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We talk to each other and*(from page 1)*

a code of conduct that will have to be followed by both sides which in turn will help lower the number of clashes and reduce hostilities. The main benefit arising from this is the reduction of problems that have negatively impacted the lives and livelihoods of the people living in conflict affected areas. Moreover, NCA presents an unyielding foundation to begin the political dialogue process which will allow us to find broad political solutions to our political disagreements.

Continuing on from the peace process, I would like to talk about the current situation in Rakhine state. Not only in Rakhine state but throughout the country, it is important that each individual enjoys basic human rights and is treated with dignity regardless of ethnicity, religion or even citizenship status. My government is also laying down the plans to prevent future conflict. We have to handle it very delicately, owing especially to the heightened tensions and emotions between the two communities. That said, we

will take full action allowed under the law against those who instigate conflict or commit crimes. I would also like to add that we are also implementing precautionary measures to prevent future conflict from occurring.

We are also carrying out the citizenship verification process—an important component in solving the current problem—with the help of local civil society groups.

The role of the media is critical for a transitioning democracy like Myanmar. Likewise, it is especially important for the media to adhere to media ethics by taking responsibility for and being responsible in presenting the news, and maintaining objectivity when presenting these viewpoints. It will then be able to effectively aid in the overall democratic development. We are also working with the temporary Myanmar Press Council to raise the quality and standard of media on the one hand and protect media rights in accordance with the law on the other hand.

There were also joyous moments that lift our hearts and make us proud amidst these trying times to overcome the difficulties and challenges associated with building a democratic country. Our youth football team qualified for

the Under-20 World Cup and their success brought us joy and exuberance. I would like to add also that all Myanmar citizens take pride in and honor their historic achievement.

I would like to reiterate again the challenges we face today which include: the continuation of the democratic transition and the political process; how we can make sure that these reforms lead to democracy taking root and the overall development of a free society; the development of the political dialogue process so that successes achieved in the peace process can continue to form the basis for the national reconciliation needed for our country; and successfully carrying out the 2015 elections which is critical for our democratic transition. It is very important that we talk to each other and find common solutions together to overcome these challenges. And we must all strive towards this goal of creating a culture of dialogue.

I would like to conclude by reaffirming my commitment to achieve peace, promote economic development and build a better future for the next generations.

May you all have peace of mind and good health.

Union Minister views medical treatments to the aged

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Nov —Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint and Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Min Naung viewed health care services being provided by medics from No 4 Military Hospital (300-bed) of Monywa to local people at Zigon Station Hospital in Kanbalu Township of Sagaing Region on Monday.

In meeting with departmental officials, social organization members and entrepreneurs, the Union minister stressed the need to boost production of paddy, pigeon pea and maize in the

township for economic development. He urged merchant associations to systematically control correct measurement of trading.

He met local people at the rice mill in Tinteinyan Village of YeU Township. He explained the trade volume of the nation rose to US\$25 billion in 2013-14 fiscal year. Now, the nation's trade volume reaches over US\$ 15billion. The ministry will provide assistance for import of farming equipment, he said.

After reviewing the discussions of the local people, the Union minister attended to the needs.—MNA

Authorities to confiscate vacant plots, garages in . . .*(from page 1)*

Settlement Department under the Ministry Construction to construct facilities on the plots within three months when they were granted the certificates of land utilization by the ministry.

They have also agreed that if they fail to operate businesses on the plots in the industrial zones, the authorities are entitled to seize the plots.

GNLM

Global Entrepreneurship Week activities to take place from 15-23 Nov in three cities in Myanmar**By Khaing Thanda Lwin**

YANGON, 4 Nov — Project Hub Yangon (PHY), the Myanmar's first start-up incubator, will host the third Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW) activities in Yangon, Mandalay and Taunggyi from 15 to 23 November, aiming to provide support and advice to local entrepreneurs through series of business events and activities including seminars, trainings and networking programmes.

The theme of the event is "Let's get started, Myanmar!" and it is designed to inspire and better equip current and future entrepreneurs with knowledge and resources to start a business, the organizer said, saying all events are free and open to the public. Those agencies has prepared for conducting seminars and panel discussions on developing

entrepreneurial mindset and skills, social enterprise expo, HP life e-learning training for entrepreneurs and local supply chains: opportunities and responsibilities at different venues in those cities.

"Partnership for Change, one of the partner agencies, will host a Women's Entrepreneurship Conference on 19 November that is a day for celebrating the women entrepreneurs of Myanmar," said Erin Biel of the agency. A USAID official said that it took the agency over two months to prepare TED-style talks with Myanmar's leading social enterprises, with USAID vowing to extend more assistance for the

country's economic growth as the country sees more economic development, which he said entice young people to take interest in start-ups.

More than ten partner organizations join in the event. Among them, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the German Development Agency (GIZ) offer financial support for those GEW activities. The global entrepreneurship week is the world's largest global celebration of innovators and entrepreneurs which has been taken place in every November since 2008 in over 130 countries.

Myanmar launches its global entrepreneurship week in 2012 in Yangon. Last year event attracted more than 600 participants, official of PHY said.

GNLM



Mr. Chris Milligan of USAID clarifies his programme to celebrate the Global Entrepreneurship Week.—KHAING THANDA LWIN

Over 360 personnel get scholarship awards in October

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Nov —Scholarship awards were shared to ministries and service organizations for sending personnel abroad to be able to pursue further studies and to apply their experiences in their mother units.

In October, 30 per-

sonnel were sent to 22 foreign countries in order to learn PhD, MSc/MA, degree and diploma courses and 338 to other training courses, totalling 368. In October, most of the government service personnel were sent to Japan, India and China.—MNA

Public notice

NAY PYI TAW, 4 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.

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NATIONAL

President U Thein Sein inspects...

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Summit and the 17th ASEAN+3 Summit.

The president inspected the Sapphire Hall and the Emerald Hall, where the 6th Mekong-Japan Summit and other related meetings are scheduled to be

held.

He also inspected the accommodations for leaders of the ASEAN region and received briefings on progress of decorating the Jade Hall, where the opening and closing ceremonies of the 25th ASEAN Summit

will take place.

The handover of ASEAN chairmanship will also take place in the hall.

The 25th ASEAN Summit and related meetings are scheduled to be hosted in the capital city of Nay Pyi Taw on 12-13 November.

MNA

Myanmar, BG Group to cooperate in oil and gas sectors



Vice President U Nyan Tun greets BG Group Sustainability Committee Chairman Sir David Manning.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Nov — Vice President U Nyan Tun received BG Group Sustainability Committee Chair-

man Sir David Manning and party at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw on Tuesday.

They focused on cooperation in oil and natural gas matters and technical exchange.—MNA

Union Minister on inspection tour of townships in Kachin State

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Nov — U Ohn Myint, Union Minister for Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development, went on an inspection tour of rural development tasks in villages in the township of Mohnyin, Kachin State, on 1 November, sources said.

In his inspection tours, the union minister met departmental officials engaged in rural development activities and fulfilled the requirements for their undertakings.

On 2 November, the union minister offered

Kathina robes to the presiding Sayadaw at Pissimayon Monastery.

U Ohn Myint also met local administrative officials of Mohnyin, Mokauing and Hopin towns and urged them to strive for food security, production of wholesome food, and higher incomes for rural people.

After receiving briefings from local departmental officials, the union minister fulfilled the requirements for education, health, water and power supplies and road construction.—MNA

President U Thein Sein to attend Dialogue on Strengthening Connectivity Partnership, APEC CEO Summit in China

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Nov — U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, will pay a visit to Beijing, the People's Republic of China, in the near future to attend the Dialogue on Strengthening Connectivity Partnership and APEC CEO Summit to be held in Beijing at the invitation of H.E. Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China.

MNA

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing calls on Belarusian President, Prime Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Nov — Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing called on Mr Mikhail Myasniko, Prime Minister of Belarus at the latter's office on 3 November, sources said.

Belarusian Prime Minister Mr Mikhail Myasniko expressed his belief that the two countries could promote further cooperation in development plans to ensure mutual interests, especially in military technology, science and technology, economy and trade, energy and pharmacy.

According to Michail, Belarus has plans to set up a commission that will carry out economic cooperation with Myanmar.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing pledged greater cooperation between the two armies and appreciated Belarus's willingness to cooperate with Myanmar in terms of mil-

itary, education, pharmacy and economy.

He stressed prompt action in economic and technological cooperation would benefit both countries, adding that trust and honesty is critical in military cooperation.

The Myanmar delegation led by Senior General Min Aung Hlaing went on study tours of the Minsk Wheel Tractor Plant, the Belarusian Military Academy, the 72 Combined Training Centre and the OAO 140 Repair Plant.

At the training centre, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his entourage observed the fire power and manoeuvre of tanks.

They also visited Defence Belarusian Military Academy that has turned out over 5,000 trainees from international community.

On Tuesday morning, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing paid a courtesy call on Belarusian President Alexander Grigoryevich Lukashenko at the latter's palace, sources said.

Also present at the call were Lt-Gen Mya Tun Oo of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, Myanmar Ambassador to Belarus U Tin Yu, Belarusian Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Yuri Zhadobin, high ranking officials.

The president of Belarus talked of possibilities of bilateral cooperation in all sectors for mutual benefits and extended greetings and an invitation to Myanmar President U Thein Sein to pay a friendly visit to his country.

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing said it is not an easy task to transform from one system to another, recounting political systems Myanmar has practised and emphasizing immediate cooperation as a better means for open market systems.

The senior general and his entourage also visited the Victory Square in Minsk, where he was welcomed by Lt-Gen Ljubinko Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services of Belarus.

Myawady

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing holds talks with Belarusian President Alexander Grigoryevich Lukashenko.

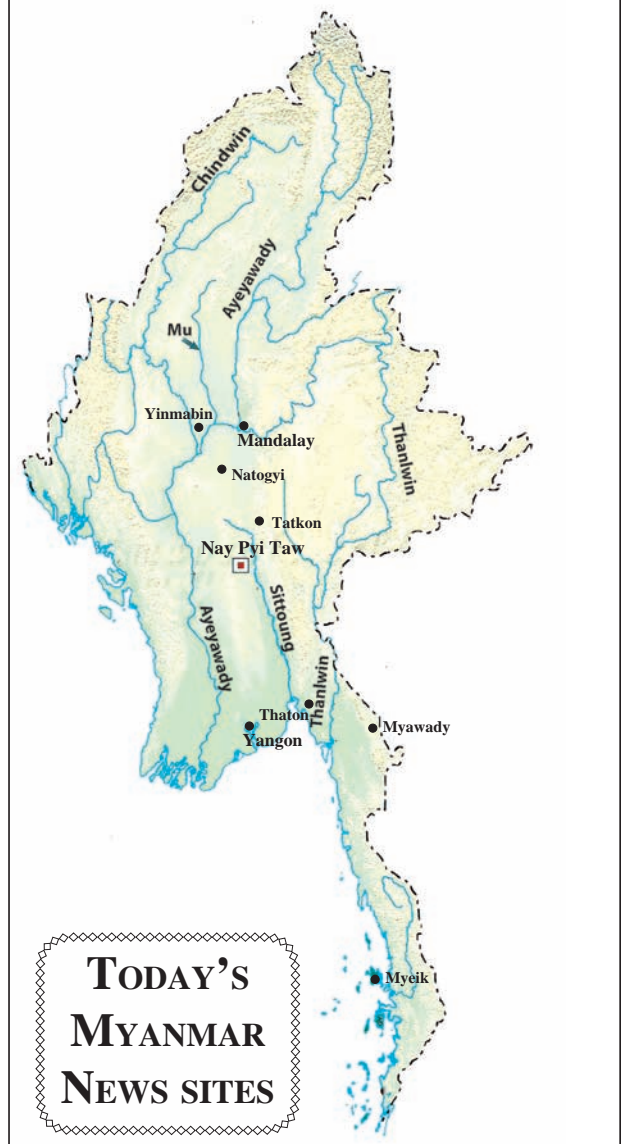
MYAWADY





Padethabin conveyance for communal Kathina robe offering ceremony was held for the 24th time to send them to Dhamma Vihara monastery in Dala of Yangon Region on 3 November. Local people participate in conveyance of the offertories to be donated to monasteries in the township on 4 November.

KHIN ZAW (MINGALA)



Natogyi Police get bicycles, computer, SIM cards



NATOGYI, 4 Nov — Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Maj-Gen Zaw Win on his tour of Natogyi delivered five US-made bicycles to Natogyi Township Police Station to use them on patrol duty of police, said commander of Myoma police station Police Captain Aye Myint.

Moreover, the chief of MPF delivered 30 SIM cards and one set of computer to the police station and family members. The bicycle is worth K 600,000 each. Thanks to bicycles, the police can do their works conveniently.

Khin Zar Mon Myint (Law)

Myawady border town gets new asphalt road

MYAWADY, 4 Nov — As a gesture of hailing the 59th Anniversary Kayin State Day, a ceremony to commission Thaungyin asphalt road into service was held at the road in Myawady border town in Kayin State on Monday.

Deputy Commissioner of the district U Lwin Ko Oo, Chairman of Township Development Affairs Committee U Than Shwe and Assistant Director U Kyaw Kyaw Oo of Township DAC formally opened the 975 feet long and 22 feet wide road.

Thura (Myawady Town)



Sanitation workers clean Yangon-Mandalay Highway in Tatkon Township



TATKON, 4 Nov — Tatkon Township Development Affairs Committee arranges collection of garbage in downtown and sub-urban areas of Tatkon Township with the use of six trash vans daily.

The vans collect 25 tons of garbage daily. The committee assigns one each of trash van at Tatkon Myoma Market and People's Hospital (100-bed) for sanitation of these buildings.

On Monday, workers

of the committee collected garbage along Yangon-Mandalay Highway where the people from all corners of the township threw garbage on their ways in enjoying the 48th Kathina robe offering ceremony.

Township DAC has appointed sanitation workers to do their works at wards of the township and collect garbage around the town with the use of trash vans daily.

Tin Soe Lwin (Tatkon)

3-Rs course given to inmates at Myeik Jail

MYEIK, 4 Nov — A ceremony to open the 3-Rs course for inmates and prisoners was held at No 1 hall of Myeik Jail in Myeik of Taninthayi Region in the last week of October.

Deputy Commissioner of Myeik District U Aung Kyaw Tun and in-charge of the jail U Nyunt Win gave

words of advice.

The in-charge of the jail presented teaching aid and stationery to the course instructor.

A total of 20 inmates are attending the course from 3 November to 3 January.

Khaing Htoo (Myeik District IPRD)



LOCAL NEWS

Journalists get loans from Township Journalists cooperative society

NATOGYI, 4 Nov — Under the arrangements of Natogyi Township Cooperative Department, Myitta Ngwesin journalist cooperative society disbursed loans to journalists and writers for welfare of their families as of 2 November.

The cooperative delivered K50,000 per journalist to the members who must pay back the loans in six months.

Writer U Win Myint, Secretary of Township Writers Association, and party disbursed loans to the members of the cooperative society for the first time.

Chairman of Township Writers Association U Htay Myint Maung (pen-name Htay Myint Maung) said the township association tried hard to get the loans for two years to disburse it to the members.

Khin Zar Mon Myint (Law)



Padethabin of Kathina robe offering conveyed round downtown Tatkon

TATKON, 4 Nov — Padethabin of Kathina robes were conveyed round downtown Tatkon of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on Monday.

Basic Education High School No 1 conveyed its donation worth over K9 million and No 2 BEHS over K8 million and other departments and regiments.

After going round the town, they arrived at Sasana Beikman in Tatkon. Officials of the respective subcommittees supervised the conveyance of Padethabin and traffic rules.

Moreover, the entertainments in commemoration of the Kathina robe offering ceremony are being held for public happiness.—*Tin Soe Lwin*

People of Yinmabin Tsp to get electricity

YINMABIN, 4 Nov — A meeting on electrification for 14 villages in western part of Yinmabin Township was held at District General Administration Department in Yinmabin of Sagaing Region on Monday.

Responsible persons of relevant subcommittees reported on process for undertaking electrification of the villages.

Officials of the township level committee collected K36 million from Zeedaw region development

fund, K72.7 million from 14 villages and K20 million loan from Zeyar Padetha foundation of Sagaing Region for installation of an 11 KV power line from Zeedaw-Yinpaungtaing villages.

Thiha Tun Company will take responsibility for electrification tasks in 2014-15 fiscal year.

Upon completion, the power line will illuminate 2,430 houses from western part of Yinmabin Township for their development.

Tun Ko Ko (Yinmabin)



FIFA 11 for Health Training Course conducted in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 4 Nov — FIFA, Myanmar Football Federation and Ministry of Education jointly conducted the FIFA 11 for Health in Myanmar, Second Pilot Study for Countrywide Implementation Course 2/2014 at Mandalay Football Academy in Chanmyathazi Township of Mandalay on Monday.

Altogether 24 basic education teachers from 12 schools under No 2 Basic Education Department of Mandalay are attending the course.

The teachers are to share knowledge about the training again to at least 1,200 students under 12 in 2014-15 academic year. In 2015-16 academic year,

the refresher course will be given to teachers to be able to share training to students at 144 schools each in Yangon and Mandalay regions.

After 2016, 11 points health exercises will be given to 30,000 schoolchildren.

FIFA officials provided 10 footballs and train-

ing aid to the officials of the course.

The course will be delivered to 1 million students under the 10 years project.

The project was signed between FIFA, MFF, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health in 2012.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)

Compensation for leak of natural gas given to farmer



THATON, 4 Nov — A ceremony to present compensation for crops and paddy in repairing the leaked gas pipeline between Tawgyi Village and Bilin River was held at the Township Administrator Office in Thaton Township of Mon State on Monday.

Officials of Phugyi Base of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise presented

compensation K150,000 per acre of paddy to farmers.

The 20-inch diameter Myainggale-Yangon natural gas pipeline was repaired on 11 and 23 August.

The gas leaked in the farmland of U Soe Myint in Tawgyi Village before repairing the pipeline.

Thet Oo (Thaton)



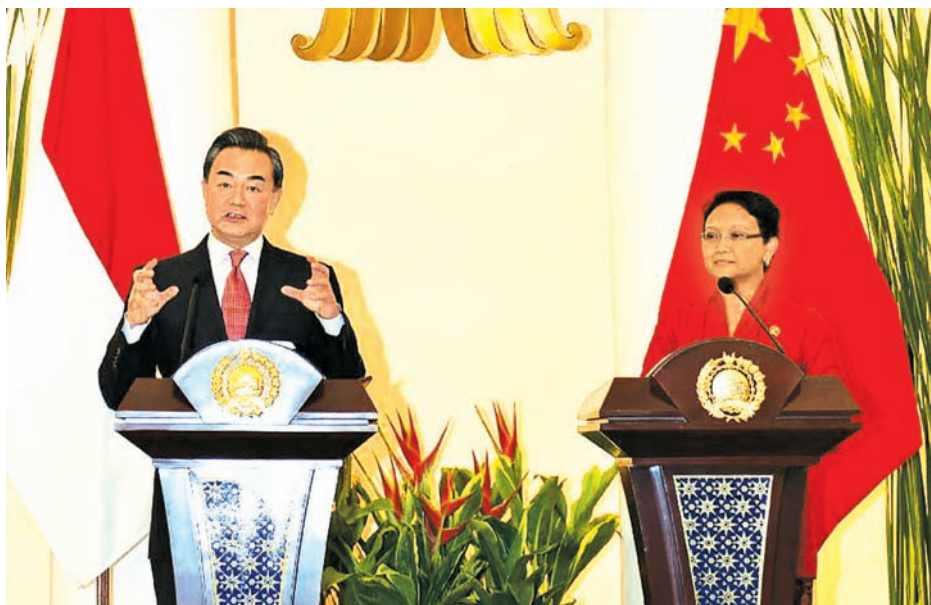
Chinese FM vows to forge substantial China-Indonesia ties

JAKARTA, 4 Nov — China is willing to jointly forge a comprehensive strategic partnership with Indonesia in name and in fact, visiting Chinese foreign minister Wang Yi said here on Monday.

Wang made the remarks at the Press conference held following meeting with his Indonesian counterpart Retno Marsudi.

The Chinese foreign minister said issues that have been discussed include preparations for the scheduled APEC meeting between the leaders of both sides, synchronization on the development strategy of both, forging commonalities on the practical cooperation and the synchronization on the regional and international issues.

Indonesian President Joko Widodo is scheduled to meet with Chinese President Xi Jinping during his trip to Beijing attending the APEC Economic Leaders' meeting in early



Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi (L) and Indonesian Foreign Affairs Minister Retno Lestari Priansari Marsudi attend a Press conference after bilateral meeting at Indonesia Foreign Ministry office in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 3 Nov, 2014. Wang Yi was on a two-day visit to Indonesia from 2 to 3 November.—XINHUA

November. The two countries share views on the maritime vision, as Xi's initiative of the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road proposed during his trip to Indonesia last year coincides with Joko's vow to

rejuvenate his country as a maritime power through the development of maritime economy, Wang said.

"China is willing to participate in Indonesia's construction of maritime power, and to regard Indo-

nesia as the most important partner in the initiative of building the 21st century Maritime Silk Road," Wang said.

As for the practical cooperation, Wang said he proposes to enhance coop-

eration on sectors including the maritime economy, infrastructure, construction of industrial zone, energy and resources, agriculture, high technology, defence and security, people to people contact, as well as the international and regional issues of common concern.

Wang said the bilateral relations are facing the opportunity of overall acceleration in the year of 2015, as both countries will witness the 65th anniversary of the establishment of China-Indonesia diplomatic relation and the 60th anniversary of Bandung Conference.

"China is willing to seize the chance to deepen the mutual trust and work together with Indonesia, to forge the comprehensive strategic partnership in name and in fact," said Wang. During his visit to Indonesia, Wang also met with Indonesian President Joko Widodo.

Xinhua

Modi urges NGOs to share experience about battling drug addiction



Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi

NEW DELHI, 4 Nov — Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday urged non-government organizations to share with him their experiences on battling drug addiction.

"I invite you to share your views on the issue of mitigating the menace of drugs. If you worked in this area, please share your experiences. I call upon NGOs that are working on this to share their experiences as well," Modi tweeted.

Addiction to drugs is a menace in India and there are a number of rehabilitation centres for addicts across the country, mostly run by NGOs.—Xinhua

Cambodia, Morocco ink political consultation deal

PHNOM PENH, 4 Nov — Cambodia and Morocco have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the establishment of a political consultation mechanism in order to strengthen bilateral relations and cooperation, officials said. The document was signed by Cambodian Foreign Secretary of State Ouch Borith and visiting Moroccan Foreign Secretary-General Nasser Bourita on Monday evening. The two senior officials also held talks and discussed ways to strengthen and expand bilateral ties and cooperation.

In the meeting, Cambodia suggested Morocco to support its candidate as a member of the United Nations Human Rights Council for 2018-2020, a member of the United Nations Economic and Social Council for 2017-2019, and an observer state of the Organization for Islamic Conference. Nasser Bourita, on behalf of the Moroccan government, voiced his support to Cambodia for a member of the UN Human Rights Council and an observer state of the Organization for Islamic Conference.—Xinhua

India, Pakistan lower flag at Wagah border ceremony day after deadly attack

LAHORE, 4 Nov — India and Pakistan solemnly lowered their national flags at a dusk military ceremony on their main land border crossing on Monday, a day after a suicide attack killed almost 60 people on the Pakistani side.

India's home ministry had earlier said the daily flag-lowering ceremony would be suspended as a mark of respect for the dead — the first time the parade would have been called off since the two countries went to war in 1971.

But later Pakistani officials changed their mind, deciding to go ahead with the ritual to send a message to the militants.

Just before dusk, at least 2,000 women, men and children gathered at the parade ground on the border crossing, some chanting "Death to terrorists" and "Long live Pakistan". On the Indian side, there were only a handful of spectators.

The colourful show, where border guards in elaborate uniforms goose-step, shake hands brusquely across the borderline and scowl aggressively at each



Pakistani rangers (wearing black uniforms) and Indian Border Security Force (BSF) officers lower their national flags during a daily parade at the Pakistan-India joint check-post at Wagah border, near Lahore on 3 Nov, 2014.—REUTERS

other, proceeded as usual amid heightened security.

"Today's ceremony proved that terrorists cannot lower the spirit of the nation by their cowardly activities," Corps Commander Lahore Lt Gen Naveed Zaman said in tel-

vised remarks.

At least 57 people were killed and 110 wounded when the explosion ripped through a car park about 500 metres (yards) from Pakistan's border gate just as hundreds of people left the daily performance.

At least two Pakistani Taliban splinter groups have claimed responsibility for the attack, saying it was revenge for the army's military operation against insurgents in the tribal region of North Waziristan.

But, given Pakistan's

frosty relations with India, with which it has fought three wars, some commentators suggested the attack might have been plotted by elements trying to sabotage relations between the arch-rivals or hurt India.

Reuters

All trucks with relief supplies for Lugansk, Donetsk cross Russia-Ukraine border

DONETSK, 4 Nov — All trucks with relief supplies for troubled south-eastern Ukrainian cities of Luhansk and Donetsk have crossed Russian-Ukrainian border, deputy chief of Russian Ministry of Emergency Situations national centre of management in emergency situations Oleg Voronov told TASS.

A truck convoy, carrying humanitarian aid for the self-proclaimed Donetsk and Luhansk people's republics Russian humanitarian aid reaches Ukraine's self-proclaimed republics.

"A relief aid convoy of 20 trucks was divided in two parts and after passing customs clearance 10 trucks went to Donetsk and the same number of trucks to Lugansk," he said.

At the request from regional authorities aid convoys are delivering 100 tonnes of medicines and fuel which the cities of Donetsk and Luhansk badly need now.



More than 100 tonnes of humanitarian cargoes, including medicines and fuel, have been loaded to some 20 trucks.—ITAR-TASS

This is already the sixth relief aid convoy for residents of the self-proclaimed Donetsk and Lugansk Peo-

ple's Republics. More than 100 trucks have delivered more than 1,000 tonnes of foodstuffs, fuel, building

materials and medicines to the cities of Donetsk and Lugansk on 2 November. Around 100 trucks have

supplied around 1,000 tonnes of similar cargoes to Donetsk and Lugansk on 31 October. "The Russian

Ministry of Emergency Situations is sending humanitarian help on a request from the leadership of Donetsk and Luhansk. Today we will be carrying out targeted deliveries of medicine to healthcare institutions and fuel to life sustaining services in the region, including fire departments and emergency services, ambulances and housing authorities," Oleg Voronov, deputy chief of the ministry's national crisis management centre, told TASS.

The 20-truck convoy will carry a 100-tonnes load of humanitarian cargo, which includes medicine and fuel. Earlier, on 31 October, another Russian humanitarian convoy of 100 trucks delivered about 1,000 humanitarian cargoes to Donetsk and Lugansk.

Before that, Russia's three humanitarian convoys delivered about 6,000 tonnes of humanitarian aid to eastern Ukraine.

Itar-Tass

Trichet: Serbian govt EU integration policy is impressive



Chairman of the European branch of the Trilateral Commission Jean-Claude Trichet

BELGRADE, 4 Nov — Chairman of the European branch of the Trilateral Commission Jean-Claude Trichet has said that the Serbian government policy of progressive EU integration is clear, impressive and convincing.

Serbia marches towards reforms in economy and other aspects that are required for EU accession, Trichet told *Tanjug* in an exclusive interview during a meeting of the Trilateral Commission, held in Belgrade.

The programme is obviously ambitious and takes

time, he pointed out.

When asked to comment on the recent incident during a football match between Serbia and Albania and give his opinion on what should be done to keep the region stable and prevent more incidents like that, he responded that it was the duty of the match organisers to make sure something like that did not happen again.

Trichet believes the upcoming meeting between Serbian and Albanian government officials will be a very good sign that the incident will be forgotten and

that the two sides will move forward.

When asked if Serbia would be able to help achieve peace in Ukraine once it takes over the OSCE chairmanship on 1 Jan, 2015, considering its good relations with Russia, Trichet did not answer directly, but stated that the Serbian prime minister's view was perfectly clear.

He thinks the Serbian government wants to be as actively responsible as possible, but he would not say anything more, except that Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic's position regarding Russia and the EU was perfectly clear.

Trichet underscored the importance of the Trilateral Commission's meeting in Belgrade.

The members of the commission are honoured and grateful that the Serbian government and group within the commission have invited them to Belgrade, because they feel this is an opportunity to discuss current European topics and gain a better understanding of the Balkans' EU integration.—*Tanjug*

Venezuela to hike minimum wage 15 percent amid high inflation

CARACAS, 4 Nov — Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro announced on Monday a 15 percent increase in the minimum wage starting in December to protect workers from inflation of more than 60 percent.

Maduro blames soaring consumer prices on an "economic war" launched by foes of his socialist government, frequently accusing business executives of price-gouging, hoarding and speculating.

Critics, though, say Venezuela's endemic inflation problem is evidence of the failure of 15 years of

socialist economics under Maduro and his late predecessor Hugo Chavez.

"I have decided to accept this proposal, from the workers, to decree a 15 percent rise in the minimum salary from 1 December," Maduro said during a televised event with workers.

Maduro said the cumulative raise for 2014 — following a 30 percent hike in May and 10 percent in January — would compensate for inflation caused by the "criminal" campaign against him.

The wage hike planned for December would put Venezuela's minimum sal-

ary at 4,889 bolivars. That is equivalent to \$776 at the lowest official currency rate of 6.3 bolivars to the dollar, but just \$49 at a black market rate quoted on illegal web sites.

In the last data available, Venezuela's annualized inflation rate reached 63.4 percent in August, with consumer prices rising by 3.9 percent that month, according to the Central Bank. Oil-dependent Venezuela's inflation malaise is a decades-old problem, also surpassing 60 percent in the 1990s before Chavez, according to IMF data.—*Reuters*



Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro (L) greets supporters during a meeting outside Caracas in this handout photo provided by Miraflores Palace on 24 Oct, 2014. REUTERS

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 5 November, 2014

When we grow old

By Aung Khin

Many older people do not want to be regarded as being old. Some of them think society sees them as a burden, and the media coverage has mentioned that older people are a problem or burden of society.

Growing old is a mandatory, and when we become aged people, we would unavoidably need eldercare, which is the fulfillment of basic needs and requirements to the senior citizens. Globally, the care of the elderly has different va-

rieties. Many countries in Asia provide elderly care with the use of traditional methods by younger generations of family members.

Until now, elderly care has been traditionally the responsibility of family members or extended families at home. But time is changing. Modern societies are changing culture. Some aged people are now being taken care by state or charitable institutions. Mainstream lifestyles are leading old people to relative loneliness due to decreasing family size, the greater life expectancy of elderly people, the geographical dispersion of families, and negligence of offspring who cannot afford to take care their parents.

These senior citizens have served their country for many years in certain ways such as civil servants, hard labour or technicians. However, many ordinary old people have not secured a life free of worries about social welfare. They have

grown many trees for next generations; they paved the ways for young people; they used their time and energy for a good future whether they gained success or not.

Fruits come from the tree they grew. Their sweat and blood have developed into shady places for young people. If we regard ourselves as developers of a democratic state, they have been the foundation bricks in this society.

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The significant and noble Fullmoon Day of Tazaungmon, the Samannaphala Sutta Day

Ba Sein (Religious Affairs)

The significant and noble Fullmoon Day of Tazaungmon (the Samannaphala Sutta Day) falls on 6th November 2014. The Month Tazaungmon, meaning carrying the light to dispel the darkness of ignorance, comprises both worldly and spiritual features.

It is associated with the Kattika Planet or its guardian spirit called Dahani. Traditionally, it was the festival of lights to honour the plenetary deity. However, as the Republic of the Union of Myanmar is a predominantly Theravada Buddhist country, such kind of worship is transformed into a Buddhist type. Instead of honouring the Kattika a planet and its deity, the Myanmar Buddhists pay respect with

lights to the Compassionate Buddha and the Culamani Ceti in Tavatimsa Abode.

It is believed that all medicinal spirits came forth to the king of guardian spirits who dwells in the mezali plant and paid homage to him on this Fullmoon night of Tazaungmon. Myanmar people, therefore, use to eat a kind of dish prepared with mezali buds to dispel various kinds of diseases, and offer it to their friends, relatives and neighbours.

With reference to the Buddhavaggiya Brothers, the Buddha proclaimed the Kathina celebration of robe-offering for needy bhikkhus, and traditionally it is held in every part of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in this auspicious month. Matho-robe

offering ceremony, weaving of the robes before dawn, and offering them to the Images of the Buddha, also occur in various religious centres on this Fullmoon night of Tazaungmon.

It is also remarkable that the right-hand disciple of the Buddha, the Venerable Sariputta attained Parinibbana in his native village on this Fullmoon day of Tazungmon and the left-hand disciple of the Buddha, the Venerable Maha Mogallana on the full waning day of this month.

Even in the Fullmoon light of Tazaungmon, King Ajatassattu and his royal physician, Jivaka, together with their followers, went forth to see and paid obeisance to the Buddha and 1250 bhikkhus in Jivaka's mango grove. They had a

great chance to hear Samannaphala Sutta, the benefits of entering the Sangha Order. Being pure and peaceful in his mind, King Ajatasattu became endowed with the Threefold Refuges of Buddhism. Because of killing his own father, Bimbisara, he could not obtain the higher Paths and Fruitions. Thus, one can also meditate on the virtues of the Sangha Order during this sacred month.

These supernormal themes, if properly meditated upon, will give noble joy and inspiration for the attainment of Final Bliss, Nibbana. And supreme peace and genuine happiness will surely prevail all over the world as long as we perform good deeds, say good words and entertain good thoughts in this very auspicious month.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

Of late I've been reading GLOBALNLM articles on littering, spitting and urinating in public. I would like to join ranks with the authors of those articles and add my thoughts on the subject.

The Aussie slang for peeing is "taking the horse to the river" and in Papua New Guinea Tok Pisin it's 'rausim wara'. Rausim means 'throw away' and 'wara' means 'water'. It is quite expressive, don't you think? In Myanmar language, too, we have quite a few colourful words for peeing.

Once, an expert from UNICEF visited a primary school in India. He went into a class room, picked a student and asked him how he could get safe drinking water. The kid replied: "First you must boil it." He (the expert) followed that up with another question: "Do you boil water at home?" The student replied: "No, never!"

From day one of schooling we were taught civic duty. Yet the moment we got out of the class room we forgot all about it and revert back to being chronic litter bugs, spitters and pissers. I am sure there are in place laws prohibiting such delinquent acts.

However, they have never been enforced and as a result we go on merrily littering, spitting and urinating.

It's time we give up these habits and become fully fledged members of civilized society.

Khun Mg Sein

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Solving the Traffic Congestions in Yangon

Khin Maung Myint

The traffic congestions or traffic jams, as they are commonly known, are becoming worse by every passing day. If not tackled soon, it would get out of control. As for now I think it is still quite easily manageable, if a well planned strategy is laid down and strictly implemented. I'm sure the authorities concerned are well aware of the problems and have better ideas than me, as to how to remedy them. However, I hope, some suggestions might not disturb them and would be welcome.

I had been, for quite a while, contemplating on writing an article on that subject, but have not started until last night. During a dinner party last night, we happened to discuss the news of the Yangon traffic congestion problems, which are about to get addressed. It was a very welcome news and everyone of us were delighted and agreed that it was a very positive step in the right direction. The general public was fed up with the current traf-

fic jams that had to be encountered almost every day. We had a discussion on the possible ways that should be undertaken. That informal ad hoc forum was quite beneficial, as it provided me with some good ideas and prompted me to start writing, which I did as soon as I got home.

I must admit that I'm not an expert in this field and had never been my line of work, however, I have great interests in such matters and made it a habit of observing how other countries solve such problems. Based on those observations I'd like to make some suggestions.

In my opinion there should be a short term plan as well as a long term plan to tackle this problem.

The short term plan should comprise the followings:-

1. To curb the influx of cars by putting a rein on the import of new cars.
2. Restricting the number of cars entering the downtown areas and other busy business zones during rush hours on weekdays, as in Singapore.
3. To levy high toll fees for vehicles entering such restricted zones.
4. To allow large transport vehicles to enter the city

limits only during the night for loadings and unloading, as in Thailand.

5. Not to allow permanent parking of, especially, the taxis except for a short while to take on and drop passengers on the main roads. Like everywhere else in the region.
 6. Not to allow double parking anywhere, like everywhere else worldwide.
 7. To educate the drivers and have them informed, in time, of all the new rules and regulations. In educating them, it would not be enough or effective by using the media only, as not everyone is accessible to them.
 8. To enforce the traffic rules and regulations by taking severe actions to those who break them, after the educating period had successfully completed. There may be more, which I have missed to mention, but I hope this should be enough from me. The long term plans should include:-
1. Widening and upgrading of the existing roads, wherever feasible.
 2. Constructing new roads, preferably elevated freeways.

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Ministry of A&I to cooperate with JIRCAS in doing research

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Nov— Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing held a talk with President Dr Ma Sa Iwanaga of Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Science (JIRCAS) and party at his office in Nay Pyi Taw on Tuesday.

They discussed promotion of cooperation in research for agricultural development between Yezin University of Agriculture and JIRCAS and management theory for development of agriculture sector.—MNA



Union Minister U Myint Hlaing exchanges gifts with President Dr Ma Sa Iwanaga of Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Science.—MNA

12 Myanmar citizen-owned companies, 4 foreign companies allowed to do investment: MIC

YANGON, 4 Nov— The Myanmar Investment Commission gave a green light to 12 Myanmar-citizen owned firms and four foreign firms in October to do investment in Myanmar.

Of Myanmar-citizen owned companies, Apex Airline Public Co Ltd and FMI Air Ltd have been permitted to invest in the local and foreign air transportation services, according to the announcement of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration.

Regarding the hotel sector, Thazin Garden International Trading Co Ltd will invest in running a hotel

in Nyaungshwe Township, Shan State (South), Know The Truth Group Co Ltd will build and run a hotel with the BOT system and Imperial Palace Hotel Co Ltd will build and run a five-star hotel in NyaungU Township.

The remaining Myanmar citizen-owned companies will invest in running a private hospital with the BOT system, in producing and distribution of stones or paving roads, in a resort, a 28-storey twin tower, shoe-making, repairing and maintaining airplanes and garments.

The four foreign com-

panies, Nippon Express (Myanmar) Co Ltd, Myanmar Cineplex Co Ltd, McJalux Airport Services Co Ltd and Nestle Myanmar Ltd, have been permitted in October to do investment in Myanmar via joint ventures.

They will invest in logistic Services (freight forwarding, transport by air, sea, road, rail, moving services, etc.), in building modern cinema and related services, in upgrading the Mandalay International Airport and in producing and distributing food and beverages. The government has allowed more than 140 companies within seven months of the current fiscal year invest in Myanmar, according to the announcement of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration.

From the first day of fiscal 2014-2015 beginning from 1 April to 25 October 103 foreign companies, including Joint-venture firms, and 44 local companies have been granted investment permission.

More than 780 enterprises from 36 countries have been permitted as of 30 September 2014, with nearly \$50 billion in total investment value, to invest in Myanmar, according to the Directorate.

Among the 783 enterprises, 73 are from China, 80 from Thailand, 134 from Singapore, 85 from Hong Kong, 75 from Britain, 100 from South Korea, 51 from Japan, 50 from Malaysia, seven from Vietnam, three from France, 10 from the Netherlands, 15 from India, 15 from the USA, 12 from Indonesia, 18 from Canada and 15 from Australia.

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UAB: U Aung Thaung is not a shareholder

YANGON, Nov 4— The United Amara Bank denied Tuesday that U Aung Thaung, the member of Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) and former industry minister, is not a shareholder or a member of board of directors at the bank.

Ahead of President Barack Obama's visit to Myanmar this month to attend the East Asia Summit, the United States Friday imposed sanctions on U Aung Thaung for undermining economic and political reform in the country.

During a press conference in Yangon, U Than Win Swe, CEO of the UAB, said: "U.S. sanctions imposed on U Aung Thaung is not related with our bank. Only his son U

Nay Aung is a shareholder and member of BOD at the bank."

U Than Win Swe confirmed that UAB is operating in line with the norms of international financial institutions.

He also said that as the UAB is never included in the list of U.S. sanctions, it is now linking with 71 banks in 23 countries.

U Win Thaw, acting managing director of the Central Bank of Myanmar, also confirmed that U Aung Thaung is neither a shareholder nor a BOD member, and the Central Bank will help UAB in accordance with the rules and regulations, saying the latter is not concerned with the U.S. sanctions.—MNA



Vice Chairperson-1 Dr Thet Thet Khaing of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association being seen off at Yangon International Airport on Tuesday before departure for Bangkok of Thailand to attend Regional Policy Dialogue on Empowering Women Entrepreneurs on 5 November.—MWEA

Solving the Traffic Congestions...

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- Provision of more public parking spaces and to insist inclusion of private parking lots when issuing building construction licenses or permits.
- Provisions of efficient and sufficient mass rapid transits systems (MRTS), including sky trains and motor coaches with comfortable seats and air cons that work efficiently at all times, manned by polite and amicable drivers and conductors, so as to attract more commuters. This will definitely ease the problem as more people leave their cars at home and utilize the MRTS.
- Should consider exploit-

ing the riverine systems, which almost encircle more than three fourth of the city area that stretched from somewhere above Insein encompassing the busy riverside areas of Hlaing, Kamaryut, Kyimyindine, Ahlone, Lanmadaw, Pabedan, Seikkan, Dala, Botataung, Pazundaung, Dawbon, Thakayta, Thuwunna, Thingangyun, East, North and South Dagon townships. River ferries should be permitted to ply these areas by the private sector under strict and proper supervisions, emphasizing the safety of the passengers. This means of transport is thriving in Bangkok.

People in Myanmar to get access to ...

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"We have not yet decided whether to set a premium of K 50,000 or 60,000, for example, and to provide health insurance holders who have to go to hospital for receiving treatment or undergoing surgery with compensation of

K 10,000 or 15,000 a day," he said.

He added the health

insurance system will run in Yangon first as a pilot project and that private companies will be allowed to operate the service. So

far seven types of insurance have been allowed to 12 private companies to operate in Myanmar.

GNLM



Photo shows the Myanmar Insurance Building in Yangon. Plans are underway to introduce two new products, health insurance and weather index insurance, in Myanmar next year vthe company said.

PHOTO: YE MYINT

One World Trade Centre opens

First tenants move into building, tallest US building

NEW YORK, 4 Nov — Thirteen years after the 11 September attacks, the first tenants moved their belongings into the newly built One World Trade Centre with enthusiasm tinged by emotional remembrance.

About 200 Condé Nast employees on Monday walked through the revolving doors of the building, America's tallest skyscraper — the first wave of 3,400 company staffers to occupy the 104-story gleaming tower in Lower Manhattan by February 2015.

Chief among them was Condé Nast's chief executive, Charles Townsend, whose gray Mercedes rolled into the tower's south entrance, where he was greeted by developers and other officials.

"This is a terrific day for Lower Manhattan, a wonderful day for New

York City and an absolutely great day for Condé Nast," Townsend said.

The publishing company, which owns *The New Yorker*, *Vanity Fair* and other magazines, is the first renter to set up offices in the tower, where it will occupy floors 20 to 44.

Other Condé Nast employees entering their company's new headquarters consistently echoed their leader's excitement while downplaying reservations about the site's security.

"I can understand the fear," said Vijay Ramcharitar, a finance analyst at Condé Nast. "But I don't think you look at this building with fear, you look at it with inspiration."

One World Trade Centre stands on the location where more than 2,700 people perished when hijacked planes slammed into the twin towers on 11



General view of the One World Trade Center in New York on 1 Nov, 2014.—REUTERS

September, 2001. It is directly across from the 9/11 Memorial.

Some spoke of history

going full circle at last.

Maryanne Casey, who works for a legal affiliate of Condé Nast, said moving

into her new office evoked particularly personal memories. She once worked at the World Trade Centre

and her firefighter brother helped in the aftermath of the attacks.

"It's a great tribute to America to see this," she said. "I'm very proud to work here."

The new building is more than 58 percent leased, according to a statement from the Durst Organization, a real estate company that manages the property jointly with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

Construction workers who helped the \$3.9 billion tower rise from the rubble, overcoming repeated delays that pushed back the original 2006 completion date, put finishing touches on the building's glass exterior and watched with pride as its first tenants settled in. "It's a great building," said one worker wearing a hard hat and yellow vest.

Reuters

Zambia defence minister challenges dismissal from top post in ruling party

LUSAKA, 4 Nov — Zambia's defence minister and presidential front-runner Edgar Lungu said on Tuesday the decision by interim president Guy Scott to dismiss him as the ruling party's secretary-general was illegal.

State radio in the southern African nation gave no reasons for Scott's surprise removal of Lungu from his top post in Sata's Patriotic Front (PF) party, which came to power after elections in 2011.

Scott became Africa's first white leader in 20 years after the death last

week of President Michael Sata. Scott is constitutionally barred from running for president because his parents were born in Scotland.

"The is illegal and highly provocative under the current environment in which we are mourning our late president," Lungu said in a statement read out on state ZNBC Radio on Tuesday.

Scott late on Monday named his replacement as Davies Mwila, although he turned down the appointment.

"In our tradition it is taboo for us to do anything

like that before you bury," Mwila said separately on ZNBC Radio.

Lungu said he has called for an emergency meeting of the PF central committee on Tuesday to discuss his dismissal.

Police in Lusaka on Monday night fired tear gas to stop protests by students and PF members who took to the streets over Lungu's dismissal.

Lungu, who is also justice minister, had often stepped into Sata's shoes as 'acting president' in the last year. Many Zambians had considered him the person most likely to win the presidential elections that are due by the end of January.

Other possible contenders include former justice minister Wynter Kabimba, finance minister Alexander Chikwanda and Sata's son Mulenga, who is currently mayor of Lusaka, a position his father occupied in the 1980s.

The decision by Scott, a Cambridge-educated economist, to dismiss Lungu from the helm of the PF is also likely to fuel speculation he may seek to run for the presidency, regardless of the constitutional restrictions.—Reuters

France says anti-IS coalition must turn attention to Aleppo

PARIS, 4 Nov — The coalition fighting Islamic State must now save Syria's second city Aleppo as moderate rebels face destruction by attacks from forces loyal to President Bashar al-Assad and jihadi militants, France's foreign minister said.

In a column in French daily *Le Figaro*, the *Washington Post* and *pan-Arab Al-Hayat*, Laurent Fabius said the city, the "bastion" of the opposition, was almost encircled and abandoning it would end hopes of a political solution in Syria's three-year civil war.

"Abandoning Aleppo would condemn 300,000 men, women and children to a terrible choice: the murderous siege of the regime's bombs or the barbarity of the Islamic State terrorists," Fabius wrote.

"It would condemn Syria to years of violence. It would be the death of any political perspective and would see the fragmentation of the country run by increasingly radicalised warlords. It would also export the internal chaos of Syria towards already fragile neighbours Iraq, Lebanon and Jordan."

As US warplanes bomb Islamic State in parts of Syria, Assad's military has in-



Civilians inspect a site hit by what activists said was a missile fired by forces loyal to Syria's President Bashar al-Assad in al-Kalaseh neighborhood of Aleppo on 28 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS

tensified its own campaign against some of the rebel groups in the west and north of the country that Washington considers its allies, including in and around Aleppo.

Fabius' comments came just three days after Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan was in Paris to meet President Francois Hollande. During that visit Erdogan sought to get backing from Paris for his calls to tackle Assad as well as Islamic State.

Erdogan specifically criticised the US-led coalition's action in Syria calling for the focus to shift from the Kurdish town of Kobani near the Turkish border to other areas in Syria.

Paris, which is taking part in air strikes in Iraq, has given Iraqi Peshmerga fighters weapons and training, but has ruled out carrying

out air strikes in Syria.

It says it is providing military aid and training to the ramshackle Free Syrian Army in Syria, but has not given any specific details of its help.

It has also echoed Turkey's calls for a buffer zone to be set up in Syria, although French diplomats say it is not viable without a UN Security Council resolution.

Without giving concrete details how France proposed to help save Aleppo, Fabius said he could not accept that the city would be left to its fate. "That's why, with our coalition partners, we must turn our efforts to Aleppo ... to strengthen the moderate opposition and protect the civilian population against the twin crimes of the regime and Islamic State. After Kobani, we must save Aleppo," the column read.—Reuters



Zambia's Vice President Guy Scott listens as US President Barack Obama (not pictured) speaks, at the first Leaders' Session of the US-Africa Leaders Summit, at the State Department in Washington, in this on 6 Aug, 2014 file picture.—REUTERS

Peshmerga, Syrian rebels battle Islamic State in besieged Kobani

MURSITPINAR, (Turkey), 4 Nov — Iraqi Kurdish peshmerga fighters and moderate Syrian rebels bombarded Islamic State positions in Kobani on Monday, but it was unclear if their arrival would turn the tide in the battle for the besieged Syrian border town.

Kobani has become a symbolic test of the US-led coalition's ability to halt the advance of Islamic State, which has poured weapons and fighters into its assault of the town that has lasted more than a month.

The battle has deflected attention from significant gains elsewhere in Syria by Islamic State, which has seized two gas fields within a week from President Bashar al-Assad's forces in the centre of the country.

In Iraq, the group has executed more than 300 members of a Sunni tribe that dared oppose it last week, after seizing the tribe's village in the



A Kurdish refugee from the Syrian town of Kobani exits from an opening at the fence to collect water for her family at a refugee camp in the border town of Suruc, Sanliurfa Province on 3 Nov, 2014. — REUTERS

Euphrates valley west of Baghdad. On Monday a member of the tribe said another 36 members had been executed in the provincial capital Anbar.

For now, the eyes of the world have been on

Kobani, where weeks of fighting have taken place within full view of the Turkish border, causing outrage among Kurds in Turkey who blamed their government for doing too little to help defend the

town.

The arrival in Kobani of the Iraqi Kurdish peshmerga and additional Syrian Free Syrian Army (FSA) fighters in recent days has escalated efforts to defend the town after weeks of

US-led air strikes slowed but did not reverse the Islamic State's advance.

White smoke billowed into the sky as peshmerga and FSA fighters appeared to combine forces, raining cannon and mortar fire down on Islamic State positions to the west of Kobani, a Reuters witness said.

The US military said it bombed Islamic State positions in Syria five times and in Iraq nine times on Sunday and Monday, including near Kobani.

An estimated 150 Iraqi Kurdish fighters crossed into Kobani with arms and ammunition from Turkey late on Friday, the first time Ankara has allowed reinforcements to reach the town.

"(Their) heavy weapons have been a key reinforcement for us. At the moment they're mostly fighting on the western front, there's also FSA there too," said Meryem Kobane, a commander with

the YPG, the main Syrian Kurdish armed group in Kobani.

She said fierce fighting was also continuing in eastern and southern parts of the city.

The peshmerga, the official security forces of Iraq's autonomous Kurdish region, have deployed behind Syrian Kurdish forces and are supporting them with artillery and mortar fire, according to Ersin Caksu, a journalist inside Kobani.

The fiercest fighting was taking place in the south and east, areas where the reinforcements were not deployed, he said.

Despite weeks of air strikes, Islamic State has continued to inflict heavy losses on Kobani's defenders. Late last week hospital sources in Turkey reported a jump in the number of dead and wounded Kurdish fighters being brought across the frontier.

Reuters

Gunmen shoot dead five people in Saudi Arabia

DUBAI, 4 Nov — Unidentified gunmen shot dead five people in Saudi Arabia's Eastern Province late on Monday evening, the state news agency reported.

Nine people were wounded in the attack in al-Dalwah town in al-Ahsa district, a police spokesman was quoted as saying.

"As a group of citizens was leaving a building... three masked men opened fire at them with machine guns and pistols," the spokesman said, adding that the incident was under investigation.

It gave no further details. Al-Ahsa is one of the two main centres of minority Shi'ite Muslims in Sunni-ruled Saudi Arabia, along with the district of Qatif.

Videos purporting to show the aftermath of the attack posted to social media showed a body lying in a pool of blood outside a building, with people milling around calling for help. The authenticity of the videos could not immediately be confirmed.

One of the videos showed a man holding spent bullet casings at the bloodstained entrance to what appears to be a Shi'ite place of worship.

Shi'ite Muslims

worldwide are holding ceremonies marking Ashoura, a 10-day event commemorating the death of the Prophet Mohammad's grandson Imam Hussein in battle 1,300 years ago.

Qatif and Al-Ahsa have historically been the focal point of anti-government demonstrations in support of Shi'ites.

Shi'ites say they face discrimination in seeking educational opportunities or government employment and that they are referred to disparagingly in text books and by some Sunni officials and state-funded clerics.

They also complain of restrictions on setting up places of worship and marking Shi'ite holidays, and say that Qatif and al-Ahsa receive less state funding than Sunni communities of equivalent size.

The Saudi government denies allegations of discrimination.

A government census in 2001 said there were about a million Saudi Shi'ites.

But US diplomats in a 2008 embassy cable released by WikiLeaks estimated they represent up to 12 percent of the total Saudi population, which now numbers 20 million.

Reuters

Heavy fighting near seaport of Libyan city Benghazi, navy ship hit

BENGHAZI, 4 Nov — A Libyan navy ship was hit and 13 people killed during heavy fighting with aircraft and tanks on Monday between the army and Islamist militants near the port of Benghazi, residents of the Mediterranean city said.

The battle was part of a wider conflict in the North African state where former rebels who helped oust dictator Muammar Gaddafi in 2011 are fighting for power and a share of Libya's large oil revenues.

Army special forces, backed by troops of an ex-general, launched an offensive in the Benghazi area two weeks ago against Islamist militants blamed by Washington for a 2012

assault on the former US consulate which killed the American ambassador.

The Red Crescent evacuated 53 foreign workers and 14 sick people trapped inside a hospital next to the port, medics said, while the army moved more tanks and artillery into the city.

A Reuters reporter could see smoke rising from the port, an important conduit for food, wheat and fuel supplies to eastern Libya. A security source said the unidentified navy ship was sinking but this could not immediately be confirmed.

Warplanes could be heard firing into the port area.

Dozens of residents

were leaving Benghazi, heeding a call by the army to evacuate the port area and main commercial district where military officials said Islamists were holed up.

At least 243 people have been killed, 13 of them on Monday, since the army started the offensive, medics said.

The army took a Reuters multi-media team to its Benghazi headquarters after wresting it back last week from Islamists. Many buildings in the vast complex were destroyed or burned out.

Libya is now split between rival tribes and political factions with two governments vying for le-

gitimacy since an armed group from the western city of Misrata seized the capital Tripoli in August, forcing the internationally recognised Prime Minister Abdullah al-Thinni to relocate to the east.

The situation in Benghazi and other parts of Libya has been fluid with government forces unable to control militias.

Forces of ex-general Khalifa Haftar, which back the army in Benghazi, have planes from the Gaddafi-era air force, though his foes say he also gets air support from Egypt, which is worried about the spread of Islamist militants. Haftar denies having Egyptian military support.—Reuters

Suicide blast kills 29 in Nigeria, prison attack frees 144

YOBE, (Nigeria) 4 Nov — A suicide bomber killed at least 29 people in a procession of Shi'ite Muslims marking the ritual of Ashoura in northeast Nigeria's Yobe state on Monday, witnesses said.

In a separate incident overnight in central Kogi state, gunmen using explosives blew their way into a prison in the city of Lokoja, killing one person and freeing 144 inmates, Adams Omale, prisons coordinator for the state, told Reuters.

In the suicide bombing in Potiskum in Yobe state, a territory at the heart of an insurgency by Sunni Muslim Boko Haram rebels, the attacker joined the line of Shi'ites before setting off his device as they marched through a market in the town, resident Yusuf Abdullahi said.

"I heard a very heavy explosion as if it happened in my room. It took place just 200 metres from my house," he said. Another person carrying an explosive that did not

go off was arrested, he said.

Mohammed Gana, whose brother was killed in the attack, said he counted 23 bodies at the scene.

Another Potiskum resident, Abubakar Saliu, said soldiers started shooting immediately after the explosion, but it was not clear who they fired at or if anyone was hit by the gunfire.

Ashoura marks the death in battle more than 1,300 years ago of the Prophet Mohammad's grandson Imam Hussein. Boko Haram's five-year-old campaign for an Islamic state, which has killed thousands, is seen as the main security threat to Nigeria, Africa's biggest economy and leading oil producer.

Omale said 26 of the Lokoja prison inmates freed in the Kogi raid had been recaptured. He did not comment on whether any of the escapees were Boko Haram members.—Reuters

International book fair closes in Belgrade

BELGRADE, 4 Nov — Chinese Ambassador to Serbia Li Manchang presented with an open book his Russian counterpart Alexander Chepurin, whose country will be the next guest of honour, which marked the end of the 59th international book fair in Belgrade.

City Secretary for Culture Vladan Vukosavljevic opened the closing ceremony on Sunday, thanking this year's guest of honour for taking part in the fair and underlining that the presentation of the Chinese book offer gave new momentum to relations between the two countries.

Chairman of the Book



Chinese Ambassador to Serbia Li Manchang and his Russian counterpart Alexander Chepurin.—TANJUG

Fair Committee Zoran Avramovic said that this year's fair was very successful, as it managed to bring together 483 direct exhibitors — 406 domestic and 77 foreign ones.

Avramovic said that the fair is not just a celebration of the book, but also a celebration of the friendship between the peoples of Serbia and China, adding that he is looking for-

ward to Russia being the guest of honour of the 60th international book fair, as many generations in Serbia grew up reading Russian authors.

Thanking for the hospitality, Chinese Ambassador to Serbia Li Manchang said that he is glad that his country presented its book offer at the Belgrade fair.

We decided to further deepen the cooperation in the field of publishing. Despite the fact that we will not be the guest of honor next year, we will try to come to the next Belgrade fair with as many books as possible, the Chinese Ambassador said in fluent Serbian.

He underscored that

for the eight days of the fair, 140 cooperation agreements were signed which illustrates the importance and influence of the Belgrade book fair in Europe and the world.

Russian Ambassador Chepurin said that the Belgrade fair is one of the most significant places for book promotions in Europe and beyond.

For that reason, our preparations for the next book fair start today, although we are aware that China set the bar very high this year, so it will be difficult to surpass that.

We will try hard to prove worthy of your trust, Chepurin said.

Tanjug

US conducts plutonium tests on capabilities of nuclear weapons

WASHINGTON, 4 Nov — The United States conducted a test using plutonium to examine the capabilities of nuclear weapons in September and October, an official of the National Nuclear Security Administration said on Monday.

The tests involved a device called a "Z machine" that generates strong X-rays to create a fusion reaction to assess the performance of nuclear weapons. The United States has repeatedly conducted such tests at the Sandia National Laboratories in New Mexico.

Despite President Barack Obama's much-touted 2009 call for a nuclear weapon-free world, his administration has vowed to maintain existing nuclear arms.

The Z machine is the largest X-ray generator in the world and is designed to test materials in conditions of extreme temperature and pressure.

The NNSA says such experiments are necessary to maintain the safety and capabilities of existing nuclear weapons.

Kyodo News

Peru seeks to create new tourist site

CHACHAPOYAS, (Peru), 4 Nov —The Peruvian government is seeking to create a new tourist site in the north of the country to add to the Machu Picchu ruins, a UNESCO-designated World Heritage site in the south.

The project centres on the ruins of the ancient walled city of Kuelap, which is believed to have been the capital of the people of the Chachapoyas culture.

The Japan International Cooperation Agency plans to support the project, which faces poor transport

access, with constructing roads and waste disposal facilities. "We hope we can contribute to regional development there, including in environmental aspects, rather than focusing only on developing the ruins," an official at JICA's Peru office said.—*Kyodo News*

Photo taken on 23 July, 2014, shows a site believed to be an observatory (R in the back) and remains of residential houses at the ruins of the ancient walled city of Kuelap, northern Peru.

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Fire contained on board large submarine chaser Kerch in Russia's Sevastopol

MOSCOW, 4 Nov — The fire broke out in the aft of the Russian Black Sea Fleet's large submarine chaser Kerch in the Russian federal city of Sevastopol on Tuesday morning, spokesman of the Russian Navy Captain First Rank Igor Dygalo told TASS.

The fire has now been contained, Dygalo said. "Neither servicemen nor civilian personnel were injured in the accident," he added.

Kerch is currently under service maintenance at a shipyard in the city of Sevastopol, Dygalo said.

Itar-Tas

Obama declares Hawaiian lava flow to be major disaster



WASHINGTON, 4 Nov — US President Barack Obama on Monday declared a slow-moving lava

flow from the Pu'u O'o vent of the Kilauea volcano in Hawaii to be a major disaster, the White House

said.

The declaration frees up federal money to help protect local communities

from the lava flow, which began moving toward homes on the big island of Hawaii on 27 June and is

A fallen tree leaves a hole in the lava flow from the Kilauea volcano near the village of Pahoa, Hawaii in this handout picture from the US Geological Survey (USGS) taken on 31 Oct, 2014.

REUTERS

threatening Pahoa village.

The leading edge of the flow has paused about 185 yards from Pahoa Village Road, the main thoroughfare through an old sugar plantation.

No homes have been destroyed and no injuries have been reported.

Kilauea has erupted continuously from its Pu'u O'o vent since 1983.

The last home destroyed by lava on the Big Island was at the Royal Gardens subdivision in Kalapana in 2012.

On Sunday, two Hawaii residents were charged with trespassing after police found the man and woman snapping pictures within five feet of a slow-moving river of molten lava, police said.

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WEATHER REPORT

BAY INFERENCE: According to the observations at (13:30)hrs MST today, a low pressure area has formed over the Southeast Bay of Bengal. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL EVENING OF THE 5th November, 2014: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Yangon, Ayeyawady, Bago and Taninthayi Regions, scattered in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Shan and Rakhine States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar-coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35)mph.



An approximately two-metre long sea lion closes its eyes on the beach of Kujukuri, Sammu, Chiba Prefecture, on 4 Nov, 2014. People gathered to watch it as sea lions rarely come ashore so close to Tokyo.
KYODO NEWS

Corpse found in Costa Concordia wreck thought to be final victim



The Costa Concordia ship is docked at Genoa's port, in northern Italy, where the ship will be broken up for scrap, on 27 July, 2014.—REUTERS

ROME, 4 Nov — A corpse found in the wreck of the *Costa Concordia* is thought to be that of the last person unaccounted for almost three years after the luxury liner sank, Italy's coast guard said on Monday.

Russel Rebello, an Indian who worked as a waiter on the ship when it hit rocks and sank off the Tuscan coast in January 2012, killing 32 people, had been

the only person missing after the disaster whose body has not yet been found.

A Coast Guard spokeswoman in the northern port city of Genoa, where the 290-metre-long (957-foot-long) hulk was towed for scrap in July, told *Reuters* a body found on the ship was "assumed to be the last victim, Russel Rebello."

In August, authorities announced they had found remains on the ship and

would test them to see if they belonged to Rebello. Italian media later reported that those remains were determined to be lamb bones.

The sinking of the *Concordia*, a floating hotel as long as three soccer pitches laid end-to-end, prompted a chaotic nighttime evacuation and one of the largest maritime salvage operations in history.—*Reuters*

Japan to make Myanmar silver coins for 60th anniversary of diplomatic ties

TOKYO, 4 Nov — The Finance Ministry and Japan Mint said on Tuesday they have received an order from the Central Bank of Myanmar to make silver coins to commemorate the 60th anniversary this year since the establishment of bilateral

diplomatic relations. Myanmar is the seventh country for which Japan manufactures coins after World War II. The commemorative coin depicts the city of Bagan, one of the world's three major Buddhist ruins, and has a face value of 5,000 kyat

or about 550 yen. Japan is also planning to mint up to 10,000 coins for domestic sale at a price of 6,171 yen, with online orders accepted from Wednesday through 25 November. The number of coins for Myanmar is yet to be decided.—*Kyodo News*

Train derails in Russia's Far East Sakhalin, one dead, 12 injured

YUZHNO-SAKHALINSK, 4 Nov — A total of twelve people were rushed to hospital and one more person died on Monday night in a railroad accident on Russia's Far-Eastern island of Sakhalin, the press service of the regional branch of the Ministry for Emergency Situations said in a press release.

A passenger train cruising between the port towns of Khomsok and Chekhov slid off the track at 18:35 local time (11.35 MSK). A rail maintenance foreman died and twelve of the 45 people aboard the train were rushed to hospital with medium-heavy traumas. Two



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officers of the Far-Eastern transport police department happened to be among the passengers and they gave first aid to the fellow-passengers and the train crew

after the accident. Emergency Ministry officials said a team of about 175 on a specialized repair train had been dispatched to the site of the crash.—*Itar-Tass*

Police asks Selena Gomez to lock doors



LONDON, 4 Nov — Singer-actress Selena Gomez has reportedly been urged to lock her house's doors by police.

Gomez, 22, allegedly called the cops about an intruder in her house last week, which turned out to be a false alarm, reported Contactmusic.

Law enforcement sources revealed that she raised the alarm after she returned home to find a door unlocked. The police arrived quickly but found nobody inside.

This is reportedly the third time Gomez has contacted the police over fears that her house had been broken into and for it to be a false alarm.

Meanwhile, despite the false intruder alarms, Gomez loves living alone because she can have her own space. "I can, you know, walk around naked and stuff. I think that the best thing is being able to go into my own space and have it just be mine," she had said.—PTI

With big album on sale, Taylor Swift pulls music from Spotify

LOS ANGELES, 4 Nov — Singer Taylor Swift, whose new album is likely to have the biggest opening week of sales in a dozen years, on Monday pulled her entire catalogue from online music streaming service Spotify. Singers and bands, including Beyonce and Coldplay, in the past have delayed releasing albums to Spotify to give retailers an exclusive window to sell their albums, but Swift has taken the unusual action of pulling all of her music from the service.

The action may discourage Swift's fans who use the service and overshadow the singer's announcement on Monday of a world tour that is set to begin in May in Louisiana.

Swift and her record label, Big Machine, requested last week that the singer's music be taken down, Spotify spokesman Graham James said.

Swift wrote in an op-ed piece for the *Wall Street Journal* in July, "Piracy, file sharing and streaming have shrunk the numbers of paid album sales dras-



Singer Taylor Swift performs on ABC's "Good Morning America" to promote her new album "1989" in New York, on 30 Oct, 2014. —REUTERS

tically ... Music is art, and art is important and rare. Important, rare things are valuable. Valuable things should be paid for. It's my opinion that music should not be free ..."

The Swedish-British company made a public plea to Swift, saying in a blog post, "We hope she'll change her mind and join us in building a new music economy that works for everyone."

The company said

Swift's music was on 19 million playlists. The streaming service has more than 40 million users.

Swift's new album, "1989," was released on 27 October and it is expected to top 1 million in US sales when figures are released on Wednesday, trade magazine *Billboard* said.

Big Machine declined to comment on why it asked for Swift's albums to be pulled from Spotify, a free service that also offers

subscription fees to users who want to eliminate advertising.

"1989" was not available to stream on Spotify but its lead single, No 1 hit "Shake It Off," had been.

Streaming music has attracted interest among technology companies such as Amazon.com Inc and Apple Inc as album sales and downloads decline.

The withholding of new music, known as "windowing," is meant to encourage customers to buy albums and download songs rather than stream them online, which is less profitable. Artists and record companies have at times been at odds with Spotify over money. The company says that about 70 percent of its revenue goes to record labels and publishers, which then have their own separate agreements with artists. Big Machine founder Scott Borchetta has been vocal in the past over his dislike about how Spotify and other free streaming services compensate record labels.

Reuters

Nolan roots 'Interstellar' epic in family drama with McConaughey



Matthew McConaughey in *Interstellar*.

LOS ANGELES, 4 Nov — For his first journey into a galaxy far, far away, director Christopher Nolan wanted to tether himself to something close to home.

In his daughter, he found inspiration for a lead character in "Interstellar," Nolan's big-budget epic space adventure rooted in intimate family drama.

"I took the decision to change Murphy into a girl, and I think I may well have done that because my oldest child is a daughter," Nolan said of the teen who suffers when her father, played by Matthew McConaughey, leaves for a long, potentially fatal space jour-

ney. "I wanted to have as close a relationship as possible to the emotional journey of the character."

"Interstellar," out in US theaters on Friday, is expected to be one of the year's biggest films at the box office. And Nolan, who has carved out a prestigious movie career with the "Dark Knight" Batman trilogy and "Inception," believes it takes the audience to the furthest realm of space exploration in film.

After Alfonso Cuarón's space thriller "Gravity" drew some criticism from scientists for its implausibility, Nolan pre-empted controversy by say-

ing anyone who demands scientific rigor from the fantastical film is "going to produce their own level of frustration." The film presents theoretical notions of wormholes and bending the rules of time and space.

"We've certainly crossed over into some interesting territory in terms of the science, but we've always done it at the service of the emotional story at the heart of the film."

"Interstellar" is set in a vague distant future where Earth's inhabitants face an agricultural crisis as dust storms threaten mankind's food and ability to breathe.

McConaughey, fresh off his best actor Oscar win, plays the "everyman" Cooper, a former NASA pilot-turned-farmer who is called to an exploration to find a new home for humans on another world in another galaxy.

To do so, Cooper must leave behind his family, especially his precocious teen daughter, played by Mackenzie Foy, with whom he shares a close bond over astrophysics.

Reuters

Actor Tom Hanks to publish collection of stories



Actor Tom Hanks

NEW YORK, 4 Nov — Actor Tom Hanks will publish a book of stories linked to his collection of typewriters, publisher Alfred A

Knopf said on Monday.

The book, which will include photographs, is still untitled and no publication date has been set.

"I've been collecting typewriters for no particular reason since 1978 — both manual and portable machines dating from the 30s to the 90s," the 58-year-old Oscar winner said in a statement.

"The stories are not about the typewriters themselves, but rather, the stories are something that might have been written on one of them."

Hanks, who recently published his first work of fiction in the *New Yorker* magazine titled "Alan Bean Plus Four," won best actor Academy Awards in 1994 for "Philadelphia" and the following year for "Forrest Gump."—Reuters

Models present creations of the winter collection of "Uma Raquel Davidowicz" 2015 during the 38th Sao Paulo Fashion Week (SPFW), in Sao Paulo, Brazil, on 3 Nov, 2014. XINHUA



Original Apple computer could fetch \$600,000 at December auction

NEW YORK, 4 Nov — A fully operational Apple computer that company co-founder Steve Jobs sold out of his parents' garage in 1976 for \$600 will hit the auction block in December, where it is expected to fetch more than half a million dollars, Christie's said on Monday.

The so-called Ricketts Apple-1 Personal Computer, named after its original owner Charles Ricketts and being sold on 11 December, is the only known surviving Apple-1 documented as having been sold directly by Jobs, then just 21, to an individual from the Los Altos, California family home, Christie's said. "It all started with the Apple-1 and with this particular machine," said Andrew McVinish, Christie's director of decorative arts.

"When you see a child playing with an iPad or iPhone, not too many people know that it all started with the Apple-1," he added. "So to be able to own a machine that started the digital rev-

olution is a very powerful attraction."

The computer is being sold by Robert Luther, a Virginia collector who bought it in 2004 at a police auction of storage locker goods without knowing all the details of its history. "I knew it had been sold from the garage of Steve Jobs in July of 1976, because I had the buyer's canceled check," Luther wrote on a kickstarter page soliciting funding for a book on the machine's history.

"My computer had been purchased directly from Jobs, and based on the buyers address on the check, he lived four miles from Jobs."

In 1999, the Ricketts Apple-1 was acquired by Bruce Waldack, an entrepreneur who had just sold his company, DigitalNation. Waldack eventually lost his fortune, left the country and died in 2007. The Ricketts Apple-1 was auctioned at a self-storage facility in Virginia, where Luther purchased it.

An Apple-1 expert ser-



A fully operational Apple computer that company co-founder Steve Jobs sold out of his parents' garage in 1976 for \$600 is seen in this undated handout picture courtesy of Christie's. — REUTERS

viced and started the computer, running the standard original software program, Microsoft BASIC, and an original Apple-1 Star Trek game to test it out, Christie's said. The computer will be sold with the cancelled check

from the original garage purchase on 27 July, 1976 made out to Apple Computer by Charles Ricketts for \$600, which Ricketts later labeled as "Purchased July 1976 from Steve Jobs in his parents' garage in Los Altos".—Reuters

FC Tokyo targeting Barcelona's Xavi



Spanish midfielder Xavi Hernandez

TOKYO, 4 Nov — FC Tokyo are reportedly making a hugely ambitious move for Barcelona's World Cup- and

Euro-winning Spanish midfielder Xavi Hernandez.

According to the *Nikkan Sports* daily on Tuesday, To-

kyo, who are seventh in the J-League with three games left this year, are targeting the 35-year-old Xavi for the upcoming close season.

Tokyo, the report said, have yet to make a formal offer for Xavi — who has spent his entire career at Barcelona and who retired from internationals after the World Cup this summer — but have been in touch with his connections.

Xavi is hugely popular in Japan, after having won the Champions League three times and La Liga seven

times, and led Spain to their first World Cup title in 2010 as well as back-to-back European championships in 2008 and 2012.

Xavi was linked with a move to Qatar before the season started and is said to be on an annual salary of around 1 billion yen.

Tokyo have set their sights on a first J-League title in 2015, and are also trying to lure Japan's two-time World Cup striker Yoshito Okubo away from Kawasaki Frontale this winter.

Kyodo News

Air pollution slashes India's potential grain yields by half — study

ROME, 4 Nov — Air pollution seems to have a direct, negative impact on grain production in India, a study warned on Monday, with recent increases in smog decreasing projected yields by half.

Analysing 30 years of data, scientists developed a statistical model suggesting that air pollution caused wheat yields in densely populated states to be 50 percent lower than what they could have been in 2010.

Up to 90 percent of the decrease in potential food production seems linked to smog, made up of black carbon and other pollutants, the study said.

Changes linked to global warming and precipitation levels accounted for the other 10 percent.

"The numbers are staggering," Jennifer Burney, an author of the study and scientist at the University of California told the Thomson Reuters Foundation.

"We hope our study puts the potential benefits on cleaning up the air on the table," she said, noting that agriculture is often not considered when governments debate the economic costs of air pollution and new legislation aimed at combating it.

The research paper "Recent climate and air pollution impacts on Indian

agriculture", published in the Proceedings of National Academy of Sciences, analysed what wheat production could have been if there was less pollution.

Food production in India continues to increase because of new technologies and management techniques.

Scientists examined historical data on crop yields, emissions, and precipitation to draw their conclusions.

The historical research generally confirms what chemists and other scientists have said in past studies about the impact of air pollution on food production.

While tackling global warming requires international action, reducing smog is often a simpler process that can take place at the national level.

"The technologies to fix this problem exist," Burney said. Trucks need better particulate filters for diesel, and the Indian government should help rural residents use cleaner fuels in their cooking stoves, rather than biomass, she said.

"None of these (mitigation techniques) are very high tech," she said, adding that better public policies on clean air could help India meet its goal of reducing hunger to zero.—Reuters

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A labourer burns paddy waste stubble at a field on the outskirts of Chandigarh on 5 Nov, 2009.

REUTERS

Djokovic to face Cilic at ATP finale, Murray to meet Federer

LONDON, 4 Nov — Three-times champion and world number one Novak Djokovic has been drawn in a group with US Open champion Marin Cilic in next week's season-ending ATP World Tour Finals in London.



Andy Murray of Britain returns a shot during his men's singles quarter-final tennis match against Novak Djokovic of Serbia at the Paris Masters tennis tournament at the Bercy sports hall in Paris, on 31 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS

Djokovic, who retained his Paris Masters title on Sunday after beating Milos Raonic, will also face Australian Open champion Stanislas Wawrinka and hard-hitting Czech Tomas

Berdych in Group A of the elite event staged at London's O2 Arena. Djokovic takes a 27-match indoor winning streak into the tournament and Cilic, who is making his debut at the eight-man event, has not beaten the Serb in 10 previous encounters.

"It is going to be very difficult but very exciting," Cilic told the BBC. "I hope it is going to be an absolutely amazing experience, to play there for the first time. I have watched it on TV for so many years.

"Any of the matches could be a grand slam final so it is satisfying to play in it." Second seed Roger Federer, who has won the year-ending tournament six times and who still has hopes of replacing Djokovic on top of the rankings before the end of the year, faces a clash in Group B



Novak Djokovic of Serbia returns a shot during his men's singles final tennis match against Milos Raonic of Canada at the Paris Masters tennis tournament at the Bercy sports hall in Paris, on 2 Nov, 2014.—REUTERS

with home favourite Andy Murray.

Murray, a three-times semi-finalist in London, and Federer have contested some titanic battles during their careers and there is very little to separate the two as they can both boast 11 wins apiece.

Former Wimbledon champion Murray, who won three titles in the past six weeks to secure a place at the tournament after

slipping down the rankings, missed last year's tournament because of back surgery. Debutants Raonic, the first Canadian singles player to qualify for the showpiece event, and Japan's Kei Nishikori, the first Asian-born man to qualify, complete the group.

World number three Rafael Nadal of Spain is missing because of surgery for appendicitis.

The lucrative tournament gets underway on 9 November.

Draw: Group A: Novak Djokovic (Serbia), Stanislas Wawrinka (Switzerland), Tomas Berdych (Czech Rep), Marin Cilic (Croatia)

Group B: Roger Federer (Switzerland), Kei Nishikori (Japan), Andy Murray (Britain), Milos Raonic (Canada).—Reuters

Manchester City have no margin for errors against CSKA

LONDON, 4 Nov — Everyone at Manchester City is flying high after the 1-0 derby win over Manchester United at the weekend but they could all come crashing back to earth after Wednesday's meeting with CSKA Moscow in the Champions League.

The English top-flight champions, with striker Sergio Aguero in outstanding form, should in theory be too strong for their Russian counterparts at the Etihad Stadium, a year to the day since City won the corresponding fixture 5-2.

The omens are on the side of the home team too. CSKA have never won in England in five appearances while Aguero has scored seven goals against Russian clubs in four outings for City and previous club Atletico Madrid.

However, City's performances in Europe this season have produced two draws and a defeat from three Group E matches and they are now battling to

stay in the competition.

The second of those draws came in Moscow two weeks ago when they let a 2-0 lead slip in the closing stages, allowing CSKA to recover for a 2-2 draw, but they have no margin for errors now.

Bayern Munich lead the way with nine points followed by AS Roma on four, City on two and CSKA on one. Anything less than a home win will put a huge dent in the home team's hopes of advancing to the last 16.

A CSKA victory would put the Russians back in the hunt if Bayern, who handed City a lifeline when they thrashed Roma 7-1 two weeks ago, beat the Italian outfit again on Wednesday.

Despite a surprise recent defeat by West Ham United, City are third in the Premier League, six points behind leaders Chelsea, and their form domestically is far superior to their results in Europe.—Reuters



'Queen Yuna' named honorary ambassador for 2018 Games

SEOUL, 4 Nov — Former Olympic figure skating champion Kim Yuna will play the role of honorary ambassador for the 2018 Winter Olympics in South Korea's Pyeongchang. The 24-year-old, who became South Korea's first Olympic figure skating gold medalist at the Vancouver Games, retired from the sport earlier this year after winning silver in Sochi. Kim was one of the key figures in Pyeongchang's successful bid for the 2018 Games.

making an impressive presentation to the International Olympic Committee session in South Africa in 2011. "The memories that I made with the bid committee are still fresh in my mind," she said in a statement on Tuesday.

"With these memories in stow I am excited to bring the same passion and commitment with me to this new role with the organizing committee."

The figure skater was South Korea's most popular sporting figure until her retirement and single-handedly made the sport popular back home.

Cho Yang-ho, who took over as president of Pyeongchang's organizing committee (POCOG) in July, said Kim would make a valuable contribution to ensuring South Korea's first Winter Olympics was a success.

"As a Games ambassador for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games, we expect her to take the lead in promoting the Games to the world," he said in a statement. Cho, who led Pyeongchang's successful bid for the Olympics, replaced Kim Jin-sun after he abruptly resigned in the middle of a review by the Board of Audit and Inspection.—Reuters