

Myanmar Water 2014 kicks off with 180 exhibitors from 20 countries in Yangon

By Ye Myint

YANGON, 22 Oct — The 2nd International Water and Wastewater Industry Show began at Tatmadaw Convention Hall in Yangon on Wednesday with more than 180 exhibitors from 20 countries showcasing their latest products

and solutions to those interested in water management and treatment.

The event is aimed at raising awareness of the value of water and importance of water management to Myanmar people, said United Business Media (M) Sdn Bhd, event organizer, in a press release.

Throughout the Myanmar Water 2014 event, which is open from Wednesday to Friday, the number of visitors expected to reach about 5,000 who will be provided with opportunities to observe product debuts from some of the top brands in the water and wastewater industry.

In conjunction with the event, three technology seminars will take place during the three days, with industry experts covering a wide range of topics in water supply and wastewater treatment systems for attendees to the sessions.

Moreover, the three-day exhibition providing a

B2B platform for local and international water professionals, decision-makers, potential buyers and partners will serve as a good place for business networking.

Tan Sri Azumi, co-chairman of the UBM Malaysia, told The Global New Light of Myanmar that he would like to encourage investors to look into the water management area in Myanmar as there must be some proper management of water for Myanmar, which is basically an agricultural country.

“Good clean water comes from proper water management and proper water management comes from technology,” he added saying that the event provides a great opportunity for investors and local companies to interact.

The Myanmar Water 2014 event coincided with the National Water Forum 2014 held in Nay Pyi Taw on Tuesday. It was the second time for Myanmar to host the exhibition. According to officials, it is scheduled to hold Myanmar Water 2015 in September next year. — GNLM



Myanmar Water 2014 kicks off with an opening ceremony at Tatmadaw Convention Hall in Yangon on Wednesday.—PHOTO: YE MYINT

MIGA Executive Vice President and CEO visits Myanmar

By Ye Myint

YANGON, 22 Oct — Keiko Honda, executive vice president and CEO of the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) began her first visit to Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday.

It is the first time the head of MIGA, the political risk insurance and credit enhancement arm of the World Bank Group, has visited the country.

The aim of Honda's visit to Myanmar is to underscore MIGA's commitment to helping the Agency's newest member achieve its growth potential, said MIGA in a press release on Tuesday.

According to the press release, the head of MIGA will be meeting with government officials, members

of parliament, and the private sector to emphasize that MIGA is ready to assist Myanmar in meeting its urgent need for electricity, other infrastructure, and a thriving finance sector.

It is learnt that the MIGA executive vice president and CEO will also use the opportunity to express support for creating more opportunities for women during her three-day visit in Myanmar.

“Myanmar is a country at a crossroads and we are eager to support investments that help the country succeed in its transformation,” said Honda in the press release. “Investments that create jobs—especially for women—and provide critical infrastructure will help Myanmar realize the benefits of this historic change.” (See page 2)

CNG-fired plants to be built in initial zone of Dawei SEZ

By Aye Min Soe

YANGON, 22 Oct — Compressed natural gas

(CNG)-fired power plants will be built in the initial zone of the Dawei Special Economic Zone project,

according to U Aye Miyint, Union minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security and chairman of

the Central Working Committee for Implementation of the Dawei SEZ.

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An artist's view of the Dawei Special Economic Zone in Myanmar.—PHOTO:EN.TAVOYANVOICE.COM

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw speaker urges representatives to debate constitutional amendment with positive attitude



NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct —Debating the constitutional amendment with goodwill will lead to good results, the speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw told Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives at the Hluttaw session on Wednesday.

After the submission of report of Constitutional Amendment Implementation Committee of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw by the committee chairman, the secretary and the joint-secretary, the speaker urged the representatives to de-

bate the amendments with positive attitude in a transparent manner, placing emphases on stability and development of the country, national unity, national reconciliation, democratic transition and interest of the nation and citizens.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session on Wednesday put the amendment bill of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Development Funds Law to be assumed as approved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on record.

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Representatives participate in discussions at Wednesday's session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw

Pyithu Hluttaw holds 22nd day meeting



Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Win Myint.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct — Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) convened 22nd day meeting here on Wednesday.

In response to the question of Daw Nang Sae Awa, Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Win Myint said that the preliminary

list of population of 2014 has detailed the number of men and women living in villages, townships, states and regions. This report has been submitted to both Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House).

U Win Myint also said that this initial report will be quite different from the major census which will come up in 2015, but it will include only the population of ethnic people without their ethnicity, religions and employments.

However, the deputy minister said that these detailed lists would be issued after discussing with respective ethnic groups, and will take more times.

At the session, U Aung Htoo, Deputy Minis-

ter for Energy, said that out of total domestic fuel consumption between 2011 and 2013, private sector contributed 39.94 percent of gasoline and 72.88 percent of diesel with 158.85 million gallon and 386.31 million gallon in average each year.

U Aung Htoo also explained the commercial taxes from fuel imports are K66.53billion in 2011-2012 fiscal year, K10.71billion in 2012-2013 fiscal year and K210.27 billion in 2013-2014 fiscal year respectively.

Justice of the Supreme Court of the Union U Soe Nyunt discussed the suggestions of Brigadier General Tint San on legislative estate for the development of state. —MNA

Amyotha Hluttaw

State and region governments to allot land plots to farmless and homeless persons under village and town plans



Deputy Minister for Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development U Tin Ngwe.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct — The Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House) continued for the 22nd day at its hall in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday.

With regard to the question raised by U Maung Aye Tun of Rakhine State Constituency No 9 whether there is a plan to adopt arrangements for farm-

less and homeless persons as part of effort to ensure poverty alleviation, Deputy Minister for Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development U Tin Ngwe replied that the region and state governments coordinate to allot land plots to farmless and homeless persons under the town plans and village plans and release some confiscated farmlands to the owners.

Four other representatives participated in the discussions of the community housing bill. Major Aung Kyaw Zaw discussed that founder of the community housing must take responsibility for safety of the building and build an adequate area of car park meeting set standards.

Major Ye Min Htwe

said that the Nay Pyi Taw Council management committee and region and state management committees should be formed with one representative each from high-rise building project supervisory committee to as to supervise safety of community housings, standardization and designs of the buildings. He discussed the founder of the building must get registration for handover of owners from the apartments at the respective registration office.

U Pe Thauang of Kachin State Constituency No 6 discussed government departments, INGOs and NGOs are to cooperate in establishment of drug addict training centres for the youths in townships.

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Senmon GAKKO Fair 2014 on 1 Nov

YANGON, 22 Oct — KK Kyodo News Agency will introduce vocational schools of Japan at Myanmar Japan Centre on the 12th floor of UMFCI in Yangon from 9 am to 3 pm on 1 November.

Responsible persons of fashion and design schools, beauty salon schools, mechanical training schools, construction and architectural training schools, hotel management and service schools, foods and confectionary schools, IT and electron-

ics schools, music schools, automobile servicing schools, languages schools and aged care schools will give lectures on generating job opportunities at home and abroad.

Enthusiasts may participate in the talks. A chance will be created for student youths to join the talks from 1 am to 3.30 pm.

For further information, may contact IMEX (Myanmar) Co Ltd, No 365-367, second floor, Bogyoke Aung San Street,

Pabedan Township, Tel: 242758, 243074 and 377755.—GNLM

MIGA Executive Vice President... (from page 1)

Honda also noted the government is promoting an ambitious economic reform agenda to drive stronger growth, but challenges remain.

“MIGA will work with its World Bank Group partners and others to encourage more foreign direct investment to support economic expansion and contribute to

these plans,” she added.

Myanmar became MIGA’s 180th member in December last year.

MIGA is a member of the World Bank Group, promoting foreign direct investment into developing countries to help support economic growth, reduce poverty, and improve people’s lives.

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The first plant will generate 15 MW from compressed natural gas first and the second one will generate 450 MW later, and CNG for the plants will be imported, the minister said.

The Dawei SEZ is divided into two parts, an initial zone for small industries and a second zone for large industries.

The implementation of the initial zone will begin in November or December

this year on 6,000 acres of land and it includes upgrading the road linking the Dawei SEZ and Thai-Myanmar border, building a small seaport before implementing the Dawei Deep Sea Port project, undertaking power and water supply tasks and building development projects.

The initial zone of the Dawei SEZ is divided into three phases and will begin on 1,500 acres first, U Aye Myint said.

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NATIONAL

Military to maintain support in democratization process: Senior General

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct — Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on Wednesday visited the

families of Monywa and Pakokku Stations under the North-West Command.

At the meeting, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing

told the military personnel that Tatmadaw is taking part in observing the Three Main National Courses of national politics in coopera-

tion with respective administrations and dignitaries at every level. The commander-in-chief also said that all the members of military

must keep in mind the spirit of Myanmar putting away different ideologies.

Senior general also urged forestation plans as the command is being located in arid zone.

After leaving the meeting, the command-

er-in-chief, the chief minister of Sagaing region and senior military personnel visited the standing Buddha image of Laykyunsakkyia at the compound of Bawdhitathaung Monastery in Monywa Township.

Myawady

UEC meets Myanmar Press Council (Interim)

YANGON, 22 Oct — The Union Election Commission met with Myanmar Press Council (Interim) at the Panda Hotel in Yangon on Wednesday afternoon.

At the meeting, Chairman U Tin Aye of the UEC said that it is the main responsibility of the UEC to hold the 2015 General Election in a free and fair manner, inviting political parties, civil society organizations and the media to cooperate with the commission.

Then, the chairman said that 2015 General Election will be held either in the last week of October or in the first week of November 2015, 90 days before the expiry of the term of the first Hluttaw.

After the speech of the UEC chairman, UEC member Dr Daw Myint Kyi requested the Myanmar Press



Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye meets Chairman U Khin Maung Lay (a) Po Thauk Kya and party of Myanmar Press Council (Interim).—MNA

Council (Interim) to give a hand in voters' education activities and electoral ethics and information dissemination.

Afterwards, Vice Chairman U Khin Maung Lay (a) Po Thauk Kya,

Secretary U Kyaw Min Swe and Dr Myo Thant Tin of the MPC, Chairman U Ko Ko and Vice Chairman U Thiha Saw of Myanmar Journalists' Association, UEC members, U Pe Myint of Myanmar Writers' As-

sociation and U Chit Win Maung of Myanmar Journalists Union held discussions on the election law and rules and regulations.

After the discussions, the UEC chairman thanked the participants and urged

them to help for the success of the elections.

The UEC organized a workshop on gender equality with 17 civil society organizations working towards gender equality at the same venue in the morning.

Participants in the

workshop held discussions on 12 goals of strategic plan for development of election process.

The UEC chairman, members and officials and woman representatives from the civil society organizations participated in the workshop.—MNA

Union Minister inspects development in Yezagyo Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct — Union Minister at the President Office Thayay Sithu U Soe Maung together with Thiri Pyanchi Thura U Myint Maung, leader of religious advisory group to the President, on Wednesday inspected development of Yezagyo Township in Pakokku District.

They looked into the progress of over 13-mile long TaungO-Shinmadaung road construction project which is aimed to provide better trans-

portation services to the residents. They visited Kanpouk Village near Shinmadaung Hill, to look into the tube-well donated by Thura U Myint Maung's family.

During the visit, they made donations including the religious books and medicines to the residents from Kanpauk Village.

In Pakhangyi ancient town, U Soe Maung and Thura U Myint Maung met patients and donated medicines.—MNA

Third SEA Vovinam Championship 2014 kicks off



Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan awards first prize to Khaing Mar Oo of Myanmar in women's singles silat event.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct — The Third SEA Vovinam Championship 2014 hosted by Myanmar took place at Nay Pyi Taw Wunna Theikdi Gymnasium-A on Wednesday, with an address by Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan.

Athletes from host Myanmar, Vietnam, Thailand, the Philippines, Cambodia, Indonesia and Laos participated in the championship.

After the competition, the president of SEA Vovinam Federation presented the first prize to Laos, the second to Cambodia

and the third to Vietnam in the men's singles silat event.

Union Minister U Tint Hsan awarded the first prize to Khaing Mar Oo of Myanmar, the second to Vietnam and the third to Indonesia in the women's singles silat event.

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Best ways for production, purchase and distribution of medicines discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct — Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint delivered an address at the Workshop on discrimination of pharmaceutical situation for planning for future action at the Hotel Max in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday.

The Ministry of Health manages storage and supply of medicines, gives ed-

ucative talks about effects of medicines and checks the pharmaceutical shops in line with the rules and regulations.

He urged the participants to seek the ways of minimizing loss and waste in distribution of medicines in the nation.

Regional Adviser for essential drugs and other medicines Dr Kathleen

Holloway explained the ways for solving problems in production, purchase and distribution of medicines. Those present took part in the discussions.

It was attended by officials of the Ministry of Health, members of National Task Force for Supply Chain Management and officials.

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Workshop on discrimination of pharmaceutical situation for planning for future action in progress.—MNA

Yaybok Village of Minbu Tsp gets electricity

MAGWAY, 22 Oct — A ceremony to mark successful electrification of 11/0-4 KV 315 KVA transformer was held in Yaybok Village of Minbu Township in Magway Region on Tuesday.

Magway Region Electrical Engineer U Tha Soe explained efforts of officials in electrification for the village and Yaybok Village administrator U Hsan Lin Tun, self-reliant electrification process.

Magway Region Minister for Electric Power and Industry U Win Myint Maung, Region Minister for Electricity and Industry U Aung Naing and local authorities cut the ribbon to launch the electrification.



Chief Minister of Magway Region U Phone Maw Shwe switched on the power line for supply of elec-

tricity to the people. The local people funded K48 million on a self-reliant basis of electrification for 178

households of the village, monastery, Dhammayon and monastery.

Than Naing Oo (Ngaphe)

Women's organizations donate tube-well, water tank, pump to rural people



MANDALAY, 22 Oct — Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Myanmar Women and Child Development Federation held the opening of tube-well, water tank and pump

in Zeyathukha Village in Taungtha Township of Mandalay Region on 21 October.

The social organization funded K2,0146,283 for the tube-well, water tank and pump for the 180-house village.

The women's organizations donated K100,000 to the fund and K200,000 for cost of fuel for the well to the village development affairs supportive committee.

Min Htet Aung (Mandalay Sub-printing House)

Wellwisher shows generosity towards MGH

MANDALAY, 22 Oct — A nine-storey medical ward at Mandalay General Hospital has been completed by 90 per cent without cash assistance of the Ministry of Health.

The building will have car park in the under-

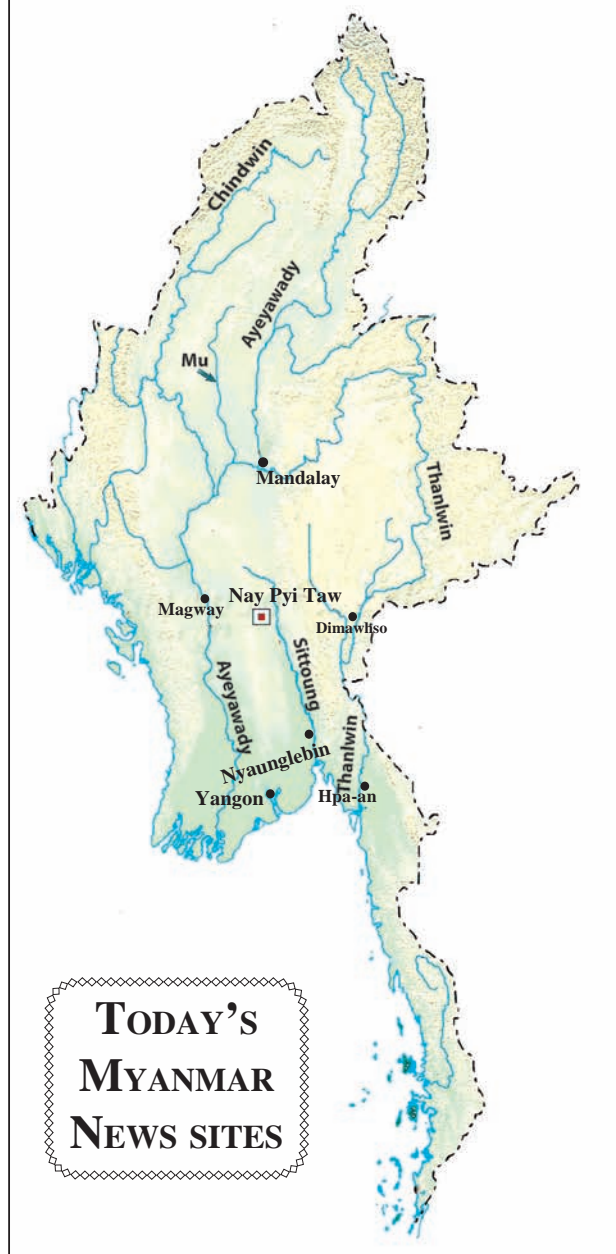
ground, the modern labs on the ground floor, medical wards and training rooms from the first to ninth floors.

On 21 October, Daw Tin Tin of Paint Trading family of Mandalay donated K9 million to the fund for construction of the

building at the Mandalay General Hospital.

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint and Medical Superintendent Dr Maung Win accepted the cash donations and spoke words of thanks.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)



Fire drill demonstrated at Myoma market in Nyaunglebin

NYAUNGLEBIN, 22 Oct — As now is open season, the Township Development Affairs Committee and Township Fire Services Department jointly organized the fire drill at the Myoma market on Tuesday.

Head of the Township FSD U Thein Htaik and

firefighters demonstrated use of fire extinguishers and putting out of fire with the use of vehicle and fire trucks.

The fire drill was attended by township level officials, market board of trustees, shop owners and local people.

Nay Lin (Nyaunglebin)



LOCAL NEWS

Maintenance of drains, canals and diversion weirs inspected in Dimawhso Tsp



DIMAWHSO, 22 Oct — Deputy Commissioner of Loikaw District U San Win and Township Administrator U Tin Hlaing inspected irrigation facilities for supply of water to farmlands and construction of bridges in Dimawhso Township of Kayah State on 20 October.

They viewed dredging of drains from diversion weir, construction of new bridge across Ngwetaung Creek, repairing of canals and sluice gates, dredging of sands and construction of gravel-filled drains to the 10-acre farmlands.

Township IPRD

Endometrial Cancer, Breast Cancer and Introduction to Urogynaecology lectured to medical students



MANDALAY, 22 Oct — The Training on Management of Endometrial Cancer, Breast Cancer and Introduction to Urogynaecology with Belgium Technicians kicked off at Central Women's Hospital in Mandalay on 20 October morning.

Medical Superintendent Dr Than Than Myint, Dean of OG Department Professor Dr Kyi Kyi Nyunt of Mandalay University of Medicine, faculty members and trainees.

The medical super-

intendent, the dean and Professor Dr G Orye of University of Medicine of Belgium made speeches.

Belgium and Myanmar OG specialists will give lectures on Endometrial Cancer, Breast Cancer and endoscopic topic to the trainees.

Altogether 60 OG Post-graduate course students from Universities of Medicine (Mandalay) and (Magway) are attending the training from 21 to 24 October.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Education promotion plan discussed

HPA-AN, 22 Oct — A coordination meeting on uplifting education standard of Kayin State was held at Zwegabin Hall in Hpa-an of Kayin State recently.

Chief Minister of Kayin State U Zaw Min made a speech. Rector of Yangon University of Education Dr Aung Min reported on implementation of education promotion plan with public participation and Rector of Yangon University of Distance Education Dr Hla Tint, uplift of education standard.

Legal expert Professor Dr Tin May Tun discussed laws related to the national education law and reviewed the discussions of members of respective committees.

Education

Traditional medicine kits given to rural people

MANDALAY, 22 Oct — Traditional Medicine Department distributes traditional medicine kits to 2,500 villages in Mandalay Region with the assistance of Nippon Foundation of Japan for the third time with the aim of ensuring longevity of the local people, Chief Minister of Mandalay Region U Ye Myint said at the ceremony to distribute traditional medicine kits at the convocation hall of University of Traditional Medicine (Mandalay) on 20 October morning.

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint urged the traditional practitioners to provide health care services to the people with the use of potent traditional medicines.

The Chief Minister, the Speaker of Region Hluttaw, deputy minister and officials presented 2,500 traditional medicine kits to the villages through township officials.



The ceremony was also attended by Mandalay Region Ministers U Aung Moun, Dr Win Hlaing and Dr Myint Kyu, Director-General of Traditional Medicine Department Dr Tun Naing Oo, the

pro-rectors of the Traditional Medicine University (Mandalay) and officials.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Quality robes for Buddhist monks on high demand in Mandalay market

MANDALAY, 22 Oct — As the period of Kathina offering ceremonies is drawing nearer, the demand of robes for Buddhist monks is higher and higher daily.

In Mandalay City, people bought quality robes to be offered to members of the Sangha.

This year, Thailand-made CYC robes,

Japan-made CYC robes, Italy-made silk robes, China-made three-rifle and other brand robes, Korea-made rifle and linen brands and local-made robes are flowing into the Mandalay consumer market.

"Not only Japan-made robes but Italy-made ones are on high demand in

the market. Local people choose the best quality of products to members of the Sangha," said U Mya Thein of Diamond and Emerald robe trading.

The basket of robes and eight prerequisites is sold at the prices ranging from K1300 to K60,000.

Min Htet Aung (Mandalay Sub-printing House)

UFL (Mandalay) moves to new campus

MANDALAY, 22 Oct — Mandalay University of Foreign Languages moved from Mandalay University campus to the plot in front of Mandalay Royal Palace in Ahneiktaw Ward on 62nd street between 22nd and 23rd streets in Aungmyethazan Township of Mandalay. The courses of the university will be opened from 1 to 3 November at the new venue.

The building of the university is the venue of Uni-

versity of Education. It was renovated with constructing of high-rise buildings.

As the post-graduate courses will be conducted the Mandalay University campus, the UFL (Mandalay) was moved to the new place under the arrangements of Mandalay Region government and Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar).

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)



Vietnam sets up 310 industrial parks, 15 economic zones by September

HANOI, 22 Oct — As of the end of September, Vietnam has 295 industrial parks and 15 economic zones nationwide, said Foreign Investment Agency (FIA) under Vietnam's Ministry of Planning and Investment on Wednesday. According to a report posted on FIA's website, the country's industrial parks are located in an area of 83,626 hectares while its economic zones cover an area of 697,800 hectares. As of the end of September, over 2.2 million jobs have been created by industrial parks and economic zones across Vietnam. In the first nine months of 2014, Vietnam's industrial parks and economic zones lured around 5.6 billion US dollars in 351 newly-registered foreign direct investment (FDI) projects.

Meanwhile, some 2.2 billion US dollars were added to 258 projects, bringing total FDI into the country's industrial parks and economic zones to 7.8 billion US dollars, down 10 percent year-on-year. Cumulatively, as of the end of September 2014, industrial parks nationwide have attracted total FDI worth 81.4 billion US dollars in 5,365 projects. Among those, over 45.6 billion US dollars was disbursed, making up 56 percent of total registered FDI.

At the same time, so far, FDI pouring into economic zones of

Vietnam hit 36.7 billion US dollars in 226 projects, said FIA.

In January-September period, Vietnam's industrial parks and economic zones attracted over 75.07 trillion Vietnamese dong (3.56 billion US dollars) from domestic investment, up 16 percent year-on-year.

As of the end of September, a total of 5,262 domestic projects with registered capital of 512.03 trillion Vietnamese dong (24.27 billion US dollars) came to Vietnam's industrial parks and economic zones. During a nine-month period, the country's industrial parks and economic zones enjoyed total revenue of over 55.7 billion US dollars, up 30 percent year-on-year, contributing 42,02 trillion Vietnamese dong (1.99 billion US dollars) to the state budget, according to FIA.—Xinhua



The 18th Chinese Navy escort fleet finished their 772nd mission to provide escort for two Chinese fishing boats near Bab al-Mandab, on 21 October.—XINHUA

China, Japan, ROK hold cyber security meeting in Beijing

BEIJING, 22 Oct — Senior diplomats from China, Japan and the Republic of Korea (ROK) gathered in Beijing on Tuesday for a cyber security meeting to enhance trust and cooperation in cyberspace, a spokeswoman said on Wednesday.

The meeting is the first of its kind since the establishment of the China-Japan-ROK cyber

security consultation mechanism this year, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said at a regular news briefing.

Diplomats from the three countries in charge of cyber affairs co-chaired the meeting, Hua said, without naming the officials. Each side introduced their own cyber policies and institutions and discussed the norms of

cyberspace and enhancing mutual trust, she said.

The three countries discussed the process of building trust online within the framework of the International Telecommunication Union, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Regional Forum, BRICS — Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, and the Shanghai Coop-

eration Organization, according to Hua.

They also touched upon combating cyber crime and terrorism as well as Internet emergency response cooperation. They agreed to hold the second meeting of the cyber security consultation mechanism in the ROK next year, the spokeswoman added.

Xinhua

Cambodian peacekeepers leave for war-torn Central African Republic



Cambodian Defence Minister Gen Tea Banh (3rd L), and Roger Carter (2nd L), security advisor of the United Nations Development Programme to Cambodia, inspect the guard of honour in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on 22 Oct, 2014.—XINHUA

PHOM PENH, 22 Oct — Cambodia sent the first batch of 216 military personnel to join a United Nations peacekeeping operation in the Central African Republic (CAR) on Wednesday, officials said. The peacekeepers will conduct their one-year mission in Bria town, about 600 km east of CAR's

Bangui capital, doing work in demining, constructing roads, bridges and barracks, and digging wells, Defence Minister Gen Tea Banh said at the departure ceremony held at the Military Airbase in Phnom Penh.

"Our mission is to join the other UN peacekeepers to stabilize the situation in

the Central African Republic," he said. He added that the Cambodian government has a strong commitment to contributing to the building of global peace through sending troops to join the UN peacekeeping mission in war-torn countries.

Meanwhile, the minister advised them to strictly

abide by CAR's laws and international laws so as to maintain the disciplines and dignity of the Cambodian Royal Armed Forces.

"Our peacekeepers must avoid any activity that can negatively affect the standards of living, tradition and customs, and dignity of the host country," he said.

Roger Carter, security advisor of the United Nations Development Programme to Cambodia, appreciated Cambodia for its active contribution to global peace and security, saying that Cambodia stands out as an example to the world.

"The ceremony today reminds us of the event from 22 years ago when UN peacekeeping forces were sent here, but Cambodia now sends troops and expertise to the UN peacekeeping operations in Sudan, South Sudan, CAR, Chad, Syria, Lebanon and Mali," he said. "Your dedication to helping others, sharing your skills with another country suffering from conflict, will be a source of inspiration to many."—Xinhua

US transfers Marine murder suspect to Philippine base

MANILA, 22 Oct — The United States has transferred a Marine suspected of the murder of a transgender Filipino to a Philippine military base under US guard, the head of the Philippine armed forces said, in line with a legal agreement between the two countries.

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

General Gregorio Catapang told reporters Pemberton was flown to Camp Aguinaldo, the main military base in Manila.

"He was confined in a 20-foot air-conditioned van inside an US military facility on our own base on Philippine soil," Catapang said. "He will be under 24-hour guard by an American soldier but we also have two Filipino soldiers in the facility."

Colonel Brad Bartelt, spokesman for the US Ma-

rine Corps Forces, Pacific, said Pemberton would remain in US custody in line with the Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA) with the United States.

"The suspect will remain in the Philippines during the investigation and any potential judicial proceedings in accordance with the VFA," he said in a statement.

The Philippines has said it expects to get custody of Pemberton once he is formally charged in court and any trial begins.

President Benigno Aquino described the transfer as a "healthy development".

"He is not being treated with kid gloves," Aquino told reporters, adding that the government was complying with the VFA.

Pemberton was transferred to Aguinaldo from USS Peleliu, an amphibious assault vessel, which has since been given permission to leave the Philippines.—Reuters

APEC finance ministers discuss global economy

BEIJING, 22 Oct — Asia-Pacific finance ministers on Wednesday discussed the status of the global economy and ways to secure sustainable growth in the region.

The ministerial meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum comes as signs of softening demand, with China, this year's host of the 21-member grouping, reporting a day ago that its growth waned to a five-year low 7.3 percent in the third quarter.

One of the major agenda items at the meeting chaired by Chinese Finance Minister Lou Jiwei is cooperation on infrastructure investment and financing, officials said.

The meeting aimed at setting the stage for the APEC summit in November

will wrap up in the late afternoon with the release of a joint statement.

Not all members of the Asia-Pacific grouping, accounting for more than half of the world's growth, sent finance ministers to the meeting.

But, for the first time in four years, Japan sent its finance minister to the annual meeting, with the hope of easing political tensions with China.

Japanese Finance Minister Taro Aso, who is also deputy prime minister, is seeking to hold bilateral talks with senior Chinese officials on the margins of the APEC meeting.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is hoping to hold first formal talks with Chinese President Xi Jinping when he travels for the 10-11 November summit in Beijing.



Chinese Vice Premier Zhang Gaoli (C, front) and other delegates pose for a group photo before attending the APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation) 2014 Finance Ministers' Meeting in Beijing, capital of China, on 22 Oct, 2014. — XINHUA

Due to a dispute over the sovereignty of the Senkaku Islands, which China claims and calls Diaoyu, and disagreements over

Japan's past aggression, relations between the two countries have been icy for several years.

Since taking office

in December 2012, Abe's call for an official meeting with Xi has been all but ignored.

Kyodo News

Armed forces to guarantee security in Brazil's presidential

BRASILIA, 22 Oct — Nearly 15,000 military personnel will be deployed around Brazil to ensure security during the 26 Oct presidential runoff, the Superior Electoral Court (TSE) said on Tuesday.

The army, navy and air force personnel will be stationed around polling stations in 280 towns of 12 states, as they were during the first-round vote on 5 October. According to the Defence Ministry, the military will additionally provide logistical support, including delivering electronic balloting machines and transporting TSE workers to remote voting sites in the Amazon region.—Xinhua

Dacic: Ashton was the only objective mediator



High EU Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Catherine Ashton and Serbian Minister of Foreign Affairs Ivica Dacic. — TANJUG

BRUSSELS, 22 Oct — High EU Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Catherine Ashton was the only objective mediator in the crises in the Western Balkans, Serbian Minister of Foreign Affairs Ivica Dacic stated on Tuesday after the farewell meeting with Ashton.

Addressing reporters in the seat of the European External Action Service in Brussels, Dacic said that he can make such a statement because he witnessed all major crises in the region during the 24 years of his career in politics.

He expressed gratitude to Ashton for helping Serbia launch the EU accession negotiations this year and the patience she demonstrated during the lengthy sessions on the normalisation of relations with Pristina.

Dacic announced that

the meeting of ministers of foreign affairs and finance ministers from Western Balkan countries will take place in Belgrade on Thursday as was originally planned, despite the tensions which arose after the recent incidents at the football match between Serbia and Albania.

The dialogue has now become a normal, although perhaps not historic, matter, Dacic said. He underscored that Serbia is committed to its EU path which he qualified as lengthy and irreversible, and added that the country will implement all the points it agreed to take on by signing the Brussels agreement.

On behalf of the Serbian government and President Tomislav Nikolic, Dacic presented Ashton with a copy of the icon of the Holy Lady Theotokos as the protectress of the Serbian people.—Tanjug

German gov't allowed to keep arms deals secret: top court

BERLIN, 22 Oct — The German government does not have to inform parliament about planned arms deals in their early stages, according to a ruling by Germany's highest court on Tuesday.

German Federal Constitutional Court said the government was under no obligation to disclose information to the Bundestag about preliminary negoti-

ations with arms companies and that parliamentary oversight would only extend to completed deals.

But the government would have to provide the Bundestag with details on request, once specific arms exports have been approved, said the Karlsruhe-based court.

The ruling stems from a Green Party appeal for greater disclosure. Parli-

mentarians of the German opposition party had sued over the lack of information on arms deals from the government and deprivation of supervision duty of the parliament. Causes were reports on the sale of 200 German Leopard battle tanks to Saudi Arabia in 2011.

According to Germany's constitution, the government has the right

to make decisions on arms exports.

The Federal Security Council, which involves Chancellor Angela Merkel and key ministers, is the body that decides on sensitive cases in closed meetings.

The current ruling coalition government publishes statistics on weapons exports every six months.—Xinhua

HK gov't holds 1st talk with student leaders



Representatives of China's Hong Kong SAR government attend a Press conference after their talks with student leaders in the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, south China's Hong Kong, on 21 Oct, 2014. The Hong Kong government on Tuesday held the first formal talks with student leaders speaking for sit-in protesters to find a peaceful way to end the Occupy Central movement which started on 28 September. — XINHUA

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 23 October, 2014

Positive signs for Myanmar workers at home and abroad

By Myint Win Thein

The Union government is taking a more active part in the welfare of Myanmar workers at home and abroad as it has successfully solved the problem of shoe factory workers in Hline-thaya Industrial Zone and has been sending government officials to help Myanmar migrant workers who are in trouble in other countries.

The shoe factory workers were compensated for their outstanding salaries by auctioning the machines left behind by the owner who fled Myanmar without paying workers' salaries and other benefits.

Myanmar migrant workers abroad have often been victims of various types of exploitation in their host countries including murder, human trafficking, sexual abuse, torture, extortion, discrimination, workplace bullying and so on. For example, a number of Myanmar migrant workers have been murdered this year in a host country whose authorities have not come up with any murderers, according to labour activists.

Now, with the active involvement of the union government in the labour affairs, Myanmar workers working legally or illegally in other countries are beginning to see the ray of hope for their lives. The plight of Myanmar migrant workers abroad has also attracted the attention of the in-

ternational community recently.

On the other hand, the government is implementing special economic zones to create job opportunities for Myanmar migrant workers who have to work abroad to earn a living, leaving their families behind. They will be able to work in safety at home in the foreseeable future.

All these trends imply positive signs for Myanmar workers at home and abroad.

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Myanglish....Singlish....Hinglish etc.,

By : Tommy Pauk

It is obvious to see that Myanmar Youngsters those who are students from secondary levels to tertiary levels are in the habit of using Myanglish in text messaging and chatting in mobile phones. Myanglish is a style of writing in making Myanmar phrases or sentences or fragment of sentence by using English letter of alphabet. Sometimes, pure English words are combined in such expressions. The users of Myanglish aim to have clearer and more communicative in corresponding their messages. It makes the users amused, intimate and friendly while corresponding each other. In other words, Myanmar speech sounds are exchanged with English letter of alphabet. For example; 'Nay kaung lar?' (How are you?) 'Tha-ding-sar nay tine phat tha lar?' (Do you read newspaper every day?) 'Eain-sar lote pee pe lar?' (Have you done your homework?) 'Kha-yee thwar mhar lar?' (Will you travel to somewhere?) 'Thu ko Phone satt lite oun!' (Give him/her a ring!) 'Nya-nay yout yinn ngar doe cinema ko thwar kya mal!' (We will go to the cinema in the evening), 'Min bal ko yout nay tha lal?' (Where are you right now?), 'Exam ko ngar aung pe kwa!' (I have passed the examination!) 'Ngar pain aung lote nay tal. (I am on diet)'

Instead of using Myanmar script, they use English script for Myanmar utterances. At a glance, the expressions seem like English phrases or sentences. Even Myanmar fonts are installed and available in computer or hand-held phones or mobile phones. Why? The answer is simple; because the sender of message and receiver of message prefer to enjoy fun of creating Myanglish language rather than using of standard English. The borrowed words from English are also embedded in Myanglish. Eg. Platform, radio, guitar, municipal, phone, foreman, council, motor car, bicycle, bioscope, etc. It becomes fashionable language among the young people in Myanmar. Another thing is that they might want to choose the easy way to communicate among themselves no matter they know standard English or not. It is so natural that common people like to use the easy way to communicate each other. As for academic or official or formal writing in English, Myanglish writing is not accepted. Myanglish way of writing can give negative impact on the practice of standard English because the Myanglish users are addicted to use Myanglish expressions and they encounter difficulties and confusions in using standard English. The Accepted English is widely used in Education, Sciences, Computer Studies, Diplomatic Relations etc. It is advisable to say that the users should not get mixed up with Standard English and Myanglish.

Hinglish in India and in Singlish in Singapore can be heard or seen in their daily life communications. Hindi is the common language in India and a blend of Hindi words and English words is called Hinglish. To be more precise; 'Hinglish is a blend of Hindi and English, in particular a variety of English used by speakers of Hindi, characterized by frequent use of Hindi vocabulary or constructions.' So let's listen to Hinglish pronunciation for some English words: eg. 'is-tick' for stick, 'istar' for star, 'ispade' for spade, 'iskool' for school, 'iskander' for Alexander, 'juoloji' for zoology, 'pphunny; for funny, 'pphor' for four and 'joo' for zoo etc.

Example sentences of Hinglish ; Time kya hua hai? means 'What time is it right now?' I have hazaar things to do: means I have thousand of things to do. etc.

Some Hinglish vocabulary words : Pyjama, avator, bungalow, shampoo, bollywood, jungli (wild in behavior), badmashes (hooligan) changa (great), machi chips (fish and chips) yaar (friend), Kutta (dog), Kutti (the word for 'bitch'), filmi (characteristic of Bollywood movies), deshi or desi (authentic, relating to the idea of national or local as opposed to foreign e.g. desi food; refers to chapati), freshie (a new immigrant to the UK from the Indian subcontinent), gora (white person), Angrez (English person), etc.

Hinglish (a mixture of Hindi and English) is widely spoken in India and by British Asians in the UK.

Singlish is a unique blend of English, Chinese, Malay, Tamil and local dialects. The Singaporeans speak Singlish which is known as Singapore Colloquial English. Singlish uses particles mostly borrowed from Hokkein or Cantonese, to indicate attitude to what is being said. They work rather like 'you know' and 'you see', e.g. "ah" (usually expect agreement), "lah" (strong assertion), and "what" (usually corrects something)

Examples: There's something here for everyone **lah**.

Otherwise, how can be considered Singaporean **ah?**

No parking lots here, **what**.

OK **lah**, bye bye.

And then how many rooms **ah?**

You see my husband is not at home **lah**. That's the problem, **ah**.

Her price is too high for me **lah**.

Here we notice that it does not use English grammar.

Examples; Why you so stupid? (omitted 'Verb to be')

Why she never come here? (omitted 'verb to do')

You do that, I hit you. (For this sentence, it must be a conditional sentence with subordinating conjunction : 'If you do that , I will hit you' is the standard

English).

You want to swim, then swim here. (For this sentence, the standard English pattern is; 'If you want to swim, you can swim here'.)

"-ed " allows any word to be made into verb in Singlish. e.g. "the cat dieded when hit by car."

"can" asking whether one is able to do something e.g. "yah, I fix by tomorrow, can, can!"

"got " used as a questionable demand. e.g. "I ask you to get me the staff, got or not lah?"

"izzit" from is it, but slurred

"dis dic, play well izzit?"

"Why you got chewing gum! chewing gum ban in Singapore!"

"50% off? Where got!!!"

Since the Singlish is like broken English, the Singaporean government has created an annual Speak Good English Movement to emphasize the point. Singlish is also heavily discouraged in the mass media and in schools. The Singaporean government does favor Standard English.

In conclusion, Myanglish, Singlish and Hinglish are not permissible to use in academic institutions, offices, and diplomatic relations etc. As for Hinglish, we find that some vocabulary words and expressions are accepted in English language as borrowed words. This article is a sort of sharing Knowledge about English, a living language and the reflection its environment. Hoping that this tiny selection of colloquialism may be helpful to English learners in Myanmar.

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GOLD PRICE, FE RATE (22-10-2014)

Yangon Gold Price

Buying K661,300 per tical: Selling K662,300

Mandalay Gold Price

Buying K661,200 per tical: Selling K662,200

FE RATE

USD Buying K993.5: Selling K998.5

SGD Buying K778: Selling K788

Euro Buying K1,250: Selling K1,270

NATIONAL & OPINION

MRTV, local broadcast media sign agreements amending the original agreements



Deputy Minister for Information U Pike Htway attends signing ceremony of agreements with local broadcast media.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—Director-General U Tint Swe of Myanmar Radio and Television (MRTV) and officials from local broadcast media groups—Forever Group, Shwe Than Lwin Media,

Mandalay FM, Shwe FM, Pyinsawady FM, Cherry FM, Padamyar FM and FM Bagan—on Wednesday signed agreements amending the original agreements at Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw.

Also present at the ceremony were Deputy Minister for Information U Pike Htway, departmental officials and respective personnel from the broadcast media.

GNLM

Central committee reviews sales of gems and utility jade

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct — The central committee for organizing the gems and utility jade sales was held at the Mani Yadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday afternoon.

Chairman of the central committee Deputy Minister for Mines U Than Tun Aung explained smooth process of the sales, sales of gems and utility jade lots, job opportunities for local people at the jew-

ellery industries and future tasks of the committee.

Chairmen and officials of work committees reviewed strong and weak points of the sales.

Chairman of Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs Association U Yone Mu submitted reports on fulfillment for requirements of the jade and gem sales.—MNA

Correction

Please read Union Minister Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin instead of Dr Daw Myat Myat Khin in the caption and second line in second column of the news under heading of SWRR Ministry provides cash assistance to social welfare activities on page 9 of this daily issued on 22-10-2014. Error is regretted.—GNLM



Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association member Daw Yin Yin Moe being seen off at Yangon International Airport on 20 October for attending Myanmar Garment Industry delegates in Sri Lanka from 20 to 25 October.—MNA

Overgeneralization: a Silent Killer in the Path of Friendship and Social Dealing

Maung Phyo (WYU)

It is out of question that we Myanmar are Happy-go-lucky people. We love to lead a carefree life. We hate worry, burden and hard work that may deter us from being jolly. It is our typical lifestyle especially when seen from its bright side. What about the other way round? In practicality, we cannot avoid worry, burden, effort and hardship in our everyday life. We have to try to overcome them. As we hate hardship, we happen to take it easy. That means, for example, when we hear something, without considering much, we are in the habit of taking it for true fact. It is where we start to go wrong and where the habit of overgeneralization originates. Overgeneralization stems from lack of rational thinking which can again be obtained by the application of knowledge and experience. All of these need labor. When we hate labor or hard work, it implies that we give way to overgeneralization. On account of overgeneralization, I had once lost one of my dear friends.

His name is Aung Myat but we his friends used to call him "Law She" (a gangly boy) as he was comparatively gangling among us. He and I had much in common; the same hobby, the same school, the same ward, and even the same birthday. In addition, there was a general agreement drawn among us that we should act manly to one another without keeping anything secret. As for our studies, we grouped together and read helping one another whenever there was a problem. My memory is still fresh that it was the first day of July 1994 that we were selected to compete in essay competition at the district level. As all of us were outstanding, we all had to participate in that competition. We had two weeks for preparation and our teacher had been guiding us. As my hobby is book-keeping, I had my home library where so many books of prize-winning essays were kept for reference. I invited all of my friends there and permitted them to use any book

they liked. But it was Aung Myat who paid the most frequent visit to me during those days. I had also prepared myself with notes from various sources available. I had been compiling those notes since long. I had also kept the notes on one shelf of my library. I found Aung Myat perusing them so often. On the last day of the first week, I was taken seriously ill and he visited me. Shortly after he had gone, I asked my sister to bring my prepared notes to me. But they were gone. One of my nieces confirmed that she had just seen my friend leaving with those notes kept at the armpit. I went wild with anger and sent for him. He did not show up but flatly denied and even swore he had never seen them before. My sister said so. As a result, I got only the consolation prize but he stood first. The remaining friends had communicated him since they heard of the missing notes.

On the last day of the school year, I received a parcel presented by Aung Myat. He had moved to another town soon after the

event. When unfolded, I found the trophy of the first prize and a copy of his prize winning essay. I studied it very carefully over and over again. But I found no hints of my notes. Instead, it was really his authenticity I had to admit. For, I had been often told of how he would organize and write his essay. But I had no idea how things went wrong between us. Surely, I was wrong to have jumped so fast to conclude that he stole my notes. Whenever I read an essay, I remember him. But we cannot reconcile again as he had died of lungs cancer two years ago.

In the above case, my sister was still very young and she might be wrong. I foolishly skipped that fact. Instead, I mistook my friend for the one who stole my notes. It was my sheer irrationality that I did not bother to think twice before making up my mind that he must be the one. I was ready to entertain my own presupposition, one of the multi-facets of overgeneralization.

Just take a look around, undeniably you will witness that many fall prey to that

bad habit. **In general**, we think that foreigners are smart (you may often see a foreigner or two surrounded by our local people), that Karen and Chin people are good at English, that Shan and people from Yaw or Saw can spell a curse upon us when they are not in good mood with us, that some of our national races are ego-centric, that we Myanmar are lazy and ill-disciplined and there will be so many "that". Surely, a major problem or conflict arises when these "in-general" become "in-particular". Indeed, we will come to know only after a few minutes of consideration and rational thinking that not every foreigner can be smart simply because they are human beings as we are, that everybody can be good at any language after sufficient exposure, that people from Yaw and Saw are very simple and black magic is foreign to them, and that nobody can always be good or bad.

No man is an island as

Rene Descartes said. No one can live alone. We love company as cats loves comfort. Therefore, an English sage Sir Francis Bacon said in one of his essays named "Of Friendship"—"whosoever delights in solitude is either a wild beast or a god". We live in community. When overgeneralization is deep-rooted in a society with a wide range of ethnic and religious diversity, communal clash is very likely. When a piece of news is in the air, we need to make sure whether it comes from a reliable source. Even when it really does, we should wait to hear what kinds of actions are being taken for or against the case in question. Therefore, we should leave no place for rumors that may pop up all the time whether we take heed of them or not. For rational thinking that can get rid of overgeneralization, we should read and think. It is simple because Life is too short to be little and to be misled by such meaningless habit.

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Sweden gets two new sightings, as hunt for undersea intruder goes on

STOCKHOLM, 22 Oct — Sweden's military is working on two new observations that could be evidence of suspected "foreign underwater activity" near the country's capital, a senior naval officer said on Tuesday.

Swedish forces have been scouring the sea off Stockholm since Friday, after what the military called three credible reports of activity by foreign submarines or divers using an underwater vehicle.

The vessels were unidentified, but during the 1980s the Swedish navy from time to time hunted foreign submarines in its waters.

"Today, I can also report that there have been two further observations which were made by members of the public that are interesting enough to require further follow-up work," Admiral Anders Grenstad told reporters.

He would not give further details about what kind of new sightings had been made, but said they were being assessed and were not yet considered as credible as the three made earlier.

Grenstad said the operation was aimed at gathering intelligence, not military action, and could continue for some time.

"I want to stress again that this is not a U-boat hunting operation which has the aim of bringing down an opponent with military might," he said.

He also said Sweden had no information as to which country might be behind the suspected intrusion into Swedish waters. But during the 1980s and early '90s, Sweden's defence forces regularly played cat and mouse with suspected foreign submarines in its territorial waters.

Some of the incidents were later reclassified as likely to have been false



The Swedish corvette HMS Visby is seen in the search for suspected "foreign underwater activity" at Mysingen Bay, Stockholm on 21 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS

alarms. In recent months, Swedish jets have been scrambled to meet foreign planes crossing into the country's air space, a pattern repeated in the Baltics where

NATO has responded.

The incidents come as tension between Russian and the West is rising in the region over the conflict in Ukraine. In a joint Press

conference on Tuesday with the leader of Estonia, Sweden's prime minister said his country would increase spending on defence.

Reuters



A raindrop falls from one of the poppies placed on a lamp post in the parking lot in front of a Service Canada building, where a suspected Islamic militant deliberately ran over two soldiers with his car, in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec on 21 Oct, 2014. REUTERS

Canada raises terrorism threat level, cites Islamist chatter

OTTAWA, 22 Oct — Canada has raised its terrorism threat level to medium from low because of a rise in "general chatter" from radical groups such as Islamic State and al-Qaeda, a government official said on Tuesday.

"This increase is not the result of a specific threat," said Jean-Christophe de Le Rue, a spokesman for Public Safety

Minister Steven Blaney. A suspected Canadian militant ran over two soldiers in Quebec on Monday, killing one of them.

De Le Rue said the new terrorism threat level meant Canadian intelligence services had "indicated an individual or group within Canada or abroad has the intent and capability to commit an act of terrorism".—Reuters

Canada sends CF-18 Hornet fighters to Middle East to help fight against ISIL

OTTAWA, 22 Oct — An air fleet consisting of CF-18 Hornet fighters on Tuesday departed from Canadian Forces Base Cold Lake in Alberta of Canada for the Middle East in support of the efforts to fight against the Islamic State, the Canada's Ministry of National Defence announced.

Through Operation IMPACT, Canadian Armed Forces are adding support to coalition assistance to security forces in Iraq who are fighting against Islamic State, also known as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), said the ministry in a document posted at the its website.

The Canadian support to coalition operations against ISIL included six CF-18 Hornet fighter aircraft, a CC-150T Polaris aerial refueller to support coalition air operations, two CP-140M Aurora surveillance aircraft for reconnaissance.

The CF-18 Hornet fighter aircraft will fly to Kuwait for the support mission.

According to the document, there will be some 600 personnel participating in the operations, including aircrew support elements, such as command and control and logistics.

Xinhua

UNITED NATIONS, 22 Oct — Russia's UN Ambassador Vitaly Churkin said on Tuesday he was not surprised by reports saying American weapons intended for Syrian Kurdish forces had got into the hands of Islamic State militants. This mistake shows that coordination of activities with Damascus should be more efficient, he told TASS. "This is not surprising, because it is necessary to coordinate [activities] with the Syrian government more precisely, and in general act on the basis of UN Security Council decisions," Churkin said. On

Reports about ISIS having their hands on air-dropped ammo not surprising

Sunday, US military air-dropped arms for Syrian Kurdish forces defending the embattled Syrian town of Kobani on the Turkish border against Islamic State attackers.

Later, American television channels showed a video in which a man identifying himself as an Islamic State militant was examining boxes with parachutes fixed to them. Boxes were full of different ammo, including grenades and mines.

The Pentagon said it was checking the information. At the same time, a source from President Barack Obama's admin-

istration admitted to CBS television that a small part of the bundles dropped by US forces could have got into the terrorists' hands, as arms were air-dropped during the night.

Syria's Ambassador to the United Nations Bashar Jaafari did not confirm to TASS reports about weapons getting into the wrong hands, but noted that such things had repeatedly happened in the past.

Besides, he said the United States had not warned Damascus beforehand about plans to deliver weapons to Kobani.

Itar-Tass

Another Japanese man planned to join Islamic State group in Syria

TOKYO, 22 Oct — Another Japanese man planned to go abroad to join the Islamic State militant group with a 26-year-old student already investigated by police, investigative sources said on Wednesday.

The unidentified man is suspected of having planned to leave for Syria on 7 October along with the Hokkaido University student and journalist Kosuke Tsuneoka, 45, the sources said.

Police investigators are questioning the man about details of the plan. Tsuneoka planned to file stories on the men.

Just like the student, the man planned to go to Syria after looking at a recruiting poster at a second-hand bookstore in Tokyo's Akihabara district, the sources said. A man in his 30s who had a link with the bookstore and lived with the student put up the poster, they said. Tsuneoka said the man joined him and the student in Tokyo on 4 October to discuss their plan to go to Syria.

The man, who claimed to be a photographer and an Islamist, told Tsuneoka at that time that he wished to visit Syria as a photojournalist, Tsuneoka said.

Several others made inquiries about the offer to join the militant group, but none of them actually left Japan for Syria, the sources said.—Kyodo News

Noble prize winner Malala Yousafzai renews call for education for all

PHILADELPHIA, 22 Oct — Malala Yousafzai, the youngest person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize, renewed her call for world peace and universal education on Tuesday at a ceremony in which she was awarded the Liberty Medal.

“No girl, no child, anywhere, anywhere in this world should be deprived of education,” said Yousafzai, who is 17.

The Liberty Medal honours people who “strive to secure the blessings of liberty,” according to the website of the National Constitution Centre, which presents the award each year in Philadelphia.

The medal comes with a \$100,000 cash prize, which Yousafzai said she would donate to education and humanitarian relief efforts in her native Pakistan.

The award comes two weeks after Yousafzai became the youngest person to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. She rose to promi-

nence as an 11-year-old girl who advocated for girls’ rights to education as a blogger on the BBC’s Urdu service. Shot in the head in October 2012 by Taliban gunmen intent on silencing her, she settled in Britain amid ongoing threats by extremists in Pakistan.

She now runs the Malala Fund, which is dedicated to empowering girls through education.

The teen spent Tuesday night being honoured by dignitaries who saw her through the lens of their professions and passions. University of Pennsylvania president Amy Gutman said Yousafzai underscored the importance of education.

Legal scholar Jeffrey Rosen said she mirrored the values found in the US Constitution, and ABC News Correspondent Martha Raddatz said she was a living example of the power of words and the power of a free press.

Reuters



Malala Yousafzai, of Pakistan, gestures as she wears the 2014 Liberty Medal which was presented to her at a ceremony at the National Constitution Centre in Philadelphia on 21 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS

Islamic State onslaught on Yazidis may be attempted genocide — UN

UNITED NATIONS, 22 Oct — The campaign of Islamic State militants against Iraq’s Yazidi minority may be attempted genocide, UN Assistant Secretary-General for human rights Ivan Simonovic said on Tuesday.

“Facts are indicating that actions against Yazidis may amount to attempted genocide,” he told a small group of reporters at the United Nations after returning from a recent visit to Iraq. Simonovic was speaking as Islamic State, often referred to as ISIL or ISIS,

advanced on Iraq’s Sinjar mountain, tightening a siege of thousands of stranded Yazidis, who called on the United States and its allies to act to avert more bloodshed. Thousands of Yazidis have been shot, buried alive or sold into slavery by Islamic State militants, who regard them as devil-worshippers.

US President Barack Obama authorized air strikes in Iraq in August, citing the duty to prevent an impending genocide of Yazidis at the hands of Islamic State militants after they overran a

vast swathe of northern Iraq.

The 1948 UN Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide defines genocide as an intent to destroy in whole or in part a national, ethnic, racial or religious group. The convention says this can be done by killing members, causing serious bodily or mental harm to members, deliberately inflicting conditions on the group calculated to bring about its physical destruction, preventing births within the group or forcibly trans-

ferring children of the group to another group. Simonovic said that Islamic State was forcing Yazidis to either convert to Islam or be killed with the intent of destroying the religious group.

Islamic State originally attacked the area around Sinjar, in northwestern Iraq, in August. A renewed assault began at dawn on Monday, when militants driving Humvees and civilian vehicles attacked several Yazidi residential compounds, forcing the Yazidis to retreat up the mountain.—Reuters

Iraqi forces clash with Islamic State fighters west of Baghdad



Smoke 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 21 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS

BAGHDAD, 22 Oct —Iraqi army tanks and armored vehicles on Wednesday fought off an advance by Islamic State militants on the town of Amiriya Fallujah, west of the Iraqi capital Baghdad, army sources said, part of a multinational effort to check the group’s progress.

The sources added that around 400 fighters amassed in the nearby towns of Fallujah and Karma the day before, piling pressure on the capital’s western flank.

Government forces fought back Islamic State

outside Amiriya Fallujah — which faced a siege by the militants for much of this month and is the last government-controlled town before the key provincial city of Fallujah.

Soldiers destroyed five of the fighters’ vehicles, a security source said.

There were no immediate reports on the number of casualties from the fighting there, but the militant advance appears to have been halted.

Another battle between the two sides raged in the area around Hit town, also in western An-

bar Province, but the outcome remained unclear.

Hit is a walled market town located some 130 km (80 miles) west of the Iraqi capital Baghdad seized by Islamic State militants at the beginning of October.

Anbar’s largest airbase Ain al-Asad, the Haditha Dam — a critical piece of infrastructure — and surrounding towns are encircled by Islamic State to the west from the Syrian border and to the east from militant-controlled sections of Ramadi.

The Province fell into the militants’ hands after

years of tension between the Shi’ite Muslim-led government and the Sunni majority population, which seeks greater autonomy.

Retaking the lost towns and encouraging Anbar’s Sunni tribes to take up the fight against Islamic State will be vital to reviving the shattered Iraqi state’s control over its territory. The tribespeople did not take part in the fighting near Amiriya Fallujah.

The United States and other Western countries have repeatedly bombed the Sunni jihadist group’s positions in Iraq — including in the Fallujah area on Wednesday — and Gulf monarchies have also taken part in air strikes against it in Syria which began last month.

Declaring a caliphate, or Muslim theocracy, Islamic State took advantage of sectarian warfare and weak state control to grab swathes of Syria and Iraq earlier this year.

Islamic State fighters have also laid siege for a month to Kobani, hundreds of kilometers to the northwest on the Turkish-Syrian frontier, and only intense bombardments by US-led coalition warplanes have halted their advance.

Reuters

Two Israeli soldiers wounded in attack along Egypt border

JERUSALEM, 22 Oct — Attackers in Egypt’s Sinai peninsula opened fire on Israeli troops across the border on Wednesday, wounding two soldiers, the Israeli military said. Islamist militants are active in the lawless peninsula, which borders southern Israel, though assaults across that boundary are rare.

The attackers fired guns and an anti-tank missile at the Israelis, the military said in a statement.

“Two soldiers were injured by fire directed at them from Egypt,” it added, without naming the attackers.

Security concerns and an influx of tens of thousands

of African migrants prompted Israel to erect a 250 km (160 mile) long barrier from the Red Sea port of Eilat to the Palestinian Gaza Strip on the Mediterranean. It was completed in 2012. Earlier that year, attacks by Islamist militants operating from Sinai killed an Israeli soldier and a civilian who was working on the frontier fence.

Israel and Egypt signed a peace treaty in 1979, and Egyptian forces have been trying to curtail Islamist militant operations in Sinai. Wednesday’s attack occurred about half way between Eilat and the Gaza Strip, said the army.—Reuters



Iman Simonovic, United Nations assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights.—REUTERS

French experts to decode pilot conversations of crashed Falcon jet in Moscow

Moscow, 22 Oct — France's specialists will help decipher the recorded French-language conversations in the cabin of the crashed Falcon 50 business jet in Moscow's Vnukovo-3 airport, a spokesman for the French Air Accident Bureau (BEA) said on Wednesday.

"We may help decode the data recorders to understand, for example, the conversations of the pilots, as they spoke French. We are also ready to provide any technical information on the plane, and a technical consultant has arrived with us," Francois Orchard said in an interview with Channel One.

The French experts plan to stay in Russia for



The French experts plan to stay in Russia for three or five days to provide assistance in the jet crash investigation.—ITAR-TASS

three or five days to provide assistance to the Russian official civil aviation authority, the Interstate Aviation Committee (IAC), which leads the investigation.

On Tuesday, three in-

vestigators from France's BEA and two technical experts of Unijet, which owns the plane, arrived in Russia.

They are accompanied by a representative of the French aircraft manufactur-

er, Dassault Aviation.

The Falcon jet bound for Paris crashed at the moment of takeoff at Vnukovo-3 business aviation hub around midnight Moscow time on Monday (7.57 pm GMT) when it collided with a snowplow that happened to be on the runway.

The jet caught fire and fell onto the runway. Three crewmembers, all of them French citizens, and the only passenger, France's oil giant Total CEO Christophe de Margerie, died in the crash.

Russian investigators on Tuesday accused senior airport officials of criminal negligence over a plane crash. They also confirmed that the snowplow operator was drunk.—Itar-Tass

Philippine president welcomes efforts of leftist rebels to resume peace talks

MANILA, 22 Oct — Philippine President Benigno Aquino III on Wednesday welcomed the efforts of leftist rebel group National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP) to resume the stalled peace negotiations with the government.

Aquino said that his government would rather talk with the NDFP, the negotiating arm of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP), than fight with the leftist rebels.

"Now they (leftist rebels) are ready to talk, we welcome that. We would rather talk than fight," he said.

Aquino warned, however, that the Philippine government may not go back to the negotiating table if the New People's Army—armed wing of the CPP—will continue committing atrocities.

NDFP negotiating panel chairman Luis Jalandoni said that his group and some high-ranking Philippine officials have agreed to meet in Utrecht, Netherlands in the next few days to discuss the possible resumption of peace negotiations. Peace talks between the Philippine government and the NDFP collapsed in February 2013.

Leftist rebels have been waging war against the Philippine government since 1969.

Xinhua

Japan, Chinese vice premiers make contact amid soured ties

BEIJING, 22 Oct — Japanese Deputy Prime Minister Taro Aso on Wednesday had a chat with Chinese Vice Premier Zhang Gaoli as the two countries are trying to mend relations badly strained by territorial and wartime historical issues, sources familiar with the matter said.

The informal contact, lasting about 15 minutes, took place on the sidelines of a finance ministers' meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum in Beijing, the sources said. Zhang is one of the seven members of Communist Party's Politburo Standing Committee, China's apex of power.

The trip by Aso, who doubles as finance minister, comes fewer than three weeks before China hosts the APEC summit during which Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is hoping to hold one-to-one official talks for the first time with Chinese President Xi Jinping.

Last Friday, Abe, for the first time since taking office in December 2012, directly exchanged greetings with Chinese Premier Li Keqiang, while both were in Milan for a meeting of Asian and European leaders.

Not all members of the 21 Asia-Pacific grouping, accounting for more than half of the world's growth,

sent finance ministers to the meeting.

But, for the first time in four years, Japan sent its finance minister to the annual meeting, with the hope of easing political tensions with China.

While China keeps denouncing Abe for what it sees as his unrepentant attitude toward Japan's wartime atrocities, it has been sending clearer signals since about half a year ago that exchanges between citizens and companies of the two countries, regardless of circumstances, should be promoted.

But it remains uncertain if China is ready to accept Abe's request for a meeting with Xi on the margins of the APEC summit set for 10-11 November in Beijing without any preconditions.

Due to disagreements over Japan's past aggression and the sovereignty of the Senkaku Islands, which China claims and calls Diaoyu, relations between the two countries have been icy for several years.

Senior Chinese officials have repeatedly said the Xi-Abe meeting can only take place if Japan acknowledges that a territorial dispute exists over the uninhabited islands and Abe promises not to visit again the war-related Yasukuni Shrine in Tokyo.

Kyodo News



Hindu widows light candles to celebrate Deepawali festival, or festival of lights, at the bank of river Yamuna in Vrindavan, India, on 21 Oct, 2014.—XINHUA

Russian speaker against tighter rules on Internet access

on Internet access and government control over the Internet.

"We are against restrictions on access to the Internet or a total control over it, against restrictions on legitimate interests and possibilities of the citizens," Matviyenko said in an interview with the Rossiiskaya Gazeta daily on Wednesday.

"The right to free access to and distribution of information is a basic principle of democracy, and our country does not intend to backtrack on

it," the speaker said.

Matviyenko said she shared fears as to threats to psychic, moral and physical health of children and teenagers from websites advocating terrorism, violence, drugs, child pornography and stirring xenophobia, as well as ethnic and social enmity.

"The international community has amassed huge experience of fight against such threats. Those circulating them are punished harshly.

Our country will act, or to be more exact already

acts, in the same way, closing such sites, bringing to responsibility their owners, authors," Matviyenko said.

Russia will be neither limiting access to Internet nor subjecting the World Wide Web to total control in the country, Russian President Vladimir Putin said on 1 October.

"We are not planning to restrict access to Internet and subjecting it to total control," Putin said addressing a session of the Russian Security Council.

Itar-Tass



The speaker of the Federation Council upper house of the Russian parliament, Valentina Matviyenko.

Moscow, 22 Oct — The speaker of the Federation Council upper house of the Russian parliament, Valentina Matviyenko, said on Wednesday she was against tighter rules

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Foreign passenger arrivals in Japan top 10 million in October

TOKYO, 22 Oct — The estimated number of foreign visitors to Japan is believed to have exceeded 10 million this month as the figure in the January-September period soared 26.0 percent from a year before to a record 9,737,300 amid a weak yen and relaxed visa requirements, government data showed on Wednesday.

At this pace, the number of foreign visitors for the whole of 2014 is almost certain to surpass the previous-high of 10.36 million logged last year, the Japan National Tourism Agency said.

The increase in foreign visitors to Japan was also attributable to the expansion of international flights at Tokyo's Haneda airport, the government body said.

Shigeto Kubo, head of the agency, told a press conference that the number of foreign visitors to the country is believed to

have reached 10 million earlier this month and the annual figure will likely top 12 million. In September alone, the figure rose 26.8 percent from a year before to 1.09 million, eclipsing the 1 million mark for the seventh consecutive month.

Among countries and regions, China accounted for the largest number of visitors to Japan in September, up 57.6 percent from a year earlier to 246,100.

Chinese Taipei ranked second, with the number of travelers from there rising 6.7 percent to 220,800, and South Korea came third with 217,700, up 32.3 percent.

The Japanese government aims to boost the number of annual foreign visitor arrivals in Japan to 20 million by the 2020 Olympic Games under the plan to make Japan a tourism-oriented country.

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BANGKOK, 22 Oct — Thai police found severed body parts in a canal on Wednesday after a Thai man being held by police said he abandoned the body of a 79-year-old Japanese man who had been missing in Bangkok.

The police found the body parts including the head and legs in several plastic bags after searching a canal in Samut Prakan, adjacent to the Thai capital. A DNA test will be conducted to confirm if the body parts are those of Yoshinori Shimato, a Japanese-language teacher.

According to the police, the man told investigators that Shimato lost consciousness after going to a hospital with the man's

Severed body parts found in Thai canal after Japanese man went missing

Thai wife on 21 September. The man, a taxi driver, said he cut the body into pieces, carried them in his taxi and dumped them in a canal.

The man said he acted alone, according to the police. The police said on Tuesday that he denied killing Shimato.

The man's wife was arrested earlier this month on a theft charge for withdrawing 700,000 baht (about \$21,700) using an ATM card belonging to Shimato. She was later released but detained again along with her husband for further questioning.

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Divers search a canal near Bangkok, Thailand, on 21 Oct, 2014, following the disappearance of a Japanese man. A Thai man was quoted as telling police Yoshinori Shimato died of a heart attack after going to a hospital last month, and that he cut the body into pieces and dumped them in a canal.—KYODO NEWS

Serbian seeking to clean Danube River with Japan's help

KYOTO, 22 Oct — A Serbian researcher who grew up along the Danube River hopes to battle industrial contamination of Europe's second longest river with help from Japan.

Vladimir Beskoski, 39, a research fellow of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science now living in Kobe, western Japan, was born in the Serbian capital Belgrade before Yugoslavia broke up.

"I played in the Danube chasing fish, and at that time the water was much cleaner," Beskoski said during an interview in Kyoto where he was attending a conference.

"To get the clean water

back, that's my dream," he said. Since March, Beskoski has been spearheading a project aimed at curtailing the dumping of toxic chemicals into the river under the auspices of the Japan International Cooperation Agency's grassroots technical cooperation programme.

This spring, he also started research on environmental restoration technologies at Kobe University using microorganisms there as an invited foreign researcher under the JSPS's Invitation Fellowship Programme for Research in Japan.

"Serbia is not so wealthy and we are lacking high-tech equipment, human resources

and money," he said. "With the help of Japan, I hope we can find a way to clean up our environment."

Back in March 1999, Beskoski was studying biochemistry at the University of Belgrade when NATO launched air raids on Serbia during the Kosovo War between Serbians and Albanians. Beskoski said he clearly remembers the roar of detonations and seeing black smoke rising up from bombed factories and power stations through his apartment window.

"Many factories were bombed and destroyed, resulting in severe contamination of air, soil and water,"

he said. "Contamination of the water of the Danube River was already serious at that time and the bombardment made it worse by releasing toxic chemicals like PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyl) and heavy metals," he added. At Kobe University, Beskoski has been doing research to develop technology to clean contaminated water and sediment using microorganisms that help decompose toxic chemicals.

"Once contaminated, it is not always easy to clean (the environment)," he said. "However I believe we can do it with help from nature, because nature is very resilient."—*Kyodo News*

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Weather report

FORECAST VALID UNTIL EVENING OF THE 23rd October, 2014: Weather will be partly cloudy in Sagaing Region, Kachin and Chin States, rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Mandalay and Magway Regions, Rakhine State, scattered in Shan and Mon States and fairly widespread in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Animal rights group honours 'Noah' director avoiding animal use in film

LOS ANGELES, 22 Oct — Director Darren Aronofsky will be honoured by the Humane Society of the United States for using computer-generated images instead of animals in this year's biblical flood epic "Noah," the animal-protection organization said on Tuesday.

Known for his psychological films like ballet drama "Black Swan," Aronofsky said the easiest and most humane way to show the biblical animal kingdom he envisioned was through visual effects.

"It was quickly apparent that working with live animals would be dangerous for them," Aronofsky said in a statement. "It was also morally ambiguous considering we were making a film about the first naturalist, Noah, who saved and cared for all the varied species on the planet." Aronofsky, 45, will receive the Humane Society's inaugural

Humane Filmmaker award at a benefit gala in New York next month. The big-budget "Noah," which earned mixed reviews from critics, has taken in \$359.2 million at the global box office since its release in March. The organization said the film shows that animals can be a large part of entertainment production without risking their welfare. The treatment and use of animals in film and television production has been a hot button topic in recent years. The acclaimed HBO horseracing drama "Luck" was canceled when three horses died after being injured during production.—Reuters

Amitabh Bachchan hopes for growth of football in India



MUMBAI, 22 Oct — Bollywood megastar Amitabh Bachchan says he is hopeful that the popularity of football will increase in the country in future.

Referring to the on-

going football Indian Super League (ISL), where Bachchan's actor son Abhishek's team ChennaiyinFC, is also participating, the 72-year-old actor said such a tournament would

help the sport reach to newer heights.

"I do believe that this shall gradually grow into a most interesting and captivating sport in the years to come.." Amitabh Bach-

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PTI

chan wrote in his blog. Bachchan shared his happiness at ChennaiyinFC's win over Kerala Blasters last night in Chennai. The actor was spotted cheering for the team along with Tamil superstar Rajinikanth and Indian cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar. "In distinguished company, Rajinikanth and Sachin, and the glory of victory by our team ChennaiyinFC has added that extra zing in our moods and in our steps. The Chennai cheers have been astounding and welcome, the Football fever catches on gradually and the enthusiasm shows," he wrote.—PTI

Madonna memorabilia takes centre stage in celebrity auction

NEW YORK, 22 Oct — Costumes, gowns and jewelry worn by Madonna in films such as "Evita" and "A League of Their Own" and in the "Material Girl" music video will be the highlights of a celebrity auction next month in Beverly Hills, Julien's Auctions said on Tuesday.

They are among the more than 140 items from Madonna's life and career that could fetch a combined total of up to \$500,000 in the two-day in-house and online auction beginning 7 November.

"This is the biggest collection of Madonna items ever to come to auction at one time," said Martin Nolan, the executive director of the auction house.

Many of the items in the auction are from a collection amassed by Marquee Capital, a London-based niche asset management company specializing in alternative investments, and other sources and collectors. Among the stand-out lots is the strapless, evening gown, mink cape and jewelry Madonna wore in her "Material Girl" music video, which together could sell for as much as \$70,000.

Nolan said Madonna admired Marilyn Monroe and had chosen to wear the pink gown that the actress had worn back in the 1950s when she

made the film "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes."

"We have that particular outfit," said Nolan.

The auction will also include the inauguration dress Madonna, 56, wore when she played Eva Peron, the first lady of Argentina, in the hit 1996 musical "Evita," the uniform, ball and catcher's mitt from 1992's "A League of Their Own," and the white jumpsuit, mink coat and cowboy hat she wore in the "Music" video.

In addition to the beaded, ivory gown from "Evita," Julien's is selling 38 costumes the pop diva wore from the 85 that were featured in the film. The wedding dress, veil and shoes that Madonna wore when she married actor Sean Penn in 1985 in California are expected to fetch up to \$60,000, and the annulment papers ending the union in 1987 will also be offered. The couple divorced in 1989.

Madonna was named the highest-earning celebrity in 2013 by Forbes magazine. She raked in an estimated \$125 million from June 2012 to June 2013, thanks to her worldwide MNDATA Tour, merchandising sales, her fragrance and her Material Girl clothing line.

"She really is a true icon, highly talented and a very smart businesswoman," said Nolan.

The Madonna collection, which is expected to attract collectors, museums and investors, is part of Julien's "Icons & Idols: Rock 'n' Roll," which will include more than 700 lots, representing 40 artists such as pop singers Katy Perry, Beyonce and Lady Gaga, and country-western star Naomi Judd.

Reuters

War is hell: Brad Pitt

LONDON, 22 Oct — Hollywood star Brad Pitt, who plays a tank commander in his upcoming film "Fury", has condemned war and compared it to hell. The 50-year-old actor said, "Fury", set during World War II, is about the trauma every soldier carries, reported BBC. "War is hell. The film was about the accumulative psychic trauma that every soldier carries to some extent," he said, adding that he hoped the film would recognise the pain endured by soldiers in World War II. The film, directed by David Ayer, also stars Shia LaBeouf, Logan Lerman, Jon Bernthal, Michael Pena, Jason Isaacs, and Scott Eastwood. It releases on 17 October.—PTI



One Direction named richest young Brits

LONDON, 22 Oct — Boy band One Direction have taken top spot on *heat* magazine's annual rich list of young British stars, with an estimated fortune of 77.5 million pounds. The "Little Things" hitmakers — comprising Louis Tomlinson, 23, Niall Horan, 21, Zayn Malik, 21, Harry Styles, 20, and 21-year-old Liam Payne — have retained the top spot in *heat* magazine's annual list thanks to endeavours such as selling their name and image rights to Coles supermarkets in Australia, releasing two fragrances, embarking on a world tour and selling four million copies of their latest album Midnight Memories, reported Contactmusic. Second place on the list was "Harry Potter" star Daniel Radcliffe with an estimated fortune of 63.5 million pounds, while his former wizarding co-star Robert Pattinson took third place with estimated earnings of 51.4 million pounds. The top 10 also featured two more "Harry Potter" stars, 24-year-old Emma Watson, who was ranked sixth with a fortune of 31.66 million pounds and eighth placed Rupert Grint with 27.33 million pounds.—PTI

Madonna arrives at the 56th annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles, California on 26 Jan, 2014.
REUTERS



Former Washington Post editor Ben Bradlee dies at 93



Ben Bradlee, a former Washington Post executive editor

WASHINGTON, 22 Oct — Ben Bradlee, the hard-driving editor who reigned over the *Washington Post* with the style of a well-dressed swashbuckler and the profane vocabulary of a dockworker as the newspaper helped topple President Richard Nixon, died on Tuesday aged 93.

Bradlee's death at his Washington home of natural causes was announced by the *Post*, which reported late

last month that he had begun hospice care after suffering from Alzheimer's disease for several years.

As executive editor from 1968 until 1991, Bradlee became one of the most important figures in Washington, as well as part of journalism history, while transforming the *Post* from a staid morning daily into one of the most dynamic and respected publications in the

United States.

Bradlee's work guiding young reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein as they traced a 1972 burglary at Democratic Party headquarters at the Watergate office and apartment complex back to the Nixon White House has been celebrated from journalism schools to Hollywood.

The *Post* won a Pulitzer Prize for its coverage of the Watergate scandal, which forced Nixon to quit under threat of impeachment in August 1974.

Bradlee gave Woodward and Bernstein license to pursue the scandal and its cover-up vigorously, approving their use of the unidentified "Deep Throat" source, and the newspaper published about 400 articles about Watergate over 28 months.

The *Post*'s coverage — along with the book and

movie about it, "All the President's Men" — inspired a generation of investigative reporters.

"I think the great lesson of Watergate was probably the stick-tuitiveness of the *Post*," Bradlee once told the *American Journalism Review*. "The fact that we hunkered down and backed the right horse. I think that was a wonderful lesson for publishers, too."

Upsetting presidents was a Bradlee stock-in-trade. In 1972 the *Post* joined the *New York Times* in publishing stories based on the Pentagon Papers, a secret government account of Vietnam War decisions, despite heavy legal pressure. The *Post* also uncovered details of the Iran-Contra scandal that rocked Ronald Reagan's White House.

"I think this shows the (adversarial free-press) system works," Bradlee said. "It's a wonderful control on governments that are not all that careful on policing themselves." — *Reuters*

We need to do better, says Guardiola after Bayern hit seven

ROME, 22 Oct — Bayern Munich coach Pep Guardiola, never easy to please, said after his team's 7-1 demolition of AS Roma that the Bundesliga champions can still do better.

"We have a few things to improve and one of them is that we gave Roma too many chances at the start of the second half," he told Sky Sport Italia.

Guardiola recognised that the game was atypical after Bayern scored five goals in the first 35 minutes on their way to their European record away win which left them top of Group E with maximum points.

"This game is an exception, an incident," he said. "It's not the difference between the two teams, we will see that in two weeks."



Bayern Munich's coach Pep Guardiola attends a news conference on the eve of their Champions League match against AS Roma at the Olympic stadium in Rome on 20 Oct, 2014. — REUTERS

"We got a quick goal and that relaxed us, then we got another. Rome are a team who always play well, but we were very aggressive, made the right decisions and found space."

His opposite number

Rudi Garcia took responsibility for the disaster.

"It was a technical collapse, not a mental one," said the Frenchman, whose last match against Bayern ended in a 6-1 defeat when he was coach of French club

Lille two seasons ago.

"The first person to make a mistake was myself. I got the strategy wrong. In the second half, we showed some pride and would have scored more goals if it hadn't been for their goalkeeper." "Bayern have showed that they are stronger than us. We were spectators at the match, we should have been more aggressive and compact," he added.

"We need to accept this defeat which shows how far we have to go to get close to the world's best teams. We can still qualify from this group, but not playing like this."

Midfielder Daniele De Rossi said the difference between the sides was not as big as the scoreline suggested. — *Reuters*

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DPRK launches railway remodeling project with help of Russia

PYONGYANG, 22 Oct — The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) on Tuesday held a ground-breaking ceremony for remodeling its Jaedong-Kangdong-Nampho railway at the East Pyongyang Railway Station, reported the official KCNA news agency.

Oleg Shishov, director general of the Russian Bridzh Group, and Won Phil Jong, senior vice-minister

of railways of the DPRK, addressed the ceremony.

The project, Pyongyang's first step to materialize large-scale cooperation projects, aims to develop economic cooperation between the two countries, they said.

Both sides expressed satisfaction that the ceremony was held in Pyongyang when this year marks the 66th anniversary of bilateral diplomatic relations.

Among attendants of the ceremony were also Ri Ryong Nam, minister of external economic relations of the DPRK, Alexandr Galushka, minister of development of Far East of Russia, and Russian Ambassador to the DPRK Alexandr Timonin.

Ri Ryong Nam said top DPRK leader Kim Jong Un is paying close attention to boosting the ties with Russia. — *Xinhua*

US cameraman free of Ebola

WASHINGTON, 22 Oct — A US freelance cameraman who contracted Ebola in Liberia has been declared free of the virus, the US hospital where he is being treated said on Tuesday.

A blood test, confirmed by the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, showed that 33-year-old Ashoka Mukpo no longer has the deadly virus in his body, the Nebraska Medical Center said.

Mukpo will be discharged from the hospital

on Wednesday morning.

"Recovering from Ebola is a truly humbling feeling," Mukpo said in a hospital statement, adding that "too many are not as fortunate and lucky as I've been. I'm very happy to be alive." Mukpo was flown from Liberia to the Nebraska Medical Center on 6 October. He is the second patient to be successfully treated for Ebola at the hospital, and the fifth treated in the United States to fully recover. All the five patients contracted

the virus in West Africa and were then brought back for treatment. Only Thomas Eric Duncan, the first person diagnosed with Ebola on US soil, died of the virus. Two nurses who were infected while caring for Duncan are still being treated.

The US National Institutes of Health said Tuesday the clinical status of Nina Pham, one of the two nurses infected, has been upgraded from fair to good, but provided no other information.

Xinhua

Neymar and Messi guide Barca to win over Ajax

BARCELONA, 22 Oct — Neymar and Lionel Messi maintained their lethal partnership with a goal apiece in a devastating first-half as Barcelona swept aside Ajax 3-1 in Champions League Group F on Tuesday.

The Argentine was the provider, slipping the ball through for Neymar to hit the opener with a clinical finish into the corner after seven minutes, then he struck midway through the half to put the hosts in control. Andres Iniesta threaded the ball through to the Argentine and his shot from the centre of the penalty area squirmed under keeper Jasper Cillessen.

Messi now has 69 Champions League goals, as does Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo with the duo two off all-time leading scorer Raul.

Barca coach Luis Enrique took off Neymar and Messi, who now have 17 goals between them, with one eye on the El Clasico with Real at the weekend and as the team started to relax, allowing Ajax to pull

a goal back late on.

Anwar El Ghazi knocked home a loose ball inside the area to raise Dutch hopes and unsettle the Camp Nou crowd.

However, in injury time substitute Sandro Ramirez wrapped the game up with a fine strike into the bottom corner.

Barcelona are second in the group behind leaders Paris St Germain.

"We were very good in the first half and then we dropped off but this is logical because you can't play at that level for 90 minutes in every game," Luis Enrique told a news conference.

"The players are not robots, the idea is to reduce the number of errors and be as consistent as possible."

He also did not feel he made a mistake by bringing off Neymar and Messi.

"I would do the same again," said Luis Enrique. "I am happy with my decision to take the players off, it was my decision."

"At the end of the game we did make a few mistakes but generally I am happy." Barca midfielder-



Barcelona's Lionel Messi (R) and Ajax Amsterdam's Niklas Moisander challenge for the ball during their Champions League soccer match at Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona on 21 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS

er Ivan Rakitic said that it was important to get a win and be relaxed ahead of El Clasico. "It is good to pick up points and keep improving," said Barca midfielder Ivan Rakitic.

"We controlled the game. Now we have time

to enjoy this win, rest and then prepare for the important game so that we can win it." Ajax coach Frank de Boer, a former Barcelona player, felt his players let themselves down in the first half.

"I was very angry at

half-time because we can play a lot better and we did do a lot better afterwards," he said.

"We are a young team with quality but we have to show that. They did take three players off looking ahead to El Clasico but we

got a goal and after that anything can happen.

"It was just a shame that straight after that they scored again." Rakitic returned for Xavi after being rested for Barca's weekend win over Eibar and with Sergio Busquets injured Javier Mascherano again played in central midfield.

Barca scored with their first dangerous attack with the Ajax defence having no answer to the home side's speed and movement as Neymar slotted the ball in.

Immediately after it was Messi's turn and he fired over but he was not to be denied with his second chance after 24 minutes following more good work from Iniesta who was moving the ball around with finesse in midfield.

As Barca continued to press, Messi found Pedro who was unlucky to see his shot come back off the post. Messi hit the side netting while after the break but the hosts were content to take the steam out of the game, saving themselves for the weekend, before the late flourish.—Reuters

Champions League sets record with 40 goals in one night

LONDON, 22 Oct — The goal machines of Bayern Munich, Chelsea and Shakhtar Donetsk cranked into top gear on Tuesday as the Champions League captivated its continental audience with a record 40 goals in one eight-game night.

Bayern, who humbled Roma 7-1, Chelsea, who beat Maribor 6-0, and

Shakhtar, who enjoyed a 7-0 win at Bate Borisov, contributed 20 between them on an evening to forget for defenders and goalkeepers alike.

Ukraine's Shakhtar became the first team to score six times in the first half of a Champions League match, and their victory was the joint-best for an away side.

Shakhtar's Brazilian striker Luiz Adriano became the first player to score four before half-time — and at 17 minutes he now holds the competition record for the quickest four-goal tally.

He added another late on to join Lionel Messi as the only players to have netted five times in a Champions League outing.

Messi scored once in Barcelona's 3-1 victory over Ajax to pull level with Cristiano Ronaldo on 69 Champions League goals, two behind all-time leading scorer Raul. Chelsea's win against Maribor was their record victory in the Champions League.

In another high-scoring contest, Schalke beat Sporting 4-3.—Reuters

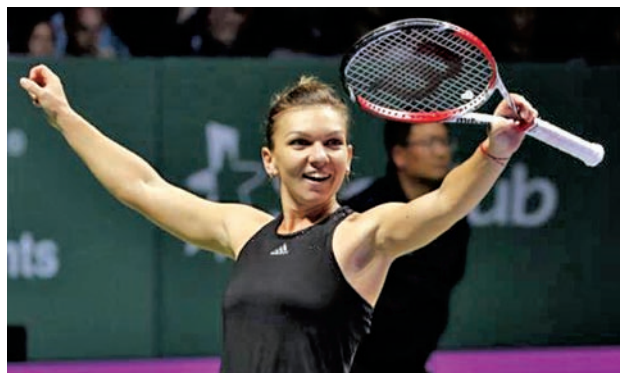


Chelsea's Didier Drogba shoot to score a penalty during their Champions League Group G soccer match against Maribor at Stamford Bridge in London on 21 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS

World number one Williams walloped by Halep

SINGAPORE, 22 Oct — Simona Halep handed an out of sorts Serena Williams

the joint heaviest defeat of her long and illustrious career as the Romanian beat



Simona Halep of Romania celebrates her win over Serena Williams of the US during their WTA Finals singles tennis match at the Singapore Indoor Stadium on 22 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS

the world number one 6-0, 6-2 at the WTA Finals on Wednesday. As well as Halep played in moving her opponent back and around Singapore's purple Indoor hardcourt, the 33-year-old American only had herself to blame for the defeat after her serve fell apart and the errors flowed.

The loss halted the double defending champion's winning streak at the season-ending event at 16 matches and leaves her needing to beat Eugenie Bouchard, who plays Ana Ivanovic later on Wednesday, to make it through to

the last four from the Red Group. "It was actually embarrassing I think describes the way I played. Yeah, very embarrassing," Williams told reporters, before heaping praise on Halep.

"I've seen her play a lot. Like I said, she's never played like this before."

Williams gave no indication of the struggles that awaited her as she boomed down an ace to start the match between the two players who were impressive in claiming straight set victories in their opening Red Group matches.

That ace would be

one of only nine points the 18-times grand slam champion would win in the opening set as her game fell apart to give Maria Sharapova hope of overhauling her to finish the season as world number one. Halep, serving supremely, needed only 12 minutes to race 4-0 ahead with Williams looking almost in shock and her routine failure to send simple groundstrokes over the net.

The American, looking for a fifth WTA Finals title, also tossed in six double faults with the few second serves that did make it over getting rough treatment

from Halep.

The Romanian, runner-up at the French Open earlier this year, grew in confidence as Williams offered little hope of a recovery. Halep, who beat Bouchard in her opener on Monday, smashing an ace to take the set 6-0 at the third opportunity.

The last time Williams lost a set 6-0 was in Madrid last year at the hands of Anabel Medina Garrigues, but she bounced back to win the match and the tournament. That scenario never looked like repeating itself on Wednesday.—Reuters