

President U Thein Sein arrives back from Italy



YANGON, 21 Oct— President U Thein Sein arrived back in Yangon on Tuesday morning after attending the 10th ASEM in Milan, Italy.

The President was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Union Ministers U Aung Min, U Than Htay, Dr Ko Ko Oo and U Htay Aung, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, the commander of Yangon Com-

mand and official of the Italian Ambassador.

Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Tin Naing Thein, U Ye Htut, Lt-Gen Aung Than Htut of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung, State Chief Minister U Hong Ngai, Deputy Ministers U Ohn Than and U Myo Aung and officials.

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President U Thein Sein being welcomed back by Union Ministers and diplomats from Italy Embassy at Yangon International Airport on his arrival from Italy.—MNA

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Union Information Minister, MJN seek ways for solving media issues

By Aye Min Soe

YANGON, 21 Oct — Union Minister for Information U Ye Htut and the Myanmar Journalist Network composed of young journalists exchanged views over media issues on Tuesday, including challenges of news gathering and recent jail sentences imposed on four journalists and a publisher.

The Myanmar journalists expressed concern over the sentences by a township court imposed on four journalists and a publisher from the Bi Mon Te Nay (Mid-day Sun) weekly, considering the verdict as a threat to media.

The Union minister said that he will feed back the views exchanged between the two sides over the issue to the president.

The president cannot interfere in the judiciary sector, but he does have the authority to consider the cases after verdicts are given at courts, U Ye Htut said.

The five was charged with sedition under Section 505 (b) of the Panel Code in July, which prohibits statements that could cause public chaos and carries a much heavier maximum punishment after their paper the Bi

Mon Te Nay weekly falsely claimed that an interim government had replaced President U Thein Sein's government.

"The minister promised to report this issue to the president, and we hope that we would get a good result," said Shwe Hmone,

a member of the social committee of the MJN.

After U Ye Htut was appointed as information minister on 1 August, he posted a comment on his Facebook page saying he would build good relations based on a code of conduct and mutual respect between

the governmental departments and the country's fourth estate.

Both sides of Myanmar's fourth estate and administration sector have accepted to carry out reforms themselves, the Union minister told the journalists, referring to the recent meet-

ing between the Myanmar Press Council (Interim) and the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.

During the meeting, the Ministry of Defence has assigned three generals with the task of communicating with the media.

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Union Minister U Ye Htut (middle) promises that the Information Ministry would act as negotiator between governmental departments and journalists to solve the challenges of news gathering from the departments if Myanmar Press Council (Interim) or Myanmar Journalists Network inform the challenges to the ministry.—PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE

Farmers run into difficulty with settlement of loans because of reduced agricultural production

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct — Banking regulations do not allow troubled farmers to delay their settlement of due loans, with the deputy minister saying at the Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) on Tuesday that the Myanma Agricultural Bank takes out loans from the Myanma Economic Bank and disburse them to farmers as agricultural loans, which are to be paid back along with interests in the agreed time.

U Khin Zaw, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation, was responding to a query concerning the possibility of relaxing some bank regulations for farmers with difficulty repaying their agricultural loans as a result of their crops being devastated by natural disasters and insect pests.

He went on to say that banks still reserve the right to postpone the due date on condition that authorities

and bank branches concerned give their seal of approval to the agricultural production hampered by natural events.

Regarding compensations to people with authentic documents of landownership on the compound of the Central Ordnance Depot (COD) in the township of Botahtaung, Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint said that plans are underway to construct two 14-storey buildings

with 24 units each for real landowners, adding that the construction is expected to start at the end of October this year.

Responding to a query of foreign offers to the upgrading of the Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay Highway, the deputy minister said that coordination are being made with such foreign agencies as the Japan International Cooperation Agency, the MOLIT-Koica, the Asian Development

Bank and the USAid, for technical and monetary assistance.

At the Pyithu Hluttaw, the chairman of the Union Election Commission read out a report on the research findings of the electoral system fit for Myanmar. According to the research findings, there are 12 electoral systems practised by world nations. The UEC chairman said that the First-Past-The-Post system, the Proportional Rep-

resentation system and the Parallel system are found to match the political landscape of Myanmar.

No nation in the world has ever come up with a perfect electoral system, he cited foreign political experts as suggesting that a country should adopt an electoral system which allows free and fair elections on a level playing field and focuses on stability and peace.

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Pyithu Hluttaw

Amyotha Hluttaw meets on 21st day



Representatives participate in discussion of topics at Tuesday's session of Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct — The Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House) convened its 21st day meeting here on Tuesday.

Regarding the question of Dr Myat Nyana Soe, representative of

Yangon region constituency 4, Union Minister for Health Dr Than Aung answered that the ministry will make the plans for medical doctors and nurses from private sector to join post-graduate courses

amidst the changing trend in medical services.

The minister also said the medical institutes of Yangon and Mandalay accept 50 post-graduate students each, and more candidates will be selected for this course under the management of state/region health departments, collecting with a certain fee for the courses.

In response to the question of U Than Myint,

representative of Tanintharyi region constituency 10, Deputy Minister for Education U Thant Shin said that constructions of school facilities are focused on classes and laboratories; and staff quarters will be constructed at remote areas in 2015-2016 fiscal year.

The deputy minister also said that the proposals have been submitted to the No.1 Basic Education Department for the constructions of 23 staff quarters, and 22 staff quarters at No.2 Basic Education Department, and four staff quarters at the No.3 Basic Education Department.

The four parliamentarians also discussed the bill on protection of ethnic people rights.

U Nay Win Tun, representative of Shan State constituency No.9, suggested the word 'ethnic people' should be substituted with 'union ethnic people', as the former might be assumed that Bama does not involve in the group of all ethnics such as Shan,

Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon and Rakhine, and that term of 'union ethnic people' would be more appropriate.

U Myat Ko, representative of Sagaing region constituency No. 12, said that if the term ethnic people is defined as the ethnic groups who have been living in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, it accords with State Constitution.

He also said the definition will be more complete only if the number of ethnic groups can be verified.

U Boe Yei, representative of Kayah state constituency No.3, suggested the government to accelerate development programmes in conflict-torn ethnic villages, and the five parliamentarians discussed the issue.

U Shu Maung, representative of Shan State constituency No. 8, said that the development programmes at the conflict areas were destroyed by armed groups, causing the residents to leave their properties.

U J Yaw Wu, representative of Kayah State constituency No.12, said rehabilitation programmes and peace processes should be made simultaneously, pointing out that the lack of development programmes and peace-making process will result in the restive areas for many years.

Lt-Col Thein Lwin submitted a statement that internal peace is essential for the prosperity of the country, urging peace process should be prioritized in the reform plan of the government that could sign agreements with some ethnic armed groups not only on ceasefire agreements but also on cooperation of regional development, human rights, environmental conservation, humanitarian aid, fight against drug trafficking, education, health and resettlement of internally displaced people due to civil conflict.

Amyotha Hluttaw agreed this statement to be discussed after fixing a certain date.—MNA

New fine arts colleges likely to reach two states and one region

By Khaing Thanda Lwin

YANGON, 21 Oct — The Ministry of Culture is planning to establish three fine arts colleges in Nyaungshwe of Shan State, Mawlamyine of Mon State and Kalay of Sagaing Region at the end of 2015, aiming to develop Myanmar's arts and culture.

This initiative is aimed at producing more professionals in the fields of music, drama and painting nationwide, according to Daw Htet Htet Khaing, a tutor at the Cinematography and Drama Department under the National University of

Arts and Culture (Yangon).

Myanmar has two performing and visual arts universities, with one established in 1993 in Yangon and the other in 2001 in Mandalay. The universities offer bachelor's degree programs in traditional Myanmar's performing and visual arts.

The tutor said that the National University of Arts and Culture (Yangon) has drawn more students than last year, but only a few students take sculpture for reason of rare job prospects in the country.—GNLM

Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu and Pyithu Hluttaw meets committee, commission members



Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa holds talks with chairmen and members of committee and commission.

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NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct — Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) U Nanda Kyaw Swa met the chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee and members and members of the Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission at the Hluttaw Complex in Nay Pyi Taw on Monday.

They discussed legislative measures.—MNA

Vice President U Nyan Tun says poor water management invites diseases, social problems, environmental impact



Vice President U Nyan Tun with Union Ministers, officials of UN agencies at National Water Forum organized by National Water Resources Committee.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct— The National Water Forum 2014 took place at the Myanmar International Convention Centre in the capital city of Nay Pyi Taw on Tuesday, with an address by Vice President U Nyan Tun, who is also Chairman of the National Water Resources Committee (NWRC).

In his opening address, Vice President U Nyan Tun said that poor management of water resources and water scarcity can lead to

such ill consequences as an epidemic of diseases, malnutrition, economic ruin, social unrest, conflict and environmental impact.

Difficult access to potable water, sewage and household running water still pose a threat which remains unsolved, the vice president said, calling for a systematic management of using less underground water and preventing further deforestation.

He pointed out the need to launch educational

campaigns against excessive and reckless exploitation of underground water on commercial purpose, adding that action should be taken against self-interest seekers as necessary.

Vice President U Nyan Tun stressed the importance of water resources management in preserving water resources, calling for the balance between demand and supply.

It is necessary to enact laws and create favourable conditions to ensure eco-

nomically efficient, equity and environmental sustainability, which he called three pillars of water management.

Dr Claudia W Sadoff, economist at the World Bank, and Mr Bertrand Bainvel of the UNICEF, gave talks on the importance and effectiveness of water resources.

Vice President U Nyan Tun also encouraged agricultural staff of the Department of Agriculture who were carrying

out the pollination of paddy grains in a paddy field near the hotel zone in the township of Dekkhinathiri in Nay Pyi Taw.

He urged officials to help farmers boost their agricultural production and earn more income.

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Union Construction Minister on inspection tour of roads, bridges

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct — Union Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin looked into maintenance of Padan-Okshitpin section of Patheingyi Road and construction of bridges on Sitsano-Yaynanma-Kandok road on 19 October.

The Union Minister also viewed placing of gravels, construction box culvert and bridges on Township. Minhla-Thayet Road.

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Smooth trade process of Myanmar discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct — Smooth trade process plays an important role in poverty alleviation and economic development of the State, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint said at the Workshop on Trade Facilitation Reform in Myanmar at the Ministry of Commerce in Nay Pyi Taw on Tuesday.

Officials of Deutsche Post DHL, World Bank,

European Union and JICA discussed reform for smooth and rapid trade process in Myanmar, and best participation of Myanmar in agreement of WTO for smooth trade process together with other member countries.

A total of 67 experts from Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House), relevant ministries and private organizations took part in the workshop.

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Vice President U Nyan Tun views thriving paddy plantation in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

Rural people get agricultural knowledge for boosting production

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct — Head of Lewe Township Agriculture Department U Saw Win Oo and staff held a talk about agricultural technique to the local people at the monastery in Okshithlaing Village of Lewe Township on 19 October.

They discussed use of short-term quality strains of crops due to climate change, use of modern agricultural techniques, prevention of pests and germs, post-harvest process, use of combine harvesters, advantages of irrigation facilities for paddy, green gram, sunflower and other crops to about 350 farmers from six villages.

Local farmer U Thein Hlaing said that farmers can apply modern agricultural techniques and use quality strains of paddy and crops but they have



difficulty of transport.

Okshithlaing Village is 16 miles from Lewe and Shwekhe-in Village, six miles. However, the local people cannot use motor-bikes. So, they cost K3000

per bag of sesame to be transported to urban area.

“Only when the transport is smooth and secure, will the local people have access to urban area for sales of their goods,”

he said.

The village-tract has 1,394 acres of farmlands and 1,800 acres of crop-lands.

*Ko Pauk
(Okkar Myay)*

Youth volunteer course opened in Katha Tsp



KATHA, 21 Oct — With the aim of carrying out rural development tasks on a wider scale, the youth volunteer livestock breeding and fisher-

ies course 1/2014 kicked off at the office of District Management Committee in Katha of Sagaing Region on Monday.

Secretary of Katha

District Management Committee U Win Khaing, Head of District Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Dr Kyaw Tun and Head of District Fish-

eries Department U Win Tin explained the purpose of conducting the training.

Head of District Department of Rural Development U Thaung Myint said that officials of the relevant ministries will give lectures to the trainees under the guidance of the Union Minister for Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development and urged the trainees to studies the subjects and lectures in a short time abiding by the course disciplines.

A total of 24 trainees from Katha Township and six each from Htigyaing, Indaw, Bamauk, Kawlin, Wuntho and Pinlebu townships are attending the course from 20 to 24 October.

District IPRD

Chin State launches birth registration week activity



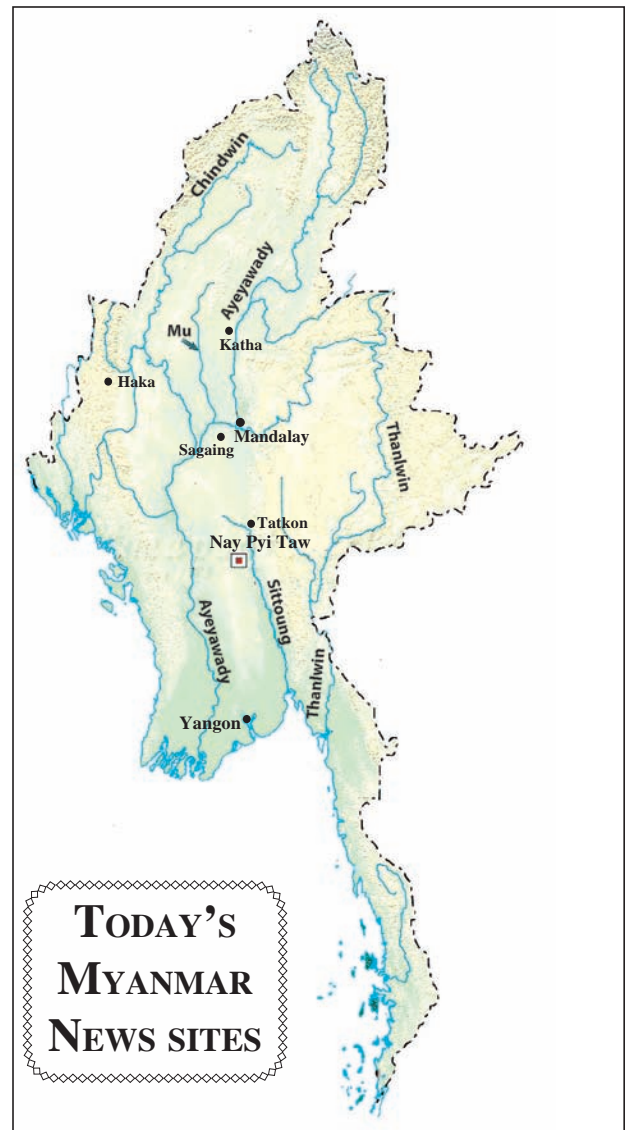
HAKA, 21 Oct — The birth registration week activity was launched at the city hall in Haka of Chin State on Monday.

On behalf of the Chief Minister of Chin State, Chin State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Zaw Min Oo made a speech, and Head of State Immigration and National Registration Department U Shein Win ex-

plained birth registration process.

U Pyoung Swym Mohn of UNICEF reported on birth registration week activity and presented a documentary video on birth registration.

The birth registration week activity will be carried out in Haka and Falam townships of Chin State from 20 to 24 October.—*Chin State IPRD*



Winners awarded for contests to mark International Day for Disaster Reduction

TATKON, 21 Oct — The prize presentation for the winners in the contests in commemoration of International Day for Disaster Reduction was held at Sasana Beikman in Tatkon on Tuesday.

Deputy General Secretary Dr Aung Kyaw Htut of Myanmar Red Cross Society gave talks on organizing

the commemorative day.

Project Coordinator of MRCS Daw Moe Thida Win read the message sent by the UN Secretary-General.

Officials presented prizes to the winners in the painting, essay, map drawing, poster and article contests.—*Tin Soe Lwin (Township IPRD)*



LOCAL NEWS

New transformer switched on in Mingaladon Township

YANGON, 21 Oct — Officials of Mingaladon Township from Yangon City Electricity Supply Board supervised installation of a 6.6x0.4KV, 200 KVA transformer for supply of electricity to the local people.

On 17 October, the

ceremony to launch the electrification was held at the generator in Ward 10 of Mingaladon Township.

A local thanked the local authorities for installation of a transformer to supply electricity to the people.

Khin Zaw (Mingala)



World Osteoporosis Day observed in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 21 Oct — The World Osteoporosis Day was observed at Orthopaedic Specialist Hospital in Chanmyathazi Township of Mandalay on 20 October with the motto "Real Men: Build Their Strength of Within Strong

Back Bone for Better Life".

Medical Superintendent Dr Khaing Soe Tun of the hospital and Professor Dr Maung Maung Htwe formally opened the ceremony.

Associate Professor Dr Zaw Min Han gave talks on osteoporosis disease of the patients.

Specialists of the hospital performed medical checkup of osteoporosis disease at 315 patients free of charge from 8 am to 12 noon.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)

Health knowledge about Ebola virus disseminated



TATKON, 21 Oct — Health Assistant U Aung Win Hlaing and health staff gave an educative talks about Ebola disease to local people and gave health care services free of charge to the local people at the monastery in Phetthantaung Vil-

lage in Tatkon Township on 18 October morning.

Health Assistant U Aung Win Hlaing explained infection of Ebola virus and control of disease, washing of hands and giving information about symptoms of dis-

ease to the relevant rural health centres.

They donated medicines to the older persons and performed medical checkup at the illness persons free of charge.

Tin Soe Lwin (Tatkon Township IPRD)

Rural youths take part in football tourney

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct — The village administrator's shield football tournament kicked off in Natthaye Village of Pyinmana Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 19 October, with participation of 14 football teams.

Local authorities explained the disciplines of the football tournament to the players and urged them to take part in the tournament fairly.

The tournament will be held up to 8 November.

Ko Gyi Kyaw (Pyinmana)



Cash donated to renovation of platform at Mandalay Hill Pagoda

MANDALAY, 21 Oct — Wellwisher U Thiha Lin-Daw Nang Kalyar Tun of Yangon donated K2,743,200 for renovation of the 83 feet long stairway, roof and decoration, 22 posts and painting to the Mandalay High Pagoda Board of Trustees on 17 October.

Chairman of the pagoda board of trustees U Thein Tun accepted the donations and gave a certificate of honour to wellwisher.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)

UDNR celebrates golden jubilee anniversary



SAGAING, 21 Oct — A ceremony to mark the golden jubilee anniversary of University for Development of National Races was held at the university in Sagaing on Monday.

Chief Minister of Sagaing Region U Tha Aye and Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Tin Aung Chit formally opened the archway of the ceremony.

They delivered address at the ceremony to mark the golden jubilee anniversary of the university at the convocation hall.

The rector reported on progress of the university and its endeavours and presented gifts to the dignitaries.

The chief minister donated K1 million, the deputy minister for Bor-

der Affairs K1 million and graduates of the university K5 million to the fund for all-round development of the university through the rector.

They visited the documentary photo exhibition and sales festival.

The university was established in Sagaing as Institute for Development of National Races at first on 20 October 1964. It was moved to Ywathitgyi Village of Sagaing Township on 14 October 1968. On 10 May 1991, the institution was upgraded to the University for Development of National Races under the law.

From 1964 to 2014, the university has turned out 12,493 graduates from 92 ethnic groups.—*Tin Maung (Mandalay)*

New industry minister vows to restart idled nuclear plants

TOKYO, 21 Oct — Japan's newly appointed industry minister Yoichi Miyazawa said on Tuesday he will promote the restart of the country's idled nuclear reactors that clear safety checks, adhering to the basic stance of the pro-nuclear government.

In charge of overseeing the energy sector, Miyazawa has one of the toughest jobs in the government — persuading the public to accept the restart of nuclear plants that have remained offline amid safety concerns following the 2011 Fukushima meltdowns.

“There is no doubt that nuclear power is our nation's important base-load power source,” Miyazawa, 64-year-old nephew of the late former Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa, said at a



Japan's new Justice Minister Yoko Kamikawa attends a Press conference on 21 Oct, 2014, at her ministry in Tokyo following an attestation ceremony. She said she will make utmost efforts to gain public understanding over a controversial secrecy law that will take effect on 10 December.—KYODO NEWS

Press conference.

Miyazawa took office the day after Yuko Obuchi — who had the highest

profile among five female ministers in Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's revamped Cabinet — stepped down

over a money scandal less than two months after she assumed the post.

In comparison to the popular Obuchi, daughter of former Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi, Miyazawa has a low profile among voters. The sudden replacement could cause a delay in Abe's plan to revive the country's nuclear industry, some observers say.

During the Press conference, Miyazawa also pledged to work toward the introduction of more renewable energy and reduce Japan's reliance on nuclear power generation “as much as possible,” as stated in the national energy policy adopted in April.

Regarding the restart of a nuclear plant operated by Kyushu Electric Power Co — which will likely be the first to go back online

under post-Fukushima, tougher safety regulations — Miyazawa said he intends to visit Kagoshima Prefecture, the host community of the facility, “at the earliest possible date,” to explain the government's stance and obtain consent from the locals.

Calls for Obuchi to resign had been growing over allegations that her support groups shouldered expenses for trips for voters to a theater in Tokyo. She also came under fire over spending from her political fund at a design office and clothing shop run by her relatives.

In addition to Obuchi, Justice Minister Midori Matsushima — another female member of the Cabinet — resigned Monday over a separate scandal. Matsushima allegedly



Japan's new Economy, Trade and Industry Minister Yoichi Miyazawa meets with reporters at his ministry on 21 Oct, 2014, following an attestation ceremony. He shows his willingness to resume operations of nuclear power plants once their safety is confirmed.

KYODO NEWS

distributed paper fans to supporters, in a possible violation of the election law, which bans politicians from sending gifts of monetary value to constituents.

Kyodo News

China, US reaffirm commitment to building new model of major-country relationship

WASHINGTON, 21 Oct — China and the United States on Monday reaffirmed their commitment to pushing forward the construction of a new model of major-country relationship, as the two sides are actively preparing for an upcoming visit to China by US President Barack Obama.

In a meeting at the White House, visiting Chinese State Councillor Yang Jiechi and US National Security Advisor Susan Rice discussed the preparations for Obama's visit to Beijing in early November to attend the informal leadership meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) and hold talks with Chinese President Xi Jinping.

Yang said China is willing to closely cooperate with the US side to make all proper preparations for Obama's attending the APEC summit and visiting China.

Noting that positive progress has been made recently in improving bilateral ties, Yang expressed the hope that China and the US will move in the same direction to deepen cooperation and coordination in various areas and on important regional and international issues.

The senior Chinese



Chinese State Councillor Yang Jiechi (R) meets with US President Barack Obama's National Security Advisor Susan Rice in Washington DC, the United States, on 20 Oct, 2014.—XINHUA

official also urged the two sides to conduct active interaction and cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region, resolve bilateral issues in a constructive way, and seek more tangible achievements in building a new model of major-country relationship, thus making active contributions to enhancing regional and global peace, stability and prosperity.

Rice said that President Obama is looking forward to attending the upcoming APEC summit and meeting with President Xi again. The US side is willing to

make joint efforts with China to ensure Obama's visit a success and to promote active results of the APEC summit, she said.

She pledged that Washington is committed to continuing the efforts to build a new model of major-country relationship with China, and is willing to strengthen bilateral cooperation with China in various areas, and jointly deal with regional and global challenges.

During their meeting, the two officials also exchanged views on a range of issues of mutual con-

cern, including bilateral trade and economic ties, counterterrorism, the Ebola epidemic, the situation in West Asia and North Africa, and the nuclear issue on the Korean Peninsula.

Yang already held talks with US Secretary of State John Kerry in Boston on Saturday.

Earlier Monday, Yang held a meeting with US Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel at the Pentagon, during which the two sides pledged to continue the efforts to ensure the healthy development of bilateral military relations.—Xinhua

Indonesian President ponders some cabinet picks on anti-graft concern

JAKARTA, 21 Oct — New Indonesian President Joko Widodo said on Tuesday he was re-evaluating some of his choices for cabinet jobs after an anti-graft agency raised concern about possible problems with some candidates.

Widodo, who won a closely fought July election on promises of clean government, will want to avoid the same type of corruption scandals that tainted his predecessor's final term in office. Three of former President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono's ministers were implicated in corruption cases.

Widodo, who took office on Monday, submitted a list of candidates to fill his cabinet of 33 ministers to two government watchdogs. The list has not been made public. The Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK) considered some candidates on Widodo's list “problematic” or “potentially problematic”, Zulkarnain, the KPK's deputy chairman, was quoted as saying in the *Jakarta Post* newspaper on Tuesday. When asked if he had to re-evaluate any of his nominations after the findings of the commission, Widodo told reporters: “It looks like it has to be like that.” He declined to identify the problematic candidates. Widodo had been expected

to announce his cabinet as early as Tuesday. He has said he would have 18 technocrats and 15 political appointees in the line-up.

It was not clear when the team would be announced.

Officials from the KPK were not immediately available for comment.

It was not clear if the second anti-graft agency considering cabinet nominations, the Indonesian Financial Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre, also raised concerns. Centre officials were not available for comment. All eyes are on Widodo's choices to head the main economic ministries. They will inherit problems in Southeast Asia's biggest economy ranging from a widening current account deficit and cooling investment to the slowest growth since 2009.—Reuters



Indonesia's new President Joko Widodo

Over 100 warplanes take part in former Soviet states air defence drills



The Mil Mi-24 large helicopter gunship and attack helicopter.—ITAR-TASS



The Sukhoi T-50 is a fifth-generation fighter. The aircraft is the first in Russia's Air Force to use stealth technology.—ITAR-TASS

MOSCOW, 21 Oct — Seven Commonwealth of Independent States CIS states began air defence drills on Tuesday. Around 100 warplanes of fighter, bombing, assault and long-range aviation as well as

130 command control posts are involved in the military exercises of the united air defence system, the press service of Russian Defence Ministry told TASS.

Air defence forces from Russia, Armenia,

Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan are participating in the drills. The Command Centre of the Russian Aerospace Defence Forces in Moscow region supervises these war

games.

The crews will conduct maneuvers in the airspace of Russia, Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

Itar-tass

Iran offers 'compromises' in nuclear talks, West unmoved

ANKARA/NEW YORK, 21 Oct — Iran is pushing what it portrays as a new compromise proposal in nuclear talks, but Western negotiators say it offers no viable concessions, underscoring how far apart the two sides are as they enter crunch time before a 24 November deadline.

In the negotiations with six major powers, the Iranians say they are no longer demanding a total end to economic sanctions in return for curbing their nuclear programme and would accept initially lifting just the latest, most damaging, sanctions.

Western officials dismiss the proposal as nothing new and say the Iranians have always known that the sanctions could only end gradually — with each measure being suspended and later terminated only after Iranian compliance had been proven.

The officials say that in talks in Vienna they too have offered what they call compromises over demands that Iran limit its nuclear programme, but they have been rejected by Teheran. "The bottom line is that



(L-R) US Secretary of State John Kerry, European Union Foreign Policy Chief Catherine Ashton, and Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif are photographed as they participate in a trilateral meeting in Vienna on 15 Oct, 2014.

REUTERS

they do not appear willing to limit their enrichment programme to a level we would find acceptable," a European diplomat said. "We may have no choice but to extend the talks past November ... It's either that or let the talks collapse."

Under their most recent offer, Iranian officials have told Reuters that Iran's leadership would be satisfied with removing crippling US and European Union energy and banking sanctions imposed in 2012.

They described this

as a major stepdown from Iran's consistent calls for the removal of all sanctions imposed on the Islamic Republic because of its refusal to heed UN Security Council demands that it halt uranium enrichment work. Teheran calls the sanctions unfair and illegal.

The proposal by Iranian negotiators in talks with the United States, Britain, France, Germany, Russia and China has the backing of the Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iranian officials say.

"For the other party involved, it might be only a political issue, but for Iran what is in danger is the existence of the establishment if the economic hardship continues," a senior Iranian official said.

Building on a UN Security Council sanctions resolution passed in 2010, the United States and EU in 2012 imposed major sanctions against Iranian oil and gas companies and strengthened restrictions on the country's central bank.

Reuters

Polls shows Rousseff gaining momentum as Brazil election nears



Brazil's President and Workers' Party (PT) presidential candidate Dilma Rousseff (R) gestures next to Brazil's former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva as they attend a campaign rally in Sao Paulo on 20 Oct, 2014.

REUTERS

RIO DE JANEIRO/BRAZILIA, 21 Oct — President Dilma Rousseff is gaining momentum but remains locked in a dead heat with challenger Aécio Neves ahead of Sunday's runoff to Brazil's presidential election, two surveys showed on Monday.

Centrist candidate Neves lost a slight but statistically insignificant lead over leftist Rousseff for the first time since the first round of elections on 5 October, according to the survey by Datafolha polling firm.

Since then, the presidential race has turned increasingly ugly as the candidates scramble for undecided voters. They have swapped accusations of corruption and economic mismanagement in heated televised debates over the past few days in what is shaping up to be Brazil's tightest election in decades.

The Datafolha poll showed the leftist incumbent with 46 percent of voter support, up 3 percentage points from the previous poll released on 15 October. Support for market favourite Neves dropped 2 percentage points to 43 percent.

A survey by polling firm MDA released earlier on Monday showed Rousseff with 45.5 percent of voter support versus 44.5 percent for Neves.

The difference between the two remains within the margin of error of both polls.

Excluding undecided voters, spoiled and blank survey responses, the Datafolha poll showed Rousseff

had 52 percent against 48 percent for Neves, a senator and former state governor.

Brazil's currency and stock markets extended losses earlier on Monday after the MDA poll showed Neves of the Brazilian Social Democracy Party lost momentum.

Brazilian markets have been extremely volatile throughout the campaign, surging with each poll favouring Neves and slumping with surveys that show Rousseff gaining ground. After four years of sluggish growth and heavy-handed economic policies under Rousseff, investors are eager for a new government.

Behind the slide in support for Neves could be his climbing rejection rate following a flurry of negative television campaigning by the Rousseff camp. Forty percent of interviewees said they would never vote for Neves, up from 38 percent in the past poll, surpassing for the first time the rejection rate of Rousseff in the race, Datafolha said.

The percentage of undecided voters remained unchanged at 6 percent, the Datafolha poll showed, meaning the candidates have not been able to persuade those voters in the final week of the campaign. It also shows that a corruption scandal rocking state-run oil company Petrobras has so far not hurt Rousseff's popularity.

Rousseff's approval rating climbed from 40 percent to 42 percent, its highest since June of 2013, Datafolha said.

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PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 22 October, 2014

Ground should look good for foreign investments

By Aung Khin

Foreign direct investment is investment by foreign companies in the local economy. But FDI needs comprehensive services because service sectors are vital to attract foreign investment. In the past, governments restricted foreign direct investment through protectionism.

Many conservative governments failed to implement service sectors, leaving the country behind developing countries. They chose a closed-door policy, making it difficult for for-

eign countries to export their products or to do investment in their intended country.

As a result, the closed countries left were far away from modern technologies, knowledge and expertise, resulting in a lack of human resources. In fact, the benefits of FDI include increased competition and resource availability, as well as the transfer of knowledge and technology.

However, if a country opens up its economy, it needs good services for foreign investors without making roadblocks to them in many areas such as law and procedures. Foreign firms expect fair competitions, and they will regard protectionism as a serious barrier for them.

Employment rates and gross domestic product are also largely connected with foreign direct investment. At this juncture, service sectors contribute the increasing volume of foreign investments. Moreover, service sectors require infrastructural development that could benefit both

domestic producers and foreign companies.

Neighbouring and regional countries are making plans to attract foreign investment after establishing good infrastructure and professional services to gain the trust of their foreign partners, who have many options for the prosperity of their businesses. They will not hesitate to make decisions while time goes fast and intense market competition grows.

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HAPPINESS

Kyi Mun

According to the Advanced Learner's Dictionary, HAPPY means:

1. Fortunate; lucky; feeling or expressing pleasure, contentment, satisfaction, etc.: Their marriage has been a happy one. He is happy in having congenial work. He's as happy as the day is long, very long.
2. (In polite formulas) pleased: We shall be pleased to accept your kind invitation.
3. (Of language, conduct, suggestions) well suited to the situation: a thought (idea, etc.). Happy-go-lucky: taking what fortune brings; carefree; she goes through life in a Happy-go-lucky fashion.

Happiness is the life-endowment that is most sought after by all human beings; but it can also be a most elusive blessedness if not sought after in the right and arduous, self-reliant way. Happiness should be properly understood. It is not merely a physical pleasure. Happiness is a wholesome blessedness of life that encompasses all aspects of human life such as physical pleasure, mental joy, emotional well-being and spiritual fulfillment. Happiness is a natural human right; but it must be proactively pursued with prudence, discipline, diligence, an open mind, and a generous heart.

Let us open-mindedly analyze what happiness actually means in the following manner:

Taking and handing over of chairmanship at Myanma Gems Entrepreneurs Association



NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct—Executive committee of Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs Association held the handover of duties at

Mani Yadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw on Tuesday.

Union Minister for Mines Dr Myint Aung stressed the need to open

H for Health
A for Adequate Income
P for Peace of Mind
P for Proper Diet & Exercise
I for Interest in Socio-Cultural Activities
N for Networking with Friends & Relatives
E for Engaging in Some Hobby
S for Strengths
S for Service to Others

HEALTH

It is said that health is the greatest gain. Without good health, life would not be worth living. Only with full health you would be able to enjoy the fruits of a productive life to the fullest extent. Ask any wealthy man which he would choose: Health or Wealth. If one can have both health and wealth, it would be much the better.

Health is something you must regularly work out with proper diet, exercise and a stable, serene mind. Health is the fruit of your insight and industry.

ADEQUATE INCOME

To be able to enjoy some measure of happiness, one must have an adequate income for a moderate standard of living. At least, one must have the head as well as the heart whether one should live and move and have one's being in diligence and frugality, designing a rigorous life of plain living and hard struggle. A life of ease and comfort can more or less corrode the actual meaning of life.

PEACE OF MIND

Without peace of mind, happiness cannot prevail. Peace of mind is a very rare treasure. To be able to enjoy peace of mind, you would have to be able to withstand the

following Eight Winds (Vicissitudes of Life):

- * Gain & Loss
- * Fame & Blame
- * Popularity & Isolation
- * Pleasure & Pain

For peace of mind, you would need:

- * Fortitude
- * Iron mind
- * Resilience
- * Equanimity

PROPER DIET & EXERCISE

We all should nurture and cultivate a very strong sense of discipline and diligence in order to intelligently and properly follow the regimens of diet and exercise. We should live a balanced, moderate and temperate life.

INTEREST IN SOCIO-CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

To avoid a psychotic or neurotic life, we have got to live with the people, for the people, through the people, giving as much as possible and helping others with heart and soul. Live an open, unbounded life, with sound linkages to the external world.

NETWORKING WITH FRIENDS & RELATIVES

You should be in touch with friends and relatives. Mix with them, talk with them and joke with them. Caring and sharing is a good recipe for happiness. Carefully take care of the needs of your dear people, and you will enjoy happiness. Happiness must be EARNED.

ENGAGING IN SOME HOBBY

Have a hobby. Any worthy hobby. Engage yourself regularly in your chosen hobby. Inside-out hobby, such as open-air gardening or just discussing a subject with friends can be a healthy hobby. Or listening to good melody or listening to some Dhamma talks.

STRENGTHS

In order to enjoy happiness in life, we have got to have strengths, such as physical fitness, stamina, endurance power, patience, forbearance and steadfastness of mind. We should ardently follow: "Be strong and of good courage: be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed."

SERVICE TO OTHERS

It is said that in the recipe of service, there usually are the following ingredients:

- * Sweetness
- * Smiles
- * Sincerity
- * Spiritedness
- * Sense of charity
- * Soundness of motive
- * Selflessness

CONCLUSION

In the wholeness and soundness of an integrated life of HAPPINESS, we should strive to live and move and have our being.

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U Tay Za hands over chairmanship duties of Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs Association to U Yone Mu.—MNA

gemology training school, mineral and natural resources development bank and modern labs at Shwekyabin jewellery market.

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YANGON, 21 Oct — The Union Election Commission held a coordination meeting with political parties at Panda Hotel in Yangon on Tuesday.

In his address, UEC Chairman U Tin Aye said the meeting was aimed at holding discussions on measures to be taken for ensuring an accurate and error-free electoral roll, providing information on voting and elections to the public, conducting training courses for election commissions at various stages and their members, having peaceful election campaigns, making a secure and transparent advance voting process and ensuring a transparent vote count in the elections. He called on those present to make suggestions for electoral processes and to follow the amendment to the Political Parties Registration Law approved on 30 September, 2014 at Pyidaungsu

Hluttaw and signed by the President.

Next, the commission and representatives from political parties held group discussions on election campaign rules, political party codes of conduct and matters related to funds and financial matters of political parties.

In his concluding remarks, the UEC chairman called for cooperation of political parties with the commission in ensuring a free and fair election, saying that election candidates need to have a wider perspective on global affairs, in addition to economic, administrative, security and political views.

Also present at the meeting with UEC officials and representatives from political parties were representatives from International Foundation for Electoral Systems and three INGOs.

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Research works should be done for Mon-Suvanabumi, Dawei-Thagara culture

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct—Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu held a talk with Professor Dr Janice Stargardt of the University of Cambridge at the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw on Tuesday to discuss doing research for three Pyu ancient cities included in the World Heritage List.

The Union minister said research works should

be done for Mon-Suvanabumi, Dawei-Thagara culture in the nation.

Dr Janice Stargardt supported Myanmar with a three-minute discussion to put three ancient Pyu cities into the World Heritage List at the 38th World Heritage Committee meeting in Doha of Qatar from 15 to 25 June 2014.

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Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu poses documentary photo with Professor Dr Janice Stargardt of the University of Cambridge.—MNA



Union Minister visits IT courses

YANGON, 21 Oct—Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ko Ko Oo met instructors and trainees at India-Myanmar Center for Enhancement of

Information Technology Skills-IMCEITS and Information and Communication Technology Training Institute in Center for Information and Communi-

cation Technology Trainings: CICTT in Hline Township on Tuesday and urged trainees to pursue IT to be applied in works.

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Union Election Commission holds coordination meeting with political parties



UEC Chairman U Tin Aye highlights accurate and error-free electoral roll to responsible persons of political parties at coordination meeting.—MNA

SWRR Ministry provides cash assistance to social welfare activities



Union Minister Dr Daw Myat Myat Khin speaking at ceremony to provide assistance to social welfare association in Pyapon of Ayeyawady Region.—MNA

YANGON, 21 Oct—Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Re-

settlement Dr Daw Myat Myat Khin on 16 October attended the ceremony to cash assistance and supplies for natural disaster management and social security measures at the hall in Pyapon of Ayeyawady Region.

The Union minister presented K2.5 million to Pyapon, Bogale, Kyaiklat and Dedaye townships for poverty alleviation and operating microfinance and K1.2 million for maintenance of generators provided by the ministry to officials. She fed milk and snacks to 300 children under five at the monastery in LeikUgon village

and donated offertories to Kandawmingala Home for the Aged.

In Pyapon, she viewed works of the tailoring course at the vocational

training school.

On 17 October, the union minister presented gifts to the aged at Day Care Center for the Aged in Yangon.—MNA

Culture & Beyond MYANMAR of Meiji Soe's comes out

YANGON, 21 Oct — MCM Books has released the second edition of author Meiji Soe's book titled "Culture & Beyond



MYANMAR" recently.

Meiji Soe picked up Sarpay Beikman Manuscript award for her debut book written in English. It took her about three years to complete her first book that offers local beliefs and practices in combination with her own experiences. The book with illustrations accompanying the text is now in its second edition within a year.

The book is now available at bookstores and it is priced at K5000 per copy.

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Japan gov't gets to work to rebound from double resignation

TOKYO, 21 Oct—Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's government has started work to bounce back from Monday's resignation of two scandal-hit female ministers, while opposition parties are ready to step up calls for the premier to take responsibility.

The secretaries general of the two ruling parties met early on Tuesday to pledge their continued support for Abe, who is



Japanese Prime Minister
Shinzo Abe

facing what could be the hardest time of his second stint as prime minister.

Liberal Democratic Party Secretary General Sadakazu Tanigaki apologized for the trouble caused by Midori Matsu-shima and Yuko Obuchi, who resigned as justice minister and minister of economy, trade and industry, respectively, for separate scandals.

His Komeito counterpart Yoshihisa Inoue

said the government filled their positions quickly by appointing new ministers within a day — Yoko Kamikawa as justice minister and Yoichi Miyazawa as industry minister.

“Our policy of promoting the empowerment of women does not change at all,” top government spokesman Yoshihide Suga said at a daily press conference.

“We have submitted to parliament many bills

related to the daily lives of our citizens. I hope for constructive debate between the ruling and opposition parties,” the chief Cabinet secretary said.

On the opposition side, Banri Kaieda, leader of the main opposition Democratic Party of Japan, held talks on Tuesday with Nobuaki Koga, president of the Japanese Trade Union Confederation, also known as Rengo.

“It's extremely rare for two Cabinet members to resign in one day,” Kaieda said at the start of their meeting.

“We will continue to fight hard until the end of the current parliamentary session.”

The Rengo chief said he wants opposition parties to demand explanations in Diet debate of Abe's appointments of Matsu-shima and Obuchi.

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Former Australian Prime Minister Whitlam dies at 98

SYDNEY, 21 Oct—Australia's former Prime Minister Gough Whitlam died on Tuesday, aged 98, his family said in a statement.

Edward “Gough” Whitlam, born in July 1916, led the Australian Labour Party in government from December 1972 until his famous dismissal in November 1975 by then Governor General Sir John Kerr, Queen Elizabeth II's representative in the former British colony.

Campaigning on the slogan “It's time,” Whitlam ended 23 years of

conservative Liberal National rule and instituted many socially progressive reforms, including free university education, introduction of universal healthcare and no-fault divorce.

Whitlam's legacy also includes the passing of the Racial Discrimination Act, recognizing Indigenous Aboriginal land rights, withdrawing Australian troops from the Vietnam War and recognizing communist China.

But his leadership came to a dramatic end after three years when Par-

liament hit a political deadlock after the opposition refused to pass supply bills in an attempt to force Whitlam to an a double dissolution election as been held the year prior.

Whitlam refused to comply and went to then Governor-General Kerr offering a half-Senate election, but he was dismissed being replaced with opposition leader Malcom Fraser who became the caretaker prime minister and went on to win the subsequent election.

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US military radar, the X-band radar, has been brought into the Air Self-Defence Force Kyogamisaki sub-base in western Japan city of Kyotango on 21 Oct, 2014. The radar, which is the second X-band radar in Japan following the ASDF Shariki sub-base in northeastern city of Tsugaru, was installed in light of North Korea's nuclear ambitions and missile development.—KYODO NEWS

China to pitch high-speed trains to California

SHANGHAI, 21 Oct—State-backed China CNR Corporation is making a pitch to sell its high-speed trains to California, signalling China's growing export ambitions for such technology after building the world's longest network in just seven years.

It marks the first concrete attempt by China to sell high-speed locomotives abroad and establish itself as a credible rival to sector leaders such as Germany's Siemens, Canada's Bombardier and Japan's Kawasaki.

CNR, its unit Tangshan

Railway and US-based SunGroup USA are submitting an expression of interest to California's \$68 billion (42.06 billion pounds) high-speed rail project for a contract to supply up to 95 trains that can travel as fast as 354 kilometres per hour (221 miles per hour), Sun-

Group told Reuters.

“We believe that high-speed rail is something that China does very well, and it's a product that we can export across the world,” SunGroup spokesman Jonathan Sun said in a phone interview, adding that SunGroup, CNR and Tangshan

Railway had been working together for four years.

Manufacturers are expected to send in expressions of interest by 22 October to the California High Speed Railway Authority, which will later issue formal requests for proposals. About a dozen firms from places such as Japan and Spain are expected to compete, it said.

California has been candid about its desire for Chinese investment in the 800-mile-long (1,287 kilometres) line from Los Angeles to San Francisco; US media reports said governor Jerry Brown met Chinese rail officials in April last year, including those from Tangshan Railway, to discuss the project.

No estimates for the contract's value have been published, but in its 2014 business plan the California High Speed Railway Authority estimated each trainset would cost \$45 million, based on a purchase of 70 vehicles.

“We haven't officially gone out to bid yet. This is us saying to the industry

that we need trainsets. They have to meet these standards. We're asking, ‘Are you interested in learning more, and do you think you could do this for us?’” said Lisa Marie Alley, deputy director of public affairs at the High-Speed Rail Authority.

China has made no secret of its desire to export its high-speed technology abroad, having built over 12,000 kilometres of track at home in less than a decade. CNR and CSR Corp are China's largest locomotive makers, while China Railway Construction and China Railway Group build track.

The country has helped or indicated its interest to build thousands of kilometres of high-speed track in countries such as Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela, though it has yet to sell a high-speed train abroad. Premier Li Keqiang — dubbed by local media as China's high-speed rail salesman — has led a drive to promote its technology in Thailand, Britain, Russia and India.—Reuters



A high-speed train travelling to Guangzhou is seen running on Yongdinghe Bridge in Beijing, on 26 Dec, 2012.—REUTERS/CHINA DAILY

WORLD

Turkey to let Iraqi Kurds reinforce Kobani as US drops arms to defenders

ANKARA / BEIRUT, 21 Oct— Turkey said on Monday it would allow Iraqi Kurdish fighters to reinforce fellow Kurds in the Syrian town of Kobani on Turkey's border, and the United States air-dropped arms to help the Kurds there resist an Islamic State assault.

Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said Turkey was facilitating the passage of Iraqi Kurdish peshmerga forces, themselves fighting Islamic State in Iraq. He stopped short of saying whether Ankara backed the US air-drop of weapons.

Turkey's refusal to intervene in the fight with Islamic State has frustrated the United States and sparked lethal riots in southeastern Turkey by Kurds furious at Ankara's failure to help Kobani or at least open a



Smoke and flames rise over Syrian town of Kobani after an airstrike, as seen from the Mursitpinar crossing on the Turkish-Syrian border in the southeastern town of Suruc in Sanliurfa Province, on 20 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS

land corridor for volunteer fighters and reinforcements to go there.

US Secretary of State John Kerry said Washington had asked Ankara to help

“get the peshmerga or other groups” into Kobani so they could help defend the town,

adding he hoped the Kurds would “take this fight on”. The European Union also urged Turkey on Monday to open its border to allow supplies to get through to residents of Kobani.

If the reinforcements come through, it may mark a turning point in the battle for Kobani, a town where Syrian Kurds have struggled for weeks against better-armed Islamic State fighters trying to reshape the Middle East.

Speaking in Indonesia, Kerry acknowledged Turkish concerns about support for the Kurds, and said the air drop of supplies provided by the Kurdish authorities in Iraq did not amount to a change of US policy.

The battle against Islamic State, a group also known by the acronym ISIL that has seized large

areas of Syria and Iraq, was an overriding consideration, Kerry indicated.

“We understand fully the fundamentals of (Ankara's) opposition and ours to any kind of terrorist group, and particularly, obviously, the challenges they face with respect to the PKK,” he told reporters.

But he added: “We cannot take our eye off the prize here. It would be irresponsible of us, as well as morally very difficult, to turn your back on a community fighting ISIL.”

Ankara 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 and which Washington regards as a terrorist organization.

Reuters

Canada police kill ‘radicalized’ driver after he rams two soldiers

OTTAWA / MONTREAL, 21 Oct — A Canadian man who was killed by police on Monday after trying to run over two soldiers in Quebec “had become radicalized,” the government said after the first such incident in Canada since the country joined the fight against Islamic State militants.

The Canadian government did not specify what it meant by radicalized but in the past has used the term to refer to Canadians who become supporters of militant Islamic groups.

Canadian media, citing police, identified the driver as Martin Couture-Rouleau, a resident of the town of Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, near Montreal.

A neighbour, speaking on condition that her name not be used, told *Reuters* the man became radicalized about a year ago after getting involved with ex-

tremist Muslims.

Quebec police shot and killed the 25-year-old driver after a chase following the incident. One of the two soldiers who was run over had life-threatening injuries. Police did not say whether the soldiers were in uniform.

“The individual who struck the two (Canadian Armed Forces) members with his car is known to federal authorities, including the Integrated National Security Enforcement Team,” said a statement from Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper's office. “Federal authorities have confirmed that there are clear indications that the individual had become radicalized.”

The incident took place in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, around 40 km (25 miles) southeast of Montreal.—*Reuters*



A Surete du Quebec (SQ) officer investigates an overturned vehicle in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec on 20 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS

Britain sends drones to fly surveillance missions over Syria



Britain's Defence Secretary Michael Fallon

LONDON, 21 Oct — Britain said on Tuesday it was authorizing spy planes and armed drones to fly surveillance missions over Syria “very shortly” in or-

der to gather intelligence on Islamic State (IS) militants.

Britain announced the deployment after Turkey said on Monday it would allow Iraqi Kurdish fighters to reinforce fellow Kurds in the Syrian town of Kobani on Turkey's border.

Michael Fallon, Britain's defence minister, said both Reaper drones and Rivet Joint surveillance aircraft would fly over Syria as part of “efforts to protect

our national security from the terrorist threat emanating from there.”

But in a written statement to parliament he stressed that Reapers would not be allowed to use their weapons in Syria, something he said would require “further permission”, meaning a vote in parliament.

Fallon announced last week that Britain was deploying armed Reaper drones to the Middle

East to conduct air strikes against Islamic State in Iraq. So far, the Royal Air Force has conducted around 38 combat missions against IS in Iraq.

Parliament voted to approve air strikes against IS in Iraq last month, after a request from the Iraqi government. But Britain isn't conducting air strikes in Syria. It has previously said such strikes would require fresh parliamentary approval.—*Reuters*

Violence kills a child every five minutes, most outside war zones

LONDON, 21 Oct — One child dies every five minutes as a result of violence, but only a minority die in war zones, according to a report by the UN children's agency UNICEF.

About 75 percent of the estimated 345 violent deaths that occur daily happen in countries at peace, the report said.

“We are uncovering the fact that children experience extreme violence in everyday life, everywhere,” Susan Bissell, global head of child protection for UNICEF told the Thomson Reuters Foundation.

In some countries, deaths from violence are rolling back gains made in preventing childhood deaths from disease or hunger.

“What is shocking is that we have for two or three decades focused a lot, and importantly, on child mortality from preventa-

ble diseases, and what this report says is that we need to be thinking about child mortality from all causes,” Bissell said.

“And it's shocking to imagine that we might not achieve our goals in terms of child survival ... if we don't address the protection of children. These go hand in hand,” she added.

In Brazil, the number of children dying from preventable disease before the age of five has dropped since 2000, but almost 15,000 lives have been lost to violence in adolescence, said Leah Kreitzman, head of campaigns and advocacy for UNICEF UK.

Millions of children are vulnerable to physical, sexual and emotional abuse in their homes, schools and communities.

“If you scratch beneath the surface, the statistics around things like sexual violence, violent discipline



A young Syrian Kurdish refugee boy carries an infant after crossing the Syrian-Turkish border, near the southeastern town of Suruc in Sanliurfa Province on 23 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS

in the home and the school, all of these things make it very difficult for children to develop,” Kreitzman said.

“Children are getting their mental and physical health permanently damaged by violence every day,” she added.

But many families do not bother going to the authorities because they

know they will not get help, Kreitzman said.

In Kenya, one in three girls and one in six boys experience sexual violence. But just 1 percent of cases of sexual abuse are recorded by the police.

“If people know that they can act with impunity then they can continue being violent to children,” she said.—*Reuters*

Flight recorders found at French jet crash site at Moscow airport

MOSCOW, 21 Oct — Flight recorders were found at the crash site of a light-engine jet *Falcon-50*, chief press officer of Moscow's Vnukovo airport Yelena Krylova told on Tuesday reporters.

In her words, airport's personnel are giving written testimony. Probably video cameras installed at the Vnukovo airport will help clarify the situation.

Several theories of the incident are being probed, including human factor, equipment malfunction and weather conditions, TV news channel Rossiya-24 reported.

France's oil giant Total CEO Christophe de Margerie died in the air crash, the company has already confirmed his death.

All the passengers and crew members on board died in the crash.

The takeoff was made

from a runway amid a visibility of 350 metres, the airport press service of the airport said earlier.

"During taxi the jet collided at 11.57 pm Moscow Time on Monday (7.57 pm GMT) with a snow removal machine of the airport's service," the airport said at its website. The driver of the snow removal machine wasn't hurt.



CEO of French multinational oil company Total, Christophe de Margerie.—ITAR-TASS

The airliner burnt down to ashes and people were not saved, though search-and-rescue services of the airport were put on alert immediately starting fighting the fire.

Driver of snow remover that collided with French jet was drunk

The driver of the snow removal machine that the French *Falcon-50* jet collided with at the Moscow Vnukovo airport was drunk, spokesman of the Russian Investigative Committee Vladimir Markin told TASS.

"At the present moment of time investigators have already found that the driver of the snow removal machine was drunk. Meanwhile, a decision will probably be made to suspend several airport employees from work for the time of the investigation," Markin noted.



Media crews at French jet crash site to collect information.—ITAR-TASS

Detectives are probing an error of flight controllers and actions of the snow removal machine driver as main causes of the crash. Technical documents for the jet are being confis-

cated, fuel samples taken, Markin told TASS.

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jet collided at 11.57pm Moscow time on Monday (7.57pm GMT) with a snow removal machine of the airport's service," the airport said at its website.

Itar-Tass

Commemoration for those who died in Belgrade's liberation

BELGRADE, 21 Oct — A commemoration was held on Monday for the Yugoslav Partisan and Red Army troops who died in the battle for Belgrade's liberation from Nazi occupation, which ended in victory on 20 Oct, 1944, 70 years ago.

Minister for War Veteran Affairs Aleksandar Vulin and Belgrade Mayor Sinisa Mali laid wreaths at the cemetery dedicated to Belgrade's liberators.

Officials of the Defence Ministry, Armed Forces and Chief of the

that fosters the tradition of Serbia's liberation wars, and Russian, Ukrainian, Belarusian and Azerbaijani embassies also paid their respects.

Many people, including some from the former Yugoslav republic of Slovenia also paid their respects.

Some of the people carried flags of the Socialist Federative Republic of Yugoslavia and banners saying: "Death to fascism — freedom to the people," which was the motto of the Yugoslav Partisans during their fight against German

and the Red Army had liberated the city, and that that truth could not be changed or used as a political tool.

The 70th anniversary of this great event in Belgrade's history was celebrated appropriately in the past 10 days through a military parade, forum, exhibitions and meetings where historians and survivors of the war discussed what life was like during the occupation and the battle for the city's freedom, Mali noted.

This great historic event did not receive its due attention in earlier decades, but Belgrade will in the future foster with great care the memory of those who sacrificed their lives for its freedom, he remarked.

The operation to liberate Belgrade was conducted jointly by the First Army Group of the Yugoslav Partisans, commanded by General Peko Dapcevic, and the 4th Corps of the Red Army, commanded by General Vladimir Ivanovich Zhdanov.

The liberation forces fought for each street and building from 11 to 22 October, 1944. The Partisans lost 2,944 troops in the battle, while the Red Army lost 961.

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Minister for War Veteran Affairs Aleksandar Vulin and Belgrade Mayor Sinisa Mali laid wreaths at the cemetery dedicated to Belgrade's liberators.—TANJUG

General Staff of the Russian Armed Forces General Valery Gerasimov also paid their respects.

Officials of the Union of Associations of the People's Liberation War Veterans, an association

occupation.

More than 60,000 people were killed in Belgrade during 4 years of German occupation, from 1941 to 1944, Vulin told reporters after the commemoration, adding that the Partisans

Japan's top security official arrives in Seoul for 2-day visit

SEOUL, 21 Oct — Japan's top security official, Shotaro Yachi, arrived in Seoul on Tuesday for a two-day visit to hold discussions with South Korea's top-ranking officials on a wide range of issues concerning security and bilateral relations.

Yachi, national security adviser to the Cabinet, is scheduled to hold talks later Tuesday with Kim Kwan Jin, chief of the National Security Office at the presidential office, and with Foreign Minister Yun Byung Se.

Yachi is expected to explain Japan's stance on security policy, Japanese Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said on Monday in Tokyo. The Cabinet of Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in July approved a reinterpretation of the pacifist Constitution to lift a self-imposed ban on exercising the right for collective self-defence to allow coming to the defence of allies under armed attack.

"Topics to be covered include the situation in Northeast 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 on Monday.

It is Yachi's first visit to South Korea since he be-



Shotaro Yachi, Japan's national security adviser to the Cabinet, arrives at Gimpo International Airport in Seoul, South Korea, on 21 Oct, 2014, for a two-day visit to discuss a wide range of issues concerning security and bilateral relations with top South Korean officials.

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came the top bureaucrat in Japan's National Security Council in January. He had been awaiting a reply from Seoul for several months since he 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, 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 trying to lay the groundwork for a future Japan-China summit.

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S-300V air defence missile weapon system. ITAR-TASS



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Moscow hosts Interpolitex special arms show

Moscow, 21 Oct — Moscow hosts an international exhibition of means of state security provision Interpolitex which puts on display innovative machinery and promising developments for law enforcement agencies.

Rosoboronexport, Russia's main weapons-exporting company, shows more than a hundred models of weapons and spe-

cial security equipment. A show of special machinery promoted on the foreign market will be staged at a firing range in Moscow regional town of Krasnoarmeisk.

The exposition is held at All-Russia Exhibition Centre, a leading Moscow exhibition venue, involving 64 companies from 19 countries in Europe, Asia and America.—Itar-Tass

4.7 mil cars with Takata air bags need immediate action

NEW YORK, 21 Oct — A US safety agency said on Monday the owners of 4,744,309 vehicles need to "act immediately" to replace defective air bags made by Japanese auto parts maker Takata Corp.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration urged car owners to "act immediately on recall notices" by the carmakers — Toyota Motor Corp, Honda Motor Co, Nissan Motor Co, Mazda Motor Corp, BMW AG and General Motors Co.

The defective air bags could catch fire or explode in a crash, according to

NHTSA documents.

The US agency said that certain regions in the US, such as Florida, Hawaii and Puerto Rico, should act with "urgency." It opened an investigation in June in parts of the country with a "high absolute humidity climate" after learning of six incidents where the air bag ruptured and caused three minor injuries.

Separately, Toyota Motor Corp announced on Monday it will conduct "a supplemental safety recall" of around 247,000 cars with the faulty air bags. Takata supplied the recalled vehicles, produced

from 2001 to 2004, with the front passenger air bag inflators.

The Japanese parts maker told Toyota that some of the inflators "performed improperly" when tested and the cause and possible link to high humidity levels are being examined.

Toyota said it had no report of injuries or deaths related to the defect.

The automaker said the latest action is intended to "remedy previous recalled vehicles and a small number of newly included vehicles."

Kyodo News

At 22, success has taken time for Britain's "Charli" Aitchison

LONDON, 21 Oct — Not everyone who is on top of the fast-moving pop music scene has heard of Charlotte Aitchison, even by her stage name Charli XCX, but lots of people have heard her or her songs.

At 22, the English singer is also a seasoned songwriter, having written and featured on international smash hits "I Love It" with Swedish pop duo Icona Pop, and "Fancy" with female rapper Iggy Azalea.

"I Love It" hit No 1 in Britain, and went two times platinum in the United States, while "Fancy" held No 1 on the US Billboard Hot 100 for seven weeks, to go triple platinum.

Asked if she could live on the proceeds of those two tracks alone, Aitchison told *Reuters*, "I could be happy... It all takes like a really long time for everything to come through but yeah, I mean I'm definitely paying my bills. Thanks, Icona Pop!" Despite appearances, though, success has not come overnight.

"I remember pretty much every year for four years of my life being like, the one to watch, and obviously it's a great compliment but I was kind of over it by year two," she said during a rooftop photo shoot in the heart of east London. "I was like, 'Aren't people watching now?'" Having released singles since 2008 she said she had almost given up her

pop-star dreams to focus on song writing, finding it "exhausting trying to explain my vision to people when they're not ready to hear it".

But "suddenly pop music changed and I became part of that structure, weirdly enough.

"I think pop music has just become more emotional and audiences have become more intelligent. Younger audiences have become a lot more open to more variation in the music they listen to."

Asked if she could sense that "Fancy" was going to become the sensation that it was, Aitchison said, "I thought that that song was super cool.

"Iggy and I were really feeling that song and I think

a lot of other people actually weren't," Aitchison said.

"And when she told me her idea for the video which really was all her ... I was like, 'Wow, this is cool' and I feel the video definitely really elevated that song to a stratospheric level."

The hits were followed by Aitchison's first major solo success, her single "Boom Clap", a top 10 hit both sides of the Atlantic, selling more than 1.5 million copies worldwide.

She is now releasing her new single "Break The Rules", out this week, ahead of her new album, "Sucker", out next year.

"It's a pop album but it has a punk element, a punk edge to it and it's definitely ... the most raw and wild



Charli XCX

thing I've done, and definitely the thing I'm most proud of," she said.

"It feels like I've really found my voice making this album which is so

nice."

Aitchison is on a tour of the United States and will be supporting Katy Perry on her 2015 European Tour.—*Reuters*

Fox TV to air horror anthology 'Scream Queens' from 'Glee' creator

LOS ANGELES, 21 Oct — Fox has ordered anthology series "Scream Queens" from the creator of "Glee" and "American Horror Story," the US television network said on Monday, as broadcast TV takes a cue from a format largely successful on cable networks.

The first 15-episode season of the comedy-horror series from Ryan Murphy will feature a college campus rocked by several murders. The series is scheduled to begin production next spring and premiere in the fall of 2015, the Twenty-First Century Fox Inc.-owned broadcaster said. The show will reunite Murphy with "Glee" creators Brad Falchuk, who is also a co-creator of "American Horror Story," and Ian Brennan.

Like Emmy-winning anthologies "American Horror Story" and " Fargo" on Fox cable network FX, "Scream Queens" will feature new settings and story lines each season.— *Reuters*

Nicole Kidman feels shattered after father's death



Nicole Kidman has been trying to paint on a brave face after her father tragically died on 12 September.

REUTERS

LONDON, 21 Oct — Nicole Kidman admits she and her family feel "shattered" following the sudden death of her father Dr Antony Kidman last month. The 47-year-old actress has been trying to paint on a brave face after her father tragically died on September 12 but she admits she and her relatives are still struggling to come to terms with it, reported *Contact-music*.

"We're pretty shattered right now. Nobody can pre-

pare you for it. It was awful. It's been a pretty rocky road for the past month," she said. Dr Antony was laid to rest at St Francis Xavier Church in Lavender Bay, Sydney, on 19 September and Kidman said that place of worship was chosen because it holds many memories for herself and her loved-ones. "A lot of the huge landmarks in my life have happened there. My wedding, my father's funeral, all my childhood, obviously."—*PTI*

James Bond submarine car on sale

LOS ANGELES, 21 Oct — The 1977 Lotus Espirit submarine car from the James Bond movie "The Spy Who Loved Me" has been listed on auction website eBay for a whopping USD 1,000,000.

According to the owner, it is only one of three Lotus submarine cars remaining. The car is an original movie prop that has been completely restored, according to the eBay listing.

The car was shown off on the show "American Restoration" on the History Channel, and was restored by Rick Dale, who owns Rick's Restoration in Las Vegas.

It is restored and has fins on one side and folding wheels on the other side.

A total of six of the props were made, and three of them have survived to this day. The Lotus being offered is one of them, though it should be noted that it is entirely a prop: it neither drives nor functions under water.

What it lacks in function, however, it makes up for with ample bragging rights.

The car is being sold in Nevada. "The same price that Dr Evil charged to spare the world in the first Austin Powers movie," the eBay auction site noted.—*PTI*

Jessica Biel, Justin Timberlake go hiking in New Zealand

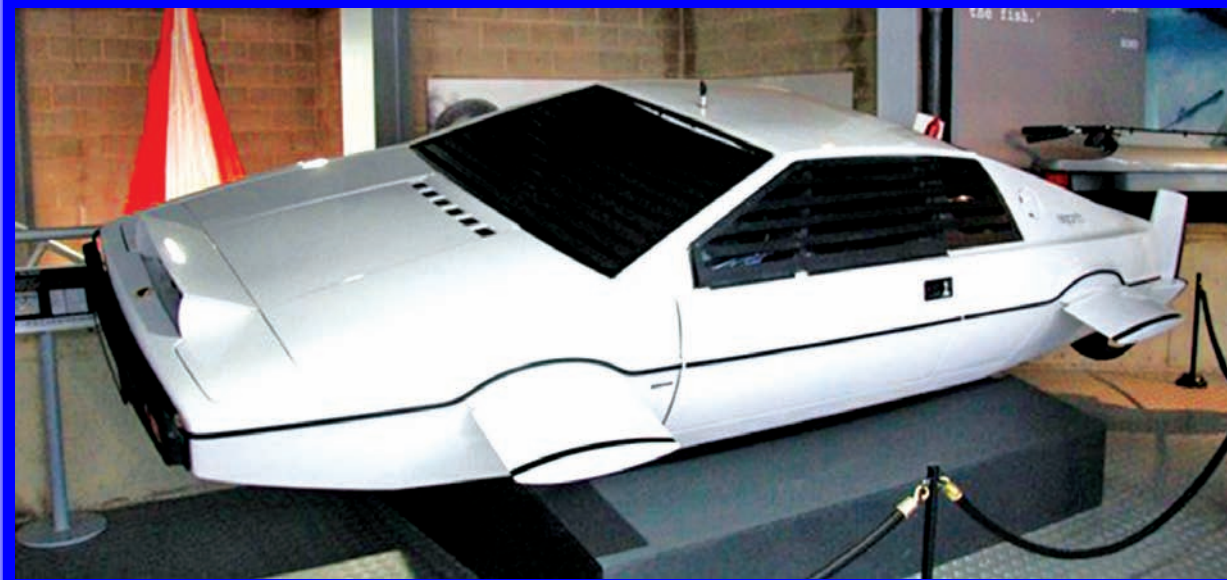


LOS ANGELES, 21 Oct — Hollywood couple Jessica Biel and Justin Timberlake opted for hiking in New Zealand to celebrate their two-year wedding anniversary. The "Mirrors" singer led the way down a small hill as the couple were joined by other friends, reported *Us* magazine.

He donned an all grey outfit, including a long-sleeve shirt, matching T-shirt, and baseball cap. Biel, 32, kept close behind in tight workout pants and a loose-fitted top. She wore a colorful hat and tied a

grey sweatshirt around her waist. The same day, Timberlake shared an intimate picture of the couple staring out at the gorgeous coastline around Auckland, New Zealand.

The snapshot, in fact, is the first Instagram picture the singer has ever shared of Biel, whom he married in Italy in 2012. "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it," he captioned the pic, referencing the famous line from 1986's *Ferris Bueller's "Day Off"*.—*PTI*



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S Korea, US to hold high-level talks on security, foreign affairs

SEOUL, 21 Oct — South Korea and the United States will hold high-level talks on security and foreign affairs Thursday in Washington, South Korea's Foreign Ministry said on Tuesday.

Foreign Minister Yun Byung Se and Defence Minister Han Min Koo are scheduled to leave for the United States on Wednesday to hold the talks, known as "two-plus-two" meeting, with US Secretary of State John Kerry and Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel.

The planned meeting, the third, comes amid heightened tensions on the Korean Peninsula after the two Koreas militaries exchanged gunfire across the land border over the weekend.

North Korea on Monday threatened South Korea with "unpredictable retaliation" if provocation continues, following South Korea's warning shots against soldiers from the North near the border, *Yonhap News Agency* said, quoting

Seoul's Defence Ministry.

The warning came in a telephone message in the morning issued in the name of the chief of the delegation of the North for general-level military talks, according to the agency.

The border skirmish happened Sunday afternoon after a group of the North's soldiers approached the military demarcation line along the middle of the demilitarized zone in Paju, Gyeonggi Province, according to South Korea's Joint

Chiefs of Staff.

South Korea fired warning shots, prompting the North to fire back during a 10-minute exchange of gunfire. No casualties were reported.

On Saturday, border guards in Cherwon, Gangwon Province, in northeastern South Korea, also fired warning shots as North Korean soldiers approached their side of the military demarcation line once in the morning and again in the afternoon.—*Kyodo News*

Japan nominates 3 regions for agricultural heritage site

TOKYO, 21 Oct — Three areas in Gifu, Wakayama and Miyazaki prefectures were nominated on Tuesday by the farm ministry for addition to the world agricultural heritage list.

The applications will be deliberated at an international conference on Glob-

ally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) in 2015.

Wakayama Prefecture was put forward for its traditional production process for "ume" plums, Gifu Prefecture for its fishing for sweetfish and Miyazaki Prefecture for its forest

preservation and sustainable agriculture and forestry industry.

The GIAHS, introduced by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization in 2002, is designed to preserve ecologically valuable farming methods that make much use of the local

environment and rely on environmentally friendly land utilization systems to preserve biodiversity.

The FAO selects areas every two years and currently lists 31 areas in 13 countries, including five in Japan.

—*Kyodo News*

McIlroy pulls out of China swing to focus on legal battle



European Ryder Cup player Rory McIlroy celebrates as he wins 5&4 on the 14th green against US Ryder Cup player Rickie Fowler during the 40th Ryder Cup singles matches at Gleneagles in Scotland on 28 Sept, 2014.

REUTERS

LONDON, 21 Oct — Rory McIlroy has pulled out of next week's BMW Masters and the following WGC HSBC Champions event in Shanghai to focus on his legal battle with his former management company, British media reported, citing a statement from the Northern Irishman. McIlroy terminated his contract with Dublin-based Horizon Sports Management in September 2013 to form his own management company and the protracted legal dispute is now set to go to trial.

"I'm going to need time

away from tournament golf to prepare for the trial over my legal dispute with Horizon Sports Management," British media quoted McIlroy as saying in a statement. "The court-directed mediation process failed over the weekend to resolve the issue."

The dispute with Horizon Sports Management overshadowed McIlroy's game in a forgettable season last year, but the 25-year-old pushed it aside this year to win two majors and reclaim the world number one ranking.—*Reuters*

Italy's Serie A overseas TV rights awarded for 557 million euros

MILAN, 21 Oct — Italy's soccer league has awarded international TV rights for top-flight Serie A games for 557 million euros (\$713 million) for the next three seasons, almost 60 percent more than the previous auction, two sources close to the matter told *Reuters* on Monday.

MP & Silva, the sports rights company which has been managing and distributing Serie A rights outside

Italy since 2004, won the bidding for the coming period running to 2018, beating rivals IMG and B4Capital, the sources said.

In a statement, MP & Silva confirmed it acquired the rights but did not give financial details.

MP & Silva co-founder Riccardo Silva said the loss of many star football players underscored how Italian soccer was losing ground to other leagues, adding that

the trend including in 2014 for international viewers had not been encouraging and that he hoped this could change.

He said MP & Silva will be able to make up for the higher costs of the rights by increasing the price of bundled packages it offers through its network to broadcasters around the world.

The income of some 186 million euros per year

on average will be welcome for financially strapped Italian clubs, facing balance sheet problems and the grim state of the game, beset for years by match-fixing scandals and stadium violence.

Domestic rights to Serie A games were awarded to Rupert Murdoch's pay-TV satellite broadcaster Sky Italia and Silvio Berlusconi's Mediaset in a three-year deal worth 2.8 billion euros.

—*Reuters*

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Fukushima film shows reality sinking in for 'nuclear refugees'

TOKYO, 21 Oct — Before the Fukushima nuclear crisis forced them from their homes, residents of Futaba had praised the Daiichi power plant as a "godsend" that brought jobs and money to the Japanese coastal town.

Now, more than three years after the disaster, they remain stuck in cramped emergency housing facing the reality they will likely never go home, with Futaba set to become a storage site

for contaminated soil, a new documentary film shows.

"I think this is almost a human rights violation," said Atsushi Funahashi, director of "Nuclear Nation 2", which opens in Japanese cinemas next month. "(They) are forced to live in this temporary housing without hope for the future," he told a question and answer session after a screening at the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan last week.—*Reuters*

Blind rescues a point for lacklustre United

LONDON, 21 Oct — Daley Blind's late second half strike helped a lacklustre Manchester United salvage a 2-2 draw against West Bromwich Albion at The Hawthorns in the Premier League on Monday.

United, who have now gone six games without an away win in the Premier League, their worst run for 18 years, looked sloppy in the opening stages and Stephane Sessegnon's well-executed finish put the home side ahead at halftime.

Substitute Marouane Fellaini equalized for United two minutes after the break but Saido Berahino put West Brom back in front before Blind's low strike in the 87th minute.

A draw for United keeps them sixth in the table with 12 points from eight games, while West Brom move up to 14th with nine points.

"I'm very disappointed because we played our best match of the season and the result is not good enough," United manager Louis van Gaal told Sky Sports.

"We could have won



Daley Blind of Manchester United shoots to score against West Bromwich Albion during their English Premier League soccer match at The Hawthorns in West Bromwich on 20 Oct, 2014. —REUTERS

but that does not count in our world, but I also have to be happy because we created lots of chances and West Brom only had two chances. "We gave it away which is a pity because we could have had a new start if we had won today."

"When you have 12

points out of eight (matches) it is in my opinion eight points too few."

In the absence of suspended captain Wayne Rooney, Van Gaal opted to start Robin van Persie as a lone striker with Adnan Januzaj, Juan Mata and Angel Di Maria willing

runners in behind.

But West Brom supplied the attacking intent early on and they took the lead on eight minutes when Andre Wisdom broke down the right-hand side and slid a pass into Sessegnon, who rifled a first-time shot past David de

Gea from the edge of the area. West Brom continued to expose gaping holes in United's midfield but Di Maria did provide some light relief for the visitors when his swerving shot was palmed away by Boaz Myhill.

Van Gaal introduced

Fellaini in place of Ander Herrera at halftime and the towering Belgian scored his first goal for United within two minutes when he shrugged aside Joleon Lescott's aerial challenge and powered a shot into the top corner. But Berahino restored West Brom's advantage on 66 minutes when the young striker collected Chris Brunt's pass and raced clear of the United defence before calmly slotting the ball past De Gea to score his sixth league goal of the season.

In search of an equalizer, Colombian striker Radamel Falcao came on for Mata and United came close to levelling things up when Van Persie's right-footed volley came back off the post.

With time running out Netherlands international Blind popped up on the edge of the box and hit a precise low shot past Myhill to recuse a point and spare United's blushes.

"We are all bitterly disappointed," West Brom manager Alan Irvine said. "We were so close to getting a great result against a top team.—Reuters

Ailing Nadal eases into Swiss Indoors second round



Spain's Rafael Nadal reacts after winning his tennis match against Simone Bolelli of Italy at the Swiss Indoors ATP tournament in Basel on 20 Oct, 2014. —REUTERS

BASEL, 21 Oct — Rafa Nadal did not appear to be affected by his appendicitis problems as he charged into the second round of the Swiss Indoors with a no nonsense 6-2, 6-2 win over Simone Bolelli on Monday.

The Spanish second

seed has been taking antibiotics to delay the need for surgery and was relieved to emerge unscathed from his match against his Italian opponent.

"I had some doubts that I would be able to compete well," the former world number one told re-

porters. "Today was a very positive victory for me. I'm very happy for what happened. With my summer-long wrist injury and now the appendix, it's not been a great season. This was a dangerous match for me and I won it."

Reuters

Williams tests injured knee by doing the splits

SINGAPORE, 21 Oct — World number one Serena Williams erased any concerns about her dicky left knee with a 6-4, 6-4 win over Ana Ivanovic at the WTA Finals on Monday that featured two eye-popping demonstrations of her flexibility. Never one to do things by half, Williams provided a startling exhibition of just how much her troublesome knee has improved since she pulled out of two events in China.

Tentative at the start, Williams quickly got into stride. Midway through the first set, she sprinted so hard to try and chase down a forehand from Ivanovic that she ended up doing the splits.

The crowd gasped in wonder as she bounced back up to her feet like an Olympic gymnast. Then she did the splits again in the second set, showing she has the elasticity to complement her renowned power.

"I do work on my flexibility, but not for tennis, because I dance," she later told a news conference.

"I guess it comes in handy. Like knocking two

birds out with one stone."

Her acrobatic display was enough to alleviate any concerns about her prospects of winning the WTA's lucrative championship for a third straight year.

A few weeks ago, her chances of winning looked slim after she first quit the Wuhan Open because of illness then the China Open with a knee complaint.

The world number one only resumed training last week, restricting her practice to reduce any risk of aggravating the injury but showed no lingering effects against the lightning-fast Ivanovic, thumping down a dozen aces in her opening

match.

"I didn't have any fear at all. I felt pretty good," said Williams.

"I felt the knee a little bit, but compared to what it was in Beijing, it feels so much better. "I'm getting better, which is great. Just have to keep doing my program so by the end of the week, hopefully — if I'm here — I'll still be getting better." If Williams had any health concerns after the match, it was with her voice, not her knee. After blowing a 4-1 lead in the opening set and allowing Ivanovic to get back to 4-4, her relief at taking the set was clearly visible.

Reuters



Serena Williams of the US serves against Ana Ivanovic of Serbia during their WTA Finals singles tennis match in Singapore on 20 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS