

## Thura U Shwe Mann pays respect to former teachers at Pyu Basic Education High School No (1)

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Jan — Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann paid respect to his former teachers in Pyu Township, Bago region, Sunday.

The ceremony was held at Pyu Basic Education High School No (1), the former National School in 1920 during colonial period.

At the 95th anniversary

of the school and 15th paying respect ceremony to veteran teachers, Thura U Shwe Mann said that he believed patience, tolerance, endurance and courage are important for everyday life.

He also urged teachers of new generation to nurture disciplined students who are necessary for the future of the country.

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw then met mem-

bers of township municipal committee, medical staff of township hospital and township education officer, discussing development programme of the area.

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## Prices of beans and pulses expected to rise in 2015

By Aung Khin

YANGON, 11 Jan — Prices of Myanmar beans and pulses are expected to hike in early 2015 due to an increase in value of US currency compared with other currencies, according exporters from this sector.

Myanmar annually produces more than 1.2 million tons of beans and pulses— 500 thousand tons of mung bean, 300 thousand tons of green gram, 200 thousand tons of pigeon peas and other varieties.

A businessperson in Bayintnaung Brokerage said to the Global New Light of Myanmar: “The prices of beans and pulses



*A thriving pigeon pea plantation expanding green colour till horizon for enabling farmers to earn increased income.*

are expected to increase this year due to the ex-

change rate.”

Productive rate of beans in central Myanmar region declined 30 percent due to drought, with pigeon pea at K24,000, green gram at K33,000 and mung bean at K 3,3500 per basket.

Myanmar export 70

percent of mung beans to India, while 50 percent of green gram to China. Demand of pigeon peas to western countries also contributes to a certain extent although purchasing volume of this variety in those countries is gradually

increasing.

A recent study by the International Food Policy Research Institute showed that pulses imports of India rose from 0.1 million tons in 2000 to a staggering 4.1 million tons in 2012. In terms of value, pulses import has joined the billion-dollar club, rising US\$ 45 million in 2000 to \$1.93 billion in 2012.

The bean exporter said the reasons for increasing local prices of beans and peas are because of declining Myanmar currency rate against hard currency, as well as higher demand of foreign markets where crops were devastated amidst natural disasters such as floods and heavy rains.

He said: “The fall of fuel price will not affect on the prices of these crops as transportation charges for export items are not likely to change.”

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## Novel-Myanmar literary festival to be celebrated on grand scale in mid-January

By Khaing Thanda Lwin

YANGON, 11 Jan — The big Novel-Myanmar Literary Festival will be held from 17 to 19 January at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street in Yangon on a grand scale, aiming at improving public interest in Myanmar’s literary world, the organizing body said.

Organized by those in literary world, the three-day festival is also aimed at developing reading habits among the people, promoting writers’ innovative ideas and helping support the development of Myanmar’s literacy with the Nobel award-winning literature, Saya Phay Myint, one of Myanmar’s famous writers who also organizes the event, told the Global New Light of Myanmar.

To mark the Novel-Myanmar Literacy Festival, Myanmar writers plan to publish more than 70 trans-

lated award-winning books, in which over 50 books have been translated into Myanmar so far, he added.

A publisher said about 80 booths will be showcased by around 40 publishing houses at the festival. Book fair, paper-reading sessions, a cartoon show, writer-reader talks, book launchings, and short novel reading sessions are scheduled during the fair.

A drama titled “Maha San Chin Thu”, an educative drama, will be performed by writers, cartoonists, artists and poets in the evenings of the festival.

“In an attempt to promote the declining Myanmar literary world, it needs to establish more libraries nationwide,” writer Phay Myint said, adding having more activities would also help develop people’s reading habits.

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By Khin Yadana

YANGON, 11 Jan — “Health to all beings and peace to the entire nation”, an unclear utterance that quietens the congregation who are soon to pay homage to senior people aged 100 and over.

Grandma Daw Mya Yin, aged 101, was extending her best wishes to the people attending a ceremony at the office of Yangon Region government here on Sunday.

As a gesture of New Year’s good deed, the government honoured older citizens with financial assistance, benefits in kind and certificates of honour signed by the president himself.

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## Yangon honours senior citizens



*Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay give certificates of honour presented by President U Thein Sein to senior citizens.—TIN SOE (MYANMA ALINN)*



## Mingala association awards winners in religious examination

MYANAUNG, 11 Jan— The 56<sup>th</sup> Mingala awarding ceremony took place at Parahita Myoshwe Monastery in Myanaung, Ayeyawady Region, on Sunday.

Abbots of Myanaung Township Mingala propagation association gave advices to the attendees.

Vice Chairman of the association Assistant Township Education Officer U Hlaing Win made a speech.

Officials presented prizes to winners in the Mingala religious literature examination. Parahita Myoshwe monastery Abbot Bhaddanta Puññavamsa with the assistance of YMBA and Ministry of Education jointly set up the Myanaung, Kyangin, Ingapu and Moenyo townships Mingala propagation association 56 years ago.

Nay Win Zaw  
(Myanaung)



## Video branch of MMPO opens in Myawady

MYAWADY, 11 Jan — A ceremony to open the office of Township Video Branch of Myanmar Motion Picture Organization was held on the circular road in Ward 5 of Myawady, Kayin State, on 10 January.

Chairman of Township Video Industry Su-

pervisory Committee Township Administrator U Khin Maung Zaw and officials formally opened the new office.

Myawady District's deputy commissioner U Lwin Ko Oo unveiled the signboard of the office.

Tun Tun Oo  
(Myawady Town)



## Villages of green emerald project gaining development momentum

NGAZUN, 11 Jan — Head of Myingyan District Rural Development Department U Kyaw Min

Naung and officials visited Kywezein Village included in the emerald green project in Ngazun Township, Mandalay Region, on 8 January.

In accord with the guidance of the government, the

Department of Rural Development disbursed K30 million loan each to project villages for alleviating poverty. Thanks to the loans, the local people from the project areas enjoy fruits of agriculture, livestock breeding, trade and production.

Officials inspected progress of agriculture, livestock breeding and productions of local people.

The district department head urged local people to keep accounts of the works and pay back loans on time.—Zaw Min Naing  
(Myingyan)

## Wellwisher donates 10 sets of tables and chairs to BEHS Branch

NYAUNGLEBIN, 11 Jan — The government is giving encouragement to improvement of education sector.

Likewise, people cooperate with the government for upgrading infrastructures of education sector.

A ceremony to donate 10 sets of tables and chairs to Basic Education High School Branch was held at the school in Myoma Ward 1 in Nyaunglebin, Bago Region, on Friday.

Well-wisher Chairman of the Township Development Supportive Committee U Thein Naing explained the purpose of donation.

The well-wisher family donated 10 sets of chairs and tables worth about K700,000 to Headmistress Daw Khin Swe Win.

JAT U Thein Lwin spoke words of thanks on the occasion.

Nay Lin (Nyaunglebin)

*The opening ceremony of Video Branch of Myanmar Motion Picture Organization in Progress in Ward 5, Myawady.*



## Inter-village road gets wooden bridge in Mohnyin Township

MOHNYIN, 11 Jan — Real requirements of local people could not be included in the projects of minis-

tries concerned due to small workloads in development tasks.

To be able to fulfill the

requirements of grassroots levels, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw allotted K100 million budget to each township.

A wooden bridge across Nantyin Creek has been constructed on an inter-village road linking Nantpok and Kardu villages in Mohnyin Township, Kachin State.

A K5 million from the fund allotted by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was spent on construction of the bridge for ensuring smooth transport of rural people.

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## Retired personnel may apply for apartments of Myayinanda Housing

MANDALAY, 11 Jan — Mandalay City Development Committee plans to sell the low-cost apartments of Myayinanda housings built in Chanmyathazi Township to retired workers and staff, above 25 years in-service personnel and families of those who sacrificed their life and organs of

body for the country.

All applicants must live in Mandalay District without owned housings. One person from each household may apply for the housing, showing pension books and copy of household registration. Applications are available at Mandalay City Devel-

opment Committee Office, not later than 30 January. The committee will sell apartments through in cash and bank loan systems. The applicants are to apply for three types of apartments—484 square feet, 527 square feet and 554.5 square feet.—Thiha Ko Ko  
(Mandalay)





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## Yangon honours senior . . . .

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Yangon Region has 87 older people aged 100 and over, but only a few were able to be present at the ceremony, according to officials.

Although all were eager to attend the ceremony in person, just 27 grandpas and grandmas could make it while the remaining others could not come for health reason or old age. All of them received K396,100 each.

“This is the first time in more than 100 years we have been honoured by the government. It is a very noble deed. Old people feel lonely by nature. We all feel pleased and energetic to be honoured in this way,” said Grandma Daw Thila of Tamwe township, aged 104.

Regarding longevity, she advised, “you should entertain a positive attitude and control your mind in

everything you do, which is a secret to enjoying a long life.”

Speaking at the ceremony, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe said that paying respects to senior citizens is a beautiful tradition that belongs to Myanmar and that the new generation should be encouraged to uphold the good practice and the philanthropic work.

Grandma Daw Mya Tin of Tamwe township, aged 107, said that she could not believe they would be honoured in such a ceremony. She also extended her best regards to well-wishers, smiling with delight when she was photographed.

The government has set up a fund to honour older people every year. The fund is set up with 25% contributions from the emoluments each of the president, the vice-presidents, union ministers and deputy ministers.

## Farmers from Dekkhinathiri Township visit paddy and vegetable farms

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Jan — About 200 farmers from Guhnalon Hsesu village-tract in Dekkhinathiri Township observed land preparations at a 244.5 acres of land near Tegyigon Village of Zabuthiri Township on 10 January.

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing urged them to choose the best way to transform manual to mechanized farming for ensuring food sufficiency and to be able to double their income.

The farmers viewed use of tractors, combine harvesters and power-tillers at the station near Yangon-Pyinmana Road.

They also visited Paletwe hybrid paddy seed production farm near Alyinlo Village,



Farmers from Dekkhinathiri Township visit 440-acre Paletwe hybrid paddy seed production farm in Pyinmana Township.—MNA

Pyinmana Township.

The farmers also visited a 300-ton rice warehouse for Paletwe paddy seeds.

At the 900-acre organic fruits and vegetable plantation in Ottarathiri Township, Director-General U

Kyaw Win of Agriculture Department presented quality seeds and saplings to farmers.—MNA

## Novel-Myanmar . . .

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According to his view, reading can help people expand the scope of their knowledge as well as to build up peace among the different faiths in the community.

He continued to say that public views that youths have no reading habits are totally wrong. The present

day youths prefer general knowledge books rather than aesthetic books.

A plan is underway to hold a children’s literary festival in the coming year based on the success of this festival. It aims to promote the standard of Myanmar literacy with the encouragement of child literacy and develop reading habits among the children.—GNLM



Officials of organizing committee drawing a plan for book shops.

PHOTO: KHAING THANDA LWIN

## Prices of beans . . .

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An economist said both fuel price and exchange rate should be stable not avoid serious fluctuation of inflation rate, saying that a higher inflation will lead to increasing commodity prices.

He added that stable exchange rate will help to keep prices stable, and lower consumer demand in the

domestic market.

The global prices of most commodities such as oil, soybean oil and sugar have been on a long-term, downward trend since the recession of 2007-2009.

The annual average global price in November 2014 was 3.9 per cent lower compared to the corresponding month in 2013.

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## Hotel project to contribute to development of infrastructures in TadaU Tsp



Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung highlights development of tourism industry.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Jan — Mandalay City can accommodate tourists with 5,809 rooms of 142 hotels as number of tourists paying visits to Mandalay is creasing year by year, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung said at the launching of TadaU

Project of Myanmar Tourism Development Public Company Ltd in TadaU Township, Mandalay Region, on 10 January.

The union minister said that project of the company will fulfill development of roads, water supply, electrification

and job opportunities to the local people from project area.

Mandalay Region Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Myint Than and Chairman of the company U Yan Win explained preparations for the TadaU project. The

union minister viewed undertaking of construction tasks with the use of heavy machinery.

Thanks to TadaU Project, hospital, schools, housings, parks and playgrounds will emerge in the project in the future.

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## District IPRD, volunteers give mobile library service to readers

THATON, 11 Jan— Thaton District Information and Public Relations Department and New generation youth readers association jointly conducted a mobile library service at Basic Education

High School (Branch) in Naungbo Village in Thaton Township, Mon State, on 10 January.

“Our village has many graduates. Likewise, may youths missed chance to pursue education in even

matriculation. However, books and publications from the library will help them continue learning. As a result, they will have a wider scope of knowledge in their jobs. So, we create the opportunities for them

to read,” U Saw Myat Ko Ko of the readers association.

Staff of Thaton District IPRD allowed borrowing of books for readers every Saturday.

The district IPRD gives mobile library services to the people in urban and rural areas from Monday to Saturday.

Thet Oo (Thaton)



## Township WVO holds annual meeting



MYANAUNG, 11 Jan — Myanaung Township War Veterans Organization held a meeting at its office in Myanaung, Ayeyawady Region, on 10 January.

Patron of the organization the commanding officer of No 51 Infantry Regiment, Captain Aung Thurein Tun extended greetings.

Chairman of the organization Captain Myo Kyi (Rtd) explained tasks of the township WVO. The treasurer reported on financial matters.

A total of 76 members of the organization participated in the discussions. Deputy Township Administrator U Aung Win and departmental officials were in attendance.—Win Bo (Myanaung IPRD)

## INRD issues citizenship cards to locals

MANDALAY, 11 Jan — Mahaungmye Township Immigration and National Registration Department held talks on Moe Pwint Special Plan and issued citizenship scrutiny cards to the local people at the Dhammayon of Phayani Pagoda in the township on 9 January.

The head of Mandalay District INRD gave talks on Moe Pwint Plan.

Mandalay Region Hluttaw representative U Pyay Win and officials presented CSCs to 310 eligible people.

The project is being implemented from 1 January to 30 June so as to issue CSCs to above 18 years old people.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)



## New road opened to contribute to uplift of living standard of people

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Jan — Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Myo Nyunt and member of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee U Kyaw Myint attended the opening ceremony of Alyinlo village asphalted road in Zabuthiri Township on Sunday.

Deputy Director (Engineer) U Soe Naing Oo of

Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee reported on construction of the asphalt road and a plan for durability of facility.

The council member, the committee member and district's deputy commissioner U Zaw Lwin Oo formally opened the asphalt road and strolled along it.

At Aungshuhtoosan

Dhammayon in the village, the council member met local people and made clarifications on regional development in the township.

The newly-inaugurated road is 5,340 feet long and 14 feet wide. It will be a drive for development of the village and improvement of living standard of the people.—Shwe Kokko



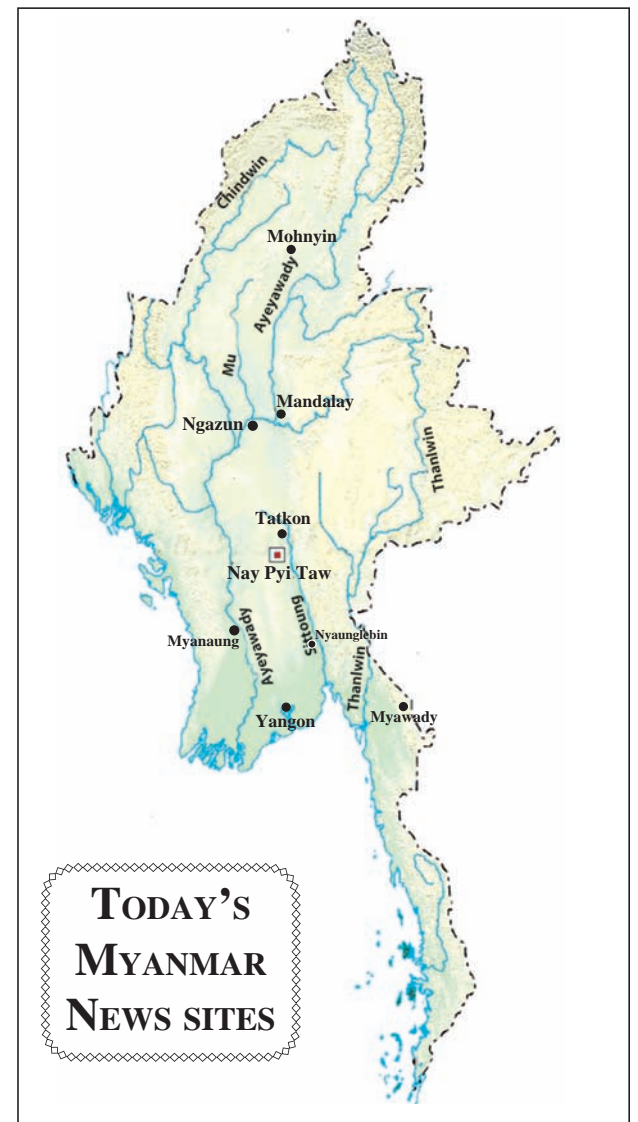
## Nay Pyi Taw Council member views sales of chemical dye free products

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Jan — Nay Pyi Taw council member U Myo Nyunt on Sunday inspected Shwekyabin Market and Thabyegon Market in Zabuthiri Township.

Head of markets department of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee U Min Lwin Soe and Head of Zabuthiri Township Health Department Dr Win Naing reported on checking the sales of foods and products at the markets and giving talks on avoiding sales of chemical dyes free products.

The council member together with officials inspected sales of products at the markets.

Shwe Kokko



## People young and old participate in Mandalay Mayor's Trophy Mini Marathon 2015

MANDALAY, 11 Jan — The Mandalay Mayor's Trophy Mini Marathon 2015 kicked off on 26<sup>th</sup> street in front of Mandalay City Development Committee on 10 January morning, attended by Chief Minister of Mandalay Region U Ye Myint.

Mayor of Mandalay Mandalay Region Minister for Development Affairs U Aung Moug launched the mini marathon.

People participated in the 12.5 miles long route and finished at Bahtoo Stadium.

The mayor gave the first prize to Thaug Aye with 1 hour, 4 min and 16 sec, second to San Naing with 1 hour, 5 min and 18

sec, third to Margauk with 1 hr, 5 min and 24 sec in the men's event; and first to Phyu Wah Thet with 1 hr, 10 min and 00 sec, second to Myint Myint Aye with 1 hr and 11 min and third to Pa Pa with 1 hr, 13 min and 24 sec in the women's event.

Kyaw Soe Win secured the first prize in the men's novice event with 1 hr, 11 min and 13 sec while Hla Hla Oo won the first prize in the women's novice event with 1 hr, 22 min and 12 sec.

In the foreigner event, Cesar of Dominican stood first, Christopher Miller of the US second and Gray May of Britain with third.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)





## 'Vibrant India': Modi's superlative act to charm investors

GANDHINAGAR, (India) 11 Jan — Global statesmen and business titans descended on Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's home state on Sunday to pay homage to the man they count on to unleash big-bang reforms and create one of the few bright spots in a troubled world economy.

Big business cheered Modi when he won India's strongest election mandate in 30 years last May, and he has caught its attention with eye-catching initiatives like a 'Make in India' campaign complete with lion logo.

Now, the 64-year-old leader has ramped up the Vibrant Gujarat jamboree he founded as the state's chief minister in 2003, turning it into a pitch to put his nation of 1.25 billion people, most

of them poor, firmly on the investment map.

"India is marching forward with a clear vision to become a global power, even as most of the world is struggling with low growth," the country's richest man, Mukesh Ambani, told an audience of hundreds of chief executives and politicians.

US Secretary of State John Kerry led a roll call of leaders, including UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon and World Bank head Jim Yong Kim, converging on Modi's home town of Gandhinagar for the three-day Davos-style bash. President Barack Obama visits India later this month.

Yet, eight months into Modi's rule, the failure of Asia's third-biggest economy to emerge from its



**Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses a campaign rally ahead of state assembly elections, at Ramlika ground in New Delhi 10 Jan, 2015.—REUTERS**

longest growth slowdown in a generation is raising questions about how much substance there is behind Modi's promise of "red carpet, not red tape".

His Make in India drive

has drawn comparisons with the manufacturing miracle that turned China into the world's second-largest economy, outstripping India's fourfold since 1980.

Sceptics argue that India's competitive strengths are not in making and exporting things, but in areas like information technology and business process outsourcing where it is a world leader.

Vibrant Gujarat, held every two years, has yielded billions of dollars in investment promises but only a fraction of the deals announced has come to fruition. In keeping with tradition, Ambani said his Reliance Industries conglomerate would invest a huge 1 trillion rupees (\$16 billion) in its home state of

Gujarat over the next year to 18 months. He gave no details, but Reliance has embarked on major expansion.

"There is an air of optimism in the air of India," said Sam Walsh, CEO of global mining giant Rio Tinto, who flagged two potential projects: a \$2 bln iron ore project in Odisha state and an investment in Madhya Pradesh that could employ 30,000 diamond cutters.

Modi needs investors to put their money where their mouths are to lift stagnant capital investment that has held back India's growth to 5.3 percent. That is expected to accelerate this year to 6.4 percent, said the World Bank's Kim, who called India a "bright spot" in an otherwise gloomy global economic landscape.

That would still be short of the 7-8 percent India needs to create work for the one million people who join the workforce every month.

Modi has made headway on making it easier for outsiders to invest more in real estate, insurance and defense, but a rigid labor market and rotten infrastructure are huge deterrents.

India slipped to 142nd out of 189 in the World Bank's latest Doing Business Index. Modi wants India in the top 50.

"Investors want credibility, stability and at the same time flexibility. Right now, India is a bit of an inflexible market," said Kilbinder Dosanjh, a director for Asia at Eurasia Group, a geopolitical risk consultancy.—Reuters

## Japan to ink aviation accords with Cambodia, Laos

TOKYO, 11 Jan — Japan is set to sign bilateral aviation agreements with Cambodia and Laos to allow airlines to operate regular direct flights between Japan and the two countries, Japanese officials said on Sunday.

Japan plans to ink the accords during a visit to Cambodia and Laos by Parliamentary Vice Foreign Minister Kazuyuki Nakane from Tuesday to Friday, the officials said.

Once the agreements take effect after necessary domestic procedures such as Diet approval, Japan would have aviation accords with all 10 members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

Japan is aiming to strengthen ties with ASEAN as the regional bloc has vowed to increase connectivity for further development toward the goal of establishing a more integrated ASEAN Community in 2015.

With the aviation accords, Japan hopes to "further promote personnel and economic exchanges" with Cambodia and Laos, especially when Japanese investment in the two countries has increased sharply in recent years, the officials said.

According to Japanese government data, the number of Japanese visitors to Cambodia rose to 206,932 in 2013 from 146,286 in

2009. The number of Japanese companies investing in the country jumped to over 170 in 2014 from about 40 in 2009.

The number of Japanese visitors to Laos totaled 48,644 in 2013, up from 28,081 in 2009, while the number of Japanese investors in the country doubled to about 120 in 2014 from the 2012 level.

The planned launch of direct flights, following the easing in 2013 of visa requirements for visitors from the two countries, is also likely to increase Lao and Cambodian visitors to Japan from about 4,000 each as of 2013.

Along with the signing of the accords, Nakane

plans to affirm cooperation with Lao and Cambodian officials toward a summit that Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will host with the leaders of five Mekong basin countries — Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam — in July in Tokyo.

Separately, Lao Prime Minister Thongsing Thammavong plans to visit Japan in March to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Thai Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha is also considering visiting Japan in February, according to a senior Thai official.

Kyodo News



**Pakistani security officials defuse a bomb in southern Pakistani port city of Karachi on 10 Jan, 2015. A bomb found inside a suspicious bag near Qalandri Chowk in North Nazimabad area of Karachi on Saturday was defused successfully, local media reported.—XINHUA**

## Indonesian searchers believe crashed AirAsia's fuselage found



**The tail of AirAsia QZ8501 passenger plane is seen on the deck of the Indonesian Search and Rescue (BASARNAS) ship Crest Onyx after it was lifted from the sea bed, south of Pangkalan Bun, Central Kalimantan on 10 Jan, 2015.—REUTERS**

PANGKALAN BUN, (Indonesia) 11 Jan — Indonesian search teams believe a sonar scan has detected the fuse-

lage of an AirAsia airliner that crashed two weeks ago with the loss of all 162 people on board and divers were

on Sunday checking the find, a senior official said.

Indonesia AirAsia Flight QZ8501 lost contact with air traffic control during thundery weather on 28 December, less than halfway into a two-hour flight from the Indonesian city of Surabaya to Singapore. There were no survivors.

Searchers have also been hearing pings, believed to be from the aircraft's black box flight recorders, near where the tail of the Airbus (AIR.PA) A320-200 aircraft tail was raised on Saturday.

Supriyadi, operations coordinator for the National Search and Rescue Agency, said a sonar scan had revealed an object measuring

10 metres by four metres by 2.5 metres on the sea floor.

"They suspect it is the body of the plane. There is a big possibility that the black box is near the body of the plane," Supriyadi told Reuters in the town of Pangkalan Bun, the base for the search effort on Borneo.

"A team of divers has already been sent to prove this data. The diving operation has started," he said.

Forty-eight bodies have been found in the Java Sea off Borneo and searchers are still hunting for the plane's fuselage, which could contain more bodies.

"If it is the body of the plane then we will first evacuate the victims. Secondly we will search for the black

box," Supriyadi said.

Strong winds, currents and high waves have been hampering efforts to reach other large pieces of suspected wreckage detected by sonar on the sea floor.

Another official involved in the search said three ships had detected pings about 4 km (two miles) from where the plane's tail was raised on Saturday, in water about 30 metres deep.

If and when the recorders are found and taken to the capital, Jakarta, for analysis, it could take up to two weeks to download data, investigators said, although the information could be accessed in as little as two days if the devices are not badly damaged.

On Saturday, teams of

divers in rubber dinghies battled the swell to attach inflatable balloons to the tail section, which was later hauled onto a rescue vessel.

The aircraft carries cockpit voice and flight data recorders — or black boxes — near its tail but once the wreckage was visible, it quickly became apparent that the flight recorders were still underwater.

While the cause of the crash is not known, the national weather bureau has said seasonal storms were likely to be a factor.

President Joko Widodo, who took office in late October, said the crash exposed widespread problems in the management of air transport in Indonesia.—Reuters



## North Korea offers to suspend nuclear tests if US suspends military drills

SEOUL, 11 Jan — North Korea said on Saturday it was willing to suspend nuclear tests if the United States agreed to call off annual military drills held jointly with South Korea, but Washington rejected the proposal as a veiled threat.

The offer, which the North's official KCNA news agency said was conveyed to Washington on Friday through "a relevant channel", follows an often repeated demand by Pyongyang for an end to the large-scale defensive drills by the allies.

"The message proposed (that) the US contribute to easing tension on the Kore-

an peninsula by temporarily suspending joint military exercises in South Korea and its vicinity this year," KCNA said in a report.

"(The message) said that in this case the DPRK is ready to take such a responsive step as temporarily suspending the nuclear test over which the US is concerned," KCNA said, using the short form for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said the nuclear tests and military exercises were separate issues.

"The DPRK statement that inappropriately links routine US-ROK exercises



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un

to the possibility of a nuclear test by North Korea is an implicit threat," Psaki told reporters traveling with Secretary of State John Kerry in Europe.

The United States and

South Korea have carried out the joint military exercises for roughly 40 years, she added.

Psaki said the United States remained open to dialogue with North Korea and

urged Pyongyang to "immediately cease all threats, reduce tensions, and take the necessary steps toward denuclearization needed to resume credible negotiations."

North Korea has conducted three nuclear tests, the last in February 2013, and is under UN sanctions for defying international warnings not to set off atomic devices in pursuit of a nuclear arsenal, which Pyongyang calls its "sacred sword".

It often promises to call off nuclear and missile tests in return for comparable steps by Washington to ease tensions. It reached such a

deal in February 2012 with the United States for an arms tests moratorium only to scrap it two months later.

The United States and South Korea have stressed that the annual drills, which in some years involved US aircraft carriers, are purely defensive in nature, aimed at testing the allies' readiness to confront any North Korean aggression.

Tension peaked on the Korean peninsula in March 2013 when the North ratcheted up rhetoric during the annual drills, with Pyongyang threatening war and putting its forces in a state of combat readiness.

Reuters

## Arson attack on Hamburg newspaper that printed Charlie Hebdo cartoons

BERLIN, 11 Jan — A building of German newspaper *Hamburger Morgenpost* was the target of an arson attack and two suspects were arrested, police said on Sunday.

Like many other German newspapers, *Hamburger Morgenpost* has printed cartoons of French satire magazine

*Charlie Hebdo* after the deadly attack on Wednesday in Paris.

A police spokeswoman said that an incendiary device was thrown at the newspaper building in the night and documents were burned inside. Two suspects were arrested near the crime scene because they behaved in an unusual manner, she added.

The newspaper said on its web page that there were no people inside the building when the attack happened. Whether the arson attack was connected to the *Charlie Hebdo* cartoons was still under investigation, the paper added.

Police said state security had taken over the investigations.—Reuters

## Iran vows to help Venezuela to stem oil price fall

DUBAI, 11 Jan — Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei told Venezuela's president on Saturday he backed coordinated action between Teheran and Caracas to reverse a rapid fall in global oil prices which he described as a "political ploy hatched by common enemies".

President Nicholas Maduro is on a tour of fellow OPEC countries to lobby for higher oil prices, which hit new lows last week below \$50 per barrel, nearly half of what they were back in June 2014.

The plunge in crude prices has pummeled the public finances of Iran and Venezuela, whose economies rely heavily on oil exports.

"The strange drop in oil prices in such a short time is a political ploy and unrelated to the market. Our common enemies are using oil as a political ploy and they definitely have a role in this severe fall in prices," Khamenei said in talks with



Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei

Maduro.

"(Khamenei) endorsed an agreement between the presidents of Iran and Venezuela for a coordinated campaign against the slide in oil prices", the official IRNA news agency said.

Venezuela's economy contracted in the first three quarters of 2014 and its international reserves have deteriorated sharply due to the tumbling oil prices. The decline has spurred concerns that Venezuela may default on its foreign bonds, which in turn has pushed its

bond yields to the highest of any emerging market nation. Maduro has denied his country will default.

Earlier on Saturday, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani said OPEC hawks Iran and Venezuela "can undoubtedly cooperate to thwart world powers' strategies ... and to stabilise prices at a reasonable level in 2015".

Already hit by global sanctions over its suspected nuclear programme, Iran has been particularly frustrated by the failure of OPEC countries — led by its arch regional rival Saudi Arabia — to cut output to ease the existing glut in the oil market.

At its previous meeting on 27 November, the cartel decided to keep output at 30 million barrels per day. Saudi Arabia blamed the weak market on oversupply by non-OPEC producers such as Russia, Mexico, Kazakhstan and the United States. OPEC is due to meet next in June.—Reuters

## Serbian PM accuses EU of backing anti-government media

BELGRADE, 11 Jan — Serbia's prime minister accused European Union's officials late on Saturday of orchestrating a campaign against the government after a regional news organization published a critical article about the reconstruction of a key coal mine.

The dispute came after Sarajevo-based Balkan Investigative Reporting Network (BIRN) reported earlier in the week that the state-owned power monopoly Elektroprivreda Srbije (EPS) hired an inexperienced local consortium to work on the reconstruction of the Tamnava coal mine, increasing costs.

Fifty one people died in floods in Serbia last May that inflicted damages of more than 1.5 billion euros, including flooding of the Tamnava mine which is supplying coal to TENT power plant complex that accounts for half of country's energy generation.

At a news conference earlier on Saturday, Prime

Minister Aleksandar Vucic accused the EU and Michael Davenport, the head of EU mission to Serbia, of financing media organizations, including BIRN, to slander the government.

In a statement, Maja Kocijancic, a European Commission spokeswoman said she was surprised by Vucic's claims. "Media criticism is essential to ensure the proper accountability of elected governments," she said.

Kocijancic also said that the EU expected that the Serbian authorities would secure an environment that would support freedom of expression and media.

Last June, Vucic also clashed with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), security and rights watchdog, accusing it of lying after it criticized his government of trying to smother online criticism of its handling of the floods.

Later on Saturday, Vucic also accused Koci-



Serbia's Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic

jancic of trying to silence him.

"I am shocked by the fact that Maja Kocijancic in the name of the EU has tried to shut me up," he said in a letter to the Commission. "I am refusing to be your puppet," Vucic said.

Vucic is a former ultranationalist who served as the information minister during the autocratic rule of late strongman Slobodan Milosevic in late 1990s. He later changed policies and embraced Serbia's path to European Union membership.

Reuters

## Defence Minister stresses improved ability to ensure stability in Xinjiang

URUMQI, 11 Jan — Chinese State Councilor and Defence Minister Chang Wanquan has called on the Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps (XPCC) to contribute more to social stability in Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region. Chang asked the XPCC — a paramilitary force that combines the functions of

production, administration and defence — to fulfil its fundamental role in maintaining social stability and border defence during a recent inspection tour in the XPCC.

While lauding the XPCC's contribution to Xinjiang's stability and prosperity in the past 60 years, Chang urged the XPCC to reform, devel-

op, and play an exemplary role in promoting coordinated development and ethnic integration.

The XPCC must be "the stabilizer" of frontier security, "a melting pot" of all ethnic groups, and "a demonstration zone" for advanced productive forces and culture, Chang said.

Xinhua



## Suspect hunted over Paris attacks left France last week

PARIS, 11 Jan — A woman hunted by French police as a suspect in the attacks on a satirical paper and Jewish supermarket in Paris left France several days before the killings and is believed to be in Syria, Turkish and French sources said on Saturday.

After killing the gunmen behind the worst assault in France for decades, French police launched in an intensive search for Hayat Boumeddiene, the 26-year-old partner of one of the attackers, describing her as “armed and dangerous”.

But a source familiar with the situation said that Boumeddiene left France last week and travelled to Syria via Turkey. A senior Turkish official corroborated that account, saying she passed through Istanbul on 2 January.

Security forces remained on high alert before a march on Sunday which



**Hayat Boumeddiene (L) and Amedy Coulibaly, sought in the shooting death of a female police officer in Montrouge, near Paris.—REUTERS**

will bring together European leaders in a show of solidarity for the 17 victims killed in three days of violence that began with an attack on the *Charlie Hebdo* weekly on Wednesday and ended with Friday's dual sieges at a print works outside Paris and a kosher supermarket in the city.

French security forces shot dead the two brothers behind the Hebdo killings after they took refuge in the print works. They also

killed an associate — Boumeddiene's partner — who planted explosives at the Paris deli in a siege that claimed the lives of four hostages.

On Saturday, police maintained a heavy presence around the French capital, with patrols at sensitive sites including media offices, and local vigils were held across France. The Interior Ministry said about 700,000 people attended including 120,000

in Toulouse, 75,000 in Nantes, and 50,000 in Marseille.

“It's no longer like before,” said Maria Pinto, on a street in central Paris. “You work a whole life through and because of these madmen, you leave your house to go shopping, go to work, and you don't know if you'll come home.”

The attack on *Charlie Hebdo*, a journal that satirized Islam as well as other religions and politicians, raised sensitive questions about freedom of speech, religion and security in a country struggling to integrate five million Muslims.

A source familiar with the situation said that Boumeddiene left France last week and traveled to Syria via Turkey.

“On 2 January, a woman corresponding to her profile and presenting a piece of identity took a flight from Madrid to Istanbul,” a source familiar with the situation told *Reuters*.

The source said she was accompanied by a man and had a return ticket for 9 January, but never took the flight.

A senior Turkish security official said Paris and Ankara were now cooperating in trying to trace her, but said she arrived in Istanbul without any warning from France.

“After they informed us about her ... we identified her mobile phone signal on 8 January,” the source said. “We think she is in Syria at the moment but we do not have any evidence about that ... She is most probably not in Turkey,” the source said, adding the last signal from her phone was detected on Thursday.

An official police photograph of Boumeddiene shows a young woman with long dark hair hitched back over her ears. French media, however, released

photos purporting to be of a fully-veiled Boumeddiene, posing with a cross-bow, in what they said was a 2010 training session in the mountainous Cantal region.

French media described her as one of seven children whose mother died when she was young and whose delivery-man father struggled to keep working while looking after the family. As an adult, she lost her job as a cashier when she converted to Islam and started wearing the niqab.

*Le Monde* said Boumeddiene wed Amedy Coulibaly in a religious ceremony not recognized by French civil authorities in 2009. The two were questioned by police in 2010 and Coulibaly jailed for his involvement in a botched plot to spring from jail the author of a deadly 1995 attack on the Paris transport system.—*Reuters*

## Putin, Merkel emphasize lack of options for Kiev's direct political dialogue with Donbass



**Russian President Vladimir Putin and German Chancellor Angela Merkel**

Moscow, 11 Jan — Russian President Vladimir Putin and German Chancellor Angela Merkel have continued discussing various aspects of Ukraine's crisis in a phone conversation, the Kremlin press service said on Saturday.

Putin “has accentuated the priority of maintaining a ceasefire and of providing support for the economic restoration of the affected regions in Ukraine's southeast,” the press services said.

He also underscored a lack of options and urgent necessity for establishing a direct political dialogue be-

tween Kiev and representatives of Donbass.

“The leaders of Russia and Germany emphasized in a phone conversation their joint determination to promote peace settlement in Ukraine, in particular with regard to implementation of the Minsk agreements,” the press service said. “In this context [both leaders] agreed to step up joint efforts in the ‘Normandy format’, including current consultations between the foreign ministries.

The phone conversation was initiated by the German side.—*Itar-Tass*

## World leaders joining Paris march to honour attack victims

PARIS, 11 Jan — Dozens of world leaders including Muslim representatives will join hundreds of thousands of French citizens to march amid high security through Paris on Sunday in an unprecedented tribute to victims of this week's Islamist militant attacks.

Some 2,200 security personnel were being drafted in to protect marchers from would-be attackers with police snipers on rooftops and plain-clothes detectives mingling with the crowd. City sewers were searched ahead of the vigil and underground train stations around the march route are due to be closed down.

The silent march, starting at 3 pm (1400 GMT), reflects shock over the worst militant Islamist assault on a European city in nine years. For France, it raised questions of free speech, religion and security and beyond French frontiers it exposed the vulnerability of states to urban attacks.



**French President Francois Hollande (R) speaks with Jewish central Consistory President Joel Mergui (C) as Roger Cukierman (2ndR), President of the Representative Council of France's Jewish Associations (CRIF) stands near after a meeting at the Elysee Palace in Paris on 11 Jan, 2015. — REUTERS**

Seventeen people, including journalists and policemen, lost their lives in three days of violence that began with a shooting attack on the satirical newspaper *Charlie Hebdo* on Wednesday and ended with a hostage-taking at a kosher supermarket on Friday. The three gunmen were also killed.

“It will be an unprecedented demonstration that will be written in the history books,” Prime Minister

Manuel Valls said.

“It must show the power and dignity of the French people, who will cry out their love of liberty and tolerance.”

German Chancellor Angela Merkel, British Prime Minister David Cameron and Italy Prime Minister Matteo Renzi will be among over 40 foreign leaders marching with President Francois Hollande. Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davuto-

glu and Israel's Benjamin Netanyahu — who earlier encouraged French Jews to emigrate to Israel — are also expected to take part.

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*Reuters*

## Two bombs deactivated in Istanbul shopping centres

ISTANBUL, 11 Jan — Homemade explosive devices were found in two shopping malls in Istanbul on Saturday, *Hurriyet Daily News* reported, citing police, days after a suicide bombing in the historical district of Sultanahmet.

A bomb disposal team defused a bomb in a shopping mall in Basaksehir, a western suburb of Istanbul. Police detonated another explosive in nearby Sefakoy neighbourhood, *Hurriyet* said. No one had so far claimed responsibility, it added.

Police were not immediately available to confirm the report. On Friday, a far-left Turkish group retracted its claim of responsibility for Tuesday's suicide bombing of a police station, in which one policeman was killed.—*Reuters*



## PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 12 January, 2015

**Time for big businesses to give back to society**By *Myint Win Thein*

**I**t is important for businesses to be careful in providing essential services to the public because poor services at high prices may force people without choice think that they are being squeezed or extorted. The public will have to buy

such kind of services as long as they have no other choices but as soon as they have opportunities to choose among service providers, they will turn their backs to such businesses.

In addition, this kind of marketing practices were also the most ancient form of marketing known as production oriented marketing in which a market was monopolized by only a few service providers and demand was always higher than supply. However, marketing concepts are changing all the time.

Nowadays, large international companies in the global market are using innovative marketing strategies like social marketing in which companies are required to give back to the society or at least to the community of their consumers.

In the age of democratic transition in Myanmar, it is necessary not only for the government employees and the public but also for businesses to change their mindsets. It is high time businesses stopped thinking of taking only profits from the society and started thinking of contributing back to the society as a whole.

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**Rectitude, Aptitude and Positive-attitude are main qualities for the personnel in the leadership**By *Tommy Pauk*

**M**ore and more men of rectitude are required to handle public affairs and services in any country for achieving the benefits of social welfare. Since man is a social animal, we work together for social services in human society, but we need to question ourselves that to what extent we have served for social welfare honestly and kindly. No one can avoid doing social welfare in the world. Whenever we learn a country's endeavor, we find that the social welfare or social service is being a top priority. Subsequently or sequentially, economic and political tasks come. Therefore, those who lead or make the policies must be persons of exemplary moral rectitude because the prosperity or progress mainly depends on their abilities, manners, conducts and characters. Generally, they need to be trained to become morally good personnel for public services. Actually, what matter most is that they must have conscience and genuine goodwill while serving for public services. They must be able to value the human dignity in human society. They should know that malpractice is the immoral mindset and which is detrimental to the person concerned and his or her society. If a person has a tendency to commit malpractice, he will not be able to create benefits and interests of a certain society. So we must do away with that type of person or must not choose him or her for assignment of any public service. If the people of rectitude are chosen for leading or serving social welfare, they can be recognized as duly elected people. Leadership role is vitally important in any country in the world. So is the person who leads a society. We can see that most of the prosperous countries are under the excellent leadership. If she or he misuses the power and authority, the chaotic

consequences will appear miserably. In this 21st century, most people around the world are given rights to choose their leaders in accordance with their charters or state constitutions respectively. Unfortunately, the people under the despots are losing these rights to choose the genuine leaders or most appropriate leaders. When we observe the actual situations of these countries, we find that they are not prosperous and the people are working like robots. The despots usually rule their countries slyly and wickedly. Even though some countries are ruled by constitutional monarchy or un-constitutional monarchy, these countries are prosperous and people are happy because the respective monarchs treat their people kindly and compassionately. Anyway, the globalization makes the enlightened regimes in the world, but very few despotic rulers still exist in some regions in the world. Gradually, the remaining tyrants or despots liberalize their oppression, constraints, and strict policies and isolated policies as they realize the power of globalization and the values of human rights.

The people with aptitude for management and administration must be duly selected or elected to perform the duties and responsibilities of public services. They should get the right positions for the public services since they are the right men for handling management and administration properly and efficiently. They are efficient human resources for the development of a certain country. Aptitude for management is considered as a qualification to form leadership for the welfare of the society. The leadership must be formed with formidable intellects and intelligentsia. Unless the aptitude test is carried out for selecting public service personnel, we will face the inefficient service personnel in the leadership role. In other words, the mechanism of administration will

not be smooth and the public services will be terribly poor. The public will be frustrated with their poor management and wrong decision on public affairs. In order to get rid of unwanted outcome, the inefficient personnel must be given training to build their capacity. Thus, we can build up the reliable, trustworthy and forceful administration for public services. Individual aptitude may not be the same so they must be given aptitude test to evaluate their ability and skill. Then they will be assigned to the most appropriate duties and responsibilities in the leadership role.

Positive-attitude is regarded as constructive sentiment because it is always helpful or supportive to the country or society. It is a kind of optimistic thinking. For the sake of the progress and prosperity of country, the entire people and all government members must have positive attitude. When the people always express negative-attitude towards government's activities, the government concerned should analyze its performance and correct their mistakes humbly. Unless they do that way, the harmonious and trustworthy relations cannot be built between the people and the government. The governments are responsible for listening to the voice or attitude of the people concerned. Besides, the government or leadership or administrators must pay attention to the aspiration of the citizens precisely so as to avoid unwanted problems. They ought to solve the problems and difficulties that people are facing or encountering bitterly. Positive-attitude shows the sign of agreement and negative-attitude shows the sign of disapproval indeed. The regimes or rulers with enlightened attitudes have sensible modern views and treat their own citizens fairly and kindly. In this situation, the harmonious relations between the government concerned and the people are found significantly. If the leadership is making a good-faith effort

for the nation, the wrong attitudes are not acceptable. The wrong attitudes are regarded as pessimistic views. Nevertheless, the policy makers, decision makers and administrators must have positive-attitudes towards the criticism, comments, opinion, discussions and demonstrations made by their own citizens in the country. The citizens have right to express their views and demands on the leadership role. The government concerned has to fulfill the demand and accept the criticism willingly. In this way, people appreciate and cooperate with the government harmoniously. The personnel in the leadership role of a country must be kind, optimistic, sympathetic and understanding on their fellow citizens. The likes and dislikes on a certain leadership by the general public are the reactions to the conducts and qualities of the leadership. If the public have strong-like or hearty-like on the leadership, the personnel in that leadership role must have rectitude, aptitude and positive-attitude. If the personnel in the leadership role are lack of these noble characters and mindsets, the public do have strong dislike on the officials in the leadership role apparently. The public normally do not like the slipshod manner, breach of commitment, desultory manner, misleading acts and selfishness. So the officials in the leadership role must be totally free from such unwise-manners and reckless-acts while serving the public affairs. Otherwise, the personnel in the leadership cannot gain trust, due-respect and good reputation. Actually, the positions and authority are conferred on them by majority of the public. Reciprocally, the officials have to respect the public opinion and their feedback. This practice leads to the positive-attitude and the officials involved in the leadership role must always have it. The officials must not despise and underrate the public by any means. The officials

are under obligation to regard the ability and constructive criticisms of the public concerned. They must welcome the advice, criticism and co-operation of the general public. The officials must be able to think positively and logically when they perform or undertake the public affairs. Even when we logically think about the relations between the officials and the general public, we realize that the officials are the servants to fulfill or serve the social welfare of the public and the public have to follow under the correct guidance of the officials in accordance with the law indeed. That is why, we call them civil servants. They are appropriately paid by state finance to work for public services in accordance with their capacity and qualifications. They should not act like elites or nonpareils or despotic rulers. Ordinary people wish to see or hear their humble manner, honest conducts and kind treatment while dealing with public. Leadership should be a unique and genuine position so that it can make the country and its people reach prosperous, glorious and prestigious stage. Essentially, the leadership must be formed with the personnel who possess the qualities of rectitude, aptitude and positive-attitude. The main conclusion is that the personnel involved in leadership role in any country must have aforesaid qualities and genuine goodwill towards their citizens. Eventually, the respective countries will be free from conflicts, internal problems and violence. Certainly, peace, solidarity and prosperity will prevail in these countries. !!!!!

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## NATIONAL

## Hepatitis research to be conducted nationwide in February

By Khaing Thanda Lwin

YANGON, 11 Jan — A survey of people infected with liver disease, especially hepatitis B and C viruses, is reported to be conducted nationwide in February by the Ministry of Health in collaboration with Liver Foundation, a local nonprofit organization.

“The project is believed to help reduce the death toll and the outbreak of the silent killers,” said Dr Daw Khin Pyone Kyi, President of the Foundation.

After the survey, the two bodies have plans to distribute anti-hepatitis C virus drugs free of charge to infected people by the middle of the year,

she added.

At a recent meeting in the capital city, the ministry is said to have vowed to accelerate its initiative called National Hepatitis Programme in partnership with NGOs and INGOs to bridge the treatment gaps for hepatitis virus.

According to a WHO survey, there are about 400 million people living with hepatitis B virus and some 170 million with hepatitis C virus.

In Myanmar, it is estimated that 8-10 per cent of the people surveyed are found contracting hepatitis B virus, while two to five per cent are suffering from the hepatitis C, with ex-

perts noting that the actual figures would be higher following the nationwide survey.

More joint projects and programmes will be implemented throughout the year, Dr Daw Khin Pyone Kyi said.

Both hepatitis B and C viruses have potential to lead to chronic liver infections which can be transmitted through contact with blood or body fluids of an infected person.

Vaccines are available for hepatitis B, but there is no vaccine available for hepatitis C. Despite this, effective drugs to fight the virus are available in some countries, with experts saying that these drugs have potential to kill the virus in a short time.—GNLM



Union Minister U Ohn Myint views construction of concrete bridge on Pamti-Pyihtaung inter-village road.—MNA

## Pamti-Pyihtaung inter-village road under construction in Myitkyina Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Jan — Union Minister for Livestock, Fisheries and

Rural Development U Ohn Myint inspected construction of a five-mile and three-furlong long Pamti-Pyihtaung inter-village road in Myitkyina Township, funded by Department of Rural Development, on 9 January.

The union minister presented gifts to workers of construction site and urged officials to construct roads and bridges meeting the set standards, durability of facilities and timely completion of works.

The union minister views stockpiling of grav-

els for construction of the road.

He also viewed progress of reinforced concrete bridges crossing Hsanskha creek and Aik Creek and conduits, being built by Kaungkin Lwin Co., on Pamti-Pyihtaung inter-village road.

Upon completion, the inter-village road will contribute to improvement of living standard and better transport in addition to education, health and economic growth of over 9,000 local people.

MNA

## Union minister visits housing projects in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Tsp

YANGON, 11 Jan — Union Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin met engineers of Public Works and officials of companies at Ayeyawun Yadana high-rise housing project in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township on 10 January.

Chief Engineer U Khin

Maung Thein and officials reported on progress of the high-rise building project. The union minister stressed the need to cooperate in construction tasks among engineers, electricians and officials of companies.

The Union minister gave instructions to officials

to emphasize standard of the works.

The union minister and party viewed installation of precast at the project, construction of a four-storey building at Yudana Housing project in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township, progress of Kanaung

low-cost housing project in Ward 89, Yoma low-cost housing project in Ward 168, and preparations for implementation of Aungmyintmo housing project in Ward 106 near Ywathagyi and Maha Bandoola housing project in ward 141 of the township.—MNA

# Morals

By Tin Shein

Morals are rules of human conduct that have been handed down to us by word of mouth from time immemorial. Morals are also called ethics in philosophical terms. They do not spring up overnight like the laws passed by the legislative body of a country. They have evolved in each society over long periods of time, going back far into the past. They are shrouded in the mists of time. So it is very difficult to pick a certain time and say that it was the time when moral rules were introduced into human society.

Morals are concerned with what is right and what is wrong in regard to human conduct. Every human society has its own code of moral conduct for its members to live by. In fact, they usually are in the form of dos and don'ts we have to observe in our dealings with other people. They are, if I am to say so, the cement that holds together the fabric of societies themselves. If there are no moral rules, chaos will arise, and the society itself will have fallen apart. Morals may be said to be the pillars that lend support to the very existence of human societies.

These morals are instilled into us at an early age. In our childhood we are taught both at home and school not to take what does not belong to us. We must not

tell lies. We must be honest. We must pay respects to our elders. We are not to break in on our parents' conversation. All these form part of the moral training are given to us while we are young. As a matter of fact, they are also interwoven with our daily routine that they have almost become second nature with us.

Without morals, society will be thrown into chaos. People will find it difficult to get on well with each other. Each will be out to grasp of what he can get, regardless of what is right and what is wrong. It will turn into a sort of a free-for-all. 'Might is right' will become the motto for most people. They will have lost all sense of justice and fairness in their social and business dealings. Selfishness and greed will have prevailed among them.

Most moral rules are closely associated with the religions people confess. Our own moral rules are also, to my mind, a mixture of both social and religious tenets. Our Lord Buddha's teachings contain many rules governing the moral conduct of laymen in society. "Mingala Sutta" that we were taught in our school days is, in fact, a sort of moral rules for laymen to observe in their day-to-day living. That book has given us early moral training in the traditional way.

Moreover, morals change with the times societies have passed through. What was once accepted as good may not be so at present. Also what is right in one society may be wrong in another society. Moral rules differ from one another in different societies, depending on their social, cultural and religious backgrounds. They are greatly influenced by the changes in cultural, social and economic perspectives of people in their respective societies. In the socialist society private business is considered as exploitation of man by man. However, the capitalist society

accepts private business as an honest, honorable means of livelihood. These days, much to our surprise, even socialist countries have come to accept and promote private business as a way to develop their economies in order to catch up with the advanced countries of the West. So if we want to live in peace with other people, we have to adapt ourselves to the changing moral values of the society we belong to. Otherwise, we will find ourselves at odds with other people. We will surely become odd-men out in society.

What is more, there are also professional ethics that members of professions have to observe in pursuit of their respective professions. Once we have adopted a profession, it behoves us to abide by the ethics of that profession. Thus editors have their own ethics to observe; so do auditors, doctors, lawyers and so on. A member of a profession, be he an auditor, doctor, or lawyer, he has to abide by the ethics of the profession he belongs to, he will surely lose not only creditability but also respect of his clientele. When his clients lose confidence in him, because of his breach of professional ethics, they will shun him and his profession will suffer undoubtedly.

In conclusion, we must consider it our duty as good citizens to try as best we can to live up to the moral principles of our society. If we happen to be members of a profession, we must comply with the ethics prescribed by that profession, into which circumstances of life have thrown us. If we are public servants, then we have to abide by rules and regulations laid down for all public servants. Only then will we be able to live peacefully and harmoniously with the rest of society and prosper in life.



## Child suicide bomber kills at least 16 in Nigeria

MAIDUGURI / KADUNA, 11 Jan — A bomb strapped to a girl aged around 10 years old exploded in a busy market place in the Nigerian city of Maiduguri on Saturday, killing at least 16 people and injuring more than 20, security sources said.

“The explosive devices were wrapped around her body and the girl looked no more than 10 years old,” a police source said.

Maiduguri, the capital of northern Borno state, lies in the heartland of an insurgency by Islamist militant group Boko Haram, and is often hit by bomb attacks.

A Nigerian security source said the bomb went off at 12:15 pm. The girl was killed and the bodies

of at least 16 victims were counted in one hospital by mid-afternoon, civilian joint task force member Zakariya Mohammed told *Reuters*.

“Right now, there are 27 injured people in Borno Medical Hospital, while more were taken to other hospitals,” he said.

The northeastern states of Borno, Yobe and Adamawa are bearing the brunt of a five-year-old insurgency by Boko Haram, which wants to revive a medieval caliphate in Nigeria, Africa’s most populous country and its biggest energy producer.

Last year more than 10,000 people died in the violence, according to an estimate by the Council on

Foreign Relations.

About 130 km (80 miles) away in the Yobe state capital Damaturu, the army subdued an Islamist militant attack on Friday evening, but not before militants had torched several buildings, a *Reuters* reporter in the city and witnesses said.

The *Reuters* witness saw a number of burnt buildings, including a police station and a mosque in the Abacha market, along with several shops.

Defence spokesman Major General Chris Olukolade said that five soldiers were wounded defending the city and the number of civilian casualties was still being determined. Damaturu was last attacked in early

December when air strikes called in to halt advancing militants.

Olukolade said the military would regroup before mounting an effort to retake the town of Baga in Borno state raided twice by Boko Haram in the last week. The insurgents also took over a nearby military base on the edge of Lake Chad.

He said 14 soldiers had been killed in the first attack at last weekend. On Friday, the government said it had launched ground action backed by airstrikes to reclaim the area.

On Saturday afternoon, a bomb exploded at the main police station in the town of Potiskum in Yobe state after a man was arrested and brought to the station

with his car, the state police commissioner said.

“We took the suspect to the station and the car... exploded and killed one of my men and a driver. The suspect did not die...he is still in our custody,” Marcus Danladi told *Reuters*.

Residents who witnessed the scene said earlier two people had been arrested with the vehicle and blew themselves up once inside station.

The Boko Haram revolt is seen as the gravest security threat facing Nigeria, a country of 170 million people, and a serious challenge for President Goodluck Jonathan, who is seeking re-election in a national election set for on 14 February.—*Reuters*

## US-led air strikes focus on Kobani, Syria — US military

WASHINGTON, 11 Jan — American-led forces launched 12 air strikes against Islamic State militants in Syria since Friday, all but one of them near the contested city of Kobani, the US military said.

The strikes near Kobani hit two large Islamic State units and destroyed 15 of its fighting positions, the Combined Joint Task Force said in a statement on Saturday. They also destroyed an Islamic State building and one tactical unit, it said.—*Reuters*



A Palestinian protester throws stones at Israeli soldiers during a protest against the expanding of Jewish settlements in the Kufr Qadoom village near the West Bank city of Nablus, on 9 Jan, 2015.

XINHUA

## Gunmen kill two soldiers in attack on Ivory Coast border town

ABIDJAN, 11 Jan — Unidentified gunmen crossed over from Liberia and launched a pre-dawn attack on an army base in western Ivory Coast on Saturday, killing at least two soldiers, a local member of parliament said.

The assault on the town of Grabo, near the top cocoa grower’s western border, was the third deadly raid in the area in less than a year. Ivory Coast’s government has blamed previous attacks on supporters of ex-president Laurent Gbagbo based in Liberia.

Grabo’s parliament representative Yaya Coulibaly said gunfire erupted around

3 am (0300 GMT) and an exchange of fire between the assailants and Ivorian soldiers lasted over an hour.

“They attacked the military base. As always, they came from Liberia,” he said. “Two (soldiers) were killed, that’s confirmed, and possibly one of the attackers as well. But this is only a provisional death toll.”

The army repelled the attack and was carrying out clean-up operations in the area later on Saturday, he said. Defence ministry and army officials were not immediately available for comment. Ivory Coast is recovering from a decade-long political crisis that ended in a

brief 2011 civil war sparked by Gbagbo’s refusal to admit defeat in a presidential runoff election in late 2010.

Under President Alassane Ouattara, the country — French-speaking West Africa’s largest economy — is emerging as a new darling of frontier investors drawn by its rapid economic growth and largely untapped potential.

Gbagbo is currently awaiting trial at the International Criminal Court in The Hague for alleged crimes against humanity committed during the conflict, in which around 3,000 people died. Some 220,000 Ivorians fled into Liberia during

the post-election conflict and tens of thousands — among them former pro-Gbagbo militia fighters — remain there. A UN panel of experts charged with monitoring Ivory Coast’s arms embargo, imposed in 2004, has written that despite a general improvement in security in the country, Liberia-based fighters remained a threat.

A small group of men was arrested recently near Tabou, another town along the border with Liberia. Ivorian officials said they were caught with a small arsenal of weapons and were planning a series of attacks before they were denounced by local villagers.—*Reuters*

## Suicide attack at Lebanese cafe kills at least seven

TRIPOLI, (Lebanon) 11 Jan — A suicide bomb attack on a cafe in the Lebanese city of Tripoli killed at least seven people on Saturday, the latest violence to hit a region repeatedly buffeted by violence linked to the civil war in neighbouring Syria.

The Nusra Front, al-Qaeda’s official affiliate in the Syrian civil war, said it carried out the double suicide attack in the predominantly Alawite district of Jabal Mohsen “in revenge for the Sunnis in Syria and Lebanon”. The statement appeared on a Twitter feed operated by the group’s media arm.

Lebanon’s *National News Agency* gave the names of two suicide attackers it said were from Tripoli, an overwhelmingly Sunni Muslim city whose long-standing sectarian ten-

sions have been exacerbated by the Syrian civil war.

Lebanon’s Health Ministry said the attack killed seven people. Other officials put the death toll at nine. Three dozen people were wounded.

Prime Minister Tammam Salam said in a statement the attack was “a new attempt to spread the seeds of strife” in Tripoli and would not “weaken the determination of the state and its decision to confront terrorism and terrorists”.

The army said the attack was carried out by a lone suicide bomber, though its investigations were still underway. The *National News Agency* said the second bomber had blown himself up as people gathered in response to the first blast.

Lebanon’s security has

been repeatedly jolted by the Syria crisis, which has also helped paralyze its government: the country has been without a head of state since May.

Tripoli, Lebanon’s second biggest city, has historically been a bastion for Sunni Islamist groups, making it a concern for Lebanese security agencies that have warned of plans by Islamic State and the Nusra Front to destabilize the country.

Militants linked to Islamic State and the Nusra Front mounted an attack on the Lebanese border town of Aarsal last August. They are still holding around two dozen members of the security forces taken captive in that incursion.

The last major flare-up in Tripoli was in October, when at least 11 soldiers and

22 militants were killed in fighting between Sunni Islamists and the army.

The targeted cafe was on a street dividing Jabal Mohsen from the Sunni district of Bab al-Tabbaneh, which has often turned into a frontline for conflict between Sunni and Alawite communities over the years, particularly since Syria’s civil war erupted — pitting the government of President Bashar al-Assad, an Alawite, against an insurgency dominated by Sunni Islamists.

But its communal tensions were eased by a security plan brought into force last year.

Leaders from across Lebanon’s political divide called for unity. The powerful Shi’ite group Hezbollah, which is fighting alongside



Lebanese Army soldiers man an area beside a cafe where a bomb attack took place in Jabal Mohsen, Tripoli, on 10 Jan, 2015.—REUTERS

the government in Syria, responded to the attack by saying terrorist groups must be isolated.

It urged the people of Jabal Mohsen, whose Alawite sect is an offshoot of Shi’ite Islam, not to “be dragged toward reactions

that would achieve the criminals’ vile aims”.

Former prime minister Saad al-Hariri, an influential Lebanese Sunni politician backed by Saudi Arabia, said the attack aimed to fuel discord in Tripoli.

*Reuters*



# Volvo to sell Chinese-made cars in US this year

BEIJING, 11 Jan — Volvo Car Group plans to export a Chinese-made midsize sedan this year to the United States, and is starting to weigh the possibility of building a vehicle factory in the United States, people familiar with the Chinese-owned automaker's plans said.

Both moves would be significant for the auto industry and Volvo's parent, Zhejiang Geely Holding Group Co [GEELY.UL]. So far, global automakers have chosen not to ship vehicles made in China to the US market in any significant numbers, and efforts by Chinese automakers to export vehicles to the United States have foundered.

Volvo is also behind rivals BMW (BMWG.DE) and Mercedes (DAIGN.DE) in establishing production in the United States, which insulates the German brands from currency fluctuations.

Volvo might also export a large "strategic, flagship" sedan based on a newly developed under-

pinning technology, said the executives, who work for Zhejiang Geely. That car would be shipped out of China in addition to the Volvo S60L, a long wheel-base version of the S60 sedan Volvo began producing in the southwestern China city of Chengdu more than a year ago.

The moves are aimed at reviving Volvo's momentum in the US market where volume last year fell 8 percent from 2013 to 56,371 vehicles. The US market, which has long been Volvo's largest market, was replaced by China last year. China bought 81,221 Volvos in 2014, up 33 percent.

More broadly, the moves are part of Geely's turnaround strategy for Volvo which has struggled to go beyond being a brand with an annual volume of less than a half-million vehicles. Thanks to its focus on China where the brand expanded its distribution network and product portfolio, Volvo sales volume is on the rise. It sold a total of 465,866 vehicles glob-



A model poses with a Volvo concept car at Auto China 2014 in Beijing on 20 April, 2014.—REUTERS

ally last year, up 9 percent from 2013.

"The S60L offers class-leading rear space, something that has been consistently demanded by US customers. It will be made at Volvo's plant in Chengdu, China, and will be on show for the first time at this year's North American International Auto Show in Detroit," said David Ibson, a Gothenburg, Sweden-based Volvo spokesman. "The S60L forms just one part of our US revival plan."

Ibson said Volvo plans to launch seven new products by 2018 and increase US sales to around 100,000 cars a year in the medium term. He declined to elaborate. Exporting Chinese-produced mainstream passenger cars to the United States and other advanced auto markets has been a long-standing goal of China's indigenous automakers — an objective that has largely eluded the industry.

"It would be a big breakthrough" not just for

Geely but for China's industry, said James Chao, Asia-Pacific director of consulting and research firm IHS Automotive.

"Volvo is not an indigenous Chinese brand but it is wholly Chinese-owned. Perhaps this is the model or strategy that finally works for Chinese companies trying to enter the US market and other markets."

Chao added Volvo's owner, Geely, could follow Volvo into the US market with its own products, perhaps leveraging Volvo's manufacturing and parts supply chains.

Geely's purchase of Volvo from Ford Motor Co (F.N) five years ago surprised many in the auto industry, who doubted that a relative newcomer could turn around the nearly 90-year-old Swedish business while protecting its famous brand.

The S60L was developed originally as a China-specific model to cater to wealthy Chinese consumers who prefer cars with bigger, comfortable rear seats because many of

these owners have chauffeurs. Volvo expects to ship roughly 1,500 made-in-China S60L cars to the United States this year, compared with the car's projected volume in China this year of 26,000.

The additional car Volvo plans to export to the United States, those executives said, is a flagship large sedan that might be called the S90 which uses Volvo's new vehicle underpinning technology called "scalable platform architecture" or SPA. The S90 will be a second vehicle based on that new architecture, following the redesigned XC90 sport utility vehicle based on the same technology.

Volvo announced in late 2013 that it would produce "a large premium sedan" based on SPA at a new plant in the northeastern Chinese city of Daqing. At Daqing, Volvo began producing in September last year the XC Classic, the previous generation of the redesigned XC90.

Reuters

## US cancer centre eyes more clinical cooperation with China



BEIJING, 11 Jan — The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Centre (MDACC), a top-ranking cancer research institute and hospital in the United States, said it is looking forward to more cooperation in clinical trials and treatment with Chinese partners.

Oliver Bogler, MDACC senior vice president for academic affairs, told *Xinhua* that collaborations with Chinese partners have been productive in several fields, such as cancer screening, liver cancer and lung cancer treatment, and the centre is planning more cooperation in clinical trials and comparative studies with China.

"Cancer is a signif-

icant challenge to both China and the US," Bogler said, noting that every country has a unique spectrum of cancers depending on factors such as population and environment. Bogler said that with many good scientists, people's contributions and the government's commitment in fighting cancer, China offers "tremendous opportunities" to develop cancer research.

Bogler was recently in Beijing to receive the International Science and Technology Cooperation Award of the People's Republic of China. He was among eight winners for this year's award, which was presented by China's State Council on Friday to

foreign scientists and organizations for their work in science and technology cooperation with China.

According to Ta-Jen Liu, the MDACC's project director for global academic programmes, the MDACC has several sister institutions in China, including the Sun Yat-sen University Cancer Centre, the Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences Cancer Institute and Hospital, Tianjin Medical University Cancer Institute and Hospital, Fudan University Shanghai Cancer Centre and the Sir YK Pao Centre for Cancer under the Chinese University of Hong Kong. It has also signed memoranda of understanding to collaborate with other Chinese institutions.

Cooperation with these institutions is currently focused on training, education and patient care.

According to Liu, the MDACC is also open-minded on verified herbal medicines and other traditional Chinese medicines (TCMs).

"The MDACC views TCMs as an alternative

means of cancer management. The department of integrative medicine at MDACC uses Qigong and acupuncture to help cancer patients manage quality of life and symptom control, especially for pain," he said.

However, he said the centre remains prudent about using TCM for direct cancer treatment, as the efficacy of TCM is still difficult to accurately define.

Bogler said he believes immunotherapy, which focuses on therapy to reactivate patients' immune systems and unleash their ability to attack cancer, will be one of the most promising directions in research in the future.

"It is not new, but many new exciting things have happened in this area in recent years. We hope new developments will happen in this area, and clinical trials have also been active," he said.

Noting the MDACC slogan of "making cancer history," Bogler said to all cancer patients: "Be hopeful about the future."

*Xinhua*

## World's biggest container ship arrives at Rotterdam sea waters

ROTTERDAM, 11 Jan — A grand ceremony was held as scheduled on Saturday at the port of Rotterdam to welcome the world's biggest container ship, the CSCL Globe owned by China Shipping Group, though the vessel on her maiden voyage was held miles away from the port due to 7-10 gale wind and 4-metre-high waves roaring above the sea waters.

"It's an honor to welcome the CSCL Globe at the Port of Rotterdam. It's a testimony of the excellent relationship between China Shipping and the terminal operator, Euromax ECT here in Rotterdam, and also of the excellent relationship between the ports in China and the Port of Rotterdam," Allard Castelein, Chief Ex-

ecutive of the Port of Rotterdam Authority, told *Xinhua* at the welcome ceremony.

"We look forward to further collaboration. I think the port of Rotterdam is laid out in a very efficient way for such vessels," he said, adding that it's a pity that the vessel cannot enter the port due to the bad weather while stressing that the safety of people and cargo on board has always been the primary consideration of the Port authorities. "Although we have so many distinguished guests here, safety is paramount and we can not compromise. We have to wait till the weather turns better and that is part of the maritime industry. We expect the vessel to enter into the port in another 24 if not 48 hours," he explained.—*Xinhua*





## US prosecutors seek longer sentences for Madoff aides

NEW YORK, 11 Jan — US prosecutors plan to ask an appeals court to review the prison sentences given to five former employees of Bernard Madoff, after earlier questioning whether the sentences were too short, according to court filings.

In filings late on Friday in US District Court in Manhattan, prosecutors gave notice that they would be appealing the sentences to the 2nd US Circuit Court of Appeals in New York but did not elaborate further.

One of the five former employees, former portfolio manager JoAnn Crupi,

filed a separate notice that she planned to appeal her conviction and her sentence. A prosecutor urged Judge Laura Taylor Swain in court last month to avoid issuing light sentences for the Madoff defendants so as not to set a precedent for unrelated fraud cases.

“Judges will have to explain how small-time crooks in front of them were worse than the defendants in this case,” said Matthew Schwartz, an assistant US attorney.

Prosecutors said the five employees helped Madoff bilk investors of billions of dollars in his massive Ponzi scheme by



*JoAnn Crupi (R), the last of five former Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC employees to be sentenced, exits the Manhattan Federal Court house in New York on 15 Dec, 2014.—REUTERS*

creating fake documents and backdating trades.

A jury in Manhattan

convicted them in March 2014, and Swain sentenced them last month.

Former back office director Daniel Bonventre received 10 years in prison; portfolio manager Annette Bongiorno, six years; computer programmers Jerome O’Hara and George Perez, 2-1/2 years each; and Crupi, six years. The government had requested more than 20 years for Bonventre and Bongiorno, more than eight for O’Hara and Perez and more than 14 for Crupi. A lawyer for one of them defended the judge’s decisions and called her a “courageous jurist.”

“Judge Swain’s sentences were handed down following her painstaking review of the record and

her conscientious consideration of all of the appropriate sentencing factors,” Larry Krantz, who represents Perez, said in an email to *Reuters* on Saturday.

A spokesman for the US Attorney’s Office in Manhattan declined to comment on Saturday. Attorneys for the four other former employees did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Madoff is serving a 150-year prison term in North Carolina after pleading guilty in 2009 to running a scheme that cost investors an estimated \$17 billion or more in principal.—*Reuters*



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## Scientist at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory dies in small plane crash

LOS ANGELES, 11 Jan — A 47-year-old scientist at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory who worked on robotic systems for exploring Mars and extreme environments on Earth has died in a small plane crash in Los Angeles, officials said on Saturday.

Alberto Behar spent 23 years at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory where he worked on instruments for the rover Curiosity which landed on Mars in 2012 and the Mars Odyssey orbiter that launched in 2001, the Pasadena, California-based institution said in a statement. The crash involved a single-engine Lancair

aircraft that went down in unknown circumstances shortly after take off from Van Nuys Airport in Los Angeles on Friday, Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Ian Gregor said in an email. A limited liability company under Behar’s name was listed as an owner of the plane in an FAA registry.

Behar’s work included developing robotic systems for measuring ice sheets in Antarctica and Greenland with the use of submarines, ice rovers and boats, according to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. “From his submarines that peeked under Antarctica to his boats

that raced Greenland’s rivers, Alberto’s work enabled measurements of things we’d never known. His creativity knew few bounds,” NASA headquarters scientist Thomas Wagner said in a statement. When Behar in 2009 submerged a small camera 600 feet (183 meters) beneath an ice sheet in the Antarctic they captured images of a shrimp creature swimming beneath the ice, which surprised him and fellow researchers.

Behar, aside from working at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, also was a research professor at Arizona State University.

*Reuters*

## Sri Lanka army defied order to keep Rajapaksa in power — Sirisena aide

COLOMBO, 11 Jan — Sri Lanka’s army defied orders from aides of former president Mahinda Rajapaksa to keep him in power “by force” when it became clear he had lost his bid for a third term, the campaign spokesman of the newly elected leader said on Saturday.

Rajapaksa’s spokesman denied the allegation, while the army spokesman said he was unaware of any such order.

Rajapaksa lost Thursday’s election, ending a decade of rule that critics said had become increasingly authoritarian and marred by nepotism and corruption.

Rajitha Senaratne, a lawmaker who acted as the spokesman for new President Maithripala Sirisena during the campaign, said Rajapaksa’s administration had sought the backing of the military to stay in power.

“The army chief got orders to deploy the troops on the ground across the country. They tried attempts to continue by force. The army chief defied all the orders he got in the last hours,” Senaratne told reporters at a news conference in Colombo,



*Mahinda Rajapaksa*

the first by Sirisena’s aides since the vote.

“We spoke to the army chief and told him not to do this. He kept the troops in the barracks and helped a free and fair election,” Senaratne said.

Mohan Samaranayake, spokesman for the former president, said Rajapaksa denied the allegations and had decided to transfer power after looking at the trend of the results in the early hours of Friday.

“When US State Secretary John Kerry spoke to Rajapaksa over the phone, the former president assured him there will be

a smooth power transition as stipulated in the constitution,” Samaranayake told *Reuters*. Military spokesman Brigadier Ruwan Wanigasooriya said he was unaware of any such order made to the army. He said the military stayed out of the election process at every stage. “Sri Lanka’s military will not do anything to disrupt the democratic traditions and process,” he said.

Speculation had been rife in Colombo just before the election that force could be used to keep Sirisena voters from polling stations or even that the military could intervene if Rajapaksa looked set to lose.

US President Barack Obama congratulated Sirisena on his victory in a statement on Saturday.

“I also commend the outgoing administration of former President Mahinda Rajapaksa for facilitating a swift and orderly transition of power,” Obama said.

Sirisena took 51.3 percent of the vote, while Rajapaksa got 47.6 percent. Rajapaksa, even before the official results were announced, conceded his defeat and left his official residence.—*Reuters*

## Avalanche kills one, traps four in northeastern Turkey

ISTANBUL, 11 Jan — One worker was killed and four remained trapped by an avalanche in Turkey’s northeast on Saturday following a week of vicious snow storms across the region, the disaster management agency (AFAD) said. The five workers were repairing a broken generator in a construction site for a tunnel when the avalanche struck, AFAD spokesman Dogan Eskinat said. AFAD teams had recovered one body and the effort to rescue other people was underway but bad weather delayed efforts. “There is a 1 kilometre climb to where the four workers remain trapped. I am told weather is terrible and the rescue helicopters could not take off,” Eskinat said.

Hundreds of labourers die on the job every year in Turkey and its lax worker safety record has come under increased scrutiny since May, when a coal mine disaster killed 301 workers in the western town of Soma, the country’s worst industrial accident in history.

Six months after the tragedy Turkey tightened work safety regulations and introduced tougher penalties for breaches.

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**As many as 59 dead in bus-oil tanker collision in southern Pakistan**

ISLAMABAD, 11 Jan — As many as 59 people were killed in a head-on collision between a passenger bus and an oil tanker early on Sunday morning in a Karachi neighbourhood, rescue workers and administration official said.

All the passengers and the driver of the bus were killed, they said.

The bus was bound for Shikarpur in south-central Pakistan, about 500 kilometres from Karachi.

"They were burnt alive. The bodies of several children were glued

to women who may have been their mothers. It was impossible to separate them," Dr Seemi Jamali at Jinnah Hospital was reported as saying.

She said identification of these bodies would require DNA tests. The accident took place in Gadap Town in the outskirts of Karachi shortly after the bus left for Shikarpur. Karachi Commissioner Shoab Siddiqui attributed the accident to fog and reckless driving by the driver of oil tanker.

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Residents take part in a protest against the increase in the fares of public transportation in Sao Paulo, Brazil, on 9 Jan, 2015.

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**Beautician Aguri Yoshiyuki dies at 107**

TOKYO, 11 Jan — Aguri Yoshiyuki, a pioneering Japanese beauty specialist, died of pneumonia on Monday, the office of her daughter said on Saturday. She was 107.

She was the mother of the late writers Junnosuke and Rie Yoshiyuki and of actress Kazuko Yoshiyuki.

Born in Okayama Prefecture, she opened a beauty shop in Tokyo after marrying the late writer Eisuke Yoshiyuki when she was 15 and gave birth to Junnosuke.

Her life was dramatized in NHK drama series "Aguri" in 1997.

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**INVITATION TO OPEN PREQUALIFICATION OF BIDDING**

The Irrigation Department (ID), Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, announces the PREQUALIFICATION of International Competitive Bidding for "Procurement of Construction Machineries for ID" under the Irrigation Development Project in Western Bago Region based on the Loan Agreement (Loan No.: MY-P7) signed on 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 between the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the Ministry.

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**WEATHER REPORT**

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL EVENING OF THE 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2015:**

Rain are likely to be isolated in Taninthayi Region, Kachin, Shan, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States, weather will be partly cloudy in Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Rakhine State and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**STATE OF THE SEA:**

Strong easterly winds with moderate to rough sea are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in strong wind may reach (30) m.p.h. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

**UK Prime Minister Cameron to visit Washington next week**

WASHINGTON, 11 Jan — British Prime Minister David Cameron will have meetings with President Barack Obama next week during a two-day visit to Washington, the White House said on Saturday.

Cameron and Obama will have a working dinner on 15 January and a meeting in the Oval Office the following day, the White House said in a statement.

Topics for discussion will include trade and the economy, cybersecurity, Iran, counterterrorism and Islamic State, Ebola, and Russia's actions in Ukraine, the statement added.

Reuters

**Objects found in McDonald's food at two more Japan outlets**

OKAYAMA/OITA, (Japan) 11 Jan — A small rubber fragment and a bit of vinyl were found in food sold at McDonald's outlets in Okayama and Oita prefectures last year, officials of McDonald's Holdings Co (Japan) said on Saturday. On Wednesday, the Japanese unit of the global fast-food chain apologized

for a string of food safety incidents involving its products.

The small rubber fragment found in a chicken nugget by a customer at a restaurant in Tsuyama, Okayama Prefecture, on 31 October, was later confirmed to be from the glove of a worker in a Thai factory and the company apol-

ogized to the customer on Thursday.

Workers at the factory are supposed to check every half-hour for whether their disposable gloves are torn. "It was highly likely that a tear had been overlooked," said a public relations official.

At a McDonald's outlet in the city of Oita in

southwestern Japan, a 4 to 5 centimeter-piece of transparent vinyl was found in a chicken sandwich taken out by a customer on 29 December, the officials said.

The cause of the contamination is not known, they said, adding the outlet has apologized to the customer.

Kyodo News





## Bradley Cooper to make directorial debut

LOS ANGELES, 11 Jan — Actor Bradley Cooper is reportedly eyeing to make his directorial debut with ‘Honeymoon With Harry’, starring himself and Robert De Niro.

The film’s story is about a man, whose fiancée dies 2 days before their wedding leaving the lover devastated. He then goes on a trip with her father, who despises him to, scatter the ashes, reported Deadline.

Dan Fogelman has written the movie’s screenplay, based on Bart Baker’s novel ‘Honeymoon With Harry’. De Niro and Cooper have worked together on films like ‘Limitless’ and ‘Silver Linings Playbook’.—PTI

## First love would have been the one: Jennifer Aniston

NEW YORK, 11 Jan — Jennifer Aniston has revealed that her first love was ‘the one’ but they could not be together and he passed away from a brain tumour.

The 45-year-old actress’ love life has often been at the centre of many media outlets throughout the last decade. “He was my first love — five years we were together. He would have been the one. But I was

25, and I was stupid. He must have sent me Justin to make up for it all,” she told the *New York Times* without revealing the name of the boyfriend.

Since then, Aniston got fame with hit series ‘Friends’, married and divorced Brad Pitt. She dated other men before finally finding love again with her ‘Wanderlust’ co-star Justin Theroux.

PTI

## Katy Perry to be joined by Lenny Kravitz at Super Bowl halftime

LOS ANGELES, 11 Jan — Pop singer Katy Perry announced on Saturday that Grammy-award winning singer-songwriter Lenny Kravitz will join her on stage for a guest appearance during the half-time entertainment at February’s Super Bowl. “He’s the coolest!” Perry quipped of Kravitz during an excerpt of an interview set to air on NBC on Monday. The announcement was made during Saturday’s playoff game between the Baltimore Ravens and New England Patriots.

Perry did not give any hints at to which songs the pair might perform during the game, the most-watched US sporting and television event. Shortly after the Super Bowl performance, Kravitz will kick off the second-leg of a world tour in support of his latest studio album “Strut.”

Perry, 30, joins the likes of Madonna, Beyonce and Prince to perform at the NFL’s Super Bowl halftime show, which regularly attracts more viewers than



Singer Katy Perry performs at a concert commemorating the Special Olympics at the White House in Washington on 31 July, 2014.—REUTERS

the average for the championship game itself. The Super Bowl will be played on 1 February in Glendale, Arizona, and broadcast on Comcast Corp-owned network NBC.

The 2014 Super Bowl aver-

aged a record 112.2 million viewers on network Fox, while the halftime performance by singer Bruno Mars and rock group Red Hot Chili Peppers drew 115.3 million viewers, according to Nielsen.—Reuters



## Madonna accused of using Paris terror attack to promote album

NEW YORK, 11 Jan — Pop diva Madonna has been accused of using the *Charlie Hebdo* massacre to promote her upcoming album ‘Rebel Heart’.

Two gunmen killed down 12 people, including journalists and two policemen on Wednesday at an attack on satirical magazine *Charlie Hebdo*, reported *New York Post*. The 56-year-old star

Instagrammed a ‘Je Suis Charlie’ image on Wednesday, sharing words of peace while also hashtagging her own album title, ‘Rebel Heart’.

“These are very scary times we are living in. Ignorance breeds intolerance and fear. We can only fight darkness with light! We are all Charlie! revolutionoflove #rebelhearts,” Madonna wrote.—PTI

## JK Simmons finds charm in being despicable for ‘Whiplash’

LOS ANGELES, 11 Jan — Mastering the art of jazz drumming wasn’t the only objective on actor JK Simmons’ mind when he signed on to play an abusive music teacher in the independent film “Whiplash.” He also focussed on co-star Miles Teller’s face.

“I mostly just wanted to do the best possible job of reddening Miles’ cheeks while slapping him,” the actor quipped in a recent interview.

Among his many roles, Simmons, 60, has previously played a neo-Nazi in HBO’s prison drama “Oz,” a psychiatrist in police procedural “Law & Order,” a newspaper editor in the “Spider-Man” film franchise and a blind lawyer in “Growing Up Fisher.”

But it’s a manipulative, abusive, but also at times charming, jazz teacher that

may be his shot at an Oscar.

“Whiplash,” the feature-length directorial debut from Damien Chazelle, pits young jazz drummer Andrew (Teller) striving to be the best in his craft against Simmons’ Fletcher, an acerbic, calculating, foul-mouthed instructor.

Simmons is up for a best supporting actor Golden Globe on Sunday and a frontrunner for next week’s Oscar nominations.

As Andrew is pushed to his very limits of existence by Fletcher, the film explores both the physical and mental anguish of the pursuit of perfection — from Andrew practicing until his fingers are dripping with blood to Fletcher continuously slapping him as he mocks his skills.

“I wanted to portray a character who is single-minded in his objective and his focus, and is unconcerned with what the collateral

damage might be,” Simmons said.

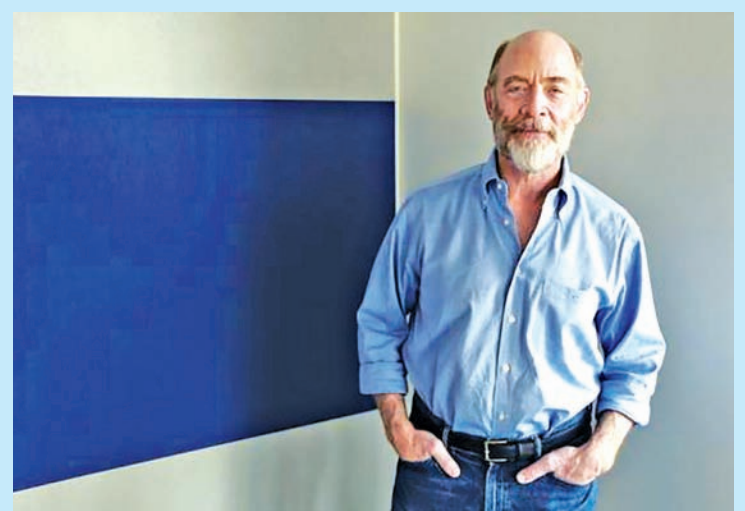
“Without even seeing my character, you see him through all these terrified kids’ eyes, and it just makes my job so much easier as an actor when it’s been established that you have a room full of kids that are scared.”

Simmons said finding Chazelle and the role of Fletcher was “kismet,” or fate, as he had studied both classical and rock’n’roll music in college.

For 29-year-old Chazelle, who scored two BAFTA nominations on Friday, the inspiration for “Whiplash” came directly from his own recollections as a young jazz drummer in high school.

“I certainly remember the sheer anxiety and terror of being in rehearsals, my hands bleeding through practise,” he said.

But the first-hand experience



“Whiplash” cast member JK Simmons poses for a portrait in Los Angeles, California on 14 Nov, 2014.—REUTERS

came as an advantage to the rookie director, who initially took the film as a short to the Sundance Film Festival in 2013.

After winning the jury award for fiction in the short film category, Chazelle returned to Sundance with the feature length version in 2014 and won both the audience and grand jury prizes. Sony Pictures Classics bought the film for \$3 million.

And while a film about the niche world of jazz drumming was not Chazelle’s easiest pitch to make to film buyers, he said he hoped it was the emotional journey that would connect with audiences.

“You can actually end up telling a more universal story the more you really burrow into a specific world,” he said.

Reuters



## Wily Leicester show belief they can hunt down rivals

LEICESTER, (England), 11 Jan — Leicester City's stirring Post Horn Gallop had been threatening to turn into a mournful Last Post as their wretched season limped along — but the seeds of hope are starting to sprout afresh at the King Power stadium.

The Foxes' trumpet fanfare — a nod to the county's hunting traditions which greets City's arrival before every home game — was blasted out with renewed gusto on Saturday and Nigel Pearson's men responded with a deserved 1-0 success over Aston Villa.

So the heralding of the New Year has brought renewed optimism to a team who were seemingly heading straight back to England's second tier, a league they had shown they were far too good for last season. A second win in three and seven points from nine has underlined the Premier League basement side's belief. Since halting



Leicester City's Matty James (C) tussles with Aston Villa's Ciaran Clark (2nd R) during their English Premier League soccer match at the King Power Stadium in Leicester, central England, 10 Jan, 2015.—REUTERS

a 13-match winless run with victory at Hull City in late December, City have shown a much-needed steelier side.

They battled back from two goals down to draw at

Liverpool on New Year's Day, then followed up with an FA Cup victory over Premier League rivals Newcastle United last weekend.

While taking three

points against an inept Villa side, secured with a sweet strike from defender Paul Konchesky in first-half stoppage time, was not enough to move City off

the bottom, they at least signalled they remain up for a dogfight.

Even the late straight red card for Matty James for an awful tackle on Jores Okore — prompting a melee that led to Villa's Ciaran Clark also being dismissed for retaliation — could not take the gloss of Pearson's day. "We've never doubted our own ability," Pearson told reporters.

"It's nice to be talking after four decent results. But it's a case of looking forward and not dwelling on what's happened already.

"We have to make sure we give ourselves a chance of being successful this year, whatever successful turns out to be." Pearson, who has lost Algerian Riyad Mahrez to the African Nations Cup, has brought in Croatian hotshot Andrej Kramaric from HNK Rijeka, subject to him being granted a work permit, and veteran keeper Mark Schwarzer.

Reuters

## 'Ball hog' Bale angers Ronaldo again

MADRID, 11 Jan — Gareth Bale angered Real Madrid team mate Cristiano Ronaldo for the second La Liga game in a row on Saturday when he opted to shoot instead of passing in the second half of a 3-0 victory against Espanyol.

Ronaldo, well placed in the penalty area to the Wales forward's left during a swift break, reacted furiously after Bale's weak effort went wide.

It was a similar situation last weekend when Bale chose to go for goal instead of squaring the ball to Karim Benzema in the 2-1 defeat at Valencia. Bale's actions on Saturday

prompted whistling from fans at the Bernabeu and will do nothing to dispel the impression that he can be selfish, something that has earned him the label "ball hog" in the Spanish media. Coach Carlo Ancelotti played down the incident and noted the Welshman had earlier scored a superb free kick that put Real 2-0 ahead. "Later on the fans wanted him to pass to Cristiano but forwards are determined to score when they are through on the goalkeeper," Ancelotti told a news conference.

"Generosity is very important and if someone is being selfish then we

will address it," added the Italian. "The supporters are very demanding when it comes to the important players and Bale is one of those. "We shouldn't blow this out of proportion. It's one moment in a football game. "Relations between them (Bale and Ronaldo) and everyone are very good. We are all pursuing the same goal which is to lift Real Madrid as high as possible." The victory over Espanyol put them four points clear of Barcelona at the top of La Liga ahead of the second-placed club's game at home to champions Atletico Madrid on Sunday.

Reuters



Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo (L) reacts next to his teammate Gareth Bale during their Spanish first division soccer match against Espanyol at Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on 10 Jan, 2015.

REUTERS

## 50 leagues disrupted by winter World Cup warns official

LONDON, 11 Jan — At least 50 football leagues around the world would be adversely affected if the 2022 World Cup in Qatar was held in November and December, the official who originally warned against holding the World Cup there has told Reuters.

The leagues would be slightly less disrupted if it was held in January and February but other complications make that difficult, says Harold Mayne-Nicholls, head of FIFA's technical investigation into the 2018 and 2022 World

Cups which ranked Qatar the highest risk for 2022.

Mayne-Nicholls, a former president of the Chilean FA, says another possible window to stage the tournament exists in May and June 2022 but warns there are problems whatever date is finally chosen by FIFA.

He informed FIFA of the dangers of holding the World Cup in Qatar because of the intense summer heat in the Gulf which can be as high as 50C in June and July, the traditional staging dates. He has since done further analysis on the di-

lemma facing FIFA, whose secretary-general Jerome Valcke said in November that a winter World Cup in either January and February 2022 or November and December was FIFA's preferred option.

"Given that FIFA's Medical Commission has already determined it is unsafe to play in the traditional window of June and July, there are three alternatives," he says now.

"Hosting the tournament in November and December but, since Christmas is generally celebrated

across much of the globe, it is logical that World Cup must be concluded no later than Thursday, 22 December. "As the tournament lasts 31 days, this means it should start on Tuesday, 22 November.

"And taking into consideration a minimum of 15 days for the preparation of the participating teams, it means that leagues across the world must stop their activity on 6 November so players can be released to prepare and then play with their national teams.

"This presents a dilem-

ma. At the last two World Cup finals, players from 52 different leagues participated in South Africa and 51 different leagues in Brazil. Of these, only Canada does not play any matches in November.

"Obviously, to opt for these dates will have an adverse affect and disrupt at least 50 leagues."

Mayne-Nicholls says the second option of playing in January and February would affect countries like England, Spain, Italy and some countries in the southern hemisphere.—Reuters

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# Chelsea pull clear as Man City held by Everton

LONDON, 11 Jan — Chelsea beat Newcastle United 2-0 for a 10th straight Premier League home win at their Stamford Bridge stronghold on Saturday to reassert themselves as Premier League leaders while Manchester City drew 1-1 at Everton. Jose Mourinho's team had relinquished control in the title race in recent weeks with City roaring back to close an eight-point deficit and draw level but goals from Oscar and Diego Costa edged them two points clear at the top. City, who had collected 25 points from the last 27 on offer, took the lead late on at Goodison Park through Fernandinho but Steven Naismith's header secured a point for the hosts to leave City manager Manuel Pellegrini frustrated. "If you had said at the beginning of the game we would draw against Everton away, then maybe it is not a bad result, but because we had so many chances we are not happy with the draw," Pellegrini told reporters. "I said before

that from now until the end of the season every game will be a final. It is very difficult but we are not deciding the title in this moment." Chelsea, who were second best during the first half before Oscar's well-worked 43rd minute opener, have 49 points from 21 games with City on 47. A clash between the two title favourites looms later this month. With Southampton at third-placed Manchester United on Sunday, Tottenham Hotspur had the chance to move into the top four but despite another goal for in-form striker Harry Kane they went down 2-1 at Crystal Palace. Kane's eighth league goal low into the corner put Spurs ahead after halftime but Palace, with Alan Pardew in charge for the first time in the league, hit back through Dwight Gayle's penalty and Jason Puncheon's winner to escape the bottom three.

Eighth-placed Liverpool edged nearer the top four with a 1-0 victory at Sunderland, Lazar

Markovic's first Premier League goal deciding the contest at a blustery Stadium of Light.

They are now four points behind fourth-placed Southampton who have 36 before their visit to United who have 37.

"It was an outstanding team performance today. We had great control of the game but I suppose the only disappointment is we did not have more goals," Liverpool manager Brendan Rodgers, who was without the rested Raheem Sterling, told BT Sport.

Queens Park Rangers fell into the relegation zone after a 2-1 loss at Burnley, in the process becoming the first Premier League side to lose their first 10 away games of the season. Danny Ings scored Burnley's winner.

Both sides ended with 10 men at Leicester City where the hosts stayed bottom despite beating Aston Villa 1-0, while West Bromwich Albion's new manager Tony Pulis enjoyed a winning league



Chelsea's Diego Costa (C) celebrates his goal with teammates Oscar (L) and Cesc Fabregas during their English Premier League soccer match against Newcastle United at Stamford Bridge in London on 10 Jan, 2015.—REUTERS

start with a 1-0 defeat of Hull City. Former England defender Paul Konchesky scored for Leicester in first-half stoppage time to earn the Foxes their first home league win since they beat Man-

chester United in September. Villa's Ciaran Clark and Leicester's Matty James received red cards for a late spat. Swansea City and West Ham United drew 1-1.—Reuters



Real Madrid's James Rodriguez celebrates his goal during their Spanish first division soccer match against Espanyol at Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on 10 Jan, 2015.—REUTERS

## Real back to winning ways against Espanyol

MADRID, 11 Jan — La Liga leaders Real Madrid returned to winning ways after two defeats, making light of playing most of the second half with 10 men to triumph 3-0 at home to mid-table Espanyol on Saturday.

Beaten 2-1 at Valencia in La Liga last weekend and 2-0 at Atletico Madrid in a King's Cup last 16 first leg in midweek, Real took the lead at the Bernabeu when Cristiano Ronaldo set up James Rodriguez to score in the 12th minute.

Gareth Bale arrowed a free kick over the wall and into the net off a post to make it 2-0 in the 28th minute before full back Fabio Coentrao was shown a straight red card for a dangerous tackle eight minutes into the second half.

Real remained in control and substitute Nacho clipped home a third goal for the world and European champions, the defender's first for the club, 14 minutes from time. The victory stretched Real's lead over second-placed Barcelona

to four points. The Catalans entertain champions Atletico, who are level with their hosts on 38 points, on Sunday.

"Today things went well," Real playmaker Isco told Spanish television. "We are happy with the victory and to win again and get back on track.

"We have to continue the same way in the league and if the other teams slip up then so much the better."

Ronaldo failed to score in a home game in La Liga for the first time in more than 15 months, ending a run of 17 straight games on target at the Bernabeu.

The Portugal captain has the most goals (26) and the most assists (nine) in the league this term.

"Cristiano seems the same as ever to me," said Real coach Carlo Ancelotti. "He is in great shape physically and playing for the team. He didn't score but the assist for the opening goal was fantastic."—Reuters

## Palace Glad All Over as Pardew celebrates winning return

LONDON, 11 Jan — New Crystal Palace coach Alan Pardew celebrated an emotional return to Selhurst Park on Saturday as they beat Tottenham Hotspur 2-1 before he helped orchestrate the fans booming out their "Glad All Over" anthem. Former Palace player Pardew may be just as glad his troubled reign at Newcastle United is all over as he was greeted "home" by a home crowd who had plenty to celebrate at the end of his first Premier League game as the club's manager. After Tottenham striker Harry Kane struck his 18th goal of the season to give the visitors the lead in the 49th minute, Palace came storming back to win with a Dwight Gayle penalty after 69 minutes and an 80th minute Jason Puncheon strike. The result lifted Palace to 15th as they moved out of the relegation zone and prevented Spurs jumping into the top four, but the focus was on Pardew just as much as on his players.

In his first game in charge last week Palace beat non-League Dover Athletic 4-0 away in the FA Cup but this was an altogether


er different challenge against in-form Spurs who had beaten leaders Chelsea 5-3 in their last league match on New Year's Day.

Tottenham looked set to extend their unbeaten run in all matches to eight games but at the end it was Pardew and not his opposite number Mauricio





Pochettino who was punching the air in delight as Palace won for the first time in nine league matches. Pardew told reporters the first text message he received after the game was from his former boss, Newcastle United owner Mike Ashley, who congratulated him on "a great result".—Reuters



Crystal Palace manager Alan Pardew gestures during their English Premier League soccer match against Tottenham Hotspur at Selhurst Park in London on 10 Jan, 2015.—REUTERS



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