

## President U Thein Sein's radio message to be broadcast on 5 and 6 Nov

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Nov — A radio message by U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, will be broadcast on radio on 5 and 6 November. Myanmar Radio, Mandalay FM, Pyinsawady FM, Padamya FM, Shwe FM, Cherry FM, FM Bagan and Thazin Radio will broadcast the message at 7 am, 11 am, 6 pm and 8 pm.

The full text of the message will be published in the dailies to be published on 5 November.—MNA

## President U Thein Sein receives President and CEO of World Wildlife Fund



NAY PYI TAW, 3 Nov — U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, received a delegation led by President and CEO of World Wildlife Fund Mr Carter

Roberts from Washington, the United States of America, on Monday at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw.

Their meeting focused on technical cooperation

for natural environment conservation, sharing experience of environmental conversation and giving lectures on environment conversation at Myanmar's basic education

schools and universities. Also present on the occasion were Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Soe Thane, U Win Tun, U Thant Htay and departmental officials.—MNA

**President U Thein Sein poses for photo together with wildlife delegation led by Mr Carter Roberts, President and CEO of World Wildlife Fund.—MNA**

## Bayintnaung Bridge No. 2 opens to traffic

YANGON, 3 Nov — Bayintnaung Bridge No. 2 spanning the Hline River in western outskirts of Yangon has opened to traffic as a trial run on Monday, easing the traffic congestion between Hlinethaya and Mayangon townships.

The bridge which is located about 200 ft upstream of the Bayintnaung Bridge No. 1 will be officially inaugurated soon, according to the Yangon City Development Committee.

The main span of the bridge is more than 1,620 ft long and the bridge has 4,140 ft in length in total including its two approached bridges.

The two bridges : Bayintnaung Bridge No. 1 and No.2 will be used separately for 'up' and 'down' to solve the traffic congestion which make the traffic to crawl nearly one hour along the road during rush hours.

The work on construction of the Bayintnaung Bridge No. 2 started on 6 January, 2013 by the Public Works under the Ministry of Construction.

By Saw Thein Win

**People enjoy smooth traffic as Bayintnaung Bridge No. 2 opens to traffic.**

PHOTO: SAW THEIN WIN



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### Public notice

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Nov — During the ASEAN Summit, such security measures as scrutinizing, asking and searching will be taken as a security duty for the sake of security, stability and law enforcement.

In this regard, people are requested to bring along National Scrutiny Card or the respective countries citizen cards, civil service cards or movement orders, other firm documents, and vehicles licenses with them without fail. The people are also requested to take the security measures conducted by officials willingly and make cooperation with them.—MNA

By Saw Thein Win



# 14<sup>th</sup> Myanmar-China Border Trade Fair from 11 to 13 Dec

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Nov — In accord with the agreement on border region management and cooperation signed between Myanmar and China in 1997, the 14<sup>th</sup> Myanmar-China Border Trade Fair will be held from 11 to 13 December this year in Muse in northern Shan State. During these days, the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of China-Myanmar Border Trade Coordination Committee will be held, sources said.

The fair will showcase 224 booths – 140 booths from China, 4 from neighbouring countries and 80 from Myanmar. Government Departments and entrepreneurs who wish to display their products at the fair may contact International Trade Promotion Division of Trade Promotion Department at phone number 067 408239, Fax number: 067 408256 and

Email: [moctradefair@gmail.com](mailto:moctradefair@gmail.com); Myanmar Trade Centre (Yangon) at phone number 01-254024, Fax number: 01 254023 and Email: [tradecentre.myanmar@gmail.com](mailto:tradecentre.myanmar@gmail.com) and [itpic.moc@gmail.com](mailto:itpic.moc@gmail.com). Associations and companies may contact phone numbers 082 50648, 082 55103 and 01 214 344 to 214347.

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*Picture taken on 9 Dec, 2012 shows a scene of the 12<sup>th</sup> Myanmar-China Border Trade Fair opening ceremony in Muse, Myanmar. The three-day 12<sup>th</sup> Myanmar-China Border Trade Fair opened in Myanmar's Muse 105<sup>th</sup> Mile Border Trade Zone in Northern Shan State.*

(XINHUA/ZHANG YUNFEI)



## MMCWA donates sewing machines



NAY PYI TAW, 3 Nov — Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association donated sewing machines to Zabuthiri Township Maternal and Child Welfare Committee on Monday for conducting sewing course. Secretary Daw Thazin Nwe of MMCWA also provided teaching aids for the trainees.

Altogether 20 trainees are taking the course which will be conducted from 3 November to 18 December.

Ko Ko Yupa

## Yaw Scholarship Committee to provide assistance to outstanding students

MANDALAY, 3 Nov — Yaw Scholarship Committee members met on Saturday at Memory hotel in Mandalay to discuss matters on providing assistance to outstanding students of Yaw region.

Yaw region is located in Magway Region in central Myanmar and covers Gangaw, Kyaukhtu, Htilin, Saw, and Pale Townships. At the meeting, 2-member of Mandalay City Development Committee and who is also the chairman of the scholarship committee U Khin Maung Tint explained the scholarship programme and setting the fund.



Retired rector U Yin Win Maung also presented inviting supplications, advertising in the dailies and collecting outstanding students. —Tin Maung (Mdy)

*Generosity towards orphans: Family of IEM company fed a day meal to 260 orphans residing at Pylonchantha Orphanage in Mandalay on Sunday. Wellwisher U Win Htay and family also donated 9 sets of dinning table for the children.*

TIN MAUNG (MDY)



## Naypugon village in central Myanmar gets new road

WUNDWIN (CENTRAL MYANMAR), 3 Nov — With the sponsorship of U Tun Kyi of Mya Thazin Garment Industry and contribution of local villagers, 3 miles and two furlongs long Naypugon-Einthan section of Ganga road was built. The inauguration ceremony was held on Saturday in Naypugon model village in Wundwin Township, Meiktila District, Mandalay Region in central Myanmar. As rural de-

velopment depends much on smooth transportation, emerging of such a new roads will surely contribute to locals. To build the road, locals had to contribute cash and labours, and some donated their lands. It took nearly ten years to complete the road.

At the ceremony officials presented certificates of honour to those who contributed their cash, labours and lands.

Chan Thar (Meiktila)



# Vice President observes First Asian Chinlone Challenge Cup

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Nov—Vice President U Nyan Tun attended the opening ceremony of the First Asian Chinlone Challenge Cup held at the Wunna Theikdi Stadium here Monday.

U Tint San, Union Minister for Sports and President of Myanmar National Sports Committee, delivered an opening speech.

U Soe Naing, Chairman of Asia Chinlone Federation and Myanmar Chinlone Federation, opened the competition before congratulating on holding the event.

U Nyan Tun greeted the members, managers and coaches of Asian chinlone teams.

Later, the players of MCF demonstrated their chinlone skills.

Mr. Pedro from Brazil performed chinlone techniques by using a football, followed by Su Su Hlaing from MCF presented both her single and group chinlone skills.

On the first day of competition, the men and women teams from Myanmar, Cambodia and Thailand, as well as the men team of Brazil.

The teams from Myanmar, Malaysia, Brazil, Cambodia, South Korea, Thailand, India and Japan will compete in the four categories of the event up to 5 November.—MNA

*Vice President U Nyan Tun presents gift to a coach after opening ceremony of First Asian Chinlone Challenge Cup.—MNA*



## Thura U Shwe Mann receives Japanese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Nov — Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received a Japanese delegation led by Chairman Mr Takeshi Kunibe of Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC) on Monday. Also present were Pyithu Hluttaw Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission members U Khin Maung Tun and Daw Aye Aye Mu and officials of Pyithu Hluttaw Office.—MNA

## Certificate Course in Basic Diplomatic Skills opens

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Nov — The inauguration ceremony of the Certificate Course in Basic Diplomatic Skills No. 34/2014 conducted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was held at Wunzinmiyarzar Hall of the ministry on Monday with an opening address delivered by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Thant Kyaw. Also present on the occasion

were Director Generals and responsible officials of the Departments under the ministry, retired Myanmar Ambassadors, senior diplomats, professors and instructors as well as trainees. The 12-week course includes contemporary international affairs, holding and attending of international conferences, negotiation skills, international law, international econom-

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Nov —Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa received Spokesman Mr M J Akbar of Bharatiya Janata Party from India in the building of Hluttaw complex on Monday. Their meeting focused on promoting friendship between the two countries and cooperation between the two parliaments.

Also present were Chairman of Phithu Hluttaw Bill Committee U T Khun Myat and office of the Pyithu Hluttaw Office.

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ic relations, international etiquette, diplomatic and official correspondence and communication skills.

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## Deputy Speaker discusses promoting friendship with Indian guests



*Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa holds talks with Spokesman Mr M J Akbar of Bharatiya Janata Party from India.—MNA*

## Union minister inspect Saemaul Undong Project implemented in villages in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Nov — Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing received Belgium Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Marc Michielsen at the meeting hall of the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw on Monday.

The union minister and the ambassador held discussions on exchange of technologies between experts and entrepreneurs of the two countries and cooperation in investment.

The union minister, together with Ambassador of Israel to Myanmar Mr Daniel Zonshine and Executive Director Mr Nam Kwon Hyung of the KOICA, inspected the implementation of Saemaul Undong Project in villages in Yan Aung Myin village tract in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on Sunday.

The project is being implemented in four villages in Dakhina Thiri

Township in Nay Pyi Taw.

Local people in all four villages warmly welcomed the union minister, the ambassador and the executive director on their inspection tour.

After completion of the project, local people in the villages will be able to enjoy social, health, education, transportation and economic benefits, according to the executive director of the KOICA.

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*An opening ceremony of Certificate Course No. 34/2014 on Basic Diplomatic Skills in progress.—MNA*



## Peace for children edutainment programme to be held on UNCRC day in Yangon

YANGON, 3 Nov—The Myanmar Child Rights Development Network (MCRDN) will organize its peace for children edutainment programme on 20 November to mark the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Child (UNCRC day) at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Road in Yangon, source said.

Arkar Soe Naung, a project director of the MCRDN, said the main aim of the programme is to convey a message for peace and children to various stakeholders in the country, believing the programme may help stop all forms of conflicts across the country.

More than 200 children who are under care of the network will participate in the event, according to U Nan Win, a famous Myanmar's traditional artiste, who is now conducting training for his fellow artistes who will

participate in the event.

Arkar Soe Naung said that the network has discussed the matter with three broadcast media—MRTV, MRTV-4 and Sky Net—to broadcast live or delay programme.

The Myanmar Child Rights Development Network was established in

By Khaing Thanda Lwin

2012 with 12 member organizations to protect child rights and provide necessary assistance to the children from needy families. Now, the network manages connections among 36 local organizations and is taking care of after about

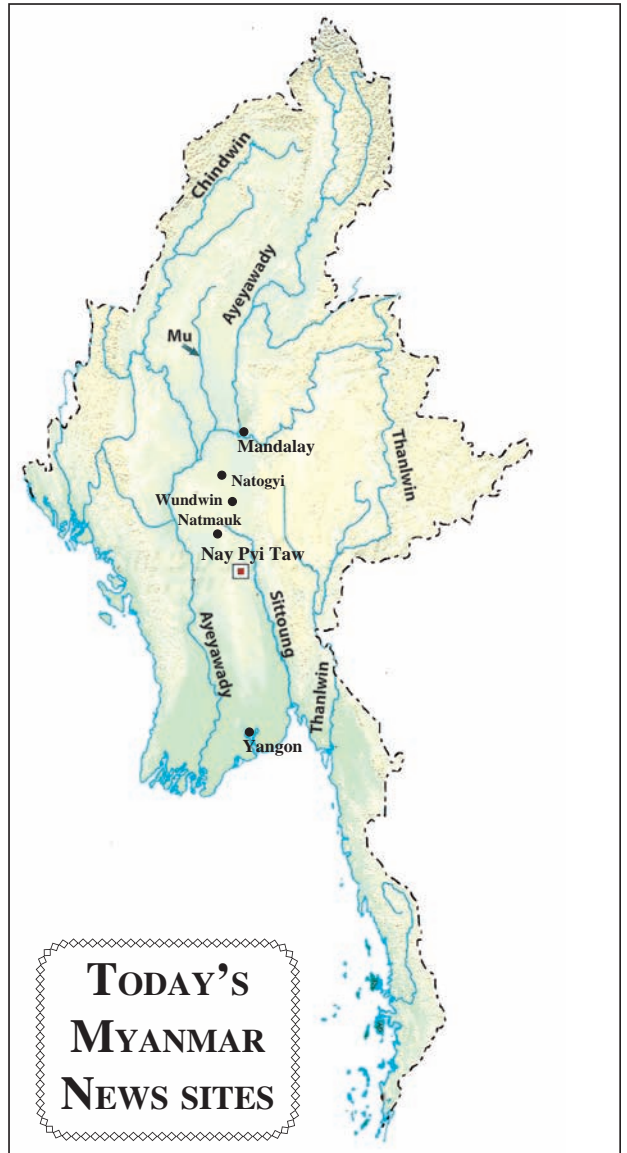
3,000 children.

He said that the network has future plan to start its pilot projects to be launched in child centres in 27 sub-urban townships to promote community-based child development programmes.—GNLM



Myanmar Child Rights Development Network discusses future plan to implement its peace for children edutainment programme in November.

PHOTO: KHAING THANDA LWIN



## Myothit Home for the Aged needs renovation

NATMAUK, 3 Nov — Yadanartheingon Home for the Aged in Myothit, Magway Region in central Myanmar was founded on 7 April 1992.

The home accommodates 8 aged people and is urgently needed to renovate. Under the aegis of

Presiding Sayadaw of Yadanartheingon Monastery, locals and wellwishers are taking care of the aged. Last month, Myothit Town Commissioner U Thein Zaw and wife Daw Khin Moh Moh Tun showed their benevolent attitude towards the home by do-

nating K 30,000 plus meals for the aged.

They also promised that on every Wednesday health care will be provided to the aged people with the help of Township Health Officer. Magway District Commissioner U Nay Myo Aung and wife Daw Khin

Thida often frequented the home and Family of parliamentarian U Myint Thu monthly makes donation for the home. Those wish to make donation for the home may contact U Htin Linn Kyaw at phone number 09 401561394.

Hla Win (IPRD)

## More tourists visit Mandalay, more accommodation needed



MANDALAY, 3 Nov — The number of tourists visiting Mandalay increased than previous year, sources said. They arrived in the

second capital by plane as well as by waterway. Up to September last year, 45925 tourists visited Mandalay and the number for the same period this year stood at 59027, rise by 29 percent.

Among the tourists, Chinese topped the list with the number 23000 (39%), 13900 Thais (23%), 3144 French (5.52%), 2060 Germans (3.49%) and 2300 Americans (3.9%).

Although increase in the number of tourists in the city, there is only 131 hotels for the guests. It is urgently needed to increase the number of hotel rooms as well as promote their service, a source said.

Thiha Ko Ko

## Central Myanmar News

### Fire station to be opened

NATOGYI, 3 Nov — Commander of Natogyi Fire Station U Maung Maung Htwe in Myingyan District in Central Myanmar said that Pyinsi Model village in the township got 2 fire engines as a branch of a fire station

was opened in the village. Mandalay Region Fire Services Department decided to open a fire station in the village and now it is arranging to build a building, assign firemen and dispatch fire engines.

Kinzarmonmyint

### Cotton yield rise

NATOGYI, 3 Nov — Ngwechi-6 strain cotton fetches K 750 per viss as the purchasing of cotton season starts, sources said. According to a private cotton businessman, the yield of the strain in this year will be more than previous year. Last year they fetched K 1000 to K 1300 per viss. It is estimated that although the

yield of Ngwechi-6 strain cotton may rise, the yield of Mahlaing 5/6 strain cotton will drop due to uncertain rain. According to an official of Industrial Crop Development Department, altogether 500 acres of land were put under Ngwechi-6 strain cotton and 15000 acres under Mahlaing 5/6 strain cotton.

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### DNPP Co. to lay tar on 20 miles long road in Natogyi Tsp

NATOGYI, 3 Nov — An engineer of DNPP company disclosed that the company will lay tar on 20-mile long Myotha-Natogyi road within five months. The 12-foot wide road was to put under tar under the arrangement of Rural Region Development Department. Lay-

ing of tar on the 20-mile long road will contribute to transportation of local people living in 30 villages. As 11 KV power grid was opened recently in the region and now planning to lay tar the region will see more progress, locals said.

Htay Myint Maung



## REGIONAL

## Malaysia, Brunei to enhance cooperation

KUALA LUMPUR, 3 Nov — Leaders of Malaysia and Brunei Darussalam expressed satisfaction on Monday with the progress in bilateral cooperations.

In a joint statement issued in conjunction with the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Leaders' Consultation held here, Malaysian Prime Minister Najib and the Sultan of Brunei Darussalam Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah welcomed the ongoing discussions to put into operation the provision of the Exchange of Letters relating to maritime access.

The statement stated that both leaders reaffirmed their commitment to maritime cooperation and urged the officials of both countries to continue discussions towards

increasing collaboration in the area with a view to having a memorandum of understanding in maritime cooperation.

The two leaders reiterated the importance of strengthening cooperation in the agriculture, information, technology, communication and taxation sectors.

Najib and Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah noted the steadfast cooperation and partnership between Malaysia's oil company Petronas and Brunei oil company Petroleum BRUNEI and welcomed the signing of the joint announcement by Petroleum BRUNEI and Petronas progressing their collaboration in Myanmar.

In the joint statement, the leaders recalled their

discussion at the last Annual Leaders' Consultation on matters relating to fishery cooperation between Malaysia and Brunei Darussalam, including traditional fishing grounds.

The leaders reiterated their commitment to enhancing economic cooperation between Brunei Darussalam and the Malaysia's states of Sabah and Sarawak.

They encouraged the private sectors of both countries to further collaborate in accelerating bilateral trade and investment cooperation to deepen economic integration of the region towards the realization of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) in 2015, the statement said.—Xinhua



*The image of an ancient Chinese style house is reflected in a glass-made architecture in the media centre for the 2014 APEC Economic Leaders' Week at Yanqi Lake in Huairou District of Beijing, China on 3 Nov, 2014. The Chinese-style media centre at Yanqi Lake is one of the two media centres set up for the upcoming Apec leaders' week, offering all-round services to media organizations.—XINHUA*

## China successfully develops drone defence system

BEIJING, 3 Nov — China has successfully tested a self-developed laser defence system against small-scale low-altitude drones, state media said on Sunday.

The laser defence system is capable of shooting down small aircraft within a two-km (1.2-mile) radius and can do so within five seconds of locating its target, the official Xinhua news agency said, quoting a statement by the China

Academy of Engineering Physics.

The academy is one of the drone defence system's co-developers, Xinhua said.

The reported development comes as concerns about the country's military preparedness are being raised in state media. A front page article in China's official military newspaper last month said that weaknesses in military training

posed a threat to the country's ability to fight and win a war.

The paper — the People's Liberation Army (PLA) Daily — said in the same report that China's military authorities had sent a document out to units detailing 40 weaknesses in current training methods.

President Xi Jinping has been pushing to strengthen the fighting ability of China's 2.3 million-strong armed forces as they project power across disputed waters in the East and South China Seas. China has developed stealth jets and has built one aircraft carrier.

The country's armed forces, the world's largest,

came under criticism earlier this year from serving and retired Chinese officers and state media, who questioned whether they were too corrupt to win a war.

According to Sunday's Xinhua story, the drone defence system is designed to destroy small-scale drones flying within an altitude of 500 metres and at speeds below 50 metres per second.

"Intercepting such drones is usually the work of snipers and helicopters, but their success rate is not as high and mistakes with accuracy can result in unwanted damage," Yi Jin-song, a manager involved with the project, was quoted as saying.

Reuters



*Students play on the Marina Barrage rooftop garden in Singapore, on 3 Nov, 2014. Singapore's 3-hour Pollution Standard Index (PSI) hit 116 on Monday.—XINHUA*

## Australian transport safety agency vows to continue search of missing Malaysian aircraft

CANBERRA, 3 Nov — Finding the missing Malaysian Airline flight MH370 and helping solve the mystery of its disappearance is the greatest challenge of Australian Transport Safety Board (ATSB), the government agency said in its annual report release on Monday.

The annual report details the ATSB's involvement as the lead organization in the search for missing aircraft that disappeared in March 2014.

"Just as importantly, though, we continue our work to improve safety through investigating aviation, maritime and rail incidents at home," ATSB Chief Commissioner Mar-

tin Dolan said.

Dolan noted that Australia's transport industries are some of the safest in the world but more can be done to improve safety.

Dolan said the safety concerns bring together the ATSB's investigation findings and analysis of the safety occurrence data reported by the aviation, maritime and rail industries.

"We are urging industry to give heightened attention to the risk areas identified by the ATSB," Dolan said.

"While we are seeing improvements in certain areas of transport safety, other risk areas remain a concern to the ATSB. We'll continue to closely monitor these

transport safety hotspots over the coming year."

One of the year's notable transport safety achievements was the nation-wide fit out of the bladder-type fuel tank on all Robinson R44 helicopters (in accordance with the manufacturer's directive). The bladder tank replaced the rigid aluminum fuel tank that was highly susceptible to post-impact fires.

The ATSB's growing concern about accidents caused by flying with reduced visual references, such as in cloud or at night, has led to that matter being included as a top transport safety risk area identified in the ATSB's safety pri-

orities.

"We've moved to address concerns about the increasing number of accidents caused by flying with reduced visual references," Dolan said.

"By highlighting these priorities to visual flight rules pilots, we aim to make them more aware of the risks and of what can be done to avoid what can be catastrophic mistakes while flying."

Three significant investigations into flying with reduced visual cues are included in the annual report, along with features on some of the 217 investigations conducted by the ATSB in 2013-14.

Xinhua



*Artists in traditional attire perform during the Kartik Naach festival in the ancient courtyard of Patan Durbar Square in Lalitpur, Nepal, on 2 Nov, 2014. Kartik Naach festival is held annually as storytelling through dance believed to be introduced in the 17<sup>th</sup> century.—XINHUA*



## Attacks in US, Canada underscore danger of home-grown terror

WASHINGTON, 3 Nov — A spate of recent terror attacks in the United States and Canada underscore the danger of so-called “lone wolf” terror attacks that appear to be on the rise in the West.

A gunman stormed Canada’s parliament in Ottawa on 22 October after killing an unarmed ceremonial guard outside the building and was later shot dead by security. The incident followed a recent attack whereby a man purposely rammed his car into two Canadian soldiers near Montreal, killing one of them.

Also this month four New York City police officers were attacked in broad daylight by a hatchet-wielding assailant. And last month a man in the US State of Oklahoma beheaded a coworker.

In all these cases, the attackers were allegedly recent converts to Islam. While information is still trickling out, the attacks appear to be acts of terror, highlighting the danger the West and North America are facing from “lone

wolves” with radical ideology.

From a law enforcement standpoint, “lone wolves” are nearly impossible to pre-empt. They do not belong to terror cells, which precludes the possibility of law enforcement infiltrating the groups or monitoring their movements. Attacks can usually be stopped only when they are already in progress, experts say.

Rather than taking orders from superiors, home-grown radicals are influenced by the hateful ideology spewed by terror groups including the al-Qaeda and the Islamic State (IS), the latter having in recent months overrun vast swaths of territory in Iraq and Syria.

In his book entitled “A Battle for the Soul of Islam,” author Zuhdi Jasser noted that several US-born Muslims or naturalized US citizens have plotted to attack the United States.

Other American radicals have travelled overseas to link up with groups such as the IS, part of a trend of Western nations’

citizens joining up with terror groups abroad. Jasser told *Xinhua* that it is Islamist supremacist ideology, rather than political events and grievances, that drives Islamist terrorism.

In a recent speech, US President Barack Obama said the White House aims to tackle the extremist ideology that has inspired so much violence, although some are skeptical over whether the US can have an impact.

Wayne White, former deputy director of the US State Department’s Middle East Intelligence Office, told *Xinhua* it would be difficult for Washington to battle the spread of such ideology, as the US is perceived by many in the Muslim world as a “Christian” country.

Moreover, the invasion of Iraq, US support for Israel and ongoing drone strikes in Muslim countries are widely unpopular in the Islamic world.

“Washington’s ability to address the overarching issue of Islamic radicalism is extremely limited,” White said.—*Xinhua*

## Mexico charges seven soldiers in deaths of suspected gang members

MEXICO CITY, 3 Nov — Mexico has charged three soldiers with murder and four with dereliction of duty over the deaths of 22 suspected gang members who died in an army confrontation in June, prosecutors said on Sunday.

Prosecutors had initially accepted the army’s account that the suspected gang members had died in a 30 June shootout with the soldiers. But that changed after journalists interviewed an alleged witness, who said the victims had surrendered and were then shot.

The incident took place in Tlatlaya on the southern fringes of the State of Mexico, which borders Guerrero and Michoacan, states plagued by gang violence.

In September, Mexico’s Attorney General Jesus Murillo said three army soldiers had been accused of homicide over the Tlatlaya incident. Murillo said the three soldiers were part of a group of eight held. Prosecutors announced on Sunday that three soldiers — Fernando Quintero, Roberto Acevedo and Leobardo Hernandez — were charged in civilian court with the murder of eight of the alleged gang



Members of student associations and citizens hold candles and banners during a protest for the disappearance of the 43 students of the Normal Rural School, in the city of Tijuana, northeast Mexico, on 2 Nov, 2014. —XINHUA

members.

The other four soldiers were charged with dereliction of duty. It was not immediately clear why the eighth soldier was not charged. Under a series of recent judicial reforms, Mexico’s military can now face civilian charges when soldiers commit crimes against civilians.

The mass killing is one of a number of recent security issues that have upset Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto’s efforts to shift

attention onto his economic reforms and away from endemic gang violence that has claimed around 100,000 lives since 2007. On 26 September, 43 students were abducted from the southwestern state of Guerrero, and more than a month later, they remain missing, leading to mass protests across the country. Prosecutors say the students were abducted by corrupt police in cahoots with a local drug gang and city officials.—*Reuters*

## Army clears protesters, fires warning shots in Burkina Faso

OUAGADOUGOU, 3 Nov — Burkina Faso’s army cleared thousands of protesters from the capital and opened fire at state TV headquarters on Sunday, killing one person, as it sought to restore order following the resignation of President Blaise Compaore two days ago.

Compaore’s 27 years in charge of the landlocked former French colony ended abruptly on Friday after two days of mass protests aimed at thwarting his bid to change the constitution to extend his rule.

The army then selected Lieutenant Colonel Isaac Zida as transitional leader, overriding an earlier claim by the army chief of staff.

But on Sunday there were signs of discontent with the appointment as thousands gathered in the capital Ouagadougou to demand a return to civilian rule, in line with the West African country’s constitution.

Witnesses said prominent opposition leader Sa-

ran Sereme and an army general, along with a crowd of their supporters, headed to the RTB Television site on Sunday afternoon to declare themselves in charge of the transition but were thwarted by the army. Sereme denied this on local news website Burkina 24, saying she was brought to the station by force.

Gunshots rang out at the station and the channel was taken off the air for several hours. One person in the crowd was killed, an army spokesman said, calling for calm.

“The army does not want power. But the anarchy needs to stop. Any violation will be punished with the utmost energy,” said Auguste Barry, referring to the incident at the television station earlier in the day.

Shortly afterwards, presidential guards moved in to prevent access to Ouagadougou’s central Place de la Nation, the site of violent demonstrations against Compaore last week in



Gendarmes drive on a street after military fired in the air to disperse protesters at the state TV headquarters in Ouagadougou, capital of Burkina Faso on 2 Nov, 2014.—REUTERS

which three people were killed and the parliament set ablaze.

Earlier, local people voiced outrage over what they saw as an attempt by the army to hijack their uprising and criticized the role of Zida, a large bespectacled man little known out-

side military circles whose trademark is a red beret.

One citizen carried a placard saying “Zida = Judas” while another said “Zida — get out of here”.

“They are coming from Kossyam to enslave us,” said protester Sanou Eric, referring to the coun-

try’s presidential palace. “This is a coup d’etat. Zida has come out of nowhere.”

“I am here to stop the army from stealing our victory,” said another protester, Boubacar Sow.

The head of the United Nations Office for West Africa joined the United

States and the African Union in rejecting the army’s seizure of power but expressed cautious optimism about a return to civilian rule. Washington has also called for a power transfer to civilian authorities.

“We are hoping for a transition led by civilians in line with the constitution,” Mohammed Ibn Chambas said.

“He (Zida) said he will reflect and try to work with the UN, African Union and the Economic Community of West African States and to find an acceptable agreement which conforms to the constitution,” said Chambas, adding that sanctions were a possibility if there was no progress.

Under Burkina Faso’s constitution, the head of the National Assembly should take office if the president resigns, with a mandate to organize elections within 90 days. However the army has dissolved the legislature and suspended the constitution.

*Reuters*



## WORLD

# Islamic State says seizes second gas field in Syria



*A Canadian Armed Forces CF-18 Fighter jet arrives at the Canadian Air Task Force Flight Operations Area in Kuwait on 28 Oct, 2014 in this Canadian Forces handout photo received on 29 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS*

BEIRUT, 3 Nov — Islamic State fighters in Syria said on Monday they had taken control of a gas field in the central province of Homs, the second gas field seized in a week after battles with government forces.

The hardline Sunni Islamist group posted 18 photos on social media showing the Islamic State flag raised in the Jahar gas field as well as seized vehicles and weaponry, according to the SITE jihadist website monitoring service.

Reuters could not independently confirm the events due to security restrictions.

Islamic State fighters, who now hold up to a third of Syria as well as swathes of Iraq and have declared a 'Caliphate' on the territories they control, took the larger Sha'ar gas field on 30 October.

"So after the (Sha'ar)



*An explosion following an airstrike 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 2 Nov, 2014.—REUTERS*

company and the (positions) surrounding it became part of the land of the Caliphate, the soldiers advanced, conquering new areas, and all praise is due to Allah," Islamic State said in the message.

"Yesterday they tight-

ened control over Jahar village and the Mahr gas pumping company, and nearly nine (positions) supported by heavy weaponry such as tanks, armoured vehicles, and heavy machine guns of various calibres," it added.

The report said Islamic State had seized two tanks, seven four-wheel drive cars and several heavy machine guns.

A US-led coalition has conducted air strikes against Islamic State since September. The United States says it is not coordinating with Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's forces to combat

Iraq last month, Canada's defence minister said on Sunday.

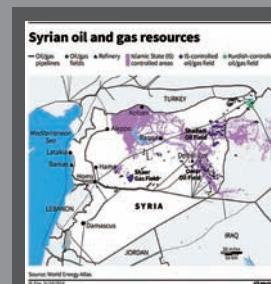
Two Canadian CF-18 jets attacked Islamic State targets with laser-guided bombs in the vicinity of Fallujah, Iraq in a four-hour mission before returning safely to base, Defence Minister Rob Nicholson said in a statement.

"Today's strike demonstrates our government's firm resolve to tackle the threat of terrorism and to stand with our allies," the statement said, adding more information will be provided during a media briefing on Tuesday.

Canada's Conservative government early last month announced Canadian fighter jets would take part in US-led air strikes against Islamic State militants operating in Iraq for up to six months.

The decision to join the campaign was followed last month by fatal attacks on two soldiers in Canada that police said were carried out independently by radical recent converts to Islam.

One Canadian soldier was shot on 22 October while 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,



*Map of Syria locating oil and gas infrastructure and oil or gas fields under Islamic State control. REUTERS*

killing one.

## US, allies conduct seven strikes on Islamic State in Iraq, Syria

WASHINGTON — US military forces staged seven air strikes on Islamic State targets in Syria on Saturday and Sunday and were joined by allies in two more attacks in Iraq, the US Central Command said.

In Syria, US attack, fighter and bomber aircraft again focused on the Kobani area with five strikes that hit five small Islamic State units. Two strikes southeast of Dayr Az Zawr also destroyed an Islamic State tank and vehicle shelters, Central Command said.

US and partner nations hit small Islamic State units near the Iraqi cities of Baiji and Fallujah. —Reuters

## Iraq says 322 tribe members killed, many bodies dumped in well

BAGHDAD, 3 Nov — Islamic State militants have killed 322 members of an Iraqi tribe in western Anbar Province, including dozens of women and children whose bodies were dumped in a well, the government said in the first official confirmation of the scale of the massacre.

The systematic killings, which one tribal leader said were continuing on Sunday, marked some of the worst bloodshed in Iraq since the Sunni militants swept through the north in June with the aim of establishing medieval caliphate there and in Syria.

The Albu Nimr, also Sunni, had put up fierce resistance against Islamic State for weeks but finally ran low on ammunition, food and fuel last week as Islamic State fighters closed in on their village Zauyat Albu

Nimr. "The number of people killed by Islamic State from Albu Nimr tribe is 322. The bodies of 50 women and children have also been discovered dumped in a well," the country's Human Rights Ministry said on Sunday.

One of the leaders of the tribe, Sheikh Naeem al-Ga'oud, told Reuters that he had repeatedly asked the central government and army to provide his men with arms but no action was taken.

State television said on Sunday that Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi had ordered airstrikes on Islamic State targets around the town of Hit in response to the killings. Officials at a government security operations command centre in Anbar and civilians reached by Reuters said they had not heard of or witnessed airstrikes. —Reuters

## Suspected suicide bomber kills 55 on Pakistani-Indian border

LAHORE, 3 Nov — At least 55 people were killed on Sunday when a suicide bomber blew himself up near the Pakistani-Indian border, police said, just after a daily ceremony when troops from both sides simultaneously lower the two nations' flags.

The Pakistani Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack, saying it was a response to the Pakistani army's actions against their positions in tribal areas straddling Pakistan's border with Afghanistan.

The suicide bombing took place in a car park on the Pakistani side at least 500 metres from the border with India. No Indian troops were hurt in the attack.

"I was sitting in my office near the border when I heard the blast. I rushed to the scene and saw scattered bodies, injured men, women and children and smashed cars," a Pakistani



*Pakistani relatives gather beside the covered bodies of victims who were killed in suicide bomb attack in Wagah border near Lahore on 2 Nov, 2014. —REUTERS*

intelligence source told Reuters.

Pakistani police said they were investigating the attack and a doctor said up to 118 people had been wounded.

"The death toll increased to 55," the provincial police chief in the Pakistani city of Lahore told Reuters.

Hundreds of people visit the Wagah border crossing near the Pakistani

city of Lahore every day to witness the flags of both countries being lowered just before sunset.

India and Pakistan have fought three wars and remain locked in a bitter conflict over the region of Kashmir, which both sides claim.

India accuses Pakistan of sponsoring jihadist groups in the region and encouraging them to make inroads into Indian territo-

ry to stage attacks against Indian forces, a charge Pakistan denies.

But the Taliban claim of responsibility suggested the suicide bombing had nothing to do with India.

"We claim the Lahore suicide attack," said a senior Pakistan Taliban commander, Gilamn Mehsud.

Ashok Kumar, inspector general of India's Border Security Force guarding Wagah, said the blast had taken place at around 6:15pm local time.

"Our side is safe. We are alert, have increased our security, we are in constant touch with district officials and state police," he said. Any explosion on the India-Pakistan border is far more serious than a similar event on the Pakistan-Afghanistan border, another Indian security official said. He said there had not been any major attack in Pakistani Punjab in recent months.

Reuters



## PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 4 November, 2014

## Check and balance on rule of Law

By Aung Khin

There is an old saying, 'For evil to triumph it is only necessary that good people do nothing.' Those who have abhorrence of misconducts are cautious about evil deeds or thoughts. They also hope the privilege of rule of law and fair judicial protection for a civilized society.

The principal role of judicial system is to ensure that the administrative sector or politicians do not exceed their powers and attempt ultra vires actions. Actually, rule of law is the best

protection for all at every strata. The lack of legal protection would be able to lead to the law of retaliation— an eye for an eye.

Maintaining rule of law is concerned with a common effort of authorities, citizens and judges. In a democracy governed by rule of law, government is too bound by the law, safeguarding protecting everyone's individual freedom which cannot pose threats to the society. The law is applied equally to everyone under the rule of rule.

The rule of law encompasses at least three ideas: the separation of powers, the protection of human rights, easy access to an independent judiciary. The opposite of rule of law has unspeakable suffering and danger to society. The countries with serious deficiency of rule of law have to encounter the most dangerous threats. Politicians steal state revenue with impunity. The government pays no salaries or they are mislaid. As a result, teachers ask parents for bribes. No police officer will take down a criminal complaint with-

out encourage in the form of cash. Journalists pay security agents to avoid arrest. Such corrupted actions undermine the rule of law.

Therefore, the rule of law should be maintained for the good of all people. In addition, a stable democracy governed by the rule of law creates the best climate for economic development. To ensure rule of law that counts in the end is the check and balance on all the administrative, executive and legislative powers.

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## Erosion of Traditions and cultural Values in Myanmar

Khaing Min Thant

People without a past are people without a future. People and culture cannot be separated because what makes any human society is its own culture. The word "culture" comes from a Latin word "colore" meaning to "practice or cherish". Culture is the identity or recognition of a national and it is the underlying distinguishing factor for who we are in the world. In fact, all the people across the world have various and divergent cultures which they cherish and practice. We as Myanmar people also have our own culture that we cherish and practice every day.

I am deeply concerned that our traditions and cultural values are being eroded especially in urban areas nowadays. Perhaps we have forgotten our roots, where we come from and have taken up in copying everything from western counterparts. Our youth are gradually losing their sense of identity and belonging because they compare themselves with people from western countries and take pride in it. Our music has been taken over by the likes of Shakira or other foreign artists and people have injected their own international flavor into music. Youngsters want to dress, talk and even act like those from the west forgetting the fact that the youths from those foreign countries have different traditions and cultural values

which might not be cohesive with our own culture.

I understand that changes are inevitable and not all the changes are negative. But we must carefully think of the impacts it will have on our culture. If our dress styles are being spoiled, then our culture will be degraded. If the spelling and writing are spoiled, then the grammar of our language will be worsened. Since the culture is often spoiled and eroded by the impact of globalization, internet, mass media and other cultural influences, it is our duty to safeguard, preserve and promote our culture.

Today youths think that our culture and traditions are outdated. They think our culture hold back progress in building a modernized nation therefore we should completely forget about them and adopt new ways of life. But you have to think of yourself "If you forget about your own culture and adopt a new way of life, think of the consequences of your action. Imagine a country without a culture! Without culture, you and your people are as good as extinct, erased from the surface of the earth. It will be an existence without dignity or recognition. The only way to wipe out a national from the face of the earth is to take away their culture.

So what can we do to protect our culture? Let us

find out ways and means to safeguard, preserve and promote our traditions and cultural values. It must be clearly understood that today people must put efforts to study and understand our own culture properly and I strongly urge our nation leaders to help in its renaissance and preservation. Furthermore, we should add our traditions and culture into national curriculum and urge the youths to preserve their cultural identity. Perhaps most importantly, we

should build more arts theatres and museums and they must be promoted because they are the only place you can find historical facts and they could serve as a first point of call for any historical information.

Media also plays an extremely important role in preserving our culture. TV programs like "Traditions must not be forgotten" (ဇာတိဇာနည်မမေ့သော) "is a good example and these kind of similar programs should be encouraged and

developed further to educate people why preserving our culture is necessary. Furthermore, celebrities should be very careful especially in clothing and they must try to be an example for our youths and guide them to change their attitude towards traditions and culture. These are just a few examples of how we could preserve and promote our culture and I am sure there are many other ways left to be mentioned.

Our culture will be lost if they are forgotten and not passed on. It is about time we harnessed our rich traditions and culture of Myanmar. The future of this nation lies in the hands of our children. They are our future and they must carry our identity. Therefore, it is an ultimate responsibility for all of us including all the parents in Myanmar to guide our children to safeguard, preserve and promote our culture.

The author got a bachelor degree in English and currently working as Head fo School for "Future Light English Language Centre". He also works as a freelance English teacher and translator.

## Nay Pyi Taw Spring resort crowded with visitors

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Nov – It is time to visit Nay Pyi Taw Spring Resort as officials opened the resort on Sunday. At the opening ceremony locals entertained the visitors with tra-

ditional dances. The spring is located on Nay Pyi Taw-Pinlaung road near Taungkya village, Pinlaung Township, Taunggyi District in Shan State and from mile post number 24/4 of

the road, one can reach the resort after taking a one mile and 6 furlongs long road. The resort was opened in April 2010. As the resort is located 1508 feet above sea level one can

enjoy the scenic natural beauties of the surrounding areas. Visitors can enjoy hot and cold water of the spring as well as traditional foods and buy herbal medicines.—GNLM





## NATIONAL



## Vice President U Nyan Tun receives Chairman and CEO of Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Nov  
— Vice President U Nyan

**Vice President  
U Nyan Tun welcomes  
Mr Takeshi Kunibe  
of Sumitomo Mitsui  
Banking Corporation.**

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Tun received a Japanese delegation led by Chairman and CEO Mr Takeshi Kunibe of Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace on Monday.

The two sides discussed matters relating to prospects in cooperation with local banks for the

development of Myanmar banking services, human resource development programmes in banking service and making financial investment in major economic projects.

Also present were deputy ministers and Vice Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar.

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### (The unofficial translation) Press Release

1. In the excerpt and context of the 30-page interview of Ant Khaung Min carried by No. 22, Volume-3 of the Myanmar Herald Journal issued on 9-8-2014, it was stated that the President is the head of the State but his words were gibberish, irrational, cheap and inconsistent, and that in my sense all his words were completely nonsensical, absurd and insane. In an article of the journal also, it was stated that they were totally unclear who imparted such ludicrous ideas to the President in order to adopt poor policy and lead the government. Such expressions have severely tarnished and harmed the image of the President. In that regard, the journal concerned has been informed through the Myanmar Press Council (Interim) to give an explanation for the irresponsible expressions in accordance with the ethics of press.
2. The Myanmar Press Council (Interim) had made coordination with the Myanmar Herald Journal, suggesting the latter to make an apology two times in the State-owned newspapers as well as in the journal for the accusations that jeopardized the image of the President.
3. The Disputes and Complaints Resolution Committee of the Myanmar Press Council (Interim) coordinated the matter with the journal which insisted that it will make an apology only one time and sent the attached letter of apology to be published. It was found that the time the letter of apology and expressions in the letter to be published are not only insufficient to wipe out or obliterate those expressions harming the image of the President caused by the journal but also further criticizing other dignitaries. Therefore, it is hereby disclosed that legal action will be taken against the Myanmar Herald Journal that has tarnished the image and rights of the President in accordance with the law.

Ministry of Information

## Myanmar military delegation visits Stalin's Line

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Nov  
— Myanmar military delegation led by Commander in Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, together with Deputy Chief of General Staff Major General Gold Igor, visited Stalin's Line, a historic line of fortifications in the World War II, in Minsk, Belarus, on Sunday.

The senior general and party were welcomed by Director Col Aledsander Melta (retired), who later briefed the senior general and the party on the fortification complex.

The over 1,200 kilometer-long historic fortification line stretched from Karelain Isthmus in the north to the south and covered 23 defence areas with over 4,000 defence posts.



Myanmar military delegation with Russian officers at Stalin's Line.

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Four of the defence areas with 966 bunkers are now in Belarus. The defence line has been conserved as a historical heritage for the posterity.

Then, the senior general and party viewed round the defence posts.

Afterwards, the senior

general and party continued to the Museum of the History of the Great Patriotic War, where they were greeted by Deputy Director Mr Vycheslax.

The museum displays Nazi invasion of Russia during the Second World War, battles between Nazis

and Russian troops, uniforms, weapons, vehicles, planes used by both sides, death of Russian people and troops, tortures suffered by the people by Nazis and activities of Russian patriots. Then, the senior general and party posed for a documentary photo.—Myawady

## Myanmar sees trade deficit of USD 658.04 million in September

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Nov  
— Myanmar's normal exports in September 2014-2015 were valued at USD 653.27 million and border trade export at USD 429.60 million and total exports valued at USD 1082.87 million. In the same period,

normal imports were valued at USD 1523.57 million and border trade import at USD 217.34 million and total imports were valued at USD 1740.91 million. Thus, the trade deficit for September 2014-2015 was USD 658.04 million.

From April to September 2014-2015, nor-

mal exports were valued at USD 3745.82 million and border trade exports at USD 2045.45 million and total exports were valued at USD 5791.27 million. In the same period, normal imports were valued at USD 7172.13 million, border trade import at

USD 1073.44 million and total imports were valued at USD 8245.57 million. Thus, the trade deficit for the period from April to September 2014-2015 was USD 2454.30 million, according to Central Statistical Organization Office.

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## Over 350 artists to participate in U Thu Kha Memorial 2014 Exhibition

By Aye MinSoe

YANGON, 3 Nov — The Sayagyi U Thu Kha Foundation will stage a fund raising exhibition to mark the memorial of late art master U Thu Kha from 9 to 23 November at the New Treasure Art Gallery in Yangon.

More than 350 artists will participate in the 10<sup>th</sup> U Thu Kha Memorial Artexhibitions showcasing each

of their works as a tribute to their late art master who died in 2007 at the age of 89.

"Artists donated 20 to 30 per cent of the cash they got from selling their arts works at the exhibition and some artists donated 100 per cent to the funds of the foundation in previous exhibitions," said U Min Wai Aung, a well-known Myanmar artist and owner of the New Treasure Art

Gallery. The Great Artist U Thu Kha Funds of the foundation is aimed at providing cash assistance for the social welfare of the families of artists across the country, he added.

The foundation sets to ward K150,000 for one distinction in the matriculation examination when a child of an artist wins in the exam, to provide K50,000 to an artist who contacts the foundation for medical

care and K150,000 to an artist who gets injuries in an accident.

To be entitled for getting assistance from the foundation, artists should have exhibited works at least in a group show or should have completed a school of fine arts, U Min Wai Aung said.

There are around 4,000 artists in Myanmar.

There is more than K20 million in the funds. The New Treasure Art Gallery is at No. 84/A, Thanlwin Street, Golden Valley in Bahan Township.—GNLM



Invitation to U Thu Kha Memorial 10<sup>th</sup> Art Exhibition: Photo supplied by the New Treasure Art Gallery.



## Cheaper tomorrow? Bank of Japan battles entrenched 'deflation mindset'

TOKYO, 3 Nov — Bank of Japan Governor Haruhiko Kuroda does not need to convince Japanese people like Kazue Shibata that deflation brings problems, but getting them to believe that higher prices will make things better is proving to be a harder sell.

Shibata, 65, who runs a small dress shop in central Tokyo, worries the BOJ's mission to hit a 2-percent inflation target could end up driving business away unless people also have more money in their pockets.

"If prices rise, people might not buy as much," she said, echoing a concern of many private-sector economists.

On Friday, Kuroda's BOJ doubled down on a high-stakes bet that the central bank can shake Japan's consumers from a defensive set of expectations hardened by a decade and a half of falling prices, lower incomes and stop-and-go growth.

"It's important for the BOJ to strongly commit to achieving its price target to

get that price target firmly embedded in people's mindset," Kuroda said at a news conference on Friday, after the BOJ stunned markets with an unexpected expansion of its monetary stimulus programme.

"It won't do much good in trying to shake off the public's deflation mindset if you just say inflation will reach 2 percent some day," Kuroda said.

At the core of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's "Abenomics" agenda is the assumption that the outlook for sustained inflation will prompt consumers to anticipate rising prices, and that consumption will rise as a result.

That represents a sea change for a country used to deflation, where clinging to cash today meant greater buying power tomorrow, a set of expectations that has proven hard to shake a year-and-a-half into an unprecedented easing by the BOJ.

Japan's economy, which has been hit by four recessions since 2000, is



**Bank of Japan (BOJ) Governor Haruhiko Kuroda points to a placard showing BOJ policy decisions during a news conference at the BOJ headquarters in Tokyo on 31 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS**

now on track to grow just 0.5 percent in the year to March, according to a revised projection by the central bank.

Shibata, who has run a shop in Tokyo's Higashi Azabu neighbourhood offering ready-to-wear attire and custom-made items for about three decades, has seen the pain from that kind of slow growth — and falling prices — on her business.

"The prices people were willing to pay for order-made clothes fell, until

they were almost the same as ready-to-wear," said Shibata, sitting in a cushioned chair next to her sewing machine. In announcing its programme of expanded asset purchases, the BOJ stuck with projections that it could hit Kuroda's 2-percent inflation in the fiscal year beginning next April.

But Japan's annual core consumer inflation slowed for a second straight month in September, adding to scepticism among economists that goal is within reach.

Moreover, the *UTokyo* Daily Price Index, a gauge maintained by economists at the University of Tokyo that tracks point-of-sales data for as many as 200,000 food items and daily necessities, has trended downwards after a spike in spring linked to a hike in the sales tax. That means that the falling prices people see every day reinforce the kind of "deflation mindset" that Kuroda hopes to break.

Kaoru Sakai, 65, who runs a hair salon in Tokyo's Nakano district, did not raise prices even after the national sales tax was raised to 8 percent to 5 percent in April, worried the sticker shock could scare away business.

"The fact is that people don't feel confident about the future," Sakai said. "Our society and economy has tilted people towards lower-end options. For example, it's like people choosing to eat at fast-food places, or standing-only soba shops even when they could, realistically, eat at proper restaurants."

Unless Japanese people see real progress in solving fundamental problems, such as lack of wage growth, a shrinking manufacturing base, and an unsustainable welfare system, many might prefer the problem they know to the one Kuroda hopes will replace it.

Classical economics would argue that consumers should welcome deflation, because it increases their purchasing power, an argument some consumers echo.

"Deflation reflects the underlying economy. Our population is decreasing, production is low and we're not seeing innovation. We are losing power compared with other countries," said Yohei Tanaka, 33, an accountant in Tokyo, who said his salary has not risen since Abe took office in December 2012. "I don't think this is the time to drive the economy to inflation. I don't think inflation is the end solution. Deflation, in a certain way, is good."

*Reuters*

## RBS to aid City of London police with training on financial crime — FT

LONDON, 3 Nov — State-backed Royal Bank of Scotland Plc has signed an agreement with the City of London Police to help them with free training and advice on financial crime in a deal to be announced on Monday, the *Financial Times* reported.

This move follows news last week that the bank set aside 400 million pounds to cover potential

finances for manipulating currency markets and warned further charges for past misconduct would continue to hit its profits.

The newspaper reported that officers insist any investigation into the bank will be kept separate from this new venture and that the bank's employees will not be involved in police operations.

The deal comes as big

banks are signalling that a settlement over alleged manipulation of the \$5.3 trillion-a-day foreign exchange market is near with regulators in both the United Kingdom and the United States.

Representatives at RBS and City of London police were not immediately available for comment.

*Reuters*



**A logo of the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) is reflected in the window of a branch office in London on 1 Nov, 2013.—REUTERS**

## Breastfeeding event held in Greece to celebrate World Breastfeeding Week

ATHENS, 3 Nov — Breastfeeding in public has been a taboo for many years in Greece, but now that changes.

In celebration of World Breastfeeding week, more than 50 cities in Greece participated on Sunday in a synchronized breastfeeding initiative aimed to raise awareness to young mothers and Greek society.

In Athens, more than 600 mothers gathered at Zappeion Megaron Hall and breastfed their little ones sharing this sensitive moment with the public.

"Breastfeeding is a life shield," Roula Lava, mother of a 6-month-old boy and an advocate of breastfeeding, told *Xinhua* highlighting the benefits.

Numerous studies document the benefits of breastfeeding not only for the baby, but for the mother as well. Breastfeeding is tied to better thinking and memory skills for the children.

Recent study has shown that infants who are breastfed for 12 months have a 50 percent lower risk to diabetes, while they have 10 times less possibilities to



be hospitalized during the first year of their life. Mothers, who breastfeed, reduce the risk of breast cancer or endometrial cancer, and osteoporosis.

Above all, though, breastfeeding creates a strong bond between mother and child, helping to create a harmonious relationship between them, shaping a healthy child's personality, as specialists affirm.

Breastfeeding levels in Greece remain low, even though the Greek state tries to promote breastfeeding practices. The Ministry of Health announced this week a number of measures for the promotion of breastfeeding, among which is to create special breastfeeding sites in public services and

workplaces.

"Breastfeeding is a human right, and its promotion is a very good investment for the Public Health," deputy Minister of Health Katerina Papakosta said.

According to the Health Ministry data, only 41 percent of new mothers in Greece breastfed their babies in the maternity hospital, while after the first six months that percentage dropped and by the end of the first year only a 6.4 percent continued breastfeeding.

World Breastfeeding Week is celebrated every year from 1 to 7 in August, but in Greece it is celebrated from 1- 7 November.

*Xinhua*



## SCIENCE &amp; TECHNOLOGY

## PLA stages live-fire drill in NE China



*The Chinese People's Liberation Army started a live-fire drill in northeast China, the largest in scale of the year, on 26 Oct, 2014. The military exercise code-named "Joint Action-2014E" is the last event of its kind in this year.—XINHUA*

## S Korea to join int'l Antarctic research base in New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 3 Nov — South Korea has joined a international Antarctic research base in Christchurch, the New Zealand's second city, Antarctica New Zealand institute announced on Monday.

The Korea Polar Research Institute (KOPRI) is to open a cooperation office at the International Antarctic Centre, where the New Zealand, the United States and Italian national Antarctic programmes were based, Antarctica New Zealand Chief Executive Peter Beggs said in a statement.

A cooperation agreement between the New Zealand and the South Korean national Antarctic programmes would be signed, adding greater value to the bilateral agreements signed in 2012 which facilitated the transit of personnel and equipment of the Korean Antarctic Programme through New Zealand for the construction of South Korea's Jang Bogo Station during 2013.

Both agreements promoted ongoing cooperation between the two countries on Antarctic policy issues, scientific research and

logistical activities.

"From today, all four international Antarctic programmes working in the Ross Sea region are co-located at one Antarctic hub in Christchurch. This means we can better support our operational activities through the joint movement of personnel and sharing of resources in the region," said Beggs.

The centre also housed the New Zealand Antarctic Research Institute (NZARI), which partnered with local and international research agencies to develop a global understanding

of Antarctica's impacts and vulnerability in a changing global climate.

"NZARI is looking forward to further enhancing New Zealand's collaborative research efforts in Antarctica with KOPRI over the coming seasons. We already have a solid foundation which includes joint plans for research this season, and today's cooperation agreement between Antarctica New Zealand and KOPRI expands this opportunity," NZARI director Gary Wilson said in the statement.

Xinhua

## China seeks pragmatic cooperation with Arctic countries

REYKJAVIK, 3 Nov — China is still exploring the best ways and areas to participate and play a constructive role in Arctic affairs, said a Chinese official here on Saturday.

Addressing a report session of the current Arctic Circle Assembly, Jia Guide, Deputy Director General of Department of Treaty and Law of the Chinese Foreign Ministry, said China's engagement in the Arctic is still in its early stage, and it is still exploring the best ways and areas to participate and play a constructive role in Arctic affairs.

Describing it as an ice-breaking journey, Jia said that China is ready to have pragmatic cooperation with Arctic countries.

Referring to China-Nordic Arctic cooperation, Jia said China's engagement in the Arctic is closely related to those of the Nordic countries.

In recent years, China-Nordic Arctic cooperation has advanced in a multi-level and wide-ranging manner, he said.

China has close communication and coordination with Nordic countries in the Arctic Council in terms of political cooperation, he said, noting frequent interactions and close

cooperation between the research institutes and experts of both sides have brought forth a number of important achievements in terms of scientific cooperation.

Recently, he said, China-Nordic Arctic cooperation is increasingly expanding from research areas to shipbuilding, shipping and resource development.

As a near Arctic state, he said China is affected in a major way by the natural changes, economic developments and social changes in the Arctic, as reflected in China's climate, ecological environment, agricultural production as well as social and economic development. Therefore, China has growing interest in Arctic affairs in recent years.

"With the accelerated melting of ice and snow in the Arctic," he said, China begins to pay attention to the potential profound impact that may be brought by opening Arctic shipping lanes and developing the Arctic. China is ready to further strengthen mutually beneficial cooperation with all Arctic countries in relevant fields, and contribute to tackling the trans-regional challenge in the Arctic and promoting sustainable development of the Arctic.

Xinhua

## Key function of crashed Virgin spacecraft deployed early: NTSB

MOJAVE, 3 Nov — The investigation into last week's deadly crash of the Virgin Galactic spaceship has found that the "feathering" function to help it descend into the atmosphere from space was deployed early, the National Transportation Safety Board said on Sunday.

SpaceShipTwo's rotating tail boom, a key safety feature for re-entering the atmosphere, inadvertently rotated early, said Christopher Hart, the acting chairman of the NTSB.

The federal agency is leading the investigation into what caused the spacecraft to crash in California's Mojave Desert during a test flight on Friday, killing one pilot and badly injuring the other.

Virgin Galactic is the fledgling space tourism company of billionaire entrepreneur Richard Branson.

Hart told a news conference late on Sunday investigators had determined the "feathering" system should have been deployed when the vehicle was traveling about 1.4 times the speed of sound. Instead, the feather began rotating when the vehicle was traveling at 1 Mach, he said.

The system, which folds the vehicle in half to create more atmospheric drag, was unlocked early by the co-pilot but a second command to move the feather handle into position was not sent, he said.

Investigators also recovered SpaceShipTwo's propellant tanks and engine intact, indicating there was no explosion.

"The engine burn was normal up until the extension of the feathers," Hart told reporters.

He emphasized that the NTSB was not saying the early deployment of

the ship's feather was the cause of the accident and stressed that the investigation was in its earliest stages.

"We have months and months of investigation," Hart said.

SpaceShipTwo was conducting test flights and was not yet certified for commercial operations when the crash occurred, delaying indefinitely the start of passenger service.

Branson and his son plan to fly on the first commercial flight. About 800 people already have paid or put down deposits for the ride, which costs \$250,000.

The two pilots involved were employees of Scaled Composites, a Northrop Grumman Corp subsidiary that designed and built the six-passenger, two-pilot craft for Virgin Galactic.

Michael Alsbury, 39,

has been identified as the co-pilot who died. Peter Siebold, the 43-year-old pilot riding in the right-hand seat, parachuted to the ground and was recovering at a nearby hospital,

Scaled Composites said in a statement.

Friday's crash was the second disaster in less than a week suffered by a private space company.

On Tuesday, an Antar-

es rocket built and launched by Orbital Sciences Corp exploded after liftoff from Wallops Island, Virginia, destroying a cargo ship bound for the International Space Station.—Reuters



*The Virgin Galactic hangar is seen at Mojave airport in Mojave, California on 1 Nov, 2014. — REUTERS*



## Greenhouse gas emissions need to be cut to zero by 2100

COPENHAGEN, 3 Nov — A UN panel on climate change said in a report on Sunday that the world needs to slash greenhouse gas emissions to around zero by the end of this century to stem serious adverse effects of global warming.

In the report revised for the first time in seven years following a meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change set the permissible level of

greenhouse gas emissions at 1 trillion tons, stating a limit for the first time.

To achieve the international goal of reducing global warming to 2 C or less compared with pre-industrial levels, the IPCC said greenhouse gas emissions need to be cut by 40 percent to 70 percent by 2050 compared with 2010 levels and brought near to zero or below by 2100.

“Continued emission of greenhouse gases will cause further warming and

long-lasting changes in all components of the climate system, increasing the likelihood of severe, pervasive and irreversible impacts for people and ecosystems,” the IPCC said.

For instance, Greenland’s ice sheets could melt over 1,000 years, leading sea levels to eventually rise by 7 metres if greenhouse gas emissions continue at their current pace, said the panel composed of representatives of participating countries

and experts.

The report calling for urgent measures to prevent such conditions is expected to have a strong impact on efforts to create the post-2020 global framework for curbing global warming.

The IPCC also highlighted the importance of increasing renewable energy use along with the extensive use of carbon dioxide capture and storage technologies when operating thermal power plants.

Kyodo News



United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon (C) speaks at a news conference in the Danish capital of Copenhagen on 2 Nov, 2014.—KYODO NEWS

## Vucic, Putin to discuss Serbia's debt for gas on Wednesday

BELGRADE, 3 Nov — Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic and President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin will talk on the phone on Wednesday about ways to solve the problems related to Serbia's debts for gas and exports to Russia of Fiat cars manufactured in Kragujevac, central Serbia, *Tanjug* has learnt at the prime minister's office.

Vucic said in the city Subotica, northern Serbia, on Sunday, that he and Putin would talk about the Serbian gas debt issue, stressing that there was no



Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic

gas crisis facing Serbia's people and enterprises.

The prime minister said he and Putin would discuss models of financing, methods of payment and deadlines for the payment of the Serbian debt, which nobody said was not there.

Serbia's Energy Min-

ister Aleksandar Antic said earlier that the gas deliveries to Serbia had been reduced by 28 percent over the previous few days, but stressed that Serbia's energy system was stable and that the country had enough gas.

Antic said that the reason for the drop in the gas supplies to Serbia was in the fact that Gazprom Export had curbed the supplies to all other countries along the Ukraine transit route, but also because of Serbia's debts totaling USD 224 million.

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Indian Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar (C) displays a tiger skin before authorities set fire to illegal wildlife parts at the Delhi Zoo in New Delhi, India, on 2 Nov, 2014. A stockpile of tiger skins, elephant tusks, rhino horns and other illegal animal parts were burned Sunday in an effort to discourage wildlife smuggling in South Asia.—XINHUA

## Scotland to become independent 'within 20 years', says defeated nationalist leader

LONDON, 3 Nov — Scotland will break away from the United Kingdom within 20 years, the defeated leader of the Scots nationalists predicted on Sunday, after a poll showed a majority of voters would back independence if another referendum were held today.

In September, 55 percent of Scots voted to reject independence in a historic referendum after Britain's three main UK-wide parties promised to grant greater devolution to Scotland in the event of a "No" vote.

But in a surprise poll on Saturday, 52 percent of those asked said they would now vote for a breakaway.

Disagreements over how much more power Scotland will get and over separate proposals to stop non-English lawmakers voting on matters that

concern England in the British parliament have clouded the referendum's aftermath, with the Scottish Nationalist Party (SNP) accusing other parties of backsliding.

Alex Salmond, the SNP's outgoing leader who unsuccessfully spearheaded the independence campaign, said on Sunday the desire for change was so strong, even among those who voted no, that independence was now inevitable.

Asked if he thought Scotland would become independent in the next 10 or 20 years, Salmond said "Yes".

"The destination is set. But the number of steps along the way and the exact timetable I think that's to be determined," he told BBC TV.

"It will actually be determined by the Scottish

people."

The SNP lost the referendum but has bounced back and its ratings remain high. A poll last Thursday showed 52 percent of voters planned to vote for the pro-independence party in a UK-wide election in May next year.

By contrast, the opposition Labour party, which campaigned against independence, faced a wipe-out in its traditional stronghold of Scotland, the same poll showed, raising doubts about the left-leaning party's ability to unseat Prime Minister David Cameron's Conservatives.

With the May 2015 election shaping up to be the closest in modern British political history and neither Cameron's Conservatives nor Labour currently looking like they can win an outright majority, the winner may need to

rely on support from other parties.

Salmond on Sunday ruled out a coalition with the Conservatives saying there was "no chance whatsoever" of such a tie-up. He said an alliance with Labour was "unlikely" but said circumstances could change.

Nicola Sturgeon, who will take over as SNP leader from Salmond, said widespread distrust of promises of greater Scottish devolution coupled with a desire for change were fuelling a continued appetite for full-blown independence.

"There is a very, very strong mood for change in Scotland," Sturgeon told Sky News.

"If you take the 45 percent of people who voted yes in September and add to that the many people who voted no but did so on the promise of significant

more powers for the Scottish parliament then what you have is a majority, arguably a very strong majority in Scotland for substantial change."

Sturgeon has hinted her party might push for another independence referendum as early as 2017 if a European Union membership referendum promised by Cameron takes place and results in a British EU exit.

Most Scots would like to remain inside the 28-nation bloc but Euroscepticism is on the rise in England where the anti-EU UK Independence Party (UKIP) won its first seat in parliament last month.

That sets the stage for a potential political and constitutional tussle if different parts of the United Kingdom vote in different ways in an EU membership referendum which could

reopen the Scottish question.

Given that less than two months have passed since Scots rejected independence by a 10 point margin after a lengthy campaign some of the SNP's opponents believe it is getting ahead of itself.

"Listening to the political debate in Scotland in recent weeks, it's as if the referendum result had turned out on a yes vote," Jim Murphy, a Labour lawmaker in the British parliament and a candidate to lead the party in Scotland, told BBC TV.

"It was a two-horse race. It wasn't even close, there were two million people and more that voted no in the referendum, and yet the horse that lost that two-horse race has spent the last six weeks parading round the winning enclosure."

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## British banker charged with murder of two women in Hong Kong

HONG KONG, 3 Nov — A 29-year-old British banker appeared in a Hong Kong court on Monday charged with two counts of murder after police found the bodies of two women in his apartment, including one inside a suitcase on a balcony.

A court document said Rurik George Caton Jutting worked for Bank of America Corp (BAC.N). The US bank said that it had, until recently, an employee with the same name, but it declined to give further details.

Looking stony-faced and unshaven and wearing a black T-shirt and dark-rimmed glasses, Jutting told the court he understood both charges. The brief hearing was adjourned until 10 November, without Jutting entering a plea.

Jutting was arrested in the early hours of Saturday at his apartment in Wan Chai, a central city district known for its vibrant night life.

The charge sheet identified the woman in the suitcase as Sumarti Ning-

sih and said she had been killed on 27 October. The second woman, who was not identified, was killed on 1 November, the document said. It did not say how they were killed.

Local media described the two victims as prostitutes and said both had neck injuries, adding one was nearly decapitated. One of the women was Indonesian, the *South China Morning Post* newspaper reported.

The grisly murders have shocked Hong Kong, a city with a low homicide rate.

One of the victims was found in the suitcase, the other lying inside the apartment with wounds to her neck and buttocks, police have said.

Jutting had called police and asked them to investigate the case, police have also said.

Martyn Richmond, Jutting's duty lawyer, said his client had been denied contact with the British consulate and access to a solicitor of his choice prior to being interviewed.



**Rurik Jutting (R), a 29-year-old British banker who has been charged with two counts of murder, sits in a police van as it arrives at a court in Hong Kong on 3 Nov, 2014.—REUTERS**

Jutting had done up to seven police interviews over many hours, Richmond added.

Police declined to comment on Richmond's accusations. The British consulate did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Britain's Foreign Office in London said on Saturday a British national had been arrested in Hong Kong, without specifying the nature of any suspected crime.

A LinkedIn account under Jutting's name said he had worked in structured equity finance and trading at Bank of America in Hong Kong since July 2013. Before that, he had worked in the same department but in London.

The profile also said Jutting had worked in structured capital markets at Barclays between June 2008 and July 2010 and had studied at Cambridge University.

A spokesman for Bar-

clays in Hong Kong said the bank was not immediately able to confirm if Jutting had worked for them.

According to people who were at Cambridge at the same time, Jutting attended Peterhouse, the oldest college, and was president of the Cambridge University History society. He was also a cross-country runner and a rower. Prior to Cambridge he went to Winchester College, one of Britain's most famous and oldest private schools.

His Facebook account showed pictures of Jutting including one with a young Asian woman. He was wearing a navy and white striped rugby shirt.

Jutting's most recent posts were on 31 October to articles titled "Money does buy Happiness" and "Is 29 the perfect age."

The apartment where the bodies were found is on the 31<sup>st</sup> floor of a building popular with financial professionals, where average rents are about HK\$30,000 (nearly \$4,000) a month.

"It's very shocking because we never expect-

ed something like this to happen in Hong Kong, especially in the same building that I'm living in," said banker Mina Liu.

Another woman who lives down the corridor from the flat where the bodies were found said she had seldom seen anyone come and go from the apartment. Residents were woken up in the early hours of Saturday to loud banging and scores of police.

Wan Chai has been a popular haunt for foreign navies on rest and recreation over the decades.

There were 14 homicides in Hong Kong, a city of seven million people, between January and June, down from 56 in the same period last year, according to government crime statistics.

In one of Hong Kong's most talked-about killings, the so-called "milkshake murder", a Merrill Lynch banker was clubbed to death in 2003 by his wife, who drugged him beforehand by serving him a milkshake full of sleeping pills.—Reuters



## Rome's Colosseum arena floor should be restored

ROME, 3 Nov — Italy's culture minister has backed a proposal to rebuild the floor of Rome's Colosseum, allowing visitors to stand in the arena where gladiators once fought.

**Faithful are seen in front of the Colosseum before Pope Francis leads a Via Crucis (Way of the Cross) procession during Good Friday celebrations in Rome on 18 April, 2014.**

REUTERS

In ancient times, a wooden floor covered with sand was built on top of tunnels through which animals, fighters or performers were brought into the arena. For more than a century, this underground structure has been exposed.

Italian archaeologist Daniele Manacorda suggested in July that a floor should be put back in the Colosseum.

Not only would tourists appreciate it, but the amphitheatre could again be used

to stage events, Manacorda wrote in the July issue of "Archeo" archaeological journal.

"I like (the idea) very much," Culture Minister Dario Franceschini wrote on Twitter on Sunday. "All is needed is a bit of courage." The Colosseum is currently undergoing a privately funded restoration, one of several projects in Italy meant to save its cultural landmarks from decay as money from the government dwindles.

Reuters





Lindsay Lohan

## Lindsay Lohan banned from promoting fashion app

LOS ANGELES, 3 Nov — Troubled actress Lindsay Lohan and her brother Michael Lohan Jr are not allowed to carry out activities related to their e-commerce app Vigme after a former business partner claimed that the siblings stole his idea to set a competing business.

The ex-partner Fima Potik filed a USD 60 million lawsuit on 30 October, claiming breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty and loyalty, misappropriation of trade secrets and unfair competition, reported Ace Showbiz. Manhattan Supreme Court Judge Saliann Scarpulla issued a temporary restraining order on 31 October, preventing the pair from launching, promoting or marketing their app.

Lohan's attorney Ravi Batra has commented on the temporary restraining order, saying that it only "preserves the status quo." The Lohans will file their own papers "backing up their claim that Fima is an inept plagiariser who fraudulently induced Lindsay, Mike and Chris to join him with [false] representations that he would have a product-recognizing app by June 2013 — an app he still hasn't created." He also said, "Fima's days of being a celebrity-leech are over." Lohan and Potik's legal battle started in 2013.

PTI

## Vin Diesel remembers Paul Walker at 'Furious 7' trailer launch



Vin Diesel &amp; Paul Walker

LOS ANGELES, 3 Nov — Actor Vin Diesel remembered his friend, actor Paul Walker as a 'special angel' at the trailer launch of 'Furious 7', Diesel, Michelle Rodriguez and other stars of the hit action movie series gathered at Universal Studios in Hollywood to debut the trailer for the seventh and last film in the franchise that Walker had filmed before his shocking death less than one year ago, reported E! online. Diesel called the late star "a special angel." Other stars who appeared onstage were Tyrese, who plays Roman Pearce, and Ludacris, who stars as Tej Parker, and Jordana Brewster, who plays Dom's sister Mia.

Dom is the leader of their street racing crew, which carries out heists. Jason Statham, who plays the new villain, was at the event as well. Cast member Dwayne Johnson, who reprises his role as Hobbs, was not present.

Walker died in a car accident on 30 Nov, 2013 at age 40. He was survived by a daughter. Before his death, he also shot the movie 'Brick Mansions', which was released this past April.—PTI

## Daniel Radcliffe wants to know Justin Bieber's secrets

LONDON, 3 Nov — 'Harry Potter' star Daniel Radcliffe wants to find out what Justin Bieber's secrets are. The 25-year-old actor plays Ig Perish, who can read other people's minds, in fantasy thriller 'Horns' and would love to use them on the 'Baby' hitmaker, reported Contactmusic.

When asked who he'd like to use Ig's power on, he said, "Maybe Justin Bieber. Just because you hear so much stuff about him that you are just like, 'I want to really know, I want to get to the bottom of this!' And with horns, I would be able to."

Meanwhile, Radcliffe recently revealed that his girlfriend Erin Darke is a big fan of the horns he wore in the movie. "She loves them. How could you not? They're glorious and I hope very attractive," he had said.

According to the actor, things are going great between the couple, who met in 2012.—PTI



Daniel Radcliffe



Singer Ed Sheeran performs during the 2014 iHeartRadio Music Festival in Las Vegas, Nevada on 20 Sept, 2014.

REUTERS

## Ed Sheeran tops UK singles chart after longest climb to top spot

LONDON, 3 Nov — Singer-songwriter Ed Sheeran has seized the top spot in Britain's singles chart with his track "Thinking Out Loud" after the longest ever climb to the top spot, the Official Charts Company said on Sunday.

The English artist's song spent 19 weeks in the top 40 gradually winding its way to the top. It racked up a combined sales figure of 89,000 in the last week and has sold more than 356,000 copies and been streamed almost 14 million times since June.

Sheeran unseated Meghan Trainor's "All About That Bass"

from the number one spot pushing it into second place. US singer Taylor Swift moved up to number three from number five with her track "Shake it Off".

In the albums chart, Swift also enjoyed success notching up her second number one album in Britain with "1989", which became the fastest-selling album of the year by a female artist shifting 90,000 copies in the last seven days.

Ed Sheeran's album "X", the fastest-selling and longest-running number one album of 2014 overall, climbed to number two from number three.—PTI

## China's film box office to hit 4.9 bln USD in 2014

WUHAN, 3 Nov — The Chinese box office is expected to hit 30 billion yuan (4.9 billion US dollars) in 2014, according to China's film association.

The country's film box office reached 22 billion yuan in the January — September period, exceeding the total of 21.8 billion yuan last year, Wang Feng-

lin, vice president of the Chinese Film Producer's Association, said during a film industry expo on Sunday. Home-made films accounted for 51.4 percent of the market while imported films were 48.6 percent. A total of 230 films were showed in mainstream cinemas in cities in the first nine months.

With the approach of such events as the popular Singles' Day (11 November) and Christmas, the box office of films is expected to reach 30 billion yuan for the full year, Wang said at the event in central China's Wuhan.

Wang attributed box office growth to the increasingly mature opera-

tion of the film industry and producers' increasing ability to make films that draw interest from audiences.

He said the Chinese film market will overtake the United States to become the largest in the world within three years as the numbers of screens and revenues are growing by 30 percent annually. —Xinhua

## 'Furious 7' trailer released

LOS ANGELES, 3 Nov — Universal studios has released the first official trailer of 'Furious 7', the seventh movie in the 'Fast & Furious' franchise.

The trailer, which features some of the last acting scenes Paul Walker had filmed before his death in November 2013, was released Saturday during a special world premiere event at the studios, reports eonline.com.

Walker died in a car crash while on hiatus from shooting the action film. Vin Diesel and Dwayne Johnson also features in the film helmed by director James Wan.—PTI



The trailer was released on Saturday during a special world premiere event at the studios.—PTI



## German giants and Real Madrid close to qualification

LONDON, 3 Nov — The three teams with 100 per cent records in this season's Champions League can secure their places in the knockout stage this week with two games to spare.

German heavyweights Bayern Munich and Borussia Dortmund — who contested the 2013 final — plus holders Real Madrid have all been in imperious form in the competition and will be confident of making it four wins from four games as they take on opponents they beat away from home a fortnight ago.

Real Madrid, now top of La Liga, are on a club record of 11 straight wins in all competitions as they host five-times European champions Liverpool in Group B, having beaten them 3-0 at Anfield on match day three.

The main interest in that group appears to be who finishes second, with three teams all on three points. Basle and Ludogorets play their return game in Switzerland on Tuesday after the Bulgarians won 1-0 at home.

"We're still very much in the group to qualify, which is the objective," Liverpool manager Brendan Rodgers said ahead of a daunting trip to the Spanish capital.

"It's a big ask playing against arguably the best team in the world at the moment. But we'll go into it with confidence."

Bayern host AS Roma in Group E on Wednesday after an astonishing 7-1 away victory against them in Italy, and will be confident of taking another three points.

Roma's defeat offered



**Borussia Dortmund's coach Juergen Klopp shouts at his player Erik Durm (R) during their German first division Bundesliga soccer match against Bayern Munich, in Munich on 1 Nov, 2014.—REUTERS**

new hope to winless Manchester City, who let a 2-0 lead slip away to CSKA Moscow and now need to win the return in England and hope the Italians lose again. Dortmund are having a strange season in which they struggle domestically while brushing aside all opposition in Group D.

Beaten by Bayern in the Bundesliga on Saturday, they have dropped into the relegation places, but play at home to Galatasaray on Tuesday looking for a repeat of their 4-0 success in Turkey.

If Juergen Klopp's team and Arsenal, who are at home to Anderlecht, both win, they will each have qualified with two games to spare.

The four German representatives have lost only one game out of 12 between them so far, which was Bayer Leverkusen's 1-0 defeat to Monaco on match day one.

They still top Group C, but a second loss, away to Zenit St Petersburg on Tuesday, would put the Russians ahead of them. Second-placed Monaco, away to Benfica, have yet to concede a goal and are also very much in contention.

The fourth German and English teams, Chelsea and Schalke, hold the top two spots in Group G ahead of Wednesday's matches.

Chelsea visit Slovenia to play Maribor, who they thrashed 6-0 in London, while second-placed Schalke know Sporting Lisbon have a poor record against German opposition, despite only having beaten them 4-3 in Gelsenkirchen with the help of a last-minute penalty.

Barcelona will want to bounce back from Saturday's shock defeat at home to Celta Vigo when they visit Ajax in Group F, in which they trail Paris St Germain by a point.

Four points ahead of

Ajax, they would be well-placed to qualify with another win, as would PSG if they win as expected at home to APOEL.

Manager Laurent Blanc has said they must do that without talismanic striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic, who suffered a heel injury in September and has not played since.

He is due to return in the middle of this month.

Group A remains the closest, so much so that two home wins on Tuesday would bring all four teams level on six points.

Juventus and Malmo are those home teams, facing Olympiakos and last season's finalists Atletico Madrid respectively.

In Wednesday's other matches Group H leaders Porto travel to Athletic Bilbao and Shakhtar Donetsk host BATE Borisov, who they humiliated 7-0 in Belarus when Luiz Adriano scored five times.—Reuters

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## Lippi retires from coaching after Guangzhou triumph



**Marcello Lippi**

BEIJING, 3 Nov — World Cup-winning coach Marcello Lippi has signalled an end to his stellar managerial career after the Italian guided Guangzhou

Evergrande to their fourth successive Chinese Super League title on Sunday.

The 66-year-old's Chinese adventure was the final chapter in a remark-

able coaching career that began with a host of managerial roles at lower league Italian clubs in the 1980s.

He went on to win five Serie A crowns during two separate stints with Juventus and secured a Champions League triumph with the club in 1996.

Lippi also had two stints with the national side with the highlight being when he coached Italy to victory at the 2006 World Cup. He resigned after the side put up a poor defence of their title in South Africa and joined Guangzhou in May 2012.

"It is my last match as a head coach for the

club," Lippi told reporters after Guangzhou secured the title with a 1-1 draw at Shandong Luneng. "Guangzhou Evergrande will have a new coach next season."

"I will be 67 years old in the near future, and I do not want to be the head coach any more; but I will be in charge of technical staff as a member of the coaching team."

At Guangzhou, he won the league and cup double in his first campaign before leading them to another league title plus the Asian Champions League last season.

Reuters



**Aston Villa's Christian Benteke (L) confronts Tottenham Hotspur's Roberto Soldado (C) during their English Premier League soccer match at Villa Park in Birmingham, central England on 2 Nov, 2014.—REUTERS**





Novak Djokovic (R) of Serbia and Milos Raonic of Canada pose for photograph during the awarding ceremony after the men's singles final match at the ATP World Tour Masters 1000 indoor tennis tournament at the Bercy Palais-Omnisport in Paris, France, on 2 Nov, 2014.—XINHUA

## Djokovic defends Paris Masters title with 600th career victory

PARIS, 3 Nov — World No 1 Novak Djokovic, a two-time champion in previous Paris Masters, claimed his 20<sup>th</sup> ATP Masters 1000 title here without dropping a set after taking his 600<sup>th</sup> career victory over 10<sup>th</sup>-ranked Canadian Milos Raonic on Sunday.

It took the 27-year-old Serbian one hour 23 minutes to brush aside the 23-year-old sensation 6-2, 6-3 to lift the tree-shaped crystal trophy and go further en route to ending the year on top.

With the victory, coming in the first tournament that Djokovic has taken since becoming a father, Djokovic increases his lead

over Roger Federer in the rankings to 1,310 points before the ATP Finals in London on 9-16 November.

"I played the best match of the entire week today when it was most needed," commented the Serbian after the match.

"I got a lot of returns back and just overall extremely happy with the performance," he added.

Breaking service in as early as the second game and holding off a right calf strain while leading 4-2, Djokovic, being impressive from the baseline and solid on serve, wrapped up

"Even when I was able to open him on the backhand side, he was moving really well."

The big server, who needed to unpack a second racket by the end of the second set, came close to a break in the first set as he took eight points in a row but failed to convert three straight break opportunities.

"I believe I did serve better against Roger," said the Canadian, who ousted world No 2 Roger Federer in surprise at the quarterfinals two days ago. "Whereas Novak today, every time he put his racket on the ball, he was making me play deep."—Xinhua

the first set by breaking a second serve after Raonic committed double faults in the game.

Rushing into the second set, the Serbian, saving all of his four break points throughout the match, again converted an early break service, which is enough for the defending champion.

"I thought he played some great tennis, having neutralized my serve well," said Raonic after the match.

## Kenya's Kipsang, Keitany win NYC Marathon crowns



Wilson Kipsang of Kenya crosses the finish line to win the men's professional division of the 2014 New York City Marathon in Central Park in Manhattan, on 2 Nov, 2014.—REUTERS

NEW YORK, 3 Nov — Wilson Kipsang won a lucrative duel to the finish to join compatriot Mary Keitany in a Kenyan sweep of the men's and women's races at a cold, windy New York City Marathon on Sunday.

Kipsang and Keitany both pulled away in the last Central Park stretch, with Kipsang's victory bringing him a \$600,000 payday as the win also gave him the \$500,000 World Marathon Majors bonus.

"Of course I was thinking about it," Kipsang said about the bonus. "My only chance to win the jackpot was to win this race. I was trying to apply all the tactics to make sure I would win."

With temperatures around 42 degrees Fahrenheit (6 Celsius) and wind gusting to 40 miles per hour (64 kph), some 50,000 runners set off in the world's largest marathon on the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge in Staten Island.

Runners wore ski hats or head bands over their ears and some pulled on sleeves or knee-high socks to deal with the elements

that eased during the course of the 26.2-mile (42.2 km) race.

Conditions led to deliberate, tactical races that did not see the leading packs break up until after the 20-mile mark.

Kipsang, the London Marathon champion running the New York race for the first time, ran shoulder to shoulder with Lelisa Desisa of Ethiopia over the last few miles.

In the final half mile, Desisa snuck ahead of Kipsang, who turned on a final burst to claim victory.

Kipsang crossed the finish line in two hours 10 minutes 55 seconds to win the \$100,000 first-place prize and catapult past compatriot Dennis Kimetto to win the massive bonus.

Desisa, the 2013 Boston Marathon winner, who said he felt discomfort from missing a bathroom stop, faded at the last and finished 11 seconds behind Kipsang, with fellow Ethiopian Gebre Gebremariam, the 2010 New York champion, third in 2:12:13.

Reuters

## United and Villa count cost of indiscipline



Referee Michael Oliver shows the red card to Manchester United's Chris Smalling during the English Premier League soccer match against Manchester City at the Etihad Stadium in Manchester, northern England on 2 Nov, 2014.—REUTERS

LONDON, 3 Nov — Manchester United and Aston Villa paid a heavy price for having men sent off on in the Premier League on Sunday with United losing a tight derby to Man City and Villa surrendering a lead in defeat by Tottenham Hotspur.

Sergio Aguero condemned United manager Louis van Gaal to a 1-0 defeat in his first Manchester derby after defender Chris Smalling saw red for the visitors before halftime.

Villa scored a first goal in six games to take the lead at home to Tottenham but then had Belgian striker Christian Benteke dismissed for a moment's indiscipline and conceded two late goals to go down 2-1. The Manchester clubs' 151<sup>st</sup> league meeting was decided by a goal from Argentina's Aguero in the 63<sup>rd</sup> minute. With Rafael Da Silva miss-

ing the game, Smalling sent off and then Marcos Rojo forced off in the second half with a shoulder injury, a makeshift United defence comprising Antonio Valencia, Michael Carrick and teenagers Paddy McNair and Luke Shaw came under increasing pressure.

The surprise was that City were pushed back and suddenly looked edgy once they had scored.

In the end, champions City were pleased to hang on for a fourth successive league win over their neighbours — the first time that has happened since 1970.

The other depressing historical note for Van Gaal was that he has now presided over United's worst start to a season since 1986, when Ron Atkinson was sacked and Alex Ferguson appointed.

The result left United in ninth place, with 13

points from 10 games and no away wins.

City, meanwhile, returned to within six points of leaders Chelsea and two behind surprise second-placed team Southampton.

Smalling picked up a foolish yellow card for raising his foot in attempting to block a clearance by City goalkeeper Joe Hart and seven minutes before halftime he clearly fouled James Milner and was dismissed.

"I didn't see the first yellow, but as a player if you know you have a yellow card you have to deal with that problem," Van Gaal said. "I don't think he dealt with it very smartly."

United, who brought on Carrick for his first appearance of the season after a long injury, could have conceded two penalties before the interval but referee Michael Oliver gave them

the benefit of the doubt as City appealed for apparent fouls against Aguero and Yaya Toure.

The visitors were then forced into another defensive change when Rojo dislocated his shoulder and was replaced by 19-year-old Northern Irish centre back McNair.

Ten minutes later Toure's pass sent Gael Clichy to the byline and he cut the ball back for Aguero to hook in his 10th league goal of the season.

United pushed forward and finally threatened with chances for Robin van Persie, Angel Di Maria and Marouane Fellaini.

City were relieved to hear the final whistle as captain Vincent Kompany admitted: "You miss a couple of chances and seem to lose a little control," he told Sky Sports. "They played well towards the end. But we stayed strong for a clean sheet."

Wayne Rooney, back in the United side after suspension, added: "Our pace caused them problems and they were panicking towards the end."

While City are not firing on all cylinders, manager Manuel Pellegrini believes they can easily make up a six-point deficit on leaders Chelsea, just as they did to Arsenal a year ago.

"We have 28 more games to play so nobody knows what will happen," he said. Villa boss Paul Lambert was upset with the decision to send off Benteke — a major turning point in the match — after a melee involving Tottenham's Ryan Mason.

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