

President U Thein Sein sends messages of felicitations to Turkish President, PM

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct — U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent messages of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdogan, President of the Republic of Turkey and His Excellency Mr. Ahmet Davutoglu, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey, on the occasion of the 91st anniversary of the Proclamation of the Republic of Turkey, which falls on 29 October 2014.—MNA

UNCTAD to provide technical assistance for graduation of Myanmar from LDC status

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct—Vice President U Nyan Tun received Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General of the Geneva-based United Nations Conference on Trade and Development-UNCTAD and Director Mr Taffere Tesfachew at the Credential Hall of the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw on Tuesday.

They focused on technical assistance from UNCTAD for implementation of the procedures on gross national income, human assets index and economic vulnerability for graduation of Myanmar from Least Developed Countries status.

Also present at call were Deputy Ministers U Thant Kyaw, U Khin Maung Aye, Dr Zaw Min Aung and Dr Sann Lwin.—MNA

Vice President U Nyan Tun cordially greets Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General of the Geneva-based United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).—MNA

Yangon University, Kansai University of International Studies agree to promote exchange of students, academic information



Prof Dr Aung Thu, Rector of Yangon University, exchanges notes with Prof Dr Atsushi Hamana, the president of Kansai University of International Studies of Japan.—PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE

By Aye Min Soe

YANGON, 28 Oct—The University of Yangon signed a memorandum of agreement with Japan's Kansai University of International Studies on Tuesday, agreeing to promote the exchange of students, exchange of academic information and publications and other exchanges of an academic nature agreed upon by both universities.

Under the university's 19th MoA with foreign universities and the 4th MoA between the university and Japan, the two universities will be working together to enhance and introduce new

ways of teaching activities.

The University of Yangon has signed 17 MoUs so far with foreign universities to carry out research projects, academic staff capacity-building and curriculum development.

"University of Yangon is now opening up and trying to pursue academic freedom in line with National Education Law which has just approved by Parliament on 4 October," said Prof Dr Aung Thu, rector of the University of Yangon, at the signing ceremony held at the university.

The National Education Law inevitably guarantees more international col-

laboration in the context of reform measures, he added.

"We want to enhance relations, education and research (between the two universities)" said Prof Dr Atsushi Hamana, the president of Kansai University of International Studies of Japan at the ceremony.

In the last 30 years, Japanese government has provided scholarships to Myanmar scholars not only to the Ministry of Education but also to other ministries.

The universities signed MoUs with University of Yangon includes universities from South Korea, Japan, Britain and Australia.—GNLM



MFFA creates opportunity to breed giant sea perch to local fish farmers

By Khaing Thanda Lwin

YANGON, 28 Oct—U Than Lwin, a chairman of the Myanmar Fish Farmers Association, pledged Tuesday to provide local fish farmers with basic requirements, including technical support, to start giant sea perch fish breeding in the next breeding season.

He added producers who want to start giant

sea perch farming in suitable places of the country may join with the association to breed the fish on a commercial scale, inviting them to attend a meeting in December to extensively discuss how to maintain the ponds for giant sea perch breeding and cost of production.

Breeding giant sea

perch is a successful farming industry, particularly in Thailand.

In Myanmar, a local breeder started giant sea perch farming in Taninthayi Region under the guideline of an Australian expert. It produced successful outcomes, but the farming is not yet a success in Yangon. It is assumed that technology-related barriers have caused farmers to lose their farms. Therefore, breeders and experts are now discussing how to breed the fish successfully in other areas, the chairman of MFFA said.

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Family members of fisherman picking out fish as usual livelihood for earning their income through sales of fish and fish products in rural area of Bago Township.—PHOTO: PHOE THANT

Ministries elaborate on reasons for more budget allocations

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct—A new budget allocation bill came under discussion at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw here on Tuesday, with union ministers and deputy ministers clarifying the principle of the bill and its initial debates on why their ministries need additional budgets.

Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung elaborated on how his ministry is undertaking projects by the funding received from the Union Funds and how it will seek funds for future projects.

Union Minister for Electric Power U Khin Maung Soe explained the causes of reduced earnings, new installations of cable

lines to prevent unwanted electric hazards, the construction of new power stations, and arrangements for enough power supply to meet the rising demands in summer.

Union Minister for Mines Dr Myint Aung told the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw about the share of budget allotment for his ministry and projects to be undertaken by additional budget allocation.

U Khin Zaw, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation, talked of the construction of dams, compensations to project-affected people, and measures to ensure the effective use of cultivable land.

U Khin Maung Aye,



Representatives focus on discussions at Tuesday's session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.—MNA

Deputy Minister for Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development, explained how his ministry is implementing the fight against

poverty and the drive for rural development.

Deputy Minister for Energy U Aung Htoo told the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw that his ministry is short of funds, which he said resulted from increased rates of pension pays as well as from the necessity of more funds to finish ongoing projects.

Deputy Minister for Industry U Myo Aung

briefed on outstanding debts his ministry owes for steel plants, plans for their expansion, and the prospects of sales of steel products.

Deputy Minister for Sports U Thaug Htaik explained why his ministry's expenses exceeded allotted budget, citing for reasons the construction of sport grounds, stadiums and swimming pools, raised

electricity fees, and appointments of foreign sport instructors and trainers.

Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint told the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw that the maintenance and repair of road facilities and plans to upgrade them through foreign assistance and loans.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continues tomorrow.

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Pyithu Hluttaw

Pyithu Hluttaw discuss electricity, electoral systems

Pyi Taw, 28 Oct—Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) convened its 24th day here Tuesday, discussing safety measures of electricity power lines and appropriate electoral system for Myanmar.

upgrading power grids by state budgets and foreign loans, while educative programmes are being carried out through pamphlets, wallpapers, billboards and talks.

The parliamentarians

some weaknesses. He also suggested that the electoral system should be amended in accordance with the wills of public.

U Win Oo, representative of Yebyu constituency, supported the FPTP system in which the representative who wins the largest supporting votes will come first followed by the second and third winners who can substitute for the first representative when he or she is assigned for executive role or any other reason, causing the vacancy of respective constituency.

Regarding peace-making process, U Ye Htut Tin, representative of Pasawng constituency, urged for national unity and peace as the country is located between the two global powers.

U Phyo Min Thein also suggested the change of electoral system should be carried out not by the parliament along, but by holding referendum across the country.

U Zone Teint, representative of Chipwe constituency, said the votes of unelected representatives should be combined to favour all the ethnic people, political parties and voters to ensure national reconciliation.

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of Pyithu Hluttaw then discussed on the report of commission which analyzes on the emergence of appropriate electoral system for the country.

U Phyo Zeya Thaw, representative of Pobbathiri constituency, opposed to the Mixed-member proportional (MMP) electoral system which is mixed with the First-past-the-post (FPTP) and the Proportional Representation (PR), pointing out that the MMP is dividing the basic rights of people and has



U Khaing Maung Yi of Ahlon Constituency.

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Deputy Ministry for Electric Power U Maw Tha Htwe.—MNA

Deputy Minister for Electric Power U Maw Tha Htwe responded to the question of U Khaing Maung Yi, representative of Ahlon constituency, saying that compensations to the ministerial staff for the loss of their lives or properties caused by electricity are carried out in accordance with the rules and regulations of ministry and those to the public are reimbursed from the social funds.

U Maw Tha Htwe also said that the ministry is

Amyotha Hluttaw

Plan underway to form Construction Industry Development Board



Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint.

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Defence Services Personnel representative Major Ye Min Htwe.—MNA



Defence Services Personnel representative Brig-Gen Aung Kyaw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct—With regard to the question raised by Defence Services Personnel representative Brig-Gen Aung Kyaw at Tuesday's session of Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House), Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint replied that a plan is underway to upgrade Mongphyat-Mongyawng road to the asphalt road for smooth transport of local people by demanding the fund.

The deputy minister continued replies to ques-

tion of Defence Services Personnel representative Major Ye Min Htwe on design, specification and quality control and construction sequences for construction of the buildings. He replied that the High-rise Building Construction Projects Supervisory Committee scrutinizes design, specification and quality control and construction sequences of the buildings as of 2013. Moreover, arrangements are being made to form the Construction Industry

Development Board so as to give guidance for systematic construction of buildings. In addition, the Directorate of Construction will be set up in the future for supervising all construction tasks.

At the session, the Hluttaw approved the bill amending the seeds law with the amendments of the Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee and decided to seek approval from Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for the Myanmar aviation bill.

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Myanmar, India to further cooperate in peace and stability in border regions

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct—Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win received Commander of Eastern Command of Indian Armed Forces Lt-Gen MMS Rai, AVSM, VSM, at Zeyathiri Beikman in Nay Pyi Taw on Tuesday to hold talks about further cooperation in peace and stability in border regions. They also discussed border issues between the two countries.—*Myawady*

Vice-Senior General Soe Win with Commander of Eastern Command of Indian Armed Forces Lt-Gen MMS Rai, AVSM, VSM, take a documentary photo together.

MYAWADY



Research projects for successfully developing Dawei SEZ discussed at meeting



Union Minister U Aye Myint holds talks with Japanese delegates from Dawei Institute of Research and Deloitte Tohmatsu Consulting Co., Ltd on Dawei SEZ project.—MNA

Yangon, 28 Oct—Union Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security U Aye Myint on Tuesday met Japanese delegates from Dawei Institute of Research and Deloitte Tohmatsu Consulting Co., Ltd at the ministry here to discuss the progress of research projects to implement the Dawei Special Economic Zone success-

fully. Union Minister U Aye Myint, also Chairman of Dawei Special Economic Zone Construction Special Working Group, urged the delegates to try to report on its preliminary research on the SEZ project at the end of December. The research is expected to finish at the end of March next year.

There are three re-

search projects for successfully developing the Dawei Special Economic Zone organized by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) of Japan and implemented by a Japanese Research Institute by the name of the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA).

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UNHCR's regional coordinator visits Pyithu Hluttaw

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct—Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo, on behalf of the speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw, received the representatives of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, as well as officials from Singaporean school Tuesday here.

U Hla Myint Oo met Mr James Lynch, UN-

HCR's Bangkok-based regional coordinator for South-East Asia and Mr Giuseppe de Vincentiis, UNHCR'S regional representative at the Lower House Building at 3:30 pm.

He also discussed with Ms. Joyee Cuff and Mr Louis Low, dean and manager at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, about possible application

of parliamentary staff for the courses of Public Administration and Management at 4:30 at the same venue. Participants at the meeting included secretaries of the International Relations Committee and the Citizens' Fundamental Rights, Democracy and Human Rights Committee, as well as the officials at parliamentary.

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Petrochemical considered as one of top potentials for large scale chemical industries to develop in Myanmar

By Aye Min Soe

YANGON, 28 Oct—Myanmar has potential for large scale chemical industries and petrochemical industry is also one of the expected industries to develop in the country, according Ministry of Industry.

“For the development of petrochemical industry in Myanmar, mutual cooperation, investment, exchange of technology and other physical matters such as standardization procedure, chemical management policy are required,” said U Ye Mon, Managing Director of the Paper and Home Utility Industries under the Ministry of Industry in his opening speech at

the 8th Regional Chemical Management Forum which kicked off in Yangon on Tuesday.

Myanmar has no large chemical factory nor multinational enterprises so far due to its lack of investment and technical know-how

The three-day forum hosted by Myanmar for the first time was organized by Swedish Chemical Agency (KEMI) and the forum is being participated by delegates from Sweden, Japan, China, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam and Myanmar, introducing specific chemicals management issues to regional countries.

To foster the management of chemicals, Myan-

mar enacted “Prevention of Hazard from Chemicals and Related Substances Law” on 26 August, 2013 and Rules of the law has been submitted to Cabinet for approval,

Myanmar has a plan to declare the notification of the hazardous chemicals according to the International Conventions as following up action.

Myanmar is also considering to sign the Minamata Convention that purposes to phase out Mercury.

Myanmar's Ministry of Industry has mainly carried out chemical management at factories, enacting law and rules for the chemical management.

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According to U Than Lwin, plans are underway to make a detailed plan for giant sea perch farming. It is a part of the whole aquaculture development plan that has been implemented

by the Myanmar Fisheries Federation to promote Myanmar's aquaculture industry. It is expected to finish in January next year. The federation believes that the plan is sure to attract more foreign investment.

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Delegates participate in group discussion at the 8th Regional Chemicals Management forum.

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AYE MIN SOE

Model plot of Palethwe paddy harvested in Maukmai Township

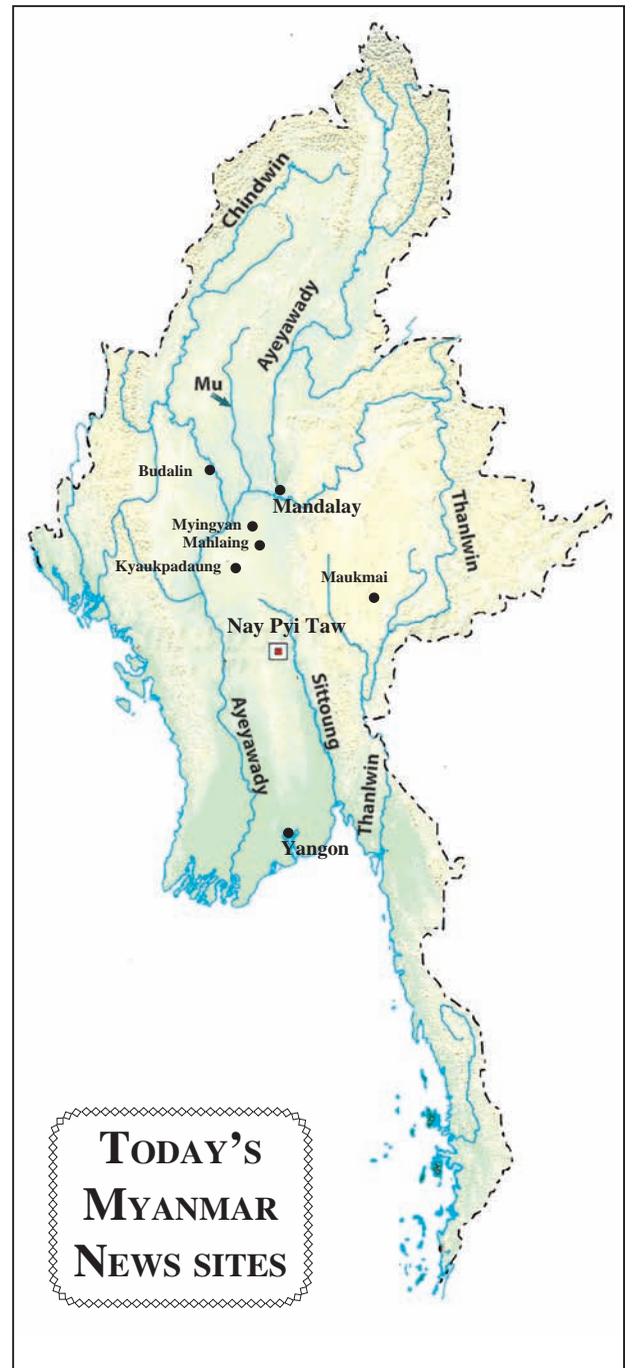


MAUKMAI, 28 Oct — The harvest of Palethwe hybrid paddy was held on the model plot in farmland of U Kyi in Kamahtan field of Maukmai Township in southern Shan State on 27 October.

Head of Township Agriculture Department and Head of Township Settlement and Land Records Department U Hla Win explained cultivation of paddy through good agriculture pattern, direct seeding, use of pesticides and harvest of paddy on the model plot.

The model plot produced 146.05 baskets of paddy per acre.

Sai Myo Thant (IPRD)



Myingyan District gets eight fire trucks

MYINGYAN, 28 Oct — Aimed at taking fire preventive measures in four townships of Myingyan District in Mandalay Region, the Fire Services Department (Head Office) allotted eight fire trucks to the district fire stations through Mandalay Region Fire Services Department.

Eight fire trucks were shared to one for Myingyan Township, two for Taungtha Township, three for Natogyi Township and two for Ngazun Township. The township departments plan to station their fire trucks at the rural areas for prevention of outbreak of fire.

Natogyi Township fire stations are equipped with three fire trucks—one each in Yangon-Mandalay Expressway, urban and rural areas.—*Htay Myint Maung*



Vessels, cruise liners earn income through transport of globetrotters, local passengers

MANDALAY, 28 Oct— Vessels of inland water transport association and cruise liners give transport services to globetrotters and local travellers from Gawwin and Mayangan ports in Ayeyawady River of Mandalay.

The vessels ferry the passengers along the Mandalay-Mingun route, Mandalay-Bagan route and Mandalay-Katha-Bhamo route.

“Our company transports foreign tourists and local passengers along Mandalay-Mingun and Mandalay-Bagan routes daily. We arrange breakfast, lunch and tea time for the passengers on Mandalay-Bagan route. Moreover, we run a cruise liner three times a week for transportation of tourists,” said managing director U Zaw Win Than of Pioneer Cruises Travel & Tours Company.

The directorate of Hotels and Tourism Services Development (Mandalay Region) has issued licences to 41 vessels for the Mandalay-Mingun route, five for the Mandalay-Bagan route, seven for Mandalay-Katha-Bhamo route and five cruiseliners.

The vessel association fixes US\$ 8 per foreigner and K5,000 per local passenger along Mandalay-Mingun up and down trip, US\$45 per foreigner and K25,000 per local passenger for Mandalay-Bagan route and US\$35 per foreigner and K25,000 per local passengers on Bagan-Mandalay route.

The cruise liner runs its route at US\$ 700 per foreigner along three-day trip and US\$350 per foreigners along two days trip.

A total of 160,975 foreigners arrived in Mandalay Region in 2012 and

219,518 in 2013. From January to September 2014, over 130,000 globe-

trotters have visited Mandalay Region.

Directorate of Hotels

and Tourism Development estimated about 3 million tourists will arrive in My-

anmar this year.

Min Htet Aung (Mandalay Sub-printing House)



LOCAL NEWS

Engineers make earnest efforts in expansion of road

KYAUKPADAUNG, 28 Oct — Public Works under the Ministry of Construction is building new roads and maintaining and upgrading the existing roads and bridges.

Engineers and workers of Mandalay Region Public Works expand the curves and narrow road sections on Kyaukpadaung-Myingyan Road in Kyaukpadaung Township with the use of heavy machinery.

Popa triple curves section is being expanded with spending K47 million funded by the Union government.

Mandalay Region

Plutaw MP U Taing Aye of Kyaukpadaung Township and township officials inspected expansion of the road section.

“Original road is 20 feet wide. Now we expand five feet wide to pedestrian way on either side at the curve of the road. After the expanding works, we will build the gravel-filled walls along the road,” an official of the Township Public Works said.

The construction works started in August 2014. So far, the expansion of work has been completed by 75%.

Ko Nay (Kyaukpadaung)



AMD turns out skilled villagers in driving agricultural machinery

BUDALIN, 28 Oct — The basic agricultural machinery driving course kicked off at No 62 tractor station of Agricultural Mechanization Department in Budalin Township of Sagaing Region recently.

A total of 30 trainees from villages are attending the 10-day course. Staff

Officer U Tun Tun Win of Agricultural Mechanization Department explained the purpose of conducting the training course and disciplines of the course.

Staff officer U Tun Tun Win and four skilled workers gave lectures and practical works to the trainees.—Township IPRD

Myingyan Township gets new BEMS

MYINGYAN, 28 Oct—A ceremony to open the upgraded Basic Education Middle School was held in conjunction with the handover of new school building at the school in Thityon Village of Myingyan Township in Mandalay Region on 26 October.

Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint unveiled the signboard of the upgraded school. The district education officers reported on progress in education sector.

Mr John and party of 100 School Project of Canada explained the purpose of donation and donated documents related to the school and copy books to officials.

The new school building is 120 feet long, 30 feet wide and 18 feet high one-storey structure.

The chief minister and party met local people in Talok Village and Aneint-

kya Village and explained alleviation of poverty and rural development being undertaken by the region government.—Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Culverts expanded on Myingyan-Mandalay Road

NATOGYI, 28 Oct — A private construction company is expanding 10 culverts to 40 feet wide ones on three-mile long Myingyan-Mandalay road in Natogyi Township of Mandalay Region.

Ten culverts are located on Myingyan-Mandalay Road. Arrangements are being made to ensure smooth transport of vehicles along the 24-foot wide roads by ex-



panding the culverts and bridges.

At present, the local

authorities improve the roads and bridges along

Myingyan-Mandalay Road

and Myingyan-Natogyi Road.

Khin Zar Mon Myint (Law)

Rural people earn income from breeding goats



MAHLAING, 28 Oct — Mahlaing Township of Mandalay Region is formed with 247 villages where local people are engaged in cultivation and livestock breeding on a manageable scale.

Myaukle Village in the township has over 200 houses. People of the whole village carry out breeding of goats.

“We breed Kasi species of goat. We sell goats ranging K80,000 to K110,000 to Taunggyi, Hpa-an and major cities. Moreover, we export goats to China, earning income for the family,” said a local.

Kyaw Kyaw (Mahlaing)

Chinese vice president holds talks with Japanese governors

BEIJING, 28 Oct — Chinese Vice President Li Yuanchao and a group of Japanese governors on Tuesday discussed bilateral issues, two weeks prior to a regional economic summit where top leaders of the two countries may have a chance to hold their first formal meeting amid severely strained relations.

The meeting between Li and the group led by Kyoto Gov Keiji Yamada took place in Beijing, where Chinese President Xi Jinping hosts this year's summit of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum on 10-11 November.

The Chinese leadership has not softened its criticism of what it sees as Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's unrepentant attitude toward its wartime history.

But the leadership has been sending clear signals over the last six months or so that despite continuing political tensions between Beijing and Tokyo it is interested in promoting exchanges between local governments and companies of both countries.

Bilateral ties remain frosty due to territorial dispute and China's irritation over Japan's approach to issues related to

its past aggression, which was heightened by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's visit late last year to Yasukuni, a controversial shrine in Tokyo that includes the names of those found guilty of war crimes by an Allied tribunal in 1948.

Abe, who took office in December 2012, is hoping to hold one-to-one official talks for the first time with Xi.

But it is still unclear as to whether Xi will take time to meet officially with Abe on the margins of the two-day APEC summit.

Kyodo News



Monks gather in front of the Royal Palace in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on 28 October, 2014. Hundreds of Cambodian Buddhist monks chanted in religious language in front of the Royal Palace here on Tuesday to bless the nation's King Norodom Sihamoni on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of his coronation.—XINHUA

Suspected Abu Sayyaf sub-leader nabbed in S Philippines

ZAMBOANGA CITY, 28 Oct — A suspected sub-leader of rogue group Abu Sayyaf, who is believed to be involved in high-profile kidnappings and attacks, was arrested by government security forces in a pre-dawn raid in southern Philippines on Tuesday.

Regional Police Director Edgar Basbas identified the suspect as Nasser Usman, a teacher assigned at the Tandung Ahas National High School. Usman, who oversees the indoctrination

of the militant group, was arrested in Lamitan City, Basilan province.

Basbas said Usman is facing four counts of kidnapping with serious illegal detention. The warrant for his arrest was issued in connection with the Lamitan siege in 2001.

Police intelligence also revealed that the suspect is believed to be involved in Ipil town siege in 1995 and kidnappings in Zamboanga Sibugay and Tumuhubong in 2000.

Xinhua

Singapore to add new surveillance system to guard its boundaries

SINGAPORE, 28 Oct — A new surveillance system, referred to as the Aerostat System, will be put into use above Singapore early next year, Channel NewsAsia reported on Tuesday, citing Defence Minister Ng Eng Hen.

The system, a tethered balloon that uses low-level radar to detect threats as far as 200 km away, will complement the city-state's Air Force's current suite of airborne and ground-based radars to conduct a more comprehensive air and maritime

check.

Ng said during the Productivity and Innovation in Daily Efforts (PRIDE) Day award ceremony that it was because Singapore has seen an increasing number of high-rise buildings in recent years, and ground-based radar systems can "only operate above high-rise buildings."

He also added that the system will save Singapore Armed Forces up to 30 million Singapore dollars (24 million US dollars) in operating costs every year.

The system, which requires eight ground crew members to operate, can be put to 600 meters high, there will be measures to make sure Aerostat won't disturb flying aircraft, the report said.

"For a small island-state like Singapore, surveillance and early warning to give us sufficient reaction time to respond will always be a challenge, but the Aerostat will improve our surveillance capabilities significantly," Ng said.

Xinhua

Talks gather pace on sale of Indian patrol vessels to Vietnam

NEW DELHI, 28 Oct — Talks are gathering pace on the sale of four Indian naval patrol vessels to Vietnam, an Indian official said, the first significant military transfer to Hanoi as it improves its defences in the South China Sea.

Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung held talks with counterpart Narendra Modi on Tuesday, the first meeting since the Indian leader took office in May, promising to turn the country into an economic and military power. An Indian government official said negotiations for the patrol craft had gathered pace since the credit line was announced last month during the visit of India's president to Vietnam.

"We expect to see progress on this fairly early as negotiations are continuing



Vietnam's Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung (C) shakes hands with his Indian counterpart Narendra Modi (R) as Dung's wife Tran Thanh Kien looks on during Dung's ceremonial reception at the forecourt of Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi on 28 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS

between the Vietnamese and our defence suppliers," the government official involved in discussions said.

Vietnam wants the craft for surveillance off its coast and around its military bases in the Spratly

island chain in the South China Sea where it is building a credible naval deterrent to foreign countries

with Kilo-class submarines from Russia.

Dung said Vietnamese defence cooperation with India was the pillar of their strategic partnership.

"During the visit, I am going to discuss with Indian leaders the major directions and concrete measures to promote bilateral cooperation," he told the *Economic Times* in response to a question on how he planned to expand security cooperation.

India and Vietnam have a long-standing defence relationship but it has been restricted to military exchanges, training, spares and maintenance of military hardware since both have predominantly Soviet-origin equipment.

Training has moved to a higher gear since Vietnam acquired the diesel-electric Kilo submarines which In-

dia has operated since the 1980s. It has been giving underwater combat training to Vietnamese sailors at the submarine school, INS Satavahana, in the southern city of Vishakapatnam since October.

But Indian military officials said Beijing itself had been providing arms to every neighbour of India, from Pakistan to Sri Lanka and lately even the Indian Ocean island of Maldives. Besides, patrol craft were far less lethal than the missile transfers that China had made to Pakistan, they said. "These OPVs (offshore patrol vessels) are actually dual purpose," said retired army major general PK Chakravorty, who served as India's defence attache in Hanoi. "You can use them for anti-piracy operations as well as for military purposes."—Reuters

Lavrov hopes Ukraine's coalition government to include peace-minded ministers



Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov

MOSCOW, 28 Oct — Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov hopes that Ukraine's new coalition government will include ministers committed to the course of achieving peace. He said it in an interview

with LifeNews TV channel and *Izvestia* daily.

"I'm sure there'll be people to speak to both in the Verkhovna Rada and in the government, in the first place, because Petro Poroshenko's bloc will become the leading force in the Ukrainian parliament anyway," Lavrov said, recalling that Poroshenko was the partner of Russia and President Vladimir Putin in coordination of the Minsk agreements.

Poroshenko has confirmed more than once his commitment to these agreements. He did so at a meeting in Milan on 17 Oc-

tober and earlier this year at a multilateral meeting in Normandy, Lavrov said.

"I hope the government that will be formed — and it will inevitably be a coalition government — will have some ministers committed to the president's course at achieving peace, at restoration of national concord and national reconciliation in Ukraine," he continued.

"As a minimum, Poroshenko says firmly in his contacts with Putin he will not admit a relapse of military operations and that's the main thing now," Lavrov said.—*Itar-Tass*

Miscevic hoping for good cooperation with Hahn



Serbia's chief EU negotiator Tanja Miscevic

BELGRADE, 28 Oct — Serbia's chief EU negotiator Tanja Miscevic is hoping for good cooperation with Johannes Hahn, the Austrian politician who will officially succeed European Enlargement Commissioner Stefan Fuele on 1 November.

"I am hoping for very nice cooperation with European Commission member Johannes Hahn because, first of all, he knows us very well," Miscevic told reporters.

"That is a really great advantage. I am not saying that all of us will be cut some slack, but it means better, good understanding," Miscevic said.

Serbia owes much gratitude to outgoing Commissioner Fuele, who was a "fierce advocate of every Western Balkan state" during his five-year term, she said.

Fuele visited Belgrade

last Thursday to attend an informal meeting of foreign and finance ministers of Western Balkan countries, and said that Serbia is now a certain candidate for European Union accession.

He also said that, since his first visit five years ago, Serbia has achieved major progress in integrations.

I am very happy to see after less than five years that Serbia has become a certain candidate for EU accession and that we are focusing on the question of "when" rather than "if", Fuele said.

Tanjung

Rousseff pledges changes after narrow re-election win, markets fall

SAO PAULO, 28 Oct — President Dilma Rousseff promised on Monday to make changes to her economic policies as she sought to build bridges with business leaders after narrowly winning re-election at the end of an acrimonious campaign.

Rousseff said in television interviews the changes would be announced next month after broad discussions with industrial and financial leaders, and that they would include reforming Brazil's onerous tax system.

"I will try to make the changes and reforms that the country needs," Rousseff said in an interview with TV Record. She also said she will soon pick a new finance minister but did not go into detail on the reforms or who she might choose.

Rousseff, 66, won a second term by a slim margin on Sunday, overcoming dissatisfaction with a sluggish economy and poor public services and dashing the hopes of investors who had bet on her centrist pro-business challenger, Aecio Neves.

The victory, driven by strong support among Brazil's poor, met with cold reality on Monday as Brazil's financial markets tumbled.

The benchmark Bovespa stock index fell 5 percent in early trade and closed 2.72 percent lower while the real currency ended at 2.52 per dollar, its weakest level since April 2005. Both had already seen heavy losses in recent sessions as Rousseff took a lead in polls.



Former president Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva congratulates Brazil's President and Workers' Party (PT) presidential candidate Dilma Rousseff (L) during news conference after disclosure of the election results, in Brasilia on 26 Oct, 2014.

REUTERS

Shares of state-run companies whose profits have suffered under Rousseff plunged on Monday. That included a more than 12 percent drop for scandal-plagued oil giant Petroleo Brasileiro SA, its biggest one-day decline in nearly six years.

Rousseff vowed "not leave a stone unturned" in getting to the bottom of a corruption scandal at Petrobras, and punish those found responsible.

She said confidence would return because Brazil's economy is still attractive and has \$376 billion in international reserves. "We have to wait for markets to calm down and they will."

Finance Minister Guido Mantega, whose departure had already been announced, also tried to

beat back pessimism with promises to control inflation and close a budget deficit, although he added that the election showed popular approval for the government's economic policies. Despite the reassurances, many investors are skeptical that Rousseff can pull off a swift economic recovery or make a major shift toward business-friendly policies after four years of interventionist measures that failed to spur growth or keep public finances under control.

She now faces the challenge of delivering on campaign promises to expand social benefits for the poor while balancing a strained federal budget.

Fitch Ratings, which rates Brazil's debt two levels into investment grade, said it will evaluate Rousseff's ability to revive growth and "address some of the macroeconomic imbalances that have emerged."

Investors hope a more market-friendly finance minister can help restore fiscal discipline, bring transparency to the federal budget and better engage with business leaders. Some believe that Rousseff will be forced by economic realities to soften some of her policies, but she also faces pressure from her own ruling party to choose a finance minister who if not from the party, is aligned with its thinking.

"What's essential is that the general lines of economic policy, as they have been practiced, are maintained," Rui Falcao, the Workers' Party president, told reporters.—*Reuters*

Japan presents nuclear disarmament resolution at UN committee

NEW YORK, 28 Oct — Japan has introduced a draft resolution on the elimination of nuclear weapons to a committee of the UN General Assembly, calling on countries in the nuclear non-proliferation treaty to work together for next year's treaty review conference to strengthen its terms.

The resolution, submitted for the 21st year in a row to the First Committee on disarmament and security issues, enlisted more than 40 countries including nuclear states such as the United States and Britain as joint sponsors. The resolution welcomes the announcements and recent updates on overall nuclear warhead stockpiles by three of the five nuclear powers — the United States, Britain and France and an update on its nuclear arsenal by Russia, a fourth power.

They "further enhance transparency and increase mutual confidence," it noted. It did not make any reference to the fifth nuclear power, Chi-

na, which is believed to be stepping up its nuclear capability.

The resolution expresses "deep concern at the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons" and cites the need for all member states to achieve "a world without nuclear weapons."

It also stresses the importance of achieving a successful outcome at the NPT review conference, given that next year marks the 70th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The document, meanwhile, condemns "in the strongest terms" the nuclear tests conducted by North Korea and its missile development, recognizing the importance of compliance with past Security Council resolutions that call on North Korea to abandon all nuclear weapons.

After it is adopted by the First Committee, the resolution is expected to be put to a vote at the General Assembly in December.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Public education and private education

By *Kyaw Thura*

It would not be far wrong to say that easy access to education is a human right, for it is through education that people can realize other human rights, that marginalized groups can lift themselves out of poverty and prevent themselves from working in exploitative and harassing conditions. It is therefore necessary to foster the human value of education for national interests.

It has been widely believed that investing in education can pay off. In addition to guaranteeing a secure life, education can also protect the envi-

ronment, promote human rights and curb population explosion. Scholars have highlighted four essential features of education. These features are availability, accessibility, acceptability and adaptability.

At a time when private education is rapidly expanding and increasingly replacing public education rather than supplementing it, decisive efforts must be made to recognize the importance of preserving the public interests in education and defend education as public good.

Kishore Singh, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the right to education, said at the 69th session of the UN General Assembly on 27 October that education is an inalienable right of every child rather than a privilege of rich people. This highlights an underlying assumption that easy access to education is one of the joys and rewards of human existence.

It goes without saying that privatization in education has been mainstreamed, making inroads in all levels of schooling, which is simply because of the

limitations of capacities to deal with rising demands on public education.

There is widespread concern that privatization in education has negative effects on the universality of the right to education as well as the successful realization of the right to education.

Nevertheless, the wave of privatization in education is beyond control with more and more parents, as well as some students themselves, after quality education for their children. This trend demands an urgent need to ensure that private education supplements public education rather than supplants it.

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Attitude towards littering in Myanmar

Khaing Min Thant

Littering has serious environmental impacts and is a considerable resource and financial burden for governments, business and the communities. It is a major concern in Myanmar. People lack self-discipline and they just drop litters at their comfort without taking notice of the environment. Some people are ignorant and not educated properly, and do not know the consequences of their own actions. I am truly disgusted and saddened by the state of our roadsides, markets and places behind apartment blocks. Imagine the impression it must have on international visitors. Not only that, we must think about the impact it will have on the country's image.

There could be many reasons why we throw rubbish every day. One reason could be that we are used to this littering habit. One must be thinking "why should I care, even if I do not litter, most of the people are littering anyway. One person would not make a difference". But let me tell you that even one person can really make a difference when people around you take it as an example and start doing the way you do. Therefore, let us be an example for people around us.

Laziness is also another factor when it comes to littering. People are lazy and simply do not want to carry litters until they find a dustbin. It gets even worse when there is lack of trash bins. Having trash bins everywhere for easy access could minimize littering. But whatever the case is, we must be a responsible citizen.

Another reason is that you are charged with money every three months or so for cleaning out the rubbish including places behind

your apartment buildings. People would say "well, we pay you for cleaning out the rubbish therefore I have the right to drop litters" Well, people, what are you thinking? Do you even realize that you are basically ruining your own place and from that it could lead to an unhealthy environment? You and your neighbors are the ones who will have to suffer at the end. So can we please stop throwing rubbish on the streets and behind your apartment buildings?

Furthermore, I would like to stress that township authorities should be responsible for proper management of garbage disposal. What happens is garbage trucks do not come often—may be normally once a month or so. When it comes, it does not collect all the garbage so the rest of the trash just sits in piles especially near markets. It is even more disgusting in rainy season since the litters are all wet and producing extremely unpleasant odor.

We must stop this littering habit and we must educate people around us on the impact of littering and how the trash affects the environment. For that, we cannot work alone. We need every concerned person from every sector to take care of the environment and the habit of littering. Also authorities should properly enforce anti-littering laws with monetary fines and start taking actions.

Finally, I would like to request our fellow citizens to stop littering and create a clean environment for the sake of this country. "My dear colleagues, let us stop this littering habit, let us make our environment safe and clean, let us show who we really are and let us make this nation proud"

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I was intrigued by T Pauk's article that appeared in your esteemed GNLM of Oct 23. I, at first, Myanglish is a new word coined by Tommy as I had never heard of it previously. As I read through the article I realised that it is an updated version of Burglish used in olden times, the word being derived from truncation and combination of Burmese and English.

The author, TP, appeared to have mixed up transliteration with Myanglish; code-mixing with Hinglish.

"Nay kaung lar" is transliteration into English of the Myanmar words and "I have hazaar things to do." is an example of

code-switching and not Hinglish. (Code-switching is mixing up two languages in the same sentence.)

Tommy's article, I must say, is classic example of Myanglish. To support my contention let me highlight a couple of his Myanglish usages:

—"It is obvious to see that xxx"

—"xxxx the sender and receiver of message prefer to enjoy fun of xxx"

I've lifted just these two examples from his article in which quite a few Myanglish words are embedded.

If TP had read PG Wodehaus' (spelling?) Jeeves novels he would not have written that

"No parking lots here, what?" is Singlish. Ending a sentence with "what" is Bertie's way of speaking with his chums at the club. (Bertie is Jeeves' boss who lives off his dear old aunt's wealth.)

Am I against Myanglish, Hinglish and all that? No way. I say, use whatever -glish you wish as long as you can make yourself understood. Remember, the end always justifies the means. I, honestly, can't follow 95 percent or more of Manchester United's ex-manager Ferguson's Queen's English but I can fully understand Tommy's Myanglish.

*Sincerely,
Tin Aung
Retd. Professor
(Yangon)*

Union CIT Minister attends ITU conferences in ROK



NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct—Union Minister for Communications and Information Technology U Myat Hein and party attended the 2014 Busan ICT Ministerial Meeting in the Republic of Korea from 19 October, the 2014 ITU Plenipotentiary Conference from 20 to 22 October and the 2014 Global

ICT Minister Program on 23 October.

The Union Minister delivered an address on Myanmar's policy on development of communication sector in Myanmar at the 2014 ITU Plenipotentiary Conference.

The ITU Plenipotentiary Conference selected the ITU

Correction

Please read "textile dyeing" instead of "textile dying" in last paragraph under sub-heading of Parliament Period of article "SMEs are now looking up" in 27-10-2014 paper.

The error is regretted.

The author.

*Union Minister for
Communications and
Information Technology
U Myat Hein attends the
2014 Busan ICT
Ministerial Meeting in the
Republic of Korea.—MNA*

general secretary, deputy general secretary and directors and adopted policies for development of communications and ICT industries across the nation in a four-year term.

The Union minister and party arrived back in Myanmar on 25 October.

MNA

NATIONAL

Union defence minister holds talks with UNHCR representatives on resettlement of refugees

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct — Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Wai Lwin received Giuseppe De Vincentiis, resident representative of Yangon-based Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and James Lynch, UNHCR's Southeast Asia regional coordinator, at his office in Nay Pyi Taw on Tuesday.

The UNHCR officials said they wanted to consult

with the Myanmar government on a matter of resettling Myanmar refugees in Thailand in Myanmar, stressing the need to ensure security and stability, sustainable livelihoods for them and clearance of landmines in the region where refugees will be resettled.

The UN and the UNHCR are willing to see the signing of a memorandum of understanding or an agreement on the resettlement

of refugees between Myanmar and Thailand, the officials said, adding the UNHCR has a road map for resettlement.

Despite the need for cooperation between Myanmar and Thailand, Myanmar must play a leading role in managing the issue, they said.

Lt-Gen Wai Lwin insisted the Ministry of Defence will cooperate with the Ministry of Foreign

Affairs that will act as the ministry to take the main responsibility and other ministries concerned — the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, the Ministry of Immigration and population and the Ministry of Border Affairs — in carrying out the resettlement of refugees in accord with the guidance of the government.

The minister continued that Myanmar-Thailand border committees formed on various stages will do whatever necessary to help.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Commodore Aung Thaw and officials. —MNA

Union FM sends message of felicitations to Turkish FM

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct — On the occasion of the 91st anniversary of the Proclamation of the Republic of Turkey, which falls on 29 October 2014, U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Mevlut Cavusoglu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey. —MNA

Nay Pyi Taw hosts workshop on sustainable development of mining

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct — Under the programme of the Myanmar-German Technical Cooperation, the Federal Institute for Geoscience and Natural Resources (BGR) and the Department of Mine under the Ministry of Mines

jointly organized a workshop on sustainable development of the mining sector in Myanmar on Tuesday here.

The two-day workshop is aimed at promoting the country's mining industry. Today workshop was attended by Union Minister for Mines Dr Myint Aung, directors-general, managing directors, departmental officials and German guests.

GNLM

Four Myanmar students awarded ASEAN scholarships



Four outstanding students Aung Myint Oo, Htun Win Aung, Hnin Azali and Phu Myat Hmu Kyaw who secured scholarship award to pursue education in Singapore. —GNLM

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct — The Singapore government on Tuesday awarded the ASEAN scholarships to four outstanding students from Myanmar with the aim of promoting human resources in the ASEAN region as well as people-to-people relations among the students, according to the Singapore Embassy.

Mr Robert Chua, Am-

bassador of Singapore to Myanmar, urged the four to learn more about Singapore, forge lasting friendships with its people, and contribute to bilateral ties and cooperation between the two countries, and nation building of their country.

Those scholars—Aung Myint Oo, Htun Win Aung, Hnin Azali and Phu Myat Hmu Kyaw — were select-

ed on the basis of academic merit, leadership qualities and their potential to contribute to their home countries' development. They enter Singapore schools at Secondary 3 and will sit for the GCE O-level examination (if applicable) at the end of Secondary 4 and the GCE A-level (or equivalent) at the end of pre-university 2.

GNLM

Seminar for Myanmar graduation from LDC status held



NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct — A seminar for Myanmar graduation from Least Developed Countries status was held at Aureum Palace Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw on Tuesday.

Mr Taffere Tesfachew, Director of Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special

Programmes at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and experts discussed with technical expert team from subcommittees and other ministries.

Present at the meeting were Dr Myo Thein Gyi, director general of the

Ministry of Education and Daw Yin Yin Oo, deputy director general of Strategic and Policy Studies Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the technical expert team on drafting assessment report for Myanmar graduation from LDC status and the officials. —MNA

Consumer protection needed to strengthen real estate development in Myanmar

By Ye Myint

YANGON, 28 Oct — Regulations for real estate development projects should be strengthened to protect consumers, VDB Loi, a legal and tax advisory firm with offices in Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw, said in a report on the regulatory framework for foreign investment in Myanmar.

VDB Loi, which also has offices in some other ASEAN countries, released the real estate development

report at a seminar jointly organized with the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Yangon on Friday.

The report prepared by VDB Loi Myanmar Ltd providing solutions for transactions and taxation stressed the need to protect people paying deposits for apartments before they are completed from long delays or from insolvency of the developers.

The report, compris-

ing nine chapters, aims to analyze how current laws, regulations and government processes affect foreign investment in Myanmar's real estate sector, VDB Loi's Edwin Vanderbruggen, author of the report, said.

In a press release, the firm said strengthening some of the rules and practices in connection with property rights will help Myanmar attract more foreign direct investment, increase consumer protection and improve its commercial

and tourism infrastructure.

The firm pointed out that rights related to apartments in Myanmar are under the law actually considered a kind of lease, saying they are mostly dependent on the contracts between the land owner, the developer and the apartment buyers. There is little practice in harmonizing or registering these rights except developments in joint venture with the Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development or City

Development Councils, it added.

The report also revealed that less than 5 percent of large scale property projects had obtained an MIC permit at this time in Yangon due to the MIC's policy with respect to land lease rights requiring that developers have an actual land lease and applicants being unable or unwilling to comply with MIC scrutiny.

Talking about a risk of delays and completion of financing deals caused by a

situation in which the Central Bank of Myanmar and MIC are not yet familiar with the needs and expectations of foreign lenders that may be willing to finance property projects in emerging markets, the firm suggested case-by case approval should be replaced with more predictable, clear rules on foreign loans and a new regulation on implementing mortgages, charges and other secured interested for financing in order to mitigate the risk. —GNLM

Canada must do more to thwart radical threat, security officials say

OTTAWA, 28 Oct—The head of Canada's national police told a parliamentary committee on Monday the government must do more to stop homegrown radicals, such as those who killed two soldiers on home soil last week, from going overseas for militant training.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police Commissioner Bob Paulson said last week's killings in Ottawa and outside Montreal, which he said appeared to be carried out with minimal planning or preparation, show the nation faces a "serious" threat.

"While we are facing this threat at home, we must focus our efforts on preventing individuals traveling abroad to commit acts of terrorism," Paulson said. "Preventing the individuals

from travelling is critical. If these individuals return with training and/or battle experience, they pose an even greater threat to Canada and our allies."

Paulson's remarks followed the fatal shooting on Wednesday of a Canadian soldier standing guard at an Ottawa war memorial by a man who then charged into the Parliament building. Two days earlier, another man rammed two soldiers with his car near Montreal, killing one.

"The magnitude of the threat is perhaps best characterized as serious," Paulson told a Senate committee. The attacks in Ottawa and outside Montreal came during a week in which Canada sent warplanes to the Middle East to take part in

air strikes against Islamic State militants in Iraq. Canadian officials vowed their involvement would not be influenced by the attacks.

Paulson spoke a day after the RCMP said the Ottawa gunman, Michael Zehaf-Bibeau, 32, had made a video of himself just before the Wednesday attack, and that it contained evidence that he was driven by ideological and political motives.

"He was quite lucid and was quite purposeful in articulating the basis for his actions," Paulson told reporters after testifying. "They were in respect broadly to Canada's foreign policy, and also in respect to his religious beliefs."

Lawmakers could help security agencies track suspected militants by making



Royal Canadian Mounted Police Commissioner Bob Paulson (R) prepares to testify before a Senate committee in Ottawa on 27 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS

it easier for courts to limit suspects' right to travel, Paulson said. Lawmakers

could also make it easier for investigators to get hold of suspects' Internet and phone

records to allow monitoring of their communications, he added.—Reuters

Netanyahu to expedite plans for 1,000 new settler homes



A woman pushes a pram as she walks in a Jewish settlement near Jerusalem known to Israelis as Har Homa and to Palestinians as Jabal Abu Ghneim on 27 Oct, 2014.

REUTERS

JERUSALEM, 28 Oct—Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will expedite planning for some 1,000 settler homes in East Jerusalem, a government official said on Monday, in a bid to placate a restive coalition ally without further aggravating a dispute with Washington.

The ultra-nationalist Jewish Home party, led by Economy Minister Naftali Bennett, has been issuing

veiled threats to sever its political partnership with Netanyahu unless he agrees to its call for 2,000 new building tenders in settlements in the occupied West Bank. But Netanyahu, just hours before the opening of parliament's winter session, sidestepped the demand. The government official said Netanyahu ordered the "planning of some 1,000 new units in Jerusalem - approximately 400 units in

Har Homa and 600 units in Ramat Shlomo — to be advanced".

There was no public pledge to actually erect them, and Pepe Alalu, a left-wing member of the Jerusalem municipality's planning and housing committee, said the proposed projects in the two settlements, in areas of the West Bank that Israel captured in a 1967 war and annexed to the city, were not new. "The

plans have existed for a long time," Alalu told *Reuters*, adding that no building permits had been issued.

Palestinian officials have voiced alarm — echoed in the international community — over settlement building, viewing it as a main obstacle to creation of the independent state they seek in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, with East Jerusalem as its capital.

"We strongly condemn the latest Israeli announcement to expand its illegal settlements in and around occupied East Jerusalem, the capital of the State of Palestine," Palestinian chief negotiator Saeb Erekat said in a statement. "This announcement amounts to evidence of an intent to further commit crimes defined by and punishable under international law." The European Union has asked for clarification of Israel's plans, said EU foreign policy spokeswoman Maja Kocijancic, and if the expansion is confirmed, "it will call once again into serious question Israel's commitment to a negotiated solution with the Palestinians."

Reuters

British PM Cameron rushed to his car by bodyguards after man confronts him

LONDON, 28 Oct — British Prime Minister David Cameron was bundled into his official car by his bodyguards on Monday after a member of the public ran into him in what looked like a serious security breach, video footage showed.

In August, Britain raised its terrorism alert to the second-highest level with Cameron saying Islamic State (IS) militants operating in Syria and Iraq posed the country's greatest ever security risk.

The footage showed the man run directly towards Cameron, who was leaving an event in the city of Leeds in northern England, and come into contact with him before being intercepted. Bodyguards later rushed Cameron towards a waiting car.

"A 28-year-old local man was briefly arrested after he came close to the prime minister's group," West Yorkshire Police said in a statement released on

Twitter.

"No threats were made, and after the man's details were checked, he was de-arrested and allowed on his way."

The Metropolitan Police unit responsible for Cameron's protection said it would conduct a review of the incident, while the British leader said he wanted to thank his security team.

"Can I put on the record for once the debt I owe to the close protection team that looks after me and the very good job they do," Cameron told parliament on Monday.

His spokesman said Cameron had confidence in his protection team and would "participate and cooperate in full" with the police review. The member of the public, named by British media as Dean Balboa Farley, posted on Facebook that the incident had simply been a case of "brushing into someone while running"—Reuters



A still image taken from video shows a man (C) approaching Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron (3rd L) as he leaves a news conference in Leeds, northern England on 27 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS

Mexico arrests four gang members in students' disappearance

MEXICO CITY, 28 Oct—Mexican authorities on Monday said they had arrested four drug gang members involved in the kidnapping of dozens of student teachers who disappeared last month and are feared massacred.

The announcement came as local media reported that a mass grave has been discovered in a trash dump outside mountain town of Cocula, near Iguala in the southwestern state of Guerrero, where 43 students disappeared

after they clashed with police and masked men on 26 September. Mexico's Attorney General Jesus Murillo said the four members of the Guerreros Unidos gang had been involved in the kidnapping of the students, which has sparked nation-

wide protests and undermined President Enrique Pena Nieto's claims that Mexico is becoming safer under his watch. "Today we now have those who organized the disappearance of these youths," Murillo said.

Reuters

Only Syrian opposition and peshmerga can save Kobani: Turkish PM

ANKARA, 28 Oct — Turkey cannot be expected to send troops to defend the besieged Syrian border town of Kobani and only Iraqi Kurdish peshmerga fighters and Syria's own moderate opposition can save it, Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said.

US warplanes have been bombing Islamic State positions near Kobani for weeks, but air strikes alone will not be enough to repel the insurgents, Davutoglu said.

"Saving Kobani, retaking Kobani and some area around Kobani from ISIS, there's a need for a military operation," he said in an interview with the BBC broadcast on Tuesday.

But made clear neither Turkey nor Western allies would commit troops.

"If they (international coalition) don't want to send their ground troops, how can they expect Turkey to send Turkish ground troops with the same risks on our border," Davutoglu said.

Kobani, on Turkey's south-

eastern border, has been encircled by Islamic State fighters for more than a month, and the battle to save it has become a test of the US-led coalition's strategy for halting the radical Sunni Muslim group's advance.

Turkish officials have rebuffed international criticism over their reluctance to do more to help Kobani's beleaguered Kurdish defenders, whom they say are linked to the militant Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), which has fought a decades long insurgency against the Turkish state.

After pressure from Western allies, Turkey last week agreed to let peshmerga forces from Iraq cross its territory to reach Kobani as its preferred alternative to US planes air-dropping weapons to Kurdish fighters in the town.

On Monday a Turkish official denied accusations from a Syrian Kurdish leader that Ankara was stalling on the deal, saying the peshmerga could cross "as soon as they are ready".

"The only way to help Kobani

since other countries don't want to use ground troops, is sending some peace oriented or moderate troops to Kobani. What are they? Peshmerga ... and Free Syrian Army (Syrian opposition forces)."

No coalition allies have publicly called on Turkey to intervene militarily but images of Turkish troops standing by as Islamic State advanced just across the border have drawn criticism.

Turkey has repeatedly called for a long-term strategic plan for Syria involving the removal of President Bashar al-Assad from power, fearing that Assad's forces or Kurdish militants will fill the void if Islamic State is pushed back.

Davutoglu renewed calls on the United States to train and arm fighters from the Free Syrian Army (FSA), a loose coalition of groups who have been battling Assad and who have long been supported by Turkey.

"Equip and train the Free Syrian Army so that if ISIS (Islamic State) leaves, the regime should



An explosion following an air-strike is seen in the Syrian town of Kobani from near the Mursitpinar border crossing on the Turkish-Syrian border in the southeastern town of Suruc in Sanliurfa province on 28 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS

not come, so that if ISIS leaves, PKK terrorists should not come," he said.

"We will help any forces, any coalition, through air bases (within Turkey) or through other means if we have a common understanding to have a new pluralistic, demo-

cratic Syria."

Washington has committed to arming the Syrian opposition to fight Islamic State, but officials remain concerned about identifying effective, moderate groups in the increasingly bloody and radicalised conflict.—Reuters

China to tighten laws to combat illegal cults

BEIJING, 28 Oct — China will tighten the law to impose harsher punishments on people participating in illegal cults, a state-run newspaper said on Tuesday, after a brutal murder earlier in the year.

An amendment to the law will mandate prison terms of up to seven years for those who organise or make use of a religious institution or cult to spread "superstitions to undermine national laws or regulations", the official *China Daily* said.

The death penalty will be imposed for crimes which cause death or serious injuries, it added.

China currently has no specific laws relating to cults, the newspaper said.

"If the revised law comes

into force, it will provide a formal legal basis for judicial organs to prosecute and handle cult-related crimes," it quoted legal official Li Shishi as saying.

Earlier this month a Chinese court sentenced two members of a banned religious cult to death for the murder in a McDonald's restaurant of a woman who refused an apparent attempt by the group to recruit her.

The 37-year-old woman, surnamed Wu, was attacked in May in the eastern province of Shandong by members of Quannengshen, the Church of Almighty God, which had preached that a global apocalypse would take place in 2012.

The case sparked a national outcry after it was revealed that

Wu was beaten to death for refusing to give her telephone number to members of the group.

China's ruling Communist party brooks no challenge to its rule and is obsessed with social stability. It has cracked down on cults, which have multiplied in recent years. Demonstrations have been put down with force and some sect leaders executed.

In 1999, then-President Jiang Zemin launched a campaign to crush the Falun Gong religious group. It was banned as an "evil cult" after thousands of practitioners staged a surprise but peaceful sit-in outside the leadership compound in Beijing to demand official recognition of their movement.—Reuters

New Zealand, US troops prepare to stage joint exercise

WELLINGTON, 28 Oct — New Zealand and the United States troops will be conducting a month-long joint exercise in the central North Island next month to test their deployment agility, the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) announced on Tuesday.

The New Zealand army and air force would stage Exercise Kiwi Koru, which is held every two years, with forces from the US Marine Forces Pacific and the US Army Pacific in the western Taranaki Province.

The exercise would involve light armoured vehicles, infantry, artillery, engineers, signals and combat service support personnel, such as medical and logis-

tics, in a scenario to restore peace between two fictitious nations, Bekara and Alpiria.

"It's an opportunity to test what we know, how we work and how we work with our international partners too," Colonel Nick Gillard, of the New Zealand Army, said in a statement.

"New Zealand regularly conducts training with international partners such as the US and Australia. Exercises for next year include Exercise Dawn Blitz in California and Exercise Talisman Sabre in Australia, with Exercise RIMPAC in Hawaii and Exercise Croix Du Sud in New Caledonia in 2016."

Xinhua

German spy agency sees Islamic State remaining big threat, luring more German recruits

BERLIN, 28 Oct — Islamic State militants will be able to mount operations in Iraq "for the foreseeable future" despite US-led air strikes and efforts by Iraqi security forces to regain territory, Germany's BND foreign intelligence agency said.

German intelligence also sounded the alarm about a rising number of Islamist militants inside Germany ready to join IS in Iraq and Syria and warned of an increased risk of violent clashes on German streets between rival radical groups.

Islamic State (IS) has seized swathes of territory in Iraq and Syria this year, declared an Islamic 'caliphate' and has executed or driv-

en away Shi'ite Muslims, Christians and other groups that do not share their radical version of Sunni Islam.

In a statement on Tuesday, BND said IS was still able to operate successfully in the western Iraqi province of Anbar and outside Baghdad and was working to convince more Iraqi Sunnis to turn against the US-led coalition fighting against it.

"The continuation of the political and security vacuum in Iraq for the foreseeable future will make fighting terrorist, radical groups considerably harder," it said.

In Syria, the BND said fighting between IS and Kurdish forces in Kobani near the Turkish border showed that the militants



Riot police clash with protestors during a demonstration by 'hooligans against Salafists and Islamic State extremist' in Cologne on 26 Oct, 2014. REUTERS

were still in a position to attack, even if their mobility has been impaired by US-led air strikes.

Due to limited resources, the forces of President Bashar al-Assad are concentrated in urban centres

of Damascus, Homs, Hama and Aleppo along Syria's north to south axis and the coast, where they have seen some military successes, the BND said.

Assad's forces have largely turned their backs on

Syria's sparsely populated east, allowing IS to expand there, it added.

In a parallel statement, BND's sister agency BfV, which handles domestic intelligence, said the number of Salafist Islamists was rising in Germany, and with it the number of potential recruits for IS. Some 450 people have travelled from Germany to join the radical Islamist fighters. Salafists espouse a strict, puritanical form of Islam.

The BfV said some Chechens living in Germany were joining Salafist groups and added that many of those recruits were especially active and violent. It also warned of increased clashes in Germany between Isla-

mist groups and supporters of Kurdish separatists, in an echo of the Kobani conflict.

"Salafists are recruiting fighters for IS. Since the summer of 2014 the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) is recruiting its followers to fight against IS," said BfV president Hans-Georg Maassen in the agency's statement. The PKK, a secular group, has been fighting Turkish security forces for decades in a campaign to carve out a Kurdish homeland in southeast Turkey. The fighting in and around Kobani in recent weeks has put renewed pressure on a fragile peace process pursued by Turkey and the Kurdish separatists.

Reuters

Abe meets S Korean lawmakers, voices hope for summit with Park



Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (L) shakes hands with South Korean National Assembly Speaker Chung Ui Hwa at his office in Tokyo on 27 Oct, 2014.
KYODO NEWS

TOKYO, 28 Oct — Prime Minister Shinzo Abe reiterated his hope in talks with visiting South Korean lawmakers on Monday for his first one-on-one summit meeting with President Park Geun Hye on the sidelines of an international conference later this year.

Abe received a courtesy visit from six lawmakers, led by National Assembly Speaker Chung Ui Hwa, amid emerging efforts by the two Asian neighbours to

mend ties strained by issues such as that of the women who provided sex at Japan's wartime military brothels.

"I hope your latest visit to Japan will help further promote personnel exchanges between lawmakers of the two countries and develop Japan-South Korea relations," Abe said at the outset of their meeting, which was open to the media.

According to Japanese House of Representatives lawmaker Takeo Kawamu-

ra, who attended the meeting, Abe also expressed hope that he will sit down with the South Korean president on the occasion of upcoming summit talks.

In November, there will be meetings such as an Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum summit in Beijing and an East Asia Summit in Myanmar's Capital of Nay Pyi Taw.

Chung touched on the issue of the so-called "comfort women" and called for

Abe's leadership in finding a path to resolve it, Kawamura told reporters.

South Korea insists that Japan has not done enough to make amends to those women. Japan says that issues of property and claims regarding its colonial rule over the Korean Peninsula, including compensation, have been legally settled with South Korea by a bilateral agreement forged when the two countries normalized ties in 1965.

Kyodo News

Lava flow from Hawaii volcano just 70 yards from nearest residence

KAILUA-KONA, (Hawaii), 28 Oct — Lava flow from the Kilauea volcano that has been creeping toward inhabited areas of Hawaii's Big Island for months is now just 70 yards (metres) from the nearest residential property, authorities said on Monday.

Residents in the path of the lava have been placed on alert for possible evacuation, and smoke advisories have been issued for downwind areas, the County of Hawaii said in a civil defence alert.

The lava flow, which first bubbled out of the continuously erupting volcano on 27 June, came to a standstill in late September but resumed its slow crawl several weeks ago. It has moved about 275 yards since Sunday morning.

The leading edge of the flow, which is about 110 yards wide and spreading, has overrun a cemetery on its path toward Pahoa village, a historic former sugar plantation consisting of small shops and homes



The lava flow from the Kilauea Volcano is seen in a US Geological Survey (USGS) image taken near the village of Pahoa, Hawaii, at 10:00HST (20:00GMT) on 26 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS

with a population of about 800 people. The civil defence message said the lava was advancing about 10 to 15 yards an hour, but had slowed considerably to some 2 yards per hour by late afternoon.

While its speed has

varied, if the lava continues on its current trajectory it could impact property in the next day or so.

Two roads have been closed and the American Red Cross has opened an emergency shelter, according to the office of Mayor

Billy Kenoi.

By Monday afternoon, the leading edge of the lava was 570 yards from Pahoa Village Road, the major thoroughfare through town, Kenoi's office said.

Pahoa resident Miki Warren said the road clo-

sures and visitors flocking to the town looking for a glimpse of lava have snarled traffic, and that she has decided to move in with her boyfriend because her home is threatened.

"It's affecting us in every aspect of our lives," said Warren, who works at a surf shop in town. "There's just no escaping it."

Crews have been scrambling to build temporary access roads and protect Highway 130, a major route traveled by as many as 10,000 cars a day.

Without such access roads, some 8,000 people in the Puna district could become "lava-locked" if Highway 130 were to become impassable.

The Kilauea volcano has erupted from its Pu'u O'o vent since 1983. The last home destroyed by lava on the Big Island was at the Royal Gardens subdivision in Kalapana in 2012, according to Big Island Civil Defence.

Reuters

Japanese hand-made paper shortlisted for UNESCO heritage status

TOKYO, 28 Oct — Traditional Japanese hand-made paper has been shortlisted by a UNESCO preliminary review panel for possible inclusion on its Intangible Cultural Heritage list, the Japanese Cultural Affairs Agency said on Tuesday. Based on the panel's recommendations, the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's Intergovernmental Committee will decide in Paris in late November on whether to list traditional hand-made paper from Saitama, Gifu and Shimane prefectures.

The paper products designated by the Japanese government as important intangible cultural heritage are traditionally made by hand, using only mulberry bark fiber.

If registered on the UNESCO heritage list, awareness of traditional Japanese paper including that produced in areas other than the three prefectures is expected to grow, helping promote traditional Japanese crafts overseas. The paper products shortlisted for possible registration are Hosokawashi from Saitama, Honminoshi from Gifu and Sekishubanshi from Shimane.—Kyodo News

above ten percent for the entire year of 2014 compared to the tax obligations established for the year of 2013.

Belgrade lawyers launched their strike on 10 September and their colleagues around Serbia joined the protest on 17 September.

Lawyers want the arbitrary tax basis to be regulated differently and they also want amendments to be adopted to the Law on Notaries Public.—Tanjug

AKS reject Ministry's offer, strike continues

BELGRADE, 28 Oct — The Administrative Board of the Bar Association of Serbia (AKS) rejected on Monday the proposition of the Justice Ministry concerning the amendments to the Law on Notaries Public and regulation of the issue of arbitrary taxation, and decided to continue the strike.

AKS President Dragoljub Djordjevic told a news conference that after the lengthy talks, AKS Administrative Board decided to reject the Ministry's proposition because, as he said, it does not serve the interests of citizens, rule of law and protection of human rights.

The offer was rejected because it does not constitute a progress in the talks, Djordjevic said.

He noted that some 20 days ago, lawyers sent to the Justice Ministry the proposition concerning the amendments to the Law on Notaries Public which they find acceptable, and he expressed the hope that the Ministry would re-examine the propositions.

According to him, lawyers are ready to continue the talks with a view to finding the best possible solution.

According to the propositions of the Justice Ministry, the amendments to

the Law which would be adopted in the parliament within 14 days would revoke the exclusiveness of powers for notaries public when it comes to drafting real estate sale contracts as is the case now, and lawyers would be authorised to draw up contracts on the sale of property too, while notaries public would solemnise and verify the contract. The AKS proposition which covers the solemnisation of the contract envisages that all private documents can be solemnised by a procedure in which a notary public would draft a special notary document which would be



attached to the private document as its integral part.

This means that a contract drafted by a citizen or lawyer would retain their original form while a notary public would add a special

act in the solemnisation process to verify the contents of the private document.

When it comes to taxes, lawyers want the fiscal obligations for lawyers in Serbia to remain on the level of not

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Fire breaks out at Genkai nuclear plant in Kyushu

FUKUOKA, 28 Oct — A fire broke out at auxiliary building at the Genkai nuclear plant in Saga Prefecture on Tuesday but it was put out by plant workers with fire extinguishers, its operator Kyushu Electric Power Co said.

The incident caused no injury and no outside leakage of radioactivity, according to the utility.

Smoke was seen coming from an electric breaker in the basement of the auxiliary building for the No 3 and No 4 reactors at the plant around 9:35 am.

Firefighters are investigating the cause of the fire.—*Kyodo News*

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India develops new network to ensure maritime security

NEW DELHI, 28 Oct — To strengthen its maritime security network, India has developed a "National Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence Network," known as the NC3I network, which is to facilitate cooperation and coordination in improving maritime awareness and strengthen overall coastal surveillance.

Located in Gurgaon neighbouring New Delhi, the intelligence network is an expansive arrangement covering 51 stations of the Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard that is currently in a "settling down" phase.

According to sources in the Indian Navy, the NC3I network's main role is to join Indian Naval and ICG operational centres to ease cooperation and coordination.

Security experts say the need for coordination was underlined by the 2008 terrorist attack on Mumbai in which the assailants arrived in the city by sea.

According to the sources, NC3I will help improve cooperation between the Indian Navy and the coast guard as both services will develop a "common operational picture" via Coastal Surveillance and Decision Support software that presents the "situation at sea" on a real-time basis to concerned agencies.

The network was conceptualized in 2010 and a contract to build it was awarded in March 2012 to Bharat Electronics Ltd, Bangalore by the Ministry of Defence.

The network obtains input about merchant

WEATHER REPORT
FORECAST VALID UNTIL EVENING OF THE 29th October, 2014: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Taninthayi Region, scattered in Kachin, Shan and Chin States and isolated in Upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

vessels from a variety of sources, including the Automatic Identification Systems and Long Range Identification and Tracking System as well as a real-time feed from radar units fitted as part of a chain of static sensors.

All vessels detected are shown on the surveillance software and efforts are being made to get real-time information about fishing vessels as well.

Information provided by the NC3I network will not be shared in real-time with foreign countries, but threats at sea that pose common concern to maritime nations such as piracy, armed robbery, terrorist movements at sea, natural disasters, search and rescue and so on will be regularly exchanged among concerned countries using established

channels of communication.

As it goes into service, the NC3I network will become the communication backbone for the National Maritime Domain Awareness Project.

The sources said the NMDA project will go beyond networking the Navy and the ICG by integrating additional information and data from maritime agencies such as the Ministry of Shipping, which has data on merchant shipping and ports-related information, the Ministry of Agriculture for data on fishing vessels, the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas for information on offshore development areas and the Ministry of Home Affairs for maritime security-related information obtained from the Department of Border Management.—*Kyodo News*

Canada PM not to attend APEC summit in China after terrorist attacks

NEW YORK, 28 Oct — Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper will skip a trip to China next week to attend the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit because of the killings of two soldiers in separate attacks in the country, *The Globe and Mail* newspaper said online on Monday.

The prime minister will instead attend Canada's Remembrance Day holiday in Ottawa on 11 November, according to *Reuters* news service. The two-day meeting of leaders from 21 Pacific Rim countries begins in Beijing on 10 November.

A soldier was gunned down on Wednesday at the country's National War Memorial in Ottawa by a 32-year-old Canadian "driven by ideological and political motives," according to the national police. Earlier in the week, a suspected jihadist ran over two soldiers in a Montreal suburb, killing one.

Kyodo News

Beijing holds anti-terror drill ahead of APEC meetings

BEIJING, 28 Oct — Beijing police launched an anti-terror drill on Monday to guarantee security for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) meetings scheduled to be held in Beijing in November.

Without being informed of the exercise, police officers from different departments handled simulated terror incidents in 35 minutes at two venues for the meetings, the China National Convention Cen-

tre and Yanqi Lake, said a spokesman with the capital's public security bureau.

The drill's spokesman said the exercise was aimed at testing the responsiveness and coordination of police forces in the face of terrorist attacks.

At 2 pm, the bureau's command center reported emergencies at the two venues, including a gathering of troublemakers, terrorists plowing into a crowd in a car carrying explosives, as

well as hostage-taking.

Public security officers and armed police forces rushed to the sites. A helicopter above sent images to the command centre in real time. Also on Monday, China's police chief, Guo Shengkun, urged tight security checks to prevent terrorist attacks during the APEC meetings and ensure the "absolute safety" of leaders and senior officials at the meetings.

Xinhua



Policemen attend an anti-terror drill in Hefei, capital of east China's Anhui Province, on 26 Oct, 2014.—XINHUA

Daniel Radcliffe: I'm proud to have learnt dancing for Broadway



'Harry Potter' star Daniel Radcliffe

LONDON, 28 Oct — 'Harry Potter' star Daniel Radcliffe says more than the success of his films, he is proud of the fact that he learnt dancing for Broadway.

The 25-year-old actor became famous after playing a schoolboy wizard in eight 'Harry Potter' films and since then has branched out into stage, screen and television roles since the

end of the series in 2011, reported the *Daily Express*. "I was the blank canvas my dance teacher had ever seen. He taught me to dance, I owe it all to him. I don't boast about stuff generally speaking — it's not really me — but learning to dance on Broadway and dancing in a Broadway show is probably the thing I'm absolutely proudest of," he said.—PTI

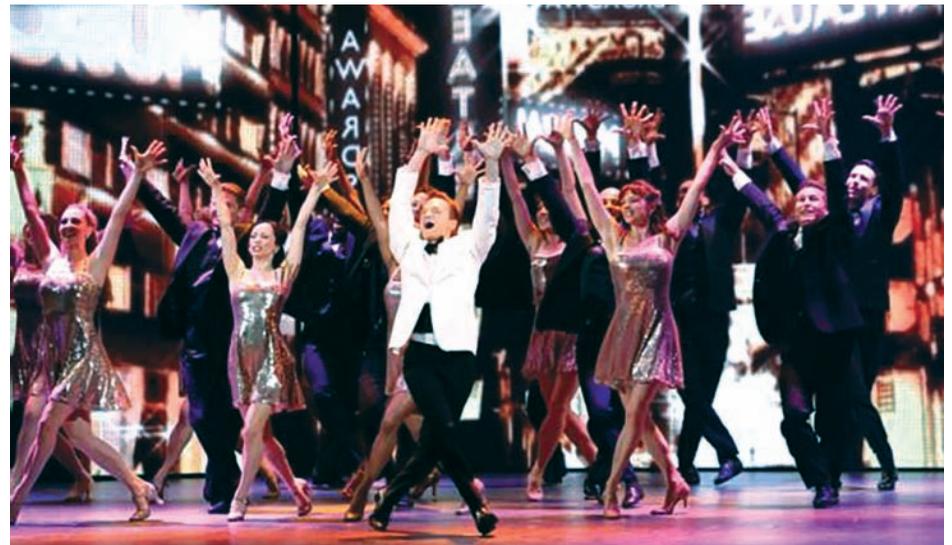
Neil Patrick Harris takes hosting talents to NBC variety series

LOS ANGELES, 28 Oct — With the Emmys and Tonys under his belt and his first Oscars hosting gig lined up, actor Neil Patrick Harris is turning his talents to anchor a new NBC variety show, the Comcast Corp.-owned broadcast network said on Monday.

Harris, 41, best known as the womanizing Barney Stinson on long-running CBS sitcom "How I Met Your Mother," will host the new primetime series, which will feature live comedy skits, musical numbers, game shows and hidden camera pranks on celebrities, NBC said in a statement.

The format of the yet-to-be-titled series is based on the popular British ITV show "Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway," which has already been adapted in numerous European markets including German and Italian versions.

NBC has ordered 10



Neil Patrick Harris has been tapped to host next year's Academy Awards ceremony, say the organizers of Hollywood's biggest night.—REUTERS

episodes of the US series from ITV Studios America, which will be filmed in front of a live audience. No air date has been scheduled yet.

The show is the latest on Harris's portfolio after it was announced earlier this month that he would be the host of the 2015 Oscars.

The actor recently won a best musical actor Tony award for his Broadway stint in "Hedwig and the Angry Inch," and co-starred in David Fincher's hit thriller film "Gone Girl."

The new variety series follows NBC's push towards televised event spectaculars, trying to draw

people to watch live rather than delayed or on-demand programmes.

After the success of its live "Sound of Music" event with country singer Carrie Underwood last year, NBC is hoping to draw viewers to this year's "Peter Pan Live!," with actress Allison Williams in the title role.—Reuters

Emma Bunton wants Spice Girls reunion

LONDON, 28 Oct — Singer Emma Bunton says she would love to reunite with her Spice Girls bandmates Victoria Beckham, Mel B, Geri Halliwell and Mel C if the right opportunity comes along.

Spice Girls formed in 1994 have been one of the best selling pop groups of all times. The group last performed two years ago, first at the London Olympics closing ceremony, followed by the premiere of 'Viva Forever: The Musical' reported Contactmusic.

"It's not something we have talked about. I love working with the girls, I would be up for it. It's all about timing. We did the Olympics — it's quite hard to top that!" said Bunton,



The Spice Girls. (from L to R) Melanie Chisholm, Victoria Beckham, Geri Halliwell, Melanie Brown and Emma Bunton, perform as they kick off their reunion tour in Vancouver, British Columbia on 2 Dec, 2007.—REUTERS

38, about possibility of the group reunion.

She, however, added that keeping in contact with her old bandmates can be tricky given their extremely busy schedules.

"It's very difficult as we have own families. I definitely see them as much as I can. I spoke to Mel C the other day and I saw Geri a couple of weeks ago," she said.—PTI

Deepika wants to work with AbRam in her next film: Shah Rukh Khan

MUMBAI, 28 Oct — Shah Rukh Khan is elated that the cameo by his youngest child AbRam in 'Happy New Year' is fetching compliments.

SRK, 48, said he received many messages about AbRam's appearance in the end credits but the best compliment came from his co-star Deepika Padukone. AbRam is Shah Rukh's third child born via surrogacy last year.

"AbRam is looking adorable in the film. The best compliment I got was from Deepika. She said she wants to do her next film with him (AbRam) as she find him adorable," Shah Rukh Khan told reporters during the success party of



Shah Rukh Khan

the movie.

When asked about playing with his children, the actor said, "Aryan and I used to play FIFA video games and otherwise I play football and cricket with him. With AbRam, I only do the head bang. He keeps searching in the iPad where he can utter words like A B and few animals

sounds... so he does play," he added.

Talking about his latest Diwali release, which according to SRK's production company Red Chillies Entertainment, has collected Rs 108.86 crores on the opening weekend, the actor said the numbers will keep increasing with every big release.

"I have always maintained that numbers keep changing as big films keep coming on holidays and in weekends. When I was being asked this during 'Chennai Express', I said maybe next one is going to be bigger and better because the screens and platforms are increasing.

PTI

Rock star Sting's musical 'The Last Ship' docks on Broadway

NEW YORK, 28 Oct — "The Last Ship," a musical by Grammy-winning rock star Sting based on his childhood in a shipbuilding town in northeastern England, landed on Broadway with a star-studded opening.

Actors Robert De Niro, Liam Neeson, Bill Pullman and Alan Cumming, along with singers Billy Joel and Debbie Harry of Blondie were on

hand on Sunday night for Sting's Broadway debut as a composer at the Neil Simon Theatre.

Despite winning 16 Grammys, the former frontman of the rock group The Police admitted being nervous before the curtain went up for the show he had been working on for five years.

"I was brought up in a pretty extraordinary place in the shadow of a ship-

yard and it always had a kind of theatrical feel to it. And I thought — I wanted to honour the community I came from. It was about time," Sting, 63, said.

The musical charts the course of Gideon Fletcher, a shipbuilder's son who leaves his girlfriend, Meg Dawson, and his hometown of Wallsend in search of a better life. He returns 15 years later after his father's death to a town hit

by recession, where the shipyard has closed and his lover has moved on.

"Rich score propels 'Ship,'" the *New York Daily News* said in a headline, while the *New York Times* called it an "ambitious, earnest musical," adding the seductive score is among the best composed by a rock or pop figure for Broadway.

"The Last Ship" is packed with about 20 songs

ranging from sweet, melodic ballads to toe-tapping dance numbers set in the grim shipyard, a local pub and the Catholic Church.

"The varied score draws on the antique sounds of sea chanteys, and often has a heavily Celtic sound — with a little Kurt Weill thrown in for good measure," said the *New York Times*.

Reuters



Singer Sting and his wife Trudie Styler

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The Bereaved Family

John Lennon's iconic specs on sale for 25,000 pounds

LONDON, 28 Oct — A pair of Beatle legend John Lennon's iconic glasses, which he lent to a flirty girl, will go on sale for 25,000 pounds. Wendy Baker, now 75, has put up the priced possession for auction, reported *Daily Express*.

Baker received the gift from the late Beatle star during a performance by the band at Soho club in London in 1966. Bournemouth-born Baker said, "It is hard to imagine someone as cool as John doing the conga, but it happened." — *Reuters*



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Mussolini's air raid bunker to open to the public

ROME, 28 Oct — Benito Mussolini's personal air raid shelter is opening to the public, 74 years after Italy's former fascist dictator started building a network of fortified underground rooms to protect himself and his family from wartime bombing.

Rome's department for culture said opening the site under Mussolini's luxurious villa and gardens would remind locals and tourists alike of "one of the darkest pages of our history".

Mussolini ruled over Italy from 1922 until 1943. He joined World War Two

on Adolf Hitler's side and passed race laws under which thousands of Jews were persecuted.

Fearful of Allied bombing, the leader also known as "Il Duce" decided to adapt a wine cellar into a shelter complete with anti-gas doors, Marco Placidi, president of non-profit organization "Underground Rome" told Reuters TV.

"It was clearly very inconvenient because the bunker was located in the garden some 100-150 meters away from the living quarters," Placidi told Reuters TV.

Mussolini decided to build another bunker, and then a third, which was still unfinished by the time he was arrested in 1943. He was later killed while fleeing Allied forces in April 1945, and his body strung

up by the feet for public viewing in Milan.

The third bunker, constructed 6.5 metres underground, is protected in places by four meters of reinforced concrete. The culture department said that, had it been completed, it would have been the most resistant air raid shelter in Italy dedicated to one family.

"With the fall of Fascism it was never fully completed so today we can see it the way it was left in the aftermath of the arrest of Mussolini," Placidi said.

The original bunker in the converted wine cellar will open to the public for the first time on 31 October.

Two other shelters, which opened briefly in 2006 and had to close because of environmental problems, are due to reopen on the same date.—*Reuters*



A passageway is pictured inside a secret bunker of Fascist leader Benito Mussolini that was built between 1942 and 1943 under his private residence at Villa Torlonia in Rome, on 25 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS

Paddleboard yoga stands venerable practice on its head, on water

NEW YORK, 28 Oct — Move over hot, flying and spinning yoga. Paddleboard yoga is the latest trend to stand the ancient practice of breath control, body postures and movement on its head — this time on a surfboard surrounded by water.

Fitness experts and enthusiasts say classes for waterborne yoga, which is also known as Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP) hone balance, focus concentration and lure exercisers who prefer open air to overheated studios.

"People tell me it's like walking on water," said paddleboard racer and yoga instructor Gillian Gibree, who has been teaching Paddleboard Yoga since 2009.

The instructor and trained lifeguard said first

timers begin with a water safety demonstration on dry land before going on to water, where even the simplest yoga postures can take on an added intensity.

"On the board, even plank (a foundational push-up pose) is a challenge," she said. "Everything is slowed down because it takes much longer to keep your balance."

Because the board is unstable, different muscle groups are fired, said Gibree, who has floated her practice on rivers, bays and even oceans, although she usually teaches on flat water.

"It works a lot on balance and you have to find your drishti (yoga's focused gaze) on the board," she said. "It's a total body work-

out."

SUP Yoga joins two ancient traditions. The modern SUP sport originated in Hawaii in the 1950s and 1960s, but stand up paddle boarding dates back thousands of

years, to ancient fisherman from Polynesia to Peru.

And while the classical techniques of yoga date back more than 5,000 years, a worldwide survey of more than 3,000 fitness profes-



A model demonstrates a "Pigeon Pose" during a Paddleboard Yoga demonstration in San Deigo Bay, California in this May 2014 handout photo provided by Shadow Van Houten on 24 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS

sionals published this month by the American College of Sports Medicine rated it number seven among the top 10 fitness trends for 2015.

Gibree, said her clients come from places as far-flung as Canada, Switzerland, South Africa and New Zealand.

"Anywhere there's a pond, lake, marsh, or body of water," she said.

Exercise physiologist and yoga instructor Jessica Matthews said the paddling technique intrinsic to SUP Yoga adds an upper body component to the practice.

"Some things work well on the board, some work more easily on land," she said, noting that, while paddleboard yoga doesn't replace a studio practice, it

can complement it.

Matthews' paddleboard yoga classes start with warm-up, breathing and stability exercises on land, much like a regular yoga class.

Once on the water she explores more of the basic postures.

"It's always a trade-off," said Matthews, who has lately seen classes pop up in indoor pools. "The beauty of SUP yoga is that you can do it on any body of water."

She said the most common question she gets about SUP yoga is: "Am I going to get wet?"

"Typically, you're not going to get wet," she added. "Unless you fall in."

Reuters

Real to appeal Zidane suspension over coaching licence

MADRID, 28 Oct — Real Madrid will appeal a three-month suspension slapped on assistant B team coach Zinedine Zidane for not having the correct licence, the club said on Monday.

The former Real and France midfielder was sanctioned by the Spanish football federation for allegedly acting as head coach of third tier Real Madrid Castilla even while Santiago Sanchez, who was also banned for three months, nominally held the post.

In a statement on their website (www.realmadrid.com), Real expressed their “absolute disagreement with the decision” and said they would “pursue every available legal avenue so that this decision is overturned”.

“Not least because Zinedine Zidane has been authorised by the French football federation

(FFF) to work as a head coach in the category Real Madrid Castilla currently play in, as the certificate issued by the federation from October 2014 states,” they added.

A World Cup winner with France in 1998, when he scored two goals in the final against Brazil, Zidane played for Real from 2001 until his retirement in 2006.

The 42-year-old also netted a spectacular volley for Real to win the 2002 Champions League final against Bayer Leverkusen.

Castilla were relegated from the second division last season, before Zidane joined the coaching staff. They are currently 14th in Group 2 of the regional four-group “Segunda B”, or third tier.

Reuters



Real Madrid's coach Carlo Ancelotti (R) watches his assistant Zinedine Zidane shout at their players during their Champions League final soccer match against Atletico Madrid at Luz stadium in Lisbon, on 24 May, 2014. —REUTERS

Austin brace lifts Queens Park Rangers off the foot of the table

LONDON, 28 Oct — Charlie Austin scored twice to lift Queens Park Rangers off the bottom of the Premier League with a 2-0 home win against Aston Villa on Monday.

Manager Harry Redknapp was under pressure after his struggling side had won just once in their opening eight games but a goal in either half from Austin helped lighten the mood at Loftus Road.

Aston Villa, beaten in their last five games without scoring a goal, started brightly but Austin calmed the home fans' nerves when he lashed an excellent half volley into the bottom corner with 17 minutes gone.

As the visitors went in search of an equaliser the QPR striker struck again after 69 minutes with a deft side-footed finish inside Villa keeper Brad Guzan's near post from an Eduardo Vargas cross.

The win lifted Redknapp's side to 19th on seven points, ahead of Burnley on four, while Villa dropped to 15th in the table with their search for a league goal extending to over eight hours.

“It was an excellent performance,” Redknapp told Sky Sports television. “They dominated possession in the second half but once we put an extra man into midfield we started seeing more of the ball and hit the post before scoring a second.

“There's no reason why Charlie Austin can't score a lot of goals this season, I'm pleased for the lad.”

“There's nothing in the league in terms of points,” added Redknapp. “We're only four points behind Hull in 10th.”



Queens Park Rangers' Charlie Austin (L) shoots past Aston Villa's Ron Vlaar to score his second goal during their English Premier League soccer match at Loftus Road in London, on 27 Oct, 2014. —REUTERS

Villa had previously played the season. last season's top five league teams in consecutive fixtures, enduring a miserable run of four straight defeats, but any hopes of picking up easy points at QPR were soon dispelled.

All of QPR's points this season have come at home and they proved to be difficult opposition again for Paul Lambert's side.

Scenes of jubilation from the home fans were in stark contrast to Lambert's men, who must be wondering where their next league goal is coming from.

Prolific marksmen Christian Benteke made only his second start since March but he drew a blank as Villa's inability to score became almost farcical.

The visitors had started like a team determined to get back to the winning ways that had seen them reach as high as second in the table in the opening weeks of

the season. But the hosts turned the tide when Bobby Zamora nodded a long ball down to the edge of the area for Austin to finish.

Ciaran Clark nearly equalised after the restart when Benteke headed down to the defender but he failed to apply the finish only yards from Robert Green's goal.

To compound Villa's miseries Austin quickly made it 2-0, making the miss even more costly.

Vargas nearly added a third when substitute Junior Hoilett put him through on goal but the Chilean fired straight at Guzan.

Villa's on-loan midfielder Tom Cleverley nearly ended their wait for a goal with 10 minutes to go but Green parried his volley and QPR's Sandro made an important tackle from Clark at the rebound. —Reuters

Pacquiao roughs up sparring partners before Algieri fight

HONG KONG, 28 Oct — Manny Pacquiao is more than three weeks out from his next title defence against unbeaten American Chris Algieri but the World Boxing Organization (WBO) welterweight champion is already in devastating form, trainer Freddie Roach says.

Sparring partner Viktor Postol, the number one contender in the World Boxing Council's super lightweight division, would undoubtedly agree after the Filipino southpaw left him with a broken nose in training last week.

Pacquiao (56-5-2), who has won titles in a record eight different weight classes, suffered successive defeats in 2012 but has got back on track with two impressive wins over Brandon Rios and Timothy Bradley.

A win over former kick-boxer Algieri could bring the long-awaited super fight with

Floyd Mayweather Jr one step closer.

Roach, speaking during a promotional visit to Hong Kong, does not believe Algieri will pose Pacquiao too many problems at the Venetian Macau on 22 November.

“The thing is I have my number one contender from Ukraine and he's a very good boxer and he could beat Algieri right now,” Tuesday's *South China Morning Post* quoted Roach as saying.

“That's why I brought him in as a number one sparring partner because he has that style.

“Manny broke Postol's nose three days ago. But Postol's okay. I train him. He's a fighter, he's a tough kid and he's not going home.”

The 30-year-old Algieri has a 20-0 professional record and won the WBO light-welterweight title last month by a split decision against Russia's Ruslan

Provodnikov.

Pacquiao has not scored a knockout since stopping Miguel Cotto in November 2009, and was himself knocked out by Juan Manuel Marquez in 2012 in his first outing after losing to Brad-



Boxer Manny Pacquiao of the Philippines trains during a media workout in Hong Kong on 27 Oct, 2014. —REUTERS

ley the same year.

While some have questioned how much gas the 35-year-old has left after 63 professional fights, Roach said Pacquiao was way ahead of schedule.

“Manny Pacquiao is in great

shape. Our strength coach came in 10 days before me. He started working him and by the time I worked with him, we were sparring 12 rounds in the mitts,” he added.

“Pacquiao wasn't even breathing heavy. His condition is terrific right now.”

Roach also allayed fears the Filipino could peak too soon.

“That's why I want him to come to Hong Kong. We weren't going to come because the fight is more important. But the thing is that we are way ahead of schedule,” he said.

Roach had no words of comfort for Pacquiao's sparring partners, however.

“We still have three hard weeks of work in front of us. With three good sparring partners, it's working out well. I have one more sparring partner coming over as a reserve, but I will use him as well.” —Reuters