fill gravels along Yangon-Mandalay railroad. Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation U Myint Thein replied that Myanmar Railways will spend K28.8 billion on upgrading 960 railway stations across the nation. Depending on income from transport of passengers and commodity, the railway stations are being upgraded. In 2014-15 fiscal year, Myanmar Railways spent K75.775 million on maintaining 54 stations and K128.063 million on upgrading some necessary stations. With regarding to the railroad,

MR has filled 13,100 suds of gravels against 30,200 suds along Yangon-Mandalay railroad. The railroad upgrading tasks will be carried out from 2015 to 2023.

In holding discussions on the bill on protection of rights of national races, U J Yaw Wu of Kachin State Constituency No 12 discussed designation of national days and state days as office holidays in respective states and regions and establishment of one museum each for respective national races in regions and states. U Paw Lyan Lwin of Chin State Constituency No 9 said that as Myanmar is a country which is home to all Union nationals, it should call Union nationals (a) Union Myanmar citizens instead of national races.—MNA

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Regarding advance-voting in the 2015-general election, U Thaung Hlaing, member of the UEC, clarified that the UEC has planned to announce the voting list for advance-voting at polling stations and will count the votes at 4 p.m. in the presence of observers as a pledge for transparency and accountability in counting advance-votes.

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## NATIONAL

## Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw receives GE Company President and CEO

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct — Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) Thura U Shwe Mann received President and Chief Executive Officer Mr Jeffery Immelt of GE Company of the US and party at Zabuthiri Hall of the Pyithu Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw on Monday.

Also present at the call were chairmen and secretaries of the Hluttaw committees and officials of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw buildings.

The US businessmen were accompanied by US Ambassador Mr Derek Mitchell.—MNA



*Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann with President and CEO Mr Jeffery Immelt of GE Company of the US after holding talks.—MNA*

## Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct — The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr Bruce Rata Shepherd, Charge d'Affaires of the New Zealand Embassy office in Yangon as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of New Zealand to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar with residence in Yangon in succession to His Excellency Mr. Anthony John Lynch, Ambassador of New Zealand to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar with residence in Bangkok.

Mr. Bruce Rata Shepherd was born on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 1965. He graduated with Bachelor of Arts (Hons) from Massey University. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of New Zealand in 1988. From 1989 to 2013, he served in various capacities at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Embassies and Permanent Missions of New Zealand, New Zealand Trade and Enterprise Team and the Trade Centre at Geneva. He is now serving as the Charge d'Affaires of the New Zealand Embassy office in Yangon. He is married and has one son.

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## Union Minister awards outstanding students in Yezagyo Tsp



*Union Minister U Soe Maung presents prize an outstanding student of Basic Education High School Branch in Hsinchaung Village in Yezagyo Township.—MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct — Union Minister at the President Office Thayay Sithu U Soe Maung and Leader of Advisory Group on Religious Affairs to the President Thiri Pyanchi Thura U Myint Maung attended the ceremony to present prizes to outstanding students at Basic Education High School Branch in Hsinchaung Village in Yezagyo Township of Magway Region on 16 October.

In his address, the Union minister stressed the need for students to search facts and figures about the lessons at the libraries and discuss them in the class

together with the teacher and classmates as the student-centred approach system is being implemented at the basic education schools. As such, he added the students will be free from spoon-feeding practice in pursuing education.

Thura U Myint Maung urged local people to carry out traditional works of the region such as painting, sculpture, blacksmith and goldsmiths, snack making, slipper production on a commercial scale.

They then presented prizes to outstanding students.

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## 5<sup>th</sup> Myanmar-Japan Joint Initiative Meeting held in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct — The 5<sup>th</sup> Myanmar-Japan Joint Initiative Meeting was held at the ministry of National Planning and Economic Development in Nay Pyi Taw on Monday.

Union Minister Dr Kan Zaw, Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Tateshi Higuchi and Chair-

man Mr Koji Kuroda of JCCY made speeches at the meeting.

The meeting focused on promotion of trade, investment and cooperation between the two countries.

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## Union minister visits livestock breeding farms in Hsihseng, Nyaungshwe townships

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct — Union Minister for Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development U Ohn Myint inspected progress of 6.5-mile long inter-village gravel road passing Ywathit, Hona, Bantpein and Kontha villages in Hsihseng Township on Sunday.

He fulfilled the requirements of 29 villages and Kyauktalon Township in education and health sectors, sinking of tube-wells, electrification through solar panels and construction of inter-village roads in the township.

In Nyaungshwe Township, the union minister met livestock breeding entrepreneurs from Shan Yoma livestock breeding zone who reported on raising layers on 252 acres of



*Union Minister U Ohn Myint meets local people in holding discussions on livestock breeding tasks.—MNA*

land since 2009 and distribution of chicken to the local people, requirement of advanced technique and buildings for development

of livestock breeding tasks.

Livestock breeding entrepreneurs from surrounding villages submitted difficulties in their works. After

fulfilling the requirements, the union minister urged them to carry out livestock breeding on a commercial scale.—MNA

## Myanma Railways prepares development of Pazaungdaung Railways Station yard

YANGON, 20 Oct — Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Than Htay inspected preparations for Pazundaung Railway Station area development project at Lower Myanmar Administration

Department of Myanma Railways in Botahtaung Township on Monday morning.

The Union minister gave instructions on implementation of the project in accord with the devel-

opment project of Yangon City, construction of housings for staff to have proper living standard, building of car parks to ease traffic congestions in Yangon city and creation of modern designs at the buildings.

He visited Mahlwagon Bridge Workshop in Mingala Taungnyunt Township and production of bridge frames and instructed officials to manufacture quality frames for Insein Overpass.—MNA



## Process of emerald green project continues in villages

MYINGYAN, 20 Oct — The Region Government and Department of Rural Development are implementing the emerald green project in five villages of Myingyan Township in Mandalay Region.

Thanks to implementation of the project, the villages have achieved development in agriculture and livestock breeding, trade and production.

Deputy staff officers U Hla and Daw Swe Zin Oo of Township Department of Rural Development compiled the accounts of the project in respective villages together with village committee members.

*Zaw Min Naing (Myingyan)*



## Agricultural machinery driving course conducted in Yinmabin Tsp



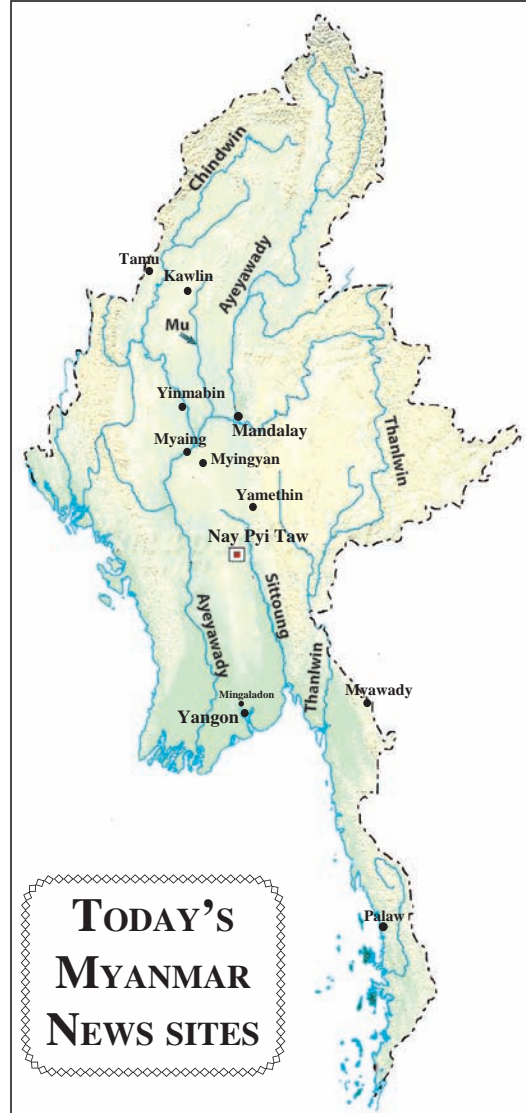
YINMABIN, 20 Oct — Yinmabin Township Agricultural Mechanization Department of Sagaing Region organized the opening ceremony of Agricultural Machinery Driving Course at the hall of No 41 Agricultural Mechanization Station in Yinmabin of Sagaing Region on Monday.

Chairman of Yinmabin Township Management Committee U Soe Min Htet made a speech.

Head of Township AMD U Myint Kyaw explained procedures of training course on driving of tractor, maintenance, engine and gear box maintenance.

A total of 31 trainees from four village-tracts are attending one-week course from 8 am to 4 pm.

The department has conducted the first course with the attendance of 45 villagers.—*Tun Ko Ko (Yinmabin)*



## Ooredoo erects communication tower in Yamethin Tsp



YAMETHIN, 20 Oct — Pan Asia Tower Ooredoo started digging of grounds for erection of a communication tower in the compound of U Myint Soe, west of the market in Myohla Village in Yamethin Town-

ship of Mandalay Region.

The tower will be 60 meters high on the 60 feet square area. The company hires the land plot from resident at K150,000 per year.

*Hlaing Than Tint (Yamethin)*

## Doctors, nurses undertake development tasks in rural area of Myaing Tsp

MYAING, 20 Oct — Wellwisher U Hla Win Maung-Daw Wah Wah of northern part of Mandalay donated K11.3 million to sink a 722 feet deep tube-well for supply of drinking water to over 18,000 people from Oyin model village in Myaing Township of Magway Region recently.

Moreover, Daw Thein Nyunt, assistant director (nurse) and staff and families performed health care services to the local people

as part of performing meritorious deeds for their native village. A total of 206 people received medical treatment at the Basic Education Middle School Branch in Oyin Village. GP doctors and dentist also gave health care services to the people. Wellwisher Daw Thein Nyunt has donated his land plot and housing in Ward 6 of Pakokku to Nyunt Myitta Hospice clinic in Pakokku.—*Aung (Mandalay University)*

## Fingerlings released into farmlands in Kawlin Tsp

KAWLIN, 20 Oct — A ceremony to release fingerlings into the farmlands of 10 farmers was held in Tazu Village of Kawlin Township in Sagaing Region on 18 October.

Assistant Director U Win Tin of Katha District Fisheries Department, Chairman of Township Management Committee U Ye Myat Tint, officials and local people participated in release of 32,500 fingerlings into the farmlands.

Moreover, officials of Township Fisheries Federation presented 80,000 Tilapia fingerlings free of charge to 10 fish breeders for 10.54 flood-hit acres of fish ponds, at the office of Township Fisheries Department.—*Aung Kyaw Soe (IPRD)*

## Local road upgraded in Palaw Township

PALAW, 20 Oct — With the aim of ensuring smooth transportation of local people and swift flow of commodity, Palaw Township

Development Affairs Committee funded repaving of the road in ward 2 of Palaw in Taninthayi Region.

The road is about 700

feet long. Thanks to repairing works, local people can use the road smoothly in rainy season.—*Palaw Township IPRD*





## LOCAL NEWS

## Stock exchange knowledge shared to Mandalarians

MANDALAY, 20 Oct— Myanmar Golden Link organized the talks on taking investment from stock exchange and understanding in investment in stock exchange at the hall of Mandalay Region Chambers of Commerce and Industry at Yadanabon Super Centre at the corner of 78<sup>th</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> streets in Mandalay on Sunday.

Executive Director Daw Moe Moe Kyaw of Myanmar Golden Link extended greetings. Marketing Director U Zaw

Min Tun introduced the speakers.

U Kyaw Myo Tun explained taking investment from stock exchange and Dr Aung Thura, understanding in investment in stock exchange and replied to attendees.

The Union Minister for Finance revealed the stock exchange is being prepared in Myanmar with the assistance of Japanese Ministry of Finance in meeting with media of Mandalay on 18 October.—*Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)*



## Students get knowledge about danger of narcotic drugs



YANGON, 20 Oct— An educative talk on danger of narcotic drugs was held at the hall of Basic Education High School No 1 in Mingaladon of Yangon Region on 17 October.

Chairman of Mingaladon Township Anti-Narcotics Association U Than Tun Oo and SIP Kyaw Min Soe of Mingaladon Township gave talks on danger of narcotic drugs.

Secretary of Township Association U Thein Lwin gave lectures on the topic of student youth and drugs, Vice Chairman of the township association U Myint Than taking sports exercises to be free from danger of drugs.

It was also attended by departmental officials, the headmistress of Mingaladon BEHS No 1, teachers and students.

*Khin Zaw (Mingala)*

## Indian merchants prefer to quality of Myanmar's areca nuts

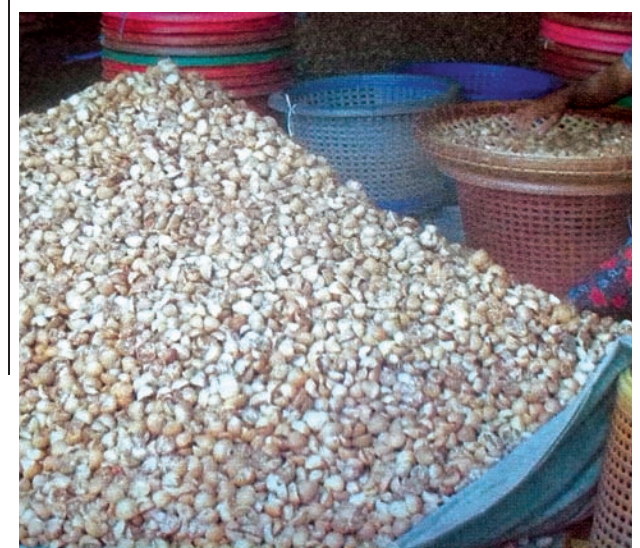
TAMU, 20 Oct — Demand of areca nut of Myanmar is high in the market in India to produce the steamed areca nut. Thus, areca nut becomes of the major export item at Tamu border trade camp in Sagaing Region.

“Myanmar regularly exports areca nut to India for 10 years. Gangaw, Yaw region, Mingin and Mawlaik regions produce areca nuts. Moreover, the

products can be picked out from Myeik, Dawei and Kawthoung. Areca nuts are directly sent to Morah and Imphal of India. Prices of areca nuts depend on the quality. Indian merchants prefer to small size of areca nut,” said a local merchant.

Merchants from Manipur State purchase a large amount of areca nuts at Tamu border area.

*Chindwin Thar (IPRD)*



## MU invites application for Diploma in Political Science course

MANDALAY, 20 Oct — Mandalay University will conduct the post-graduate diploma in political science aimed at enabling the people to know reform process of the nation and international changes, said an official of Mandalay University Human Resource Development Department.

The Diploma in Political Science Course

No 1/2014 will last nine months, to start it on 1 December. The first semester will be from December 2014 to April 2015, and the second semester from May 2015 to September 2015. The course fee is designated at K60,000 per student. The course will be conducted from 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm along the weekdays.

Any graduate may apply for the course at International Relations Department of the university from 2 October to 10 November. The test for the course will be held at the university on 11 November. The qualified persons are to enter the personal test on 17 No-

vember. The winners in the tests will be announced on 18 November. For further information, may dial 02-68495 of the student affairs department and 02-21080 of International Relations Department.

*Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)*

## Electrical engineers give meals to trainees of School for the Girls

MINGALADON, 20 Oct — A trainee group of Sub-Assistant Engineer Course 2010 of Yangon City Electricity Supply Board donated the cost for serving trainees from School for the Girls (Htaukkyant) under the Department of Social Welfare of Ministry of Social

Welfare, Relief and Resetlement on 17 October.

The SAE group fed meals to 86 girls of the school at No 45 on Yangon-Pyay Road in Mingaladon Township.

They also donated stationery and snacks to the girls.—*Khin Zaw (Mingaladon)*



## Fire preventive measures demonstrated in Myawady

MYAWADY, 20 Oct — Myawady Township Fire Services Department and Township Development Affairs Committee jointly organized the demonstration on fire preventive measures in front of Bayintnaung Market in Myawady of Kayin State on 17 October.

Head of Township FSD U Min Khin Maung Oo and party demonstrated use of fire extinguishers in

putting out of fire.

It was attended by Deputy Commissioner of the district U Lwin Ko Oo, Commander of District Police Force Police Lt-Col Aung Myint, Township Administrator U Khin Maung Zaw, Commander of Township Police Force Police Major Aung Ngwe, officials and shop owners.

*Htein Lin Aung (IPRD)*



# Jokowi sworn in as Indonesian President

JAKARTA, 20 Oct — Jakarta governor Joko Widodo, locally known as Jokowi, was sworn in as the seventh Indonesian president at the parliament building on Monday, replacing President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono.

Jokowi pairing with Jusuf Kalla won the direct presidential election three month ago, defeating rival former general Prabowo Subianto with running mate Hatta Rajasa.

leaders from around the world attended the inauguration ceremony, including US State Secretary John Kerry, Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak, Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, Timor Leste President Taur Matan Ruak, and Papua New Guinea Prime Minister Peter Oneil.

Scores of ministers, and special delegation also presented at the ceremony.

On his speech, President Jokowi stressed his commitment to work hard to advance the nation, and called all parties and elements of the country to be united and jointly work hard for the progress of the nation.

"I and (vice-president Jusuf) Kalla have just took our oath, which has a deep spiritual meaning, to work hard to achieve a common goal as a big nation," he said.



*Indonesian new President Joko Widodo (5<sup>th</sup> L, front), first Lady Iriana (6<sup>th</sup> L, front), new vice president Jusuf Kalla (4<sup>th</sup> R, front) and his wife Mufida Jusuf Kalla (3<sup>th</sup> R, front), former President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono (2<sup>nd</sup> L, front) and former Indonesian vice president Mr Boediono (2<sup>nd</sup> R, front) take a photo after Joko Widodo's inauguration in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 20 Oct, 2014. —XINHUA*

"Now, it is the time for us to join hand to undertake the next test of history, which is very difficult, to establish a country with sovereignty integrity, self-reliance economy and unique culture," Jokowi added.

The new president stressed to boost public services for the whole people.

"The government that I lead will ensure that each

person in every area in the country will feel the presence of the government services," he revealed.

On foreign policy, President Jokowi ensured that he would continue performing the country's independent and active foreign policy. "I will stress that under my administration, Indonesia as the world's

third largest country with

the largest Muslim population, and as an archipelago and the biggest country in Southeast Asia region, will persistently undertake the independent and active foreign policy for the national interest, to jointly take part in maintaining world peace based on the peace and social justice," he said.

Nearly 25,000 police and soldiers, including

around 4,400 soldiers and about 20,400 policemen are dispatched to secure the inauguration.

Jokowi has promised to boost economic growth to above 7 percent within 3 years from this year's GDP target of 5.2 to 5.3 percent, partly by rising oil prices that he would have more funds to build roads, railways, bridges, sea ports, air

ports, as well as other infrastructure facilities in Indonesia, a net oil-importer country and providing huge energy subsidy.

The plan was hailed by investors, but recently, it was faded as their confidence slid after the rival coalition known as Koalisi Merah Putih (KMP) led by former rival Prabowo's party, dominate the parliament.

They were concerned that it would hamper the new president in performing his reform programme.

After weeks of gridlock, Jokowi last week sought to improve ties when he met with Prabowo and Chairman of the second biggest Golkar Party Aburizal Bakrie, who congratulated him and pledged to support his government, though reserving the right to criticize when necessary. The move is expected to ease the political tension in the country. Prabowo also presented at the inauguration of Jokowi, which is appreciated by the attendees.

Furthermore, Jokowi faces numerous challenges, such as economic slowdown, dirty bureaucracy, and political gridlock as Prabowo's coalition dominated parliament last month controversially blocked the direct election of governors, mayors and district chiefs.

Xinhua

## Opposition camp to grill Abe over ministers' resignation

TOKYO, 20 Oct — Opposition parties are set to grill Prime Minister Shinzo Abe over his responsibility for appointing two female ministers who are stepping down less than two months after assuming their posts last month.

Industry minister Yuko Obuchi, daughter of the late Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi, announced her resignation Monday to take the blame for a political fund scandal involving her support groups.

Justice Minister Midori Matsushima has also decided to resign, a government source said.

"The minister of economy, trade and industry is a very important post, and the prime minister carries a heavy responsibility over that appointment," said Yuichiro Hata, secretary general for the Democratic Party of Japan in the House of Councillors.



*Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe*

Obuchi and Matsushima were among five women who joined Abe's Cabinet in a reshuffle on 3 September.

Matsushima has been under fire for distributing free paper fans to people in her district. Katsumasa Suzuki, secretary general of the People's Life Party, joined the chorus of criticism of Abe's appointment of Obuchi, saying the prime minister "has created a variety of problems by moving too fast to have more female ministers."

Meanwhile, the ruling coalition bloc admitted that the two Cabinet members' resignations may have a severe impact on the Abe government.

Liberal Democratic Party Secretary General Sadakazu Tanigaki said, "There will be some damage as she was a symbol of women's empowerment," referring to Obuchi's departure.

"Her resignation was inevitable," said a senior official of the Komeito party, the LDP's junior partner. "The resignation of the minister in charge of the country's energy policy may affect the government's plan to resume nuclear reactors."

Kyodo News

## Aquino rejects call to annul US-Philippines forces agreement over murder case

MANILA, 20 Oct — Philippine President Benigno Aquino rejected on Monday calls to tear up the Visiting Forces Agreement with the United States after an American serviceman was charged with the murder of a transgender Filipino outside a former US Navy base.

US Private First Class Joseph Scott Pemberton is accused of murdering Jeffrey Laude, who also goes by the name Jennifer, in Olongapo City, about 50 km north of Manila.

Pemberton is under the custody of his superiors aboard USS Peleliu, an amphibious assault ship, docked in Subic Bay, a former US Navy base next to Olongapo, northwest of Manila.

Left-wing lawmakers, activists and the LGBT community have called on the government to terminate the Visiting Forces

Agreement if the United States does not hand him over.

"Why do we need to abrogate the Visiting Forces Agreement?" Aquino told reporters while in central island of Leyte to commemorate the 70th anniversary of General Douglas MacArthur landing, the start of US liberation of the Philippines in World War Two.

"I mean, name me any place that doesn't have a crime. And the sin of one person should be reflective of the entire country? I don't think so. What is important is there was a crime, we should gather all evidence to prove the guilt and justice will be served."

Olongapo prosecutors have summoned Pemberton and four soldiers to appear on Tuesday as part of a preliminary investigation.

In Washington last week, Rear Admiral John



*Philippine President Benigno Aquino*

Kirby, the Pentagon press secretary, said the US military had "a great sense of gravity over what happened" and was cooperating closely.

A former colony of the United States, the Philippines is the oldest and closest security partner of Washington in the Asia-Pacific region. The two sides in April signed a new 10-year security pact that allows for a larger US military presence in the country as it struggles to raise its defense capabilities amid territorial disputes with China.

Reuters



## Thai scholar faces royal insult charge over mediaeval king



*"The Legend of King Naresuan" is seen on a movie screen as people attend during a reconciliation event organized by the military in Bangkok on 14 June, 2014.—REUTERS*

BANGKOK, 20 Oct — A prominent Thai intellectual has been accused of insulting a mediaeval king, a government spokesman said on Monday, and faces up to 15 years in jail if convicted.

Thailand has a strict lese-majeste law which

makes it a crime to defame, insult or threaten the king, queen, heir to the throne or regent. The law does not apply to past or deceased monarchs but is often loosely interpreted for political ends.

Two retired army officers filed a complaint

against veteran social campaigner Sulak Sivaraksa, 82, over remarks he made at a seminar on 12 October including comments about King Naresuan the Great, a national hero who died in 1605.

If convicted, Sulak could be jailed for up to 15 years.

"Police received a complaint filed by two retired soldiers against professor Sulak," said government spokesman Yongyuth Mayalarp.

Sulak, one of Thailand's most prominent scholars and social activists, has been the target of several lese-majeste complaints since the 1980s.

He was not available for comment.

Thailand's army seized power in a 22 May coup saying it needed to restore order after months of street protests that helped overthrow an elected government. Prayuth Chan-

ocha, the former army chief who led the coup and was appointed prime minister in August, is a self-proclaimed royalist and has vowed to root out critics of the monarchy.

David Streckfuss, a Thailand-based scholar who monitors lese-majeste laws, said the complaint against Sulak was symptomatic of attitudes to the royal insult law under a junta, known as the National Council for Peace and Order (NCPO), that has been pursuing such cases with zeal.

"The junta has made it clear from the beginning that it means to pursue alleged violations of lese-majeste with extra vigour. And it has," said Streckfuss.

"Cases that would have been shelved under the previous government are being fast-tracked into military courts."

Reuters

## Australia's parliament reverses rules on burqa-wearing visitors

SYDNEY, 20 Oct — Australia's parliament has reversed its decision to segregate visitors wearing burqas by forcing them to sit in glass enclosures instead of public galleries when visiting the two houses of parliament, local media reported Monday.

The measures, which were introduced earlier this month, were ditched following reports of intervention by Prime Minister Tony Abbott and a backlash by critics.

The temporary restrictions were reportedly put in place to stop a group of protestors from disrupting question time in the lower House of Representatives on 2 October. The planned protest did not happen.

New arrangements will require visitors to parliament to "temporarily remove any coverings."

"That will enable security staff to identify any person who may have been

banned from entering parliament house or who may be known, or discovered, to be a security risk," the Department of Parliamentary Services said in a statement according to Australian Broadcasting Co.

"Once this process has taken place, visitors are free to move about the public spaces of the building, including all chamber galleries, with facial coverings in place," the statement said.

Security at parliament house was stepped up following "chatter" among terrorist support networks that specifically mentioned parliament house and politicians as targets.

It also follows an upgrade in Australia's terrorist threat-level to high meaning likely, the first change in the country's alert level since the four-tier system was introduced in 2003.

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## China hopeful on Iran nuke agreement

BEIJING, 20 Oct — China hopes the parties involved in Iranian nuclear talks can exert more political will and meet an upcoming deadline to reach an agreement ending Teheran's controversial nuclear programme, a Foreign Ministry spokeswoman said on Monday.

Hua Chunying made the remarks at a regular press conference when asked to comment on the negotiations in the Austrian capital of Vienna last week.

After trilateral meetings of top diplomats from the United States, the European Union and Iran, political directors of China, France, Russia, Britain, the United States, Germany and Iran met on Thursday, trying to narrow gaps for an agreement by the 24 November deadline.

Wang Qun, China's envoy to the talks and director-general of China's Department of Arms Control, said the sides are still faced with difficulties in reaching a deal by the deadline. Although there had been some progress made in the talks, he said that "creative ideas are needed for a breakthrough."

China will continue to work with the parties involved to push for a fair, balanced and mutually beneficial agreement at an early date, said Hua.

The talks in Vienna were hit by disputes over what limits should be placed on Iran's atomic activities, particularly its enrichment of uranium, and on the process of lifting US, UN and European sanctions.

However, Iran's For-

eign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif said on Thursday that Iran and the six world powers have drawn closer to an agreement.

"We must spare no effort as long as there is a ray of hope," Hua said.

China has always backed all ideas and proposals to advance the talks and will help facilitate a comprehensive deal on schedule, according to the spokeswoman.

The six countries seek to prevent Iran making nuclear weapons material at the country's uranium enrichment plants and a plutonium-producing reactor in Arak.

Tehran's leaders say they need uranium to fuel power reactors and that the Arak reactor serves only scientific and medical purposes.—Xinhua

## Man gets two years in jail for creating guns with 3-D printer

YOKOHAMA, 20 Oct — A former college employee was sentenced to two years in prison for creating two guns with a three-dimensional printer at the Yokohama District Court on Monday.

Presiding Judge Koji Inaba found Yoshitomo Imura, 28, guilty of violating laws controlling firearms and swords possession and ordnance manufacturing.

According to the rul-

ing, Imura, a former employee of the Shonan Institute of Technology in Fujisawa, Kanagawa Prefecture, produced the two guns at his home in Kawasaki in the prefecture with a 3-D printer and kept them there. Prosecutors had said Imura could have caused huge damage to Japanese society as he had disclosed 3-D data for guns and how to produce them over the Internet.

In handing down the

decision, the judge said the defendant's acts had demonstrated that anybody could produce guns with 3-D printers and that he therefore bore grave criminal responsibility. Prosecutors had sought imprisonment of three years and six months for the defendant.

Imura's defence counsel called for a suspended sentence, saying that the defendant had not known that his acts were illegal.

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## Russian armed forces to switch to digital communications system



*A united automated digital communications system will be used in the Russian armed forces in future.—ITAR-TASS*

Moscow, 20 Oct — The communications system of the Russian armed forces will soon be com-

pletely switched to digital standards, Deputy Chief of the General Staff Maj.-Gen Khalil Arslanov said. "In

the near future, the basis of the Russian armed forces' promising communications system will be a united automated digital communications system that will include the space, air, ground and sea echelons, an automated communications control system and an information security system," Arslanov, who is also head of the Russian armed forces' Main Communications Department, said.

On Monday, Russia's Signal Troops mark their 95th anniversary.

Itar-Tass

## Bus accident kills 20 in Bangladesh, leaves 30 injured

DHAKA, 20 Oct — At least 20 people were killed and 30 injured when two buses collided head-on in northern Bangladesh on Monday, police said.

The accident took place at Baraigram in Na-

tore, 220 km (137 miles) away from Dhaka, the capital. The death toll could rise as some of the injured were in critical condition, police official Mohammad Manirul Islam told Reuters.

Road accidents are

common in impoverished Bangladesh.

They are often blamed on reckless driving, poor roads and aged vehicles, and kill around 10,000 people a year.

Reuters



## PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 21 October, 2014

**Supports are needed for breadwinners**

By Aung Khin

**F**athers are still regarded as the breadwinner in many areas of the world. They have to take duty to work for the family and to earn money for the family members as the financial providers. Not only they have to manage and make the future plans for the family, but also they have to deal with external problems not to inflict negative effects on the family members.

Some breadwinners have no limit of working hours, sometimes, with long and extended

period for the family, suffering physical effects and staining their mental, emotional and psychological health.

In these circumstance, the breadwinner expects his family members to live in unity. As he is facing many challenges outside, his family members should support him physically and mentally. Unity is a motivation force for him.

While he is trying to get a good impression of the household, the family members should not tarnish the image of family. If the family members do not coexist peacefully, his efforts outside the family will not gain fruitful result.

Moreover, family members should not waste incomes systematically. Income may vary time to time in relation to flocculating environment. To ensure a happy and debt-free household, every family member must take their respective duties. The development and prosperity of a family are concerned with individuals in the family. Living

harmoniously and striving earnestly in the family will be helpful for the breadwinners.

Family members will have different perspectives and views. And they will insist their standpoint when they believe themselves that they have been mature well. However, they should keep in mind that they are living in a family which can provide shelter and food. Only then the breadwinners of family will have more confidence in doing the welfare of their families.

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**A Japan-returner with an entry visa missing**

Kin Mg Oo

**I**t will take me a few lines to well convince you of this confusable title. In my previous writing, it was described that some 15 years ago I had been in Korea unexpectedly. Sometime in the past, it was very popular with people to go and work abroad such as America, Japan and Korea for earning money. After resigning from working for the Internal Revenue Department, I ran a business of my own--jaggery brokerage shop in Mandalay, to be exact, at no.217, 30th street, between 84&85 streets. Being situated near our famous market-place Zegydaw, my purchasing and selling depot was accessible for many customers and it was far successful, hence the accumulation of a relative wealth as salary men go. But after 1992, the business slumped down. During that period, accompanied by my brother, I visited about Yangon to meet my bro's friends, with a view to finding for a new business. One day, we were speaking with bro's buddies at their Seven Star Myanmar-Korea joint-venture agency office near the 8th mile junction when two aliens came in. While sitting aside, someone asked me to write an endorsement letter of the company for visa extension of the guests, in English. Thus I was on friendly terms with the one, and afterwards we met at the office very often. Before I returned home, he asked me whether I had a desire to work at his clothing manufacturing factory in Korea. My bro told me to accept the offer and I easily nodded. Very soon, he sent to me an affidavit letter, necessary particulars and an air ticket to apply for an entry visa at the Korean Embassy through the agency office. Thanks to the warm and friendly Korean's help, I came to Korea safely at the time when many were trying to get visas with difficulty. I did not say a word about my itinerary to my friends and acquaintances. They too asked nothing to me the decorum of my sudden trip, seeming to take it for granted that I need not work abroad. During my stay there, I had many advantages--getting friends, making money, learning Korean language and getting a chance to visit about Korea. Just at the advent of my stay and work there, I found it a little difficult to acculturate the new environment. Generally speaking, I led a peaceful and cushy living throughout my life. I am telling these just to inform our readers that greed led me to a life of severe risk and danger.

While living in happiness there, a friend of mine came to contact me to join them in their attempt to go to Japan illegally by boat, saying we were to earn the double amount in Japan. Much had not been known and thought of, apart from being arrested by the authorities concerned if caught in the act of stowing away. My Korean boss

liked me for hard working and favored me, promising to take me to Philippine in 1995 to set up a new factory but just a thought of tidy income to come into my pocket monthly induced me to misappropriate the trust of my employer, finally deciding to sail across the sea without letting any fellow-workers in the factory know my departure. Our transit place was at an inn in Pusan. While staying there for a night, we, altogether 15 or so, began to be disappointed. The inn was too small to accommodate us. But I knew it was impossible to withdraw any longer. On arriving on board, I nearly abandoned myself to despair, knowing that I made a great mistake. We all were furtively led into a little cabin at the bottom of the ship. The place was too narrow for our group to have had enough leg-rooms, as if we were chickens stuffed into a chicken basket to send to a butcher house. Throughout the journey, we were given a meager amount of instant food only. It was difficult for us even to urinate onboard. Korea is not far away from Japan, but it took us several days to reach Japan because the ship seemed to delay intentionally in order to avoid the investigation of the Japanese Immigration Department. One day we heard a man come to call us, knowing that we reached the destination. Before letting us leave the boat, the crew made us clean ourselves. They saw us off at the railway-station and I noticed that the place was Kokura. From there, we proceeded by train. But it stopped at Kobe because nearly all of the rail-tracks were ruined by the earthquake. So we had to take a bus to a place, the name of which I did not remember any longer. At there, we--me and my Myanmar friend named Ne Oo --made phone calls to our friends in Tokyo. At their instruction, we had to proceed to Tokyo, where we departed each other.

My friends were very kind-hearted, letting me stay at their house in O-TSUKA for a week or so. During idle stay there, my being unemployed made me ruminate about my itinerary. With hindsight, I came to realize that the trip I chose was of great danger and we were like putting ourselves as sacrificial things on the altar of the sea god. Boat-people's lives are dangerous. Yet they had chances to attempt for their survival when in danger, whereas our lives would be in vain in time of emergency as we had to stay in the hull of the ship with the door locked. After getting a job at a Chinese restaurant "Kohien" in "Roppongi", I moved to O-saki to live with other Myanmar. Kohien was famous for its excellent Chinese cuisine. On Friday and Saturday nights, it was so congested with customers that late ones had to wait for their turn in queue, to savor their favorite dishes. At the very start, I was low paid at 700 yen per hour, and I found it very difficult to communicate with my fellow-workers as I knew

nothing about the language and lacked the knowledge on the job. My working hours was from 8a.m to 6p.m--10 hours in all including one hour break in the afternoon. But we were paid for 10 hours.

Sometimes I had to work overtime on some busiest nights, with my wage double paid. I was granted a day-off every Sunday. Especially, on these days I paid a visit to pagodas and other places of interest with my Myanmar friends. Among them were flea markets which we called Se-pyar-zay in our mother tongue. And in my leisure hours I had a chance to study Japanese by watching TV and reading books on the Language written in English. On Sundays, I used to buy an English newspaper. As time passed, my language ability improved and I was better at my job. My colleagues nicknamed me Mr. Punctual. Here it will need a few explanations. We were required to use time-cards to record our working hours. On arrival and departure, we clocked in and out. At the very first day of my working there, I arrived at the job very early, for fear of being late for the workplace. The chef of the night-duty woke up and he told me how to use the time-card. My first-ever arrival time was 7: 11a.m. From then on, I always clocked in on at 7: 11a.m exactly, except for the day, "Toxic scandal on the subway train by Ohm gang" when the whole rail network temporarily broke out. After one week of my employment, the manager, the owner's son, called to tell me that the company would not grant me any excess allowance for every-morning-early-hour. He went on to say that I need not come before 8 a.m. He was the only man with whom I could speak in English. I nodded, but I never failed to come to work on time punctually. To my great astonishment, I was given out extra money for early hours on my first pay-day. Later I came to know that the boss liked punctuality and workaholics. In fact, most of foreigners working in Japan were overstayers. Among them, many had no visas--some were sailors who disembarked their ship unofficially and some were like us. In case, we were found working in jobs or going about downtown, we sure would be deported to our countries. Being illegal immigrants, we were nearly always worried about being arrested and deported while working, commuting from home to work, about on holidays. Japan and any other developed countries have been attracting alien workers for long. Admittedly, the place in which we were may be likened to an oasis for us, but it cannot necessarily give us pleasure to the full. Much as we devoted ourselves to our works -- especially at restaurants-- we had no access to deluxe eateries with our own money. Bar a few young spendthrifts, we could ill afford to spend money as we wish, because our minds were occupied remitting our hard-earned money to our families once it got into our hands every pay-day.

Time spent there, in spite of living under stress, can be said to be bonanza years for us. Unavoidably, the loss of family life, suffering from stress and being exhausted attend the pursuit for wealth and other advantages.

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## GALLERY

## President U Thein Sein tours Museum of Oriental Art, Royal Palace of Venaria in Turin, Italy



*President U Thein Sein opens booth of Myanmar handicraft fair at Museum of Oriental Art in Turin.—MNA*



*Royal Palace of Venaria in Turin, Italy.—MNA*

### A Japan-returner . . . . .

(from page 1)

By working abroad, we learnt to love any kinds of jobs and eagerness occurred to us to emulate Japanese and Korean's arduous efforts and perseverance. The exclamation, "In vino veritas" is a Latin word. Its literal meaning is "truth under wine". In other words, it means under the influence of alcohol, a person tells the

truth. Being intoxicated, I am not telling these. I felt remorse at the way I chose to go to work in Japan. The decision was completely wrong. In fact, our fates can be assumed to be sealed to face misfortunes once we entered the hull of the ship. If an accident or any disaster happened, the crew who took money for our illegal voyage would never try to save us. If so, we who were

unregistered passengers would never be accounted for. I may be a good-for-nothing citizen of my country, but it would be a great loss for my family if such an incident occurred to me. They would surely feel sorrowful for the rest of their lives, knowing nothing my whereabouts. Time passed by swiftly. But whenever I had learnt from newspapers that some boat people were in trouble at sea, the nightmare which still remained

in my memory scared me on, as a hangover. Concurrently, I was itching to disclose my personal experiences to younger generations and warn them not to choose the wrong way as I did. I would not like to live to regret, keeping all my feelings to myself. Out of impatience to live there any longer, I surrendered myself to the Japan Immigration Office, of my own accord. For the violation of the Japan immi-

gration law, I had to live in custody for a few days, and then I returned to my country. Whatever it is, I am complacent about my present existence. If I had a chance, I will yet to write about the lovable two countries and the people's spirits that are worth emulating.

Personally, I want today's youths to study or work abroad. Now that more overseas-job opportunities are available than be-

fore. Less than expected as the numbers are, you need to choose the right way and wait for your turn to come with patience. Our country needs our youths' labors and contributions, so as to be able to build up into a prosperous nation. Would that this confession of a Japan returner with no entry visa missing is of great help and use for ebullient youths.

May our young people take lessons from grave errors of their elders!



# Kerry in Indonesia seeking Asian support against Islamic state

JAKARTA, 20 Oct — US Secretary of State John Kerry arrived in Indonesia for Joko Widodo's presidential inauguration on Monday, seeking more help from Southeast Asian leaders in the US-led effort against Islamic State in the Middle East.

In a one-day stop in Jakarta, capital of a country with the world's largest Muslim population, Kerry plans bilateral meetings with Widodo, the prime ministers of neighbouring Malaysia and Singapore, the Sultan of Brunei, Australia's prime minister and the foreign minister of the Philippines.

Senior officials of the US State Department said the talks would touch on territorial disputes in the South China Sea, where China's increasing assertiveness is a worry to the United States and its Asian allies and partners, the fight to contain Ebola, and a Trans-Pacific Trade Partnership under negotiation.

But the priority would be to seek more help in the US-led fight against Islam-



*United States Secretary of State John Kerry arrives at the airport in Jakarta on 20 Oct, 2014, for the inauguration of President of Indonesia Joko Widodo and meetings with other regional leaders. —REUTERS*

ic State in Syria and Iraq, the officials, who declined to be identified, told reporters on Kerry's flight to Jakarta.

The discussions would cover ways to block Islamic State recruitment of fighters from Southeast Asia, preventing the return

of hardened fighters to the region, and blocking militant financing, one of the officials said.

"The secretary will talk through areas where we believe and hope individual countries can do more," he said.

While Indonesian

crackdowns after the 11 September, 2001, attacks in the United States, and an attack on the holiday island of Bali the following year, have weakened and dispersed militants at home, a growing number of them have left the country, and Malaysia, to join Islamic

State in the Middle East.

A second US official said Kerry would urge Widodo to do more to freeze the assets of militants in line with UN Financial Action Task Force requirements.

"They've made some progress on that," he said. "The hope is that they will make more and it's part of an ongoing effort ...to encourage the Indonesians to do all they need to do to meet their obligations under the UN."

Kerry will also urge Widodo to maintain the active role in regional foreign policy pursued by the previous Indonesian administration, amid concern that the new president may be more inward-looking given his preoccupation with domestic agendas.

"As the world's fourth largest country, the third largest democracy and largest Muslim majority nation, (Indonesia's) role is hugely important," the second official said.

"What we see in the region is a pretty steady calling for Indonesia to re-

main active in foreign affairs," he said. "He can do a lot on domestic (policy) and still keep Indonesia active in the region."

The United States has particularly valued Indonesia's influential role in the 10-nation Association of Southeast Asian Nations, which Washington sees as a key partner in its effort to maintain influence in the Asia-Pacific in the face of a rising China.

Kerry's visit comes ahead of an East Asian Summit in Myanmar next month and of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum in Beijing.

Before heading to Indonesia, Kerry hosted two days of talks in his native Boston with China's top diplomat, State Councilor Yang Jiechi, to warm the mood for a meeting between Chinese President Xi Jinping and US President Barack Obama after APEC. Both sides stressed the need to manage differences and cooperate against global threats including Islamic State. —Reuters

## Large quantity of ammunition, weapons reach Syria's Kobani, Kurds say

BEIRUT, 20 Oct — A large quantity of ammunition and weapons has reached the Syrian town of Kobani, Polat Can, a spokesman for Kurdish forces fighting Islamic State militants there, said on his Twitter feed on Monday.

The US Central Command said earlier US military aircraft air-dropped weapons, ammunition and medical supplies for Kurdish forces fighting Islamic State militants near the Syrian border town on Sunday night.

Shortly before announcing that ammunition and weapons had reached the town, the spokesman for Kurdish forces had posted that he would soon be releasing "good news".

Reuters

## Two Japanese female ministers quit over scandals

TOKYO, 20 Oct — In a huge blow to Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's vaunted policy of promoting women's empowerment, two of the five female ministers he brought to his revamped Cabinet less than two months ago resigned due to money scandals on Monday.

Economy, Trade and Industry Minister Yuko Obuchi resigned to take responsibility for alleged misuse of political funds, while Justice Minister Midori Matsushima stepped down over her alleged violation of the election law by distributing paper fans to constituents, which could count as a donation banned under the law.



*Japan's Economy, Trade and Industry Minister Yuko Obuchi bows her head at a press conference on 20 Oct, 2014, at her ministry after submitting her resignation over a political funds scandal.*

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"I accepted the two ministers' resignations, respecting their decisions," Abe told reporters. "I feel responsible for appointing them (as ministers). I will select their replacements today."

The scandals involving the two ministers could also affect key policy decisions for the premier including whether to go ahead with a planned additional hike in the consumption tax that has already proven unpopular. After submitting a resignation letter to Abe earlier in the day, Obuchi — who was being groomed as a possible future prime minister — admitted that she failed to properly oversee the spending by her support groups. "A great deal of suspicion remains" over the financial reports, she said at a press conference.

"There is no excuse...I have judged that I won't be able to continue assuming a heavy responsibility as the industry minister," Obuchi said, adding that outside experts will probe into the issue. But Obuchi ruled out quitting as a Diet member for the time being, saying she intends to achieve accountability for the scandal as a lawmaker.

Obuchi, daughter of a

former prime minister and a fifth-term member of the House of Representatives, has been under fire over a series of allegations including one that her political groups partially shouldered her supporters' expenses for theater outings, which could be a violation of the election law banning politicians from providing benefits to voters.

According to her political funds reports, two political organizations organized trips for voters to the Meijiza theater in downtown Tokyo in 2010 and 2011, spending some 33.8 million yen. The revenue for the events received by the organizations stood at 7.42 million yen, leaving a shortage of 26.4 million yen unaccounted for.

Obuchi has faced another allegation that she spent a total of 3.62 million yen from her political funds at a design office and clothing shop run by her relatives. But she defended herself on this matter, saying at the press conference that she has "drawn a clear line between public and private matters."

Elected from a single-seat constituency in Gunma Prefecture, she joined the Abe government



*Combined photo shows Justice Minister Midori Matsushima (L) and Economy, Trade and Industry Minister Yuko Obuchi, both of whom stepped down on 20 Oct, 2014. Matsushima was accused of distributing free paper fans to voters in her district in possible violation of the election law, while Obuchi was involved in a political funds scandal. —KYODO NEWS*

in the 3 September Cabinet reshuffle, becoming one of the record-tying five female ministers in Abe's reshuffled Cabinet.

"I sincerely apologize for not having been able to contribute at all" to the government's policy initiatives including women's empowerment and reviving the economy, Obuchi said.

Regarding Matsushima, a senior official of the main opposition Democratic Party of Japan has filed a criminal complaint with prosecutors against her over the distribution of

paper fans. Matsushima, a House of Representatives lawmaker representing the Tokyo No 14 constituency, distributed the fans, some of which bore her name and title as justice minister, to large numbers of people on various occasions, according to Takeshi Shina, the DPJ's deputy secretary general.

Documents submitted by Matsushima to the Diet showed that 21,980 fans were created at a cost of about 1.74 million yen between 2012 and this year.

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## US military says air-drops weapons for Kurdish fighters near Kobani

WASHINGTON, 20 Oct — The US military said it had air-dropped arms to Syrian Kurds battling Islamic State near the Syrian town of Kobani, the first such delivery in more than a month of fighting and a move that could upset Turkey.

The US Central Command said it had delivered weapons, ammunition and medical supplies to the Kurds who are trying to stave off an onslaught by Islamic State fighters who have overrun swathes of Syria and Iraq this year.

The main Syrian Kurdish group defending Kobani from the better armed Islamic State militants said on Monday the town had received “a large quantity” of ammunition and weapons.

Kobani, also known as Ayn al-Arab, is besieged by Islamic State fighters to the east, west and south and bordered to the north by Turkey. The Turkish government has turned down Syrian Kurdish requests for it to open a land corridor so Kobani could be resupplied



*A general view of the Syrian town of Kobani is pictured from near the Mursitpinar border crossing, on the Turkish-Syrian border in the southeastern town of Suruc, on 19 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS*

from other Kurdish areas of northern Syria.

Turkey views the Syrian Kurds with deep suspicion because of their ties to the PKK — a group that waged a decades-long militant campaign for Kurdish rights in Turkey.

The “resupply” of Kurdish fighters marks an escalation in the US effort to help local forces beat back the radical Sunni mil-

itant group in Syria after years of trying to avoid getting dragged into the more than three-year Syrian civil war.

The United States began carrying out air strikes against Islamic State targets in Iraq in August and about a month later started bombing the militant group in neighbouring Syria, in part to prevent it from enjoying safe haven on Syrian

territory.

In a brief statement, the US Central Command said US Air Force C-130 aircraft “delivered weapons, ammunition and medical supplies that were provided by Kurdish authorities in Iraq and intended to enable continued resistance against ISIL’s attempts to overtake Kobani,” using an acronym to refer to Islamic State.

The Central Command said 135 US air strikes near Kobani in recent days, combined with continued resistance against Islamic State on the ground, had slowed the group’s advance into the town and killed hundreds of its fighters.

“However, the security situation in Kobani remains fragile as ISIL continues to threaten the city and Kurdish forces continue to resist,” the statement said.

The Central Command mentioned no new air strikes around Kobani, whose strategic location has blocked the radical Sunni Muslim militants from consolidating their gains across northern Syria.

A spokesman for Kurdish forces fighting Islamic State militants in Kobani later confirmed on his Twitter feed that a “large quantity of ammunition and weapons” had reached the town.

US officials, speaking in a conference call, described the weapons delivered as “small arms” but gave no details.

The United States

gave Turkey advance notice of its plans to deliver arms to the Syrian Kurds, a group Turkey views with deep distrust because of its links to Turkish Kurds who have fought an insurgency in which 40,000 people were killed.

“President Obama spoke to Erdogan yesterday and was able to notify him of our intent to do this and the importance that we put on it,” one senior US official told reporters.

“We understand the longstanding Turkish concern with the range of groups, including Kurdish groups, that they have been engaged in conflict with,” he added. “However, our very strong belief is that both the United States and Turkey face a common enemy in ISIL and that we need to act on an urgent basis.”

The Turkish presidency said Obama and Erdogan had discussed Syria, including measures that could be taken to stop Islamic State’s advances, and Kobani.

Reuters

## Powerful explosive device found in apartment house under construction in Khasavyurt



MOSCOW, 20 Oct — A powerful explosive device was found in an apartment house under construction in the town of Khasavyurt, Russia’s North Caucasian

Republic of Dagestan, a spokesman for the National Anti-terrorist Committee told TASS on Sunday.

The incident took place on Saturday, when

a watchman was walking around the construction site. A suspicious looking parcel was found on the ground floor. Bomb specialists identified it as a home-made explosive device with two radio-guided mechanisms and two detonators. According to experts, the bomb had a yield of 25 kilograms of TNT.

The area was cordoned off, all civilians were evacuated. The explosive device was destroyed on site by means of hydrodynamic cannon. An investigation is underway.—Itar-Tass



*Sappers and some soldiers check the unexploded shells near Tripoli, Libya, on 19 Oct, 2014. A team of Libyan sappers on Sunday collected and detonated a batch of unexploded shells left by the warring militant groups near the capital city of Tripoli.—XINHUA*

## Bombings hits Baghdad Shi’te mosque, military convoy in northern Iraq

BAGHDAD, 20 Oct — A suicide bomber killed 19 at a funeral in Baghdad on Sunday as an ambush halted Iraqi forces’ advance on a key northern city controlled by Islamic State fighters.

A suicide bomber killed 19 and wounded 28 others outside a Shi’ite Muslim mosque, where people were attending a funeral service, in western Baghdad, a police officer and medical official said.

“The attacker approached the entrance of the mosque and blew himself up among the crowd,” the police officer said, speaking on condition of anonymity about the attack in the affluent neighbourhood of Harthiya.

Baghdad has witnessed a surge in bombings in the last month, most of them claimed by Islamic State, as the government, headed by Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi, seeks traction in

its effort to subdue Sunni parts of the country that Islamic State has seized this year.

Elsewhere, Iraqi forces attempted to retake the northern city of Baiji, which is adjacent to the country’s largest refinery, which continues to be in the hands of the government despite a siege by Islamic State.

The military operation, launched in the early hours of Saturday, was snarled

when an armoured vehicle blew up near the security forces’ convoy in a village some 20 km (15 miles) south of Baiji, officers said.

The blast killed four soldiers and wounded seven.

“The attacker surprised our forces as he was driving a military armoured vehicle. We thought it was our vehicle,” said an army major participating in the operation.

“We are planning to

retake Baiji as soon as possible to secure a key highway and to stop the daily attacks of terrorists on the Baiji refinery,” he added.

The offensive looks to bypass the Iraqi city of Tikrit, which lies to the south of Baiji and is controlled by Islamic State, and instead to focus on Baiji itself.

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ter the Iraqi army imploded in the north in the face of a major Islamic State military blitz.

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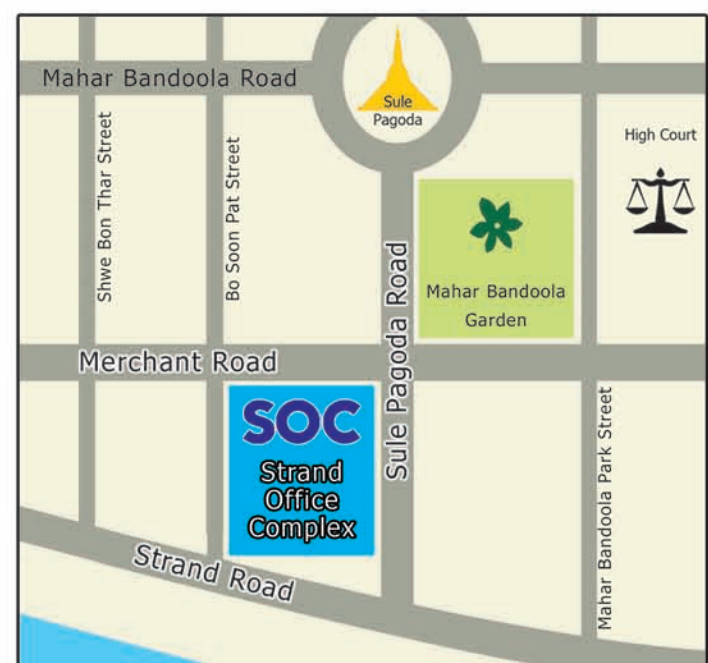
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## Fire at British power station under control: RWE npower

LONDON, 20 Oct — Fire crews have brought under control a fire that started late on Sunday at Britain's Didcot B Power Station, about 70 miles (113 km) west of London, operator RWE npower said.

"Emergency services are still on site but the fire is under control," a spokeswoman for RWE npower told *Reuters* on Monday.

Nobody has been injured in the blaze, the operator said earlier.

The fire broke out in one of the cooling towers, the BBC reported earlier on its website, citing Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue.

"I've been reassured by National Grid that there is no risk to electricity supplies," Britain's Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, Ed Davey, said in a statement.

"My priority is to understand the cause of the fire and get the affected



Firemen spray water into one of the cooling towers at Didcot B Power Station in Didcot, western England on 19 Oct, 2014. — REUTERS

unit back generating electricity as soon as it's safe to do so," he added.

According to RWE's website, one 720-MW unit at the site, Didcot B5, has been taken offline. The oth-

er unit, Didcot B6, appears to still be in service.

Didcot B can produce 1,360 megawatts of electricity, enough power to meet the needs of 1 million households. It is one of a

new generation of highly efficient, gas-burning power stations, which has been in commercial operation since 1997, RWE says on its website.

Reuters





Adele

## Adele enjoys night out with Beyonce, Jay Z

LOS ANGELES, 20 Oct — Singing talents Adele, Beyonce and Jay Z were spotted at Harry's Bar for a weekend kick-off meal. Adele, 26, looked relaxed and comfortable, rocking a barely-there make-up look.

The 'Someone Like You' singer also sported an oversized gray sweater and patterned scarf. Beyonce, 33, on the other hand, went for a more dressed up look. Queen Bey was smoking hot in a floral romper and black heels.

The singer also showed off those infamous new bangs to complete the look. Beyonce's husband also looked happy to be next to his wife. Jay Z stepped out in all black everything, with a camouflage coat to add some colour.

The power couple also partied it up with Black Eyed Peas singer Will.i.am that night.—PTI

## Julia Roberts, husband Danny Moder given Humanitarian Award

LOS ANGELES, 20 Oct — 'Pretty Woman' actress Julia Roberts and her husband Danny Moder were honoured with a humanitarian award.

The couple, married since 2002, was handed the prize by bosses at the Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network (Glsen) at their annual Respect Awards at the Regent Beverly Wilshire Hotel, reported E! online. Roberts and Moder were recognized for their work on 'The Normal Heart', a 2014 TV movie which depicts the rise in the HIV/Aids crisis in the 1980s.

Roberts starred in the

drama and Moder worked behind the scenes as a cinematographer. Bosses at Glsen, an organisation championing safe educational environments for all schoolchildren, said, "They bring a sense of stewardship, responsibility and consciousness to their humanitarian efforts and serve as wonderful role models." 'Dancing With The Stars' professional Derek Hough was handed the Inspiration Award for his "efforts to fight bullying". 'The Big Bang Theory' star Jim Parsons, 'Glee' creator Ryan Murphy, and Rose McGowan also attended the event.—PTI

## Meghan Trainor tops UK music chart for third week running

LONDON, 20 Oct — US singer Meghan Trainor topped the British singles chart for a third consecutive week on Sunday with her catchy pop tune "All about that Bass", the Official Charts Company said.

Trainor's three-week stint at number one is the longest by any female artist in 2014 and the second-longest reign at the top by any act in 2014.

"Shake it Off" by Taylor Swift rose to second place while British boy band One Direction entered in third place with "Steal my Girl".

Singer-songwriter Ed Sheeran charted in fourth place with "Thinking Out Loud" while former chart-topper "Bang Bang" by pop supertrio Jessie J, Nicki Minaj and Ariana Grande came fifth.

Former talent show contestant Ella Henderson claimed the number one slot in the album chart with her debut "Chapter One", which sold over 16,000 copies ahead of second-placed Sheeran, whose album "X" spent two months at number one earlier this year.

Another long-running chart success, "In the Lonely Hour" by Sam Smith, held onto third spot while last week's number one "Wanted on Voyage" by George Ezra slipped to fourth.



US singer Meghan Trainor

Jessie J's new album, "Sweet Talker" debuted in fifth position.—PTI

## Jessie J turns down role as superhero

LONDON, 20 Oct — Jessie J has revealed that she has rejected several movie offers, including one to appear alongside Chloe Grace Moretz and Aaron Taylor-Johnson in 2010 film 'Kick-Ass'. The 26-year-old singer her busy schedule did not allow her to take up those projects, reported *Femalefirst*. "I've been offered superheroes. I was also offered a part in the last Kick-Ass movie. There was a role written for me in the film. I went and met with them but I couldn't do it. My schedule is ridiculous," she said.

Despite turning down 'Kick-Ass', she is hoping to make her movie acting debut next year or the year after, but insists she will only appear in a film if her music is in a good place. "I've been approached again about another film but I'm somebody who definitely likes to focus on one thing so it doesn't get diluted. "My pet hate is when an album and a film suffers because everyone is trying to do too much at once. So maybe next year or the year after, if the right role comes along."—PTI



## Lady Gaga buys USD 24 million mansion

LOS ANGELES, 20 Oct — Pop sensation Lady Gaga has reportedly splashed out USD 24 million on a new mansion.

The 28-year-old singer, who grew up in New York City, purchased her first home in California, reported *TMZ*.

A real estate source said the 'Bad Romance' hitmaker bought a huge compound in Malibu from the founder of Warner Bros Worldwide Consumer Products Division, Dan Romanelli.

The lavish property, which has a secret entranceway, sits on six acres and boasts five bedrooms, 12

bathrooms, an elevator, pool, gym, wine cellar, two-lane bowling alley, bocce ball court, eight-horse stable and walk-in closets.

Romanelli put the house on the market for USD 24.95 million in May 2013.

The blonde beauty previously insisted she would never buy a house in Los Angeles after sampling the lifestyle there in 2011.

The Grammy Award winner, who is dating 33-year-old actor Taylor Kinney, started renting a luxurious penthouse apartment in New York City last year for USD 22,000 a month.—PTI





# Liverpool and Stoke win amid more top flight drama

LONDON, 20 Oct — Liverpool scored a stunning 3-2 win over bottom side Queens Park Rangers with four goals coming in a frenzied seven-minute finale at Loftus Road as the drama continued in the Premier League on Sunday.

QPR's Steven Caulker put the ball into his own net - Rangers' second own goal of the game — in the 95<sup>th</sup> minute to hand Liverpool the points after home substitute Eduardo Vargas had twice equalised in the last few minutes.

Liverpool's last-gasp win was an amazing affair, with no hint of the dramatic finale as they held a 1-0 lead — thanks to Richard Dunne's own goal in the 67<sup>th</sup> — with three minutes left.

Liverpool manager Brendan Rodgers told Sky Sports: "QPR certainly didn't deserve to lose. I thought we were very, very

verted penalties.

Swansea manager Garry Monk accused Stoke's Victor Moses and the referee Michael Oliver of cheating, an accusation which could land him in trouble with the FA.

Asked on Sky Sports if he blamed the referee or the player for Stoke's penalty, Monk replied: "He (Moses) should be punished for diving. It was a clear dive which is cheating.

"He has cheated the ref, and the ref has cheated us in terms of giving a decision that never was."

The defeat meant Swansea, who were second at the end of August, slipped a place to eighth after a fifth league game without a win.

Liverpool ended the day in fifth up from 10th, Stoke climbed to 10th from 15<sup>th</sup> while QPR stayed bottom.



*Queens Park Rangers Eduardo Vargas (C) shoots to score their first goal against Liverpool during their English Premier League soccer match at Loftus Road in London on 19 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS*

lucky to get the win.

"We showed tremendous character and were a little bit better in the second half but QPR definitely deserved something from the game."

It capped an extraordinary weekend which on Saturday saw Sergio Agüero score all four goals for Manchester City in a 4-1 win over Tottenham Hotspur in a game that saw four penalties.

Southampton had also recorded their biggest top flight league win on Saturday with an 8-0 demolition of Sunderland.

The theatre continued in Sunday's late game with post-match recriminations following Stoke City's 2-1 win over Swansea City, which featured two con-

Chelsea's 2-1 win over Crystal Palace on Saturday, which saw two red cards, left them top on 22 points from eight games, with Manchester City second on 17, one ahead of Southampton, with West Ham fourth on 13 points after their 3-1 win at Burnley.

QPR had the better of the first half with Leroy Fer hitting the bar twice ahead of the break before Richard Dunne put Liverpool ahead when he put through his own net.

It was Dunne's 10th own goal of his career on his 400th Premier League start and looked like being the winner before Vargas equalised in the 87<sup>th</sup> minute from close range.

Philippe Coutinho put



*Swansea City's Ki Sung-Yueng (R) challenges Stoke City's Stephen Ireland during their English Premier League soccer match at the Britannia Stadium in Stoke-on-Trent, northern England on 19 Oct, 2014.*

REUTERS

Liverpool back in front in the 90th minute with a swerving curler that took a deflection off a defender before Vargas headed another QPR equaliser to make it 2-2 in the second minute of stoppage time.

Incredibly, Liverpool then won when Caulker deflected a cross from Raheem Sterling into his own net in the final minute.

QPR manager Harry Redknapp, who has played down talk his job is under threat despite QPR's poor start with just one win from their opening eight games, told reporters: "I couldn't give a monkeys about speculation.

"The rubbish written in the papers, I don't read them. If you do your best you can't give any more."

QPR were not at their best and contributed to Liverpool's winner when they decided to float the ball into the box rather than shoot from a free kick deep inside their opponents' half.

"If it goes in great, if it goes in the crowd, then organise behind it, but sud-

denly everyone was running in the box, and you're waiting to get done on the counter attack. You take a point in situation like that... It was naive," said Redknapp.

Most of the drama in Sunday's second match came in the first half before a 76<sup>th</sup> minute header from Jon Walters swung the match Stoke's way.

Wilfried Bony put Swansea ahead with a penalty in the 34th minute after being wrestled to the ground by Ryan Shawcross.

Charlie Adam equalised for Stoke from another spot kick nine minutes later when Moses appeared to easily go to ground under the slightest of challenges from Angel Rangel, the episode which prompted Monk's fury.

The nine matches played so far this weekend have produced a season high total for one round of 36 goals before West Bromwich Albion host Manchester United on Monday.—Reuters

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## Japan's top security official to visit S Korea Tuesday for talks

SEOUL, 20 Oct — Japan's top security official will make a two-day visit to Seoul for talks with South Korea's top presidential aide for national security, both governments said Monday.

Shotaro Yachi, national security adviser to the Cabinet, is expected to explain Japan's stance on security policy in his talks from Tuesday with Kim Kwan Jin, chief of the National Security

Office at the presidential office, Japanese Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said in Tokyo.

"Topics to be covered include the situation in North-east Asia, the international situation and issues of strategic concern, as well as matters of bilateral concern such as diplomatic affairs and security," South Korea's presidential office said in a statement.

It will be Yachi's first visit to South Korea since he became the top bureaucrat in Japan's National Security Council in January. He had been awaiting a reply from Seoul for several months since he initially sought to arrange such a visit, according to a Japanese government source. To mend ties between Tokyo and Seoul frayed by issues over history and territory, Japanese Prime Minister

Shinzo Abe has expressed hope of holding summit talks with South Korean President Park Geun Hye.

Yachi is known to have accompanied former Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda when he met secretly with Chinese President Xi Jinping in Beijing in late July, a move widely seen as laying the groundwork for a future Japan-China summit.

Kyodo News



# Real seek first win over Liverpool, Totti eyes more goals

LONDON, 20 Oct — Two of Europe's greatest clubs with 15 European Cup successes between them renew their rivalry at Anfield on Wednesday with Liverpool looking to preserve their unlikely 100 percent record against Real Madrid in Europe's elite competition.

While that match evokes past and present glory, Barcelona play Ajax Amsterdam in another Champions League match between European aristocracy with eight European Cup wins between them.

The game between AS Roma and Bayern Munich in Rome, another heavyweight affair, gives Francesco Totti another chance to beat his own record as the oldest man to score in the competition.

Real, the reigning European champions, have lost all three competitive European matches they have played against Liverpool: the 1981 European Cup final when Liverpool beat them 1-0 in Paris as well as 4-0 and 1-0 defeats in the last 16 of the Champions League in 2009.

But Real arrive for their Group B match in great form, having won their last seven matches in all competitions following

their second successive 5-0 win in La Liga, over Levante on Saturday.

Liverpool meanwhile will need to improve on their somewhat fortunate 3-2 Premier League win over Queens Park Rangers on Sunday when they needed the help of two own goals from the struggling London side for a late victory.

Still, coach Brendan Rodgers says he is keen to face Real on Wednesday.

"Real Madrid are playing as well as they have played for the last five to 10 years, the threats they have," he said after the QPR game. "I am really looking forward to that."

Real's win at Levante featured another two goals from Cristiano Ronaldo, who has now scored 15 goals in seven La Liga starts this season.

Real coach Carlos Ancelotti, always keen to do well against Liverpool after they beat his AC Milan side on penalties in the famous 2005 final in Istanbul after trailing 3-0 at halftime, has two big games ahead of him this week.

After the trip to Anfield comes the first Clásico of the season against Barcelona next weekend.



Real Madrid's coach Carlo Ancelotti

"We are on a good run but we need to remember that behind the goals there is sacrifice, fight and concentration. You don't score without sacrifice and concentration. The best players realise that," Ancelotti said.

Barcelona's Javier Mascherano believes that Tuesday's visit of Ajax

will not only help get their Group F campaign back on track, after losing 3-2 to Paris St Germain three weeks ago, but also prepare them for the Clásico.

Barca beat a resolute Eibar 3-0 on Saturday with Lionel Messi taking his Liga tally to 250 goals and Mascherano says it is important Barca keep

winning and do not look back to the past after they beat Ajax 4-0 at the Nou Camp in last season's group stage.

"You cannot live in the past for games that are going to take place in the future. The match against Ajax is important for us and we need to be fully focussed on that," said the Argentina midfielder.

"If we don't play well on Tuesday then that can also change the mood and we want to play well and be ready for the Clásico," he said.

The atmosphere at Anfield and the Nou Camp will be fantastic, which is more than can be said for the one the players of CSKA Moscow and Manchester City will experience in Moscow, with their Group E match being played behind closed doors on UEFA's orders because of the continuing troublesome behaviour of CSKA's fans.

When the two clubs met in the group stage last year, CSKA's fans racially abused City's Yaya Toure and had one of their stands closed, but following continued trouble this will be their second successive European game without fans after their opening 1-0 defeat

by Bayern Munich last month.

City who beat CSKA 2-1 in Moscow last season, could well kick start their stuttering campaign with another win there after losing their opener 1-0 to Bayern Munich and drawing 1-1 at home to AS Roma three weeks ago.

Tuesday's Roma-Bayern match should also be one of the week's highlights. While Bayern's defence appears impregnable, Roma have scored in each of their nine games this season.

Totti became the oldest scorer in the Champions League era at 38 years and three days when he netted for Roma against City three weeks ago and has been a fundamental part of Roma's resurgence under French coach Rudi Garcia.

Totti also scored the winner when Roma beat Bayern 3-2 almost exactly four years ago.

But Bayern, unbeaten in 11 games in all competitions, have kept eight successive clean sheets and have not conceded a goal since the 1-1 draw against Schalke 04 on 30 August, a total of 748 minutes.

Reuters

## Cilic and Pavlyuchenkova claim Kremlin Cup titles

MOSCOW, 20 Oct — Croatian second seed Marin Cilic overcame Roberto Bautista Agut 6-4, 6-4 to claim the Kremlin Cup crown on Sunday, while Russia's Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova lifted the women's title.

World No 8 Cilic, who already had a place at the ATP World Tour Finals in London, faced few prob-

lems against his fifth-seeded Spanish opponent but did have to save six break points.

"I had to work really hard today as their were a lot of hard rallies," said the US Open champion, who won in an hour and 24 minutes. "I thought I served better than yesterday and I played well from baseline," added the Croat who fired 10 aces.

"This title is another step in my career. Of course, I am delighted, this win will have a special place in my heart." Pavlyuchenkova clinched a seventh WTA crown and second title this year by beating Romanian Irina-Camelia Begu 6-4, 5-7, 6-1.

The sixth seeded 23-year-old, who won in Paris in February, was pushed to the limit before claiming the title in two hours and 29 minutes after struggling to hold serve.

The victory will take her up to 24<sup>th</sup> in the world rankings.

"I could not have thought of a better way to finish the season than being victorious in Moscow," Pavlyuchenkova said.

"I especially want to thank my family who have supported me here over the last week."—Reuters



Croatia's Marin Cilic (R) holds his trophy as he poses for a picture with the president of the Russian Tennis Federation Shamil Tarpishev after defeating Spain's Roberto Bautista-Agut in the men's singles final at the Kremlin cup tennis tournament in Moscow on 19 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS

## Murray battles past Ferrer to clinch Vienna Open title



Andy Murray

VIENNA, 20 Oct — Andy Murray clinched the Vienna Open title on Sunday with a 5-7, 6-2, 7-5 victory over David Ferrer, one of the Briton's main rivals in the battle to qualify for the ATP World Tour Finals.

Murray is now eighth in the Race to London standings, with the top

eight players qualifying for the prestigious season-ending tournament from 9-16 November. He is one place and 110 points ahead of Spain's Ferrer.

The victory was Murray's first over a top-eight player since he won Wimbledon in 2013 and handed him revenge for his

third-round defeat to Ferrer at the Shanghai Masters 10 days ago.

"It was a good finish to the week," Murray told the BBC after wrapping up victory in two hours and 41 minutes.

"Obviously, it was an important match in the race for the Tour Finals in London and it was a very, very tough match but I managed to get through it.

"It was a very long match and both of us were in the locker room struggling, limping around and very stiff and sore so it was a nice one to get through."

Murray's next tournament will be in Valencia with 500 ranking points on offer, before he travels to Paris where there are 1000 more up for grabs.

Reuters