

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attends 12th ACDFIM

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb — Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing arrived in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to attend the 12th ASEAN Military Chief

of Defense Force Informal Meeting, after leaving Yangon International Airport on Monday.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and senior military officials were

welcomed by Maj-General Dato' Hanafiah Jaafar (Assistant Chief of Staff, Defence Logistic), Maj-General Dato' Dr. Jaacob Koming (Director General of Armed Forces

Health Services), Brig-Gen Dato' Mohd Azmi Borhan (Armed Forces Provost Marshall), Myanmar ambassador and Military Attaché to Malaysia at the Kuala Lumpur

International Airport.

At the meeting room of Shangri-La Hotel, Myanmar military delegation received chiefs of defence services from (See page 3)

Four-party talks on amendment of national education law to resume on 11 February

YANGON, 9 Feb — The second negotiation meeting on resumption of four-party talks on amendment of the national education law was held at the meeting hall of the Department of Higher Education (Lower Myanmar) on Thaton Street in Yangon on Monday afternoon.

Participants led by Deputy Minister for Education U Thant Shin, Dr Thein Lwin of the National Network for Education Reform, Ko Aung Hmine San of the Leading Committee for Democracy Education Move-

ment discussed resumption of the four-party talks as soon as possible and details for agendas of the talks.

Agreements reached today include (1) the talks shall resume on 11 February (2) the venue of the talks shall be the Hluttaw Building of Yangon Region (3) the talks shall start at 9.30 am (4) each party shall be represented at the talks by 20 representatives (5) the talks shall be moderated by one representative from the government and the Hluttaw on one hand (See page 3)



Deputy Minister for Education U Thant Shin, Dr Thein Lwin of National Network for Education Reform and Ko Aung Hmine San of the Leading Committee for Democracy Education Movement hold a meeting to resume four-party talks.—MNA

Manipur boosts Indo-Myanmar trade zone project

By CL Thanga
(GNLM 005)

The state government of Manipur is making a feasibility study to set up a trade zone at the border village Behiang on the boundary of Myanmar's Chin State and India.

Agreement on the establishment of the zone was signed by the two countries in 2012 to promote trade.

Govindas Konthoujam, Manipur's commerce and industries minister, said, "The state government has been seeking op-

portunities to promote border trade since 2006 in cooperation with the central government."

The trade zone, which will be on 2,500 hectare s in the Churachanpur district, also includes a customs office to facilitate exports and imports.

An official of the Ministry of Commerce in Myanmar said, "The project includes two phases of border market and trade zone."

Rih-Zokawthar is now the only official border trade zone between Chin and Manipur, and the new trade route will

be 200 kilometre shorter than Moreh-Imphal-Silchar highway.

Chin State Chief Minister U Hong Ngai said the proposed area for new border trade zone is the most appropriate for trade sector between the two countries, shortening about 70 miles of the route between the two countries. Behiang trade zone will be funded by the central government of India, while the Manipur government will construct the road.

Myanmar is exporting agricultural products to (See page 2)



An Indo-Myanmar friendship gate promote bilateral trade.

Press Release Team issues statement on second preliminary discussions of National Education Law

YANGON, 9 Feb — Press Release Team of the government issued a statement that Ministry of Education will include agreements in four-party talks on Monday into the amendment bill on the National Education Law, urging the students to stop their protests and honour the agreements signed on January 28.

Representatives from the government, the Hluttaw, students and National Network for Education Reform held second preliminary talks in Yangon.

The statement said the government is doing its best for peace and stability, the rule of law and taking the safety measures for protest students, with reiterated suggestion on Saturday to the parents to recall school children away from student protesters.—MNA

Fighting breaks out between Tatmadaw, Kokang renegade troops

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb — Fighting between the Tatmadaw and renegade troops of Kokang broke out Monday.

The clashes broke out for two times at Nyankh-wam Village located north-west of Laukkai and for one time near Taukshwe Village, south-west of Laukkai, in the

morning and afternoon while the troops of the Tatmadaw combed the areas in Laukkai area acting on the tips-off.

Meanwhile, some renegade troops of Kokang attacked outposts of the Tatmadaw near Mawhtike Town. The troops of the Tatmadaw continue to comb the areas so that in-

surgents cannot camp there. While the State is making all-out efforts for reaching a nation-wide ceasefire, the renegade groups of Kokang have ambushed the troops of the Tatmadaw, making the local people worries for recurring fighting there.

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Pyithu Hluttaw

12th regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw continues

Deputy Minister U Ohn Than.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb—Pyithu Hluttaw session on Monday discussed religious affairs, availability of call centres in the entire country, repairs of rural roads and upgrading of monastic education schools.

Concerning the question on availability of call centres in the entire country raised by Representative U Min Swe of DaikU, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than said that arrangements are under way for mobile phone networks to cover the entire country so that farmers can communicate



Deputy Minister Dr Maung Maung Htay. MNA

for their needs.

As for the motion calling for the upgrading of monastic education schools, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Dr Maung Maung Htay said that the ministry has been upgrading monastic education schools when they meet their respective requirements and salaries for teachers at monastic education schools will be raised according to the number of students at each school approved by state/region supervisory committees for monastic education schools.—MNA

Amyotha Hluttaw approves motion on effective prevention of drug abuse

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb—Amyotha Hluttaw Session on Monday discussed the motion calling for the government to implement projects for establishing educative training centres for drug addicts in every township to prevent them from choosing wrong course of life in cooperation with civil society organizations, government departments, INGOs and NGOs submitted by Representative U Pe Thaug.

The motion was seconded by four representatives who proposed to form bodies made up of teachers and town elders to expose drug addicts and give treatment to them as well as to take action against traffickers, to restructure current rehabilitation centres for effective measures, and to educate young people in townships on drug abuse and to expose drug traffickers regardless of their statuses.



Representatives of Amyotha Hluttaw debate effective prevention of drug abuse.—MNA

In response to the motion, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun said that Myanmar is a signatory to three UN conventions on prevention of drug abuse and has formed a central body to combat drug abuse and trafficking under which rehabilitation centres for drug addicts are treating drug addicts who offer themselves to

the centres and those who are sent there by their parents without taking legal action against them. Educative measures are also being taken at township level while the anti-drug squad is being expanded by adding 50 more anti-drug teams, according to the deputy minister. He added that the ministry is also cooperating with local and international organizations to treat and rehabilitate drug addicts.

The session approved

the motion.

Other topic discussed at the session included raising travel allowance for government employees and amendment of the law translation bill.

Deputy Minister for Finance Dr Lin Aung said travel allowance for government employees would be raised starting from 2015-16 fiscal year while the speaker agreed to discuss the law translation bill.

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Environmental conservation, sustainable forestry development discussed

Union Minister U Win Tun meets Ms Maria Torres and Mr Nicolas Yllera from Germany-based PRISMA Group.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb—Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun

Sunday met Ms Maria Torres and Mr Nicolas Yllera from Germany-based PRISMA Group at his

office here to discuss Myanmar's environmental conservation and sustainable forestry development

Cultural delegates visit parks, gardens, museum, Hluttaw complex, Uppatasanti pagoda

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb—Secretary of 68th Anniversary Union Day Organizing Management Committee and member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Myo Nyunt fulfilled re-

quirements of cultural delegations from regions and states in smooth transport for excursion tour at No 7 Transit Centre, here, on Monday.

The delegates from

Kachin, Kayah, Chin and Rakhine States and Bago region visited Nay Pyi Taw Zoological Garden, Safari Park, Planetarium, Thatta Thattaha Pagoda, Uppatasanti Pagoda and

activities to be included in Special Country Report for Myanmar.

They also discussed Myanmar's economic growth, progress of the country's reforms, economic development of Myanmar in the next 10 years, programmes for achieving sustainable growth of environment, ministry's implementation of green economy or green growth.

Both sides also discussed Myanmar's efforts to enlist a member of Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (EITI) to manage and conserve natural resources and investment opportunities for development of wood-based industries.—MNA

water fountain garden.

Those from Kayin, Mon and Shan States and Taninthayi region toured the National Landmarks Garden, Defence Services Museum, Hluttaw complex, Myanmar International Convention Centre-1 and Myoma Market.

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**Mro National Democracy
Party allowed to register as
political party**

The Union Election Commission announced that Mro National Democracy Party headquartered at No. 144, Buddhagaya Street, Myothit area, Aungtat Ward, MraukU Township, Rakhine State, has been allowed to register as a political party as of 9 February, 2015 in accord with the Section 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law.

The party's registration number is 80.

By Order,

(Tin Tun)
Secretary

Union Election Commission

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India through a border crossing in Behiang village, although it has not officially been opened. Bilateral trade volume be-

tween the two countries is targeted to reach \$3 billion in 2015, while ASEAN-India trade is expected to hit \$100 billion in the same period.—GNLM

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Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attends ...

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Brunei, the Philippines, Thailand, Singapore, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos and Malaysia who are in Kuala Lumpur to attend the 12th ACDFIM from February 9 to 11. Myanmar delegation enjoyed dinner hosted by General Tan Sri Dato' Sri (Dr.) Zulkifeli Bin Mohd Zin, Chief of Malaysian Armed Forces at the Sarawak Room of Shangri-La Hotel.

Lieutenant General Mya Tun Oo from Office of the Commander-in-Chief

(Army) and senior military personnel also attended the 12th AMIM and the 5th AMOIM held in the Malaysian capital from February 7 to 9. Myanmar was a host country of the 11th ACDFIM from March 4 to 6 last year.—Myawady

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Armed Forces General Worapong Sanganetra.—MYAWADY



Stake driven for cold storage to produce export products



Union Ministers and officials drive stake for construction of 2000-ton cold storage.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing and Union

Minister for Commerce U Win Myint attended a ceremony to drive stake for construction of a cold

storage near Kyi-in village in Pinyin Township on Monday.

The 2000-ton-capacity cold storage project will be implemented by Myanmar-based Myanmar Agri Foods Company and Japan Investment Company in connection with Japan Wholesale Market.

Chairmen and agriculturists of Kyoka Shokuhin Company, Ratail Branding Company, Myanmar Agri Foods Company explained their plans to join hands with Myanmar farmers to export agricultural produce, and market prospects.

The union ministers and officials drove stakes for the cold storage of the project.

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A map shows a fighting between Tatmadaw and renegade troops of Kokang. (News on Page 1)—MYAWADY

Four-party talks on ...

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and another representative from the NNER and the students on the other hand (6) student representatives shall represent all active student columns (7) the lists of the representatives shall be sent ahead and only the representatives in the list shall participate

in the talks (8) each party shall be allowed to call in people to cover the talks proportionately and (9) one spokesperson from each party shall release news at a press conference during the talks.

Also present at the meeting were ministers of Yangon Region ministers

Col Tin Win and Dr Myint Thein, Rector Dr Aung Min of Yangon University of Education, U Soe Tun of the NNER and Ko Aung Hmine San, Ko Ye Zarni Tun and Ko Chit Win Maung of the Leading Committee for Democracy Education Movement, according to the Ministry of Education.

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CESR experts, department partners meet

YANGON, 9 Feb—Experts from Comprehensive Education Sector Review-CESR and international development partners held a meeting on drawing a bill amending the National Education Law at the hall of Department of Myanmar Education Research Bureau, here, on Monday, with an address by Union Education Minister Dr Daw Khin San Yi.

Experts from CESR and those from international development partners organizations namely Australian Embassy, British Council, DANIDA, DFID, Diplomatic Missions of Finland, Embassy of Demark, Embassy of Israel, Embassy of the United States, EU, JICA, MEDG, Open Foundation Society, Save the Children, Swiss Agency, UNESCO, UNFPA,

UNICEF, World Bank, and World Education cordially exchanged views on 10-point demands of students over the National Education Law and points of amendment.

The development partner organizations said they will assist in amending the law. They welcome the meeting with students and understanding will come out from the meetings.

MNA



Union Minister for Education Dr Daw Khin San Yi speaking at meeting between Comprehensive Education Sector Review-CESR and international development partners.—MNA

Schools under SWD hail Myanmar Children's Day



YANGON, 9 Feb — As a gesture of hailing the Myanmar Children's Day which falls on 13 February, contests and funfairs were held at Htaukkyant School

for the Girls under the Social Welfare Department of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement on 6 February. Girls of the school

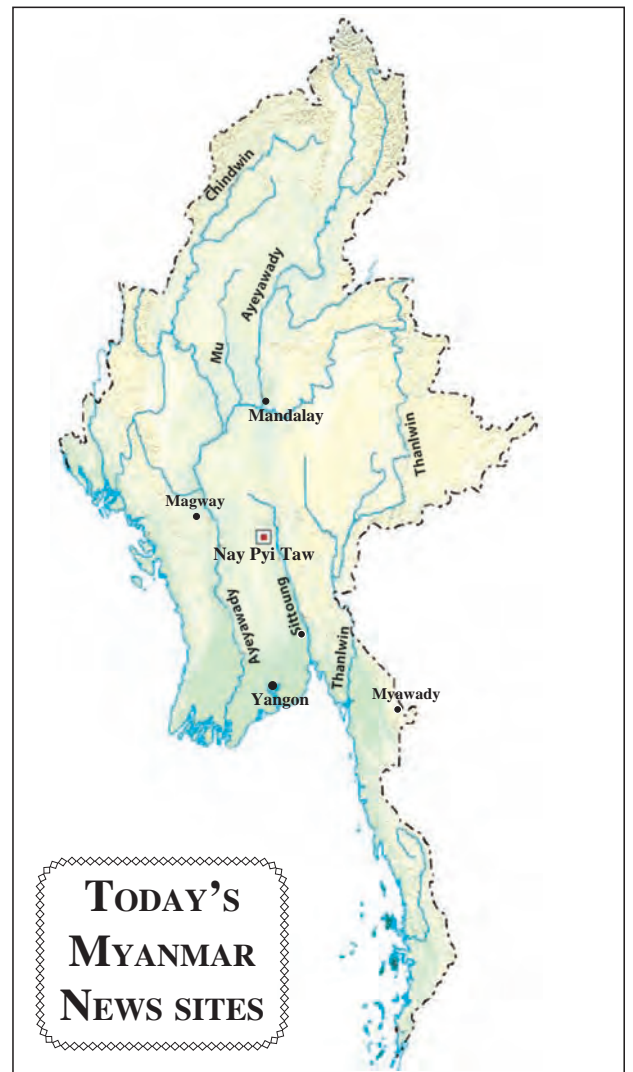
opened the ceremony by reciting the poems in commemoration of Bogyoke Aung San. Chinlone demonstrator Daw Myint Sanda showed off playing

Chinlone skills on the occasion.

The girls played the traditional Chinlone sports. The school girls participated in the funfair by singing songs and performing dances.

A sports contest is being held at Kyaikwaing Youth Training School with participation of the trainees from philanthropic homes and sections conducted by Social Welfare Department from 7 to 12 February.

Officials will award the winners in the sports contests at the hall of Basic Education High School No 4 in Ahlon on 13 February.—*Ko Ko Yupa*



Staff quarters accommodates service personnel in Myawady

MYAWADY, 9 Feb — Staff quarters have been built in Myawady, Kayin State, to accommodate government service personnel for their convenience.

ilies of staff members at their residences, the deputy commissioner said that the district authorities will manage maintenance of the staff quarters, and staff members need to keep their quarters clean and pleasant daily.

District's deputy commissioner U Lwin Ko Oo and Chairman of District Staff Quarters supervisory committee U Min Lwin inspected the staff quarters.

He urged the staff families to take fire preventive measures at the quarters and environs, he said.

In meeting with fam-

Htein Lin Aung

Technicians give training to firefighters to skillfully use rescue equipment

MAGWAY, 9 Feb — The Holmatro Rescue Equipment (the Netherlands) Product Presentation & Demonstration was held at the office of Magway Region Fire Services Department in Magway on 8 February.



Head of Magway Region FSD U Aung Win Sein made an opening address. Regional Manager (Asia & Pacific) Mr Floris Evers extended greetings.

Technicians demonstrated use of rescue equipment.

Magway Region.

The department provided two ambulances and five rescue vehicles to the

region department in 2014-15 fiscal year.

The presentation and demonstration on use of

rescue equipment was aimed at enabling the firefighters to skillfully use the rescue equipment.

Khin Marlar (Magway)

Invitational badminton

championship wraps up in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 9 Feb — Myanmar invitational badminton championship was organized at Sports and Physical Education

Institute (Mandalay) in Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay, on 8 February.

After the final matches, Mandalay Region Min-

ister for Social Affairs Dr Win Hlaing presented medals and cash awards to winners in the senior men's and women's events, best player award winner Arkar Phone Myat (Aung Club) and Thet Htar Thuzar (Hnget Khar Club).



An official presents best player award to Thet Htar Thuzar (Hnget Khar Club).

The championship was mainly sponsored by Aung Thamadi Goldsmith and New Cherry trading from 4 to 8 February.

At the presentation ceremony, officials presented prizes worth K6.5 million to the winners.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)



Myawady District's deputy commissioner U Lwin Ko Oo and officials inspect sanitation and fire preventive measures at staff quarters in Myawady.

LOCAL NEWS

Mandalay General Hospital honours blood donors

MANDALAY, 9 Feb — Chief Minister of Mandalay Region U Ye Myint delivered an address at the ceremony to honour blood donors organized by National Blood Bank of Mandalay General Hospital for the 38th time in Chanayethazan Township on 8 February.

Medical Superintendent Dr Maung Win spoke words of thanks for blood donors.

Mandalay Region Minister for Social Welfare Dr Win Hlaing and

officials presented medals and certificates of honour to blood donors and blood donation associations.

Mandalay Region Health Department received 36,620 blood units from donors in 2014 across Mandalay Region and delivers blood units to hospitals in the region and Sagaing Hospital.

Kho Hlon Yar foundation vaccinated blood donors against hepatitis B free of charge as of November 2014.—*Tin Maung (Mandalay)*



A farmer ploughs farmlands irrigated by Kunchaung Dam with the use of power-tiller for cultivation of summer paddy on 8 February near Yaynitkwin village in Myanaung Township, Ayeyawady Region. NAY WIN ZAW (MYANAUNG)

Students perform dancing hailing Myanmar's Children Day

MANDALAY, 9 Feb — A variety of dance in commemoration of the Myanmar Children's Day was performed at the National Theatre on 66th Street in Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay, on 8 February.

The dancing concert will be held up to 13 February. Students from basic education schools participate in the dancing on 14 points agenda.

The dances were enjoyed by officials of Mandalay Region government,

the region education director, school heads of Aungmyethazan, Chanayethazan, Mahaangmye, Chanmyathazi and Pyigyidagun townships, teachers and students.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)



Pobbathiri Township MCWA refreshes tailors in advance course

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Feb — Under the supervision of Myanmar Maternal and

Child Welfare Association, Pobbathiri Township MCWA conducted the

advanced tailoring course 1/2015 at the hall of Township General Administration Department in Pobbathiri Township on 7 February.

Joint Secretary-2 Daw Ahmar, CEC members of MMCWA and officials presented prizes to outstanding trainees and gifts to two trainers.

They viewed clothes in various designs made by trainees.—*Ko Ko Yupa (Nay Pyi Taw)*



MCDC implements new system of sanitation in Mahaangmye Tsp

MANDALAY, 9 Feb — Mandalay City Development Committee changes its sanitation system of collecting garbage from residences.

Garbage vans daily collected garbage from urban areas by beating bells to remind local people to carry out sanitation of their residences.

As of 1 February, the vans turn on a speech of urging the people to systematically throw garbage onto the vans in Mahaangmye Township according to the new sanitation sys-



tem. Sanitation Department of MCDC carries out sanitation tasks with the use of 10 vans as a pilot project in Mahaangmye Township. Within one month, a plan

is be implemented to cover sanitation tasks in the entire Mandalay City.

Min Htet Aung (Mandalay Sub-printing House)

University of Medical Technology (Mandalay) turns out graduates

MANDALAY, 9 Feb —University of Medical Technology (Mandalay) held the 13th convocation at the convocation hall of Mandalay University

on 8 February. Rector Dr Theingi Hlaing presented certificates of degrees to master and bachelor graduates and delivered an address.

The university has turned out 10 master's degree dentists and 1,349 bachelor degree dentists.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)



Japan, Thai leaders eye increased economic, security ties

TOKYO, 9 Feb — Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Thai Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha held a meeting on Monday in Tokyo at which they are expected to affirm increased bilateral cooperation in the economic and security areas.

Abe and Prayut are likely to agree to promote defence exchanges through opportunities such as the Cobra Gold military exercise, an annual multilateral drill that began on Monday in Thailand and brings together the two countries and the United States, among others, and affirms cooperation in the fight against terrorism, according to

a Japanese official. Abe plans to urge Prayut, who seized power in a military coup last May, to restore democratic civilian rule in Thailand. “(Abe) will urge (Prayut) to restore a civilian-led government at an early date, saying a return to democratic rule will be extremely important to ensure long-term stability in Thailand,” the official said.

On the economic front, Abe and Prayut are expected to discuss Japan’s cooperation in railway and other infrastructure development in Thailand, including a possible introduction of Japan’s shinkansen bullet train technology.



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (2nd from front, R) and Thai Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha (4th from front, L) hold talks at Abe’s office in Tokyo on 9 Feb, 2015.—KYODO NEWS

The Thai leader, on a three-day visit to Japan from Sunday, is scheduled to experience a shinkansen

ride from Tokyo to Osaka on Tuesday before heading home from Kansai airport in Osaka Prefecture.

In Monday’s meeting, Abe is expected to affirm Japan’s cooperation in development of the Dawei

Special Economic Zone in southern Myanmar, a joint project between Thailand and Myanmar, according to the official.

Abe also plans to request that Thailand promptly lift its restrictions on Japanese food imports imposed after the 2011 nuclear disaster in Fukushima over concerns about radioactive contamination. Among other issues, the two leaders are expected to discuss territorial disputes between China and some Southeast Asian countries in the South China Sea, North Korea’s nuclear and missile programs, as well as reform of the UN Security Council.

Kyodo News

Ex-S Korean spy head imprisoned for meddling in presidential election

SEOUL, 9 Feb — The Seoul High Court on Monday sentenced a former head of the state intelligence organization to three years in prison for meddling in the South Korean presidential election, held in December 2012 and won by current President Park Geun-hye.

Won Sei Hoon, 64, was immediately imprisoned as the ruling overturned a lower court decision.

Yonhap News Agency quoted Judge Kim

Sang Hwan as saying in the ruling, “It is fair to say Won had the intention to intervene in the election even by willfully neglecting these activities.”

Won, who headed the National Intelligence Service from 2009 to 2013, was indicted in June 2013 on charges of ordering an online smear campaign against opposition candidates and their parties to help the ruling party candidate.

The lower court had sentenced Won to two years and six months in

prison with a four-year stay of execution.

Agents from the intelligence agency involved in the smear campaign were then found guilty of posting some 110,000 messages on online bulletin boards and social media platforms prior to the election, according to Yonhap.

Prosecutors had argued that these comments were aimed at swaying public opinion in favour of Park, violating a law banning public officials from taking part in election campaign activities.

The agents tried to taint main opposition candidate Moon Jae In as holding a too soft stance on North Korea and having the possibility of endangering the nation’s national security if elected, prosecutors said.

The high court recognized that 274,800 messages had been unlawfully posted online by the agents.

Park won the election, edging out Moon by a million votes, or 3.5 percentage points.

Kyodo News



Photo taken on 8 Feb, 2015 shows tight security outside a counting center at Gole Market area in New Delhi, India. Some of the electronic voting machines (EVMs) are kept here from the polling booths and will be opened for counting on 10 Feb. Several counting centers are scattered in the entire Delhi where the EVMs are stored.—XINHUA

Tea ceremony held at World Heritage site Gangoji Temple



Photo taken on 9 Feb, 2015, shows a tea ceremony held at the Gokurakudo main hall, a national treasure, of Gangoji Temple, a World Heritage site, in the ancient city of Nara, western Japan.—KYODO NEWS

Number of teenage births hit 20-year low in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 9 Feb — The number of babies born to teenage girls in Singapore dropped to a record low in two decades in 2014, the *Strait Times* reported on Monday, citing a report from the country’s Immigration and Checkpoints Authority.

Last year, 404 babies were born to girls aged 19 and below, almost halved from the high of 953 in 2000.

The declining trend is mainly because young people are using contraception such as taking pills, and have used alternative sex acts, the report said.

The number of abortions among girls below 20 also dropped significantly to 578 in 2013 from 1,483 a decade ago, it added.

“Compared to past generations of teens, what has changed now is that there is more awareness about contraception because community groups are running more outreach programmes.

In the past, sex education was left mostly to parents and schools,” Carol Balhetchet, senior director for youth services at the Singapore Children’s Society, said, quoted by the news paper.

Another reason that

stopped youngsters from getting pregnant is the fear of reproach.

According to a recent survey among undergraduates conducted by the Nanyang Technological University, about half of the 591 respondents who are between 18 and 25 years old admitted that they would feel ashamed and embarrassed in their community if they get pregnant.

“Pregnant teens avoid talking about it because they will be the subject of gossip and ostracism,” 23-year-old Leung Yan Wah, who is among the 591 surveyed, said.

Xinhua

Bruised Australian PM Abbott survives leadership challenge

SYDNEY, 9 Feb — Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott survived a challenge to his leadership on Monday after his ruling Liberal Party voted down a motion to unseat him after weeks of infighting, but the attempted revolt appears likely to weaken his grip on power.

In a secret party room ballot, a vote to declare the positions of party leader and deputy leader vacant was defeated by 61 votes to 39, a party official told reporters. In a short televised statement following the vote, Abbott insisted the turmoil was over and called for unity within the conservative party and the country.

“The Liberal Party has dealt with the spill motion and now this matter is behind us,” Abbott said.

“We think that when you elect a government, when you elect a prime minister, you deserve to keep that government and that prime minister until you have a chance to

change your mind.”

Still, a consensus appeared to be forming that the large number of votes against Abbott indicated a lack of support so damaging as to potentially render him a lame duck.

“It does suggest to me continuing instability, because 40 percent of your party has just expressed no confidence in you,” Rod Tiffen, an emeritus professor of political science at the University of Sydney, told Reuters.

“I think that it means leadership speculation will be on the agenda in Australian politics until it’s resolved by Abbott’s exit, really.”

Following the vote, online gambling site Sportingbet.com.au had Communications Minister Malcolm Turnbull as the favorite to be prime minister at the next election, with a \$1 bet paying out at \$1.60. Abbott was at odds of \$2.75, while Foreign Minister Julie Bishop was \$6.50, an indica-



Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott (C) walks to a government party room meeting surrounded by supporters in Canberra’s Parliament House on 9 Feb, 2015.—REUTERS

tion of the damage done. The motion was brought on Friday by an MP from Western Australia after mounting criticism of Abbott’s leadership, culminating in his awarding of an Australian knighthood to Queen Elizabeth’s husband, Prince Philip.

No member of the government had indicated a direct challenge to Abbott, although most attention had focused on Turnbull, a former party leader toppled by Abbott.

The prime minister has faced a torrent of criticism in recent weeks over policy

decisions ranging from his handling of the economy to the knighthood.

Abbott, who had described the call for a leadership vote as a “very chastening experience”, vowed ahead of the poll to be more consultative in his approach after several

of his so-called “captain’s calls” backfired on his administration.

If Abbott had been ousted, Australia would have had its sixth prime minister in eight years.

Opinion polls have consistently shown voters prefer Turnbull to lead the party but his support for a carbon trading scheme, gay marriage and an Australian republic have made him unpopular with the right wing of his party.

Bishop, also deputy leader of Abbott’s party, had been touted as either a potential successor to Abbott or party deputy under Turnbull.

Seen as one of the best-performing ministers in Abbott’s cabinet, Bishop had said she would vote against the motion but had not ruled out standing if the positions had been declared vacant. Removing Abbott would have required more than 51 of the 101 members of the federal Liberal Party at the party-room vote.

Reuters

Abe to attend UN disaster conference in Sendai in March

TOKYO, 9 Feb — Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe told a senior ruling party lawmaker on Monday that he plans to attend the five-day UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction to be held from 14 March in Sendai, north-eastern Japan.

Abe also said in a separate meeting with Margareta Wahlstrom, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon’s special representative for disaster risk reduction, that he would like to use the conference as an opportunity to bring

international attention to Japan’s disaster reconstruction efforts, according to government officials.

In his meeting with lawmaker Tadamori Oshima, Abe spoke of the importance of exhibiting Japan’s rehabilitation from the disaster, said Oshima, who heads the ruling Liberal Democratic Party’s team to promote reconstruction of areas devastated by the 11 March, 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

Sendai is one of the cities hit hard by the 2011 disaster.—Kyodo News

Army ordnance explosion injures five in Thailand

BANGKOK, 9 Feb — Five army technicians were injured in an accidental explosion at the Thai Army Ordnance Department in Bangkok on Monday, army spokesman Winthai Suwaree said.

The explosion happened at around 10 am local time (0300 GMT) when the technicians were disassembling a rocket-propelled grenade launcher in which a grenade was stuck, Winthai was quoted by the

Bangkok Post as saying.

But Director-General of the ordnance department Tharee Wuthipanich said there was no grenade in the launcher, and it was the propellant that exploded during a regular repair.

The technicians, who suffered head and chest injuries, were rushed to a hospital, according to Winthai. It was an incident inside a military unit with no impact on the outside, he said.—Xinhua

No decision yet on deploying missile system in S Korea: US official

SEOUL, 9 Feb — US Deputy Secretary of State Antony Blinken said on Monday no decision has been made on deploying a US advanced anti-missile system in South Korea.

“The question of THAAD is very clear. There is no decision, no active discussions on that,” Blinken told reporters after talks with South Korean Vice Foreign Minister Cho Tae Yong.

He expressed hope, however, the United States will have “full consultations” with South Korea on the system, saying the system, known as Terminal High Altitude Area Defence, is “purely defensive and it is aimed at exclusively dealing with the threats posed by North Korea.”

His remarks were made at a time when the THAAD system has become a major issue after Chinese Defence Minister Chang Wanquan voiced concern to his South Korean counterpart Han Min Koo at talks in Seoul last Wednesday over the possible deployment of the system in South Korea.

In response, Han said

the United States remains undecided on the matter and has not yet asked South Korea to host THAAD, adding, “Thus no consultations between South Korea and the US are under way,” according to a South Korean Defence Ministry official.

Blinken arrived in Seoul on Sunday for a three-

day visit, the first leg of a three-nation trip to Asia that includes China and Japan.

THAAD is a land-based anti-ballistic system that can shoot down short-, medium- and intermediate-range ballistic missiles inside and just outside the atmosphere.

The possible deploy-

ment of the system in South Korea has triggered concerns here that it would turn the country into a US front-line missile defence base, causing diplomatic friction with Beijing and forcing Seoul to bear the brunt of intensified China-US rivalry.

Touching on pressures exerted by the international community to halt North Korea’s nuclear weapons programme, Blinken stressed North Korea should return to “credible and authentic talks” to discuss its denuclearization.

“It has to decide whether it is serious about getting back to denuclearization and having credible and authentic talks,” he said.

“Until North Korea demonstrate they are serious, it is important to sustain pressure on them and sustain international solidarity,” he added.

The six-party talks aimed at denuclearizing North Korea have been deadlocked since late 2008. The talks involve the two Koreas, the United States, China, Japan and Russia.

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US Deputy Secretary of State Antony Blinken (L) and South Korean Vice Foreign Minister Cho Tae Yong shake hands before their talks in Seoul on 9 Feb, 2015. After the meeting, Blinken said no decision has been made on deploying a US advanced anti-missile system in South Korea.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Never lose sight of the real world

By Myint Win Thein

Today in Myanmar, it is common to see people of different ages sitting in a teashop or on a public bus or at an office or somewhere else and tapping the screen of their smartphones, which are more available than ever in the histo-

ry of the country. This is because a lot of people have fled to social networking sites where they can choose friends they like, read news they want, and look at what they want to see.

It is quite a difference for them as they have to befriend everyone they like or not, read news they want to read or not and see they want to see or not in the real world. This has become a great opportunity for propagandists to exploit social networking sites for their own purposes. It is cheaper and easier for them to use social networking sites as they can reach more people there at the same time.

Although many people will never lose sight of the real world and will not believe such propa-

ganda, some of them might. This can still brew trouble for society. Therefore, it is important for the general public not to lose sight of the real world and to verify the post with it as there is no one to edit posts on social networking sites.

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Education in Singapore: Universities and International Schools

By Sayar Mya

(continued from yesterday)

Private tuition in Singapore

Private tuition is a lucrative industry in Singapore, since many parents send their children for private tuition after school.

A straw poll by *The Straits Times* newspaper in 2008 found that out of 100 students interviewed, only three students did not have any form of tuition. In 2010, the *Shin Min Daily News* estimated that there were around 540 tuition centers offering private tuition in Singapore.

Due to their high demand, tuition centers are able to charge high fees for their services; they have an annual turnover of Singapore \$110.6 million in 2005. However, this industry is largely unregulated, though tuition centers are required to be registered with the Ministry of Education. There is no such requirement for individual private tutors.

The official government stance on private tuition is that "it understands parents want the best for their children and that it is their decision whether to engage tutors".

Singapore as a "Global Schoolhouse"

Education has always represented an area of focus for Singapore since its independence in 1965. Its emphasis on education partly reflects Singapore's virtual lack of natural resources and Singapore's need to develop its human resource and manpower capability in its continuing quest to build a "knowledge-based economy".

In recent years, the goal of the education sector and in particular tertiary education has moved beyond simply building local manpower ca-

pabilities. It is actively being developed by the Singapore government as a source of revenue. The government's plan, which was initiated in 2002, is to make Singapore a "Global Schoolhouse", attracting revenue-generating international students. In 2002, the education sector accounted for 3.6% of Singapore's economy. The government's aim was to grow this sector to 5% of Singapore's economy over the subsequent decade.

Education policies of Singapore

Meritocracy
Meritocracy is a fundamental ideology in Singapore and a fundamental principle in the education system which aims to identify and groom bright young students for positions of leadership. The system places a great emphasis on academic performance in grading students and granting their admission to special programs and universities, though this has raised concerns about breeding elitism. Academic grades are considered as objective measures of the students' ability and effort, irrespective of their social background. Having good academic credentials is seen as the most important factor for the students' career prospects in the job market, and their future economic status.

Curricula are therefore closely tied to exam oriented topics, and the competitiveness of the system led to a proliferation of "ten-year series", which are compilation books of past examination papers that students use to prepare for examinations.

Bilingualism (Mother Tongue)

Bilingualism, or "mother tongue policy", is a cornerstone of the Singapore

education system. While English is the first language and the medium of instruction in schools, most students are required to take a "Mother Tongue" subject, which could be one of the three official languages: Standard Mandarin, Malay or Tamil.

In recognition of Singapore's linguistic and cultural pluralism, another stated objective of the bilingual policy is to educate students with their "mother tongues" so that they can learn about their culture, identify with their ethnic roots, and to preserve cultural traits and Asian values.

Financial assistance for education

Education policy in Singapore is designed to ensure that no child is being disadvantaged because of his or her financial background. Therefore, school fees in public schools are heavily subsidized. There is no school fee for 6 years of compulsory education in primary school although students still need to pay standard miscellaneous fees of Singapore \$6.50 per month. Moreover, schools may optionally charge second-tier miscellaneous fees of up to the maximum of Singapore \$6.50 per month.

The Ministry of Education established the "Financial Assistance Scheme" (FAS) to provide financial assistance for education to low income families with gross household income of Singapore \$2,500 or a per capita income of less than Singapore \$625. Students eligible for FAS receive a full waiver of miscellaneous fees, and partial subsidy on national examination fees. They may also enjoy full or partial fee subsidy if they are in Independent Schools.

Each year, the "Edusave Merit Bursary" (EMB) is



Singapore Management University (Photo from Google)

given out to about 40,000 students, who are from lower-middle and low-income families and have good academic performance in their schools. Individual schools also have an "Opportunity Fund" to provide for their own needy students. In addition to these, there are many other assistance schemes from either the government or welfare organizations to help students cope with finances during their studies.

Special Education in Singapore

Singapore was one of only two countries in ASEAN that was not a signatory to the "Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities". The convention mandates that persons with disabilities should be guaranteed the right to inclusive education.

However, in Singapore, "any child who is unable to attend any national primary school due to any physical or intellectual disability" is exempted from compulsory education, and there are no public schools for such children. Instead, they may attend "special education schools" built largely by the

Ministry of Education and run by voluntary welfare organizations. These schools receive more than 80% of their funding from the Ministry of Education.

Academic Appointments at National University of Singapore

Full-Time Appointments Tenure Track
Faculty members interested in and with the potential for sustained excellence in both teaching and research. Assistant Professors are appointed on term contracts, while Associate Professors and Professors may be appointed either with tenure or on term contract.

Research Track
They are the Staff members with focus on conducting fundamental research of high international quality. Appointments on this Track include Research Assistants, Research Fellows, Senior Research Fellows, Associate Professor (Research) and Professor (Research). They are on term contracts of 1-3 years in the first instance.

Teaching Track
They are the Staff members with focus and passion that are oriented towards

teaching excellence, student learning, and pedagogical research and innovation. Appointments in this Track include Teaching Assistants, Instructors, Lecturers, Senior Lecturers, Associate Professor (Teaching) & Professor (Teaching). They are on term contracts which are usually of 1-3 years in the first instance.

Practice Track

Staff members are scholar-practitioners with professional skills and expertise in industry to complement the teaching and research enterprise of the University. They also contribute significantly to the outreach activities of the School. Appointments are to Associate Professor (Practice) and Professor (Practice). They are on term contracts of 1-3 years in the first instance.

Visiting Scheme

Academic staff from other international institutions invited to share their professional expertise. They may be engaged in the teaching, research or review of specific programs of strategic importance. They are on term contracts, with duration to be mutually agreed upon before the visit.

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ARTICLE

MOTIVATION

Kyí Mun

"Do or Die; Swim or Sink".

- A Proverb

Motivation means : Making somebody want to do something, especially something that involves hard work and effort. e.g. *She is very good at motivating her students. The plan is designed to motivate employees to work more efficiently.*

Motivation also means: Prompting, inspiring, urging, encouraging, enticing, causing, exciting, giving incentive to somebody to do something or to act in a particular way.

- Oxford Dictionary

The greatest good you can do for someone is not to share your riches, but to reveal to him his own.

- Benjamin Disraeli

Motivation can be more widely understood in the following manner:

M for Making Others to be Interested, Excited or Enthusiastic

O for Offering Incentives

T for Tactfully Selling Motives & Opportunities

I for Inspiring Ideas & Actions

V for Vision & Values

A for Audacity

T for Thinking Big

I for Integrity

O for Objectives

N for Networking with People

MAKING OTHERS TO BE INTERESTED, EXCITED AND ENTHUSIASTIC

In making things happen and getting things done, it is imperative to get other people involved in the action. Usually, it is the concerted effort of the members of a team that generates maximum effectiveness and efficiency. It is the duty of the team leaders as well as the team members to motivate and inspire the entire team to strive for greatest effect and impact. Every collective achievement should be measured by its outreach, impact and sustainability. It is, in the final analysis, the spirit of the entire team as a whole that counts.

OFFERING INCENTIVES

Incentive means something that encourages you to do something. There are generally two kinds of incentives, intrinsic and extrinsic. In other words, there are inside-out incentives and outside-in incentives. Interest, excitement, enthusiasm, etc. are the inside-out incentives that arise from the heart, and monetary, material rewards, recognition and fame and blame are the outside-in incentives that are the rewards for some outstanding achievements.

People need both kinds of incentives from within as well as without. But, the more dynamic and more sustainable incentives are inside-out ones such as a burning desire, an indomitable spirit, an unyielding effort and

insight wisdom.

"The test of a man is the fight he makes, and the grit that he daily shows".

- Anonymous

TACTFULLY SELLING MOTIVES & OPPORTUNITIES

A good manager or a leader usually has an impelling force that drives them to stand out from the crowd. Such a compelling, dynamic energy cannot but motivates other people **"to strive, to seek, to find and not to yield"**, as Tennyson said. Such leaders of people do not have to contrive artificial ways and means of inspiring others. They themselves are the dynamo that lends motivation to others. If the situation warrants, such people-persons sell, without hard selling, motives to turn heaven and earth up side-down. They are also the rare breed of leaders, who, as Napoleon Bonaparte said, create opportunities instead of seeking them. Inspiring leaders are brilliant strategists who are strategically self-reliant, but who are tactically great motivators of people both by their sincere and authentic articulation and also by their dynamic, whole-hearted actions.

INSPIRING IDEAS & ACTIONS

Trainers must be (re) trained, and motivators must be (re) motivated. So also, heroes must be recharged, reinvigorated and revitalized. Real life inspirations for heroism are not lacking. The following are a few examples:

"Be resolute, fear no sacrifice, and surmount all difficulties to win victory".

- Anonymous

"Conceive, believe and achieve!"

- Napoleon Hill

"To dare nobly, to will strongly, never to falter in the path of duty".

- Anonymous

"Be strong inside, permit no defeat, and fight all you can."

- Author unknown

"Fight straight from your shoulder!"

- Bhagavad Gita

"Be bold and mighty forces will come to your aid"

- The Bible

"Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed".

- The Bible

"Never give up; never give in; stand up to it; fight it through".

- Author Forgotten

"Fear and be slain; Believe and live".

- Anonymous

VISION & VALUES

Anyone who has a clear, vivid vision is sure to have a strong motivation to achieve that vision. A really good vision is usually enshrined with good values. Without core values, a vision would be just a shell! Values are the core, the essence of a good vision. So, in order to be quite motivated to carry out a vision into concrete reality, we have got to have in our heart strong, passionate beliefs and

values. We must stand for something sublime, solid, sound and steadfast. In short, we have got to genuinely value character and competence; commitment and caring; courage and congruence in our workaday world; and in broad perspective, we have got to passionately hold high the values of PEOPLE, PLANET, PEACE AND PROSPERITY.

AUDACITY

A timid soul cannot be motivated, and a wavering mind can never be inspired. A motivated mind should be a focused mind. A really motivated mind sees a vivid picture of the future and he or she strongly concentrates his or her whole mind and energy on it. One of the Eight Principles of War is the Principle of Concentration or Mass. A motivated mind is a courageous mind that is very single-pointed in its vision and strategy. A single-minded focus is indispensable for the achievement of a great purpose. And a person would surely need to be audacious to be successful with an enduring sustainability.

THINKING BIG

Small minds need small motivation and big minds need big motivation. Low aim is crime, it is said. I am not sure if we have a divine nature; but I am positive that we should have "simple living and high thinking". We should try to have a Big-Sky-Mind. We should think big, aim high and go all-out. We should give all we have got; we should give every bit of ourselves, holding nothing back. When we say think big and aim high, we mean we should think big and aim high for the People; Planet and Peace - the Triple Bottom Line of the present day world.

INTEGRITY

Without integrity, motivation is to no avail. Every form of motivation and inspiration must be seamlessly integrated with honesty, unselfishness, sincerity and goodwill. Nobody could live alone like Robin Crusoe on an island. Everybody has to live and move and has his or her being with the people, through the people, for the people and among the people. Hence, the importance of being honest and unselfish. At the end of the day, when all is said and done, nothing remains but the name. Integrity alone could save the NAME.

OBJECTIVES

Ships have ports to anchor, trains have stations to arrive at and buses have terminals to stop at. So also, a person must have a particular destination for his or her particular journey. An example of GOAL & OBJECTIVE is: you want to reduce weight. This is your goal. You aim to reduce your weight 5lbs. a month. That is your objective. Generally, goal, objective, aim or object or target are synonyms.

NETWORKING WITH PEOPLE

For motivation, we have got to mix with winners for positive examples and also meet with losers for negative examples. We have got to learn from both achievers and those who derailed.

CONCLUSION

Be awake, alert, and agile!

Be vigilant!

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Education in Singapore: ...

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Part-Time Appointments at National University of Singapore**Adjunct/ Extra Scheme**

Staff members are qualified and experienced individuals from industry or the professions to undertake teaching as well as collaborative and supervisory work related to research and development in the

University. The appointments may be on a semester basis or up to 2 years at a time, with a normal workload of 8 hours per week.

Part-Time Teaching

Staff members appointed to meet short-term needs for teaching staff. Appointments may be up to 1 academic year at a time.

Criticisms over Singapore Education

Critics of the Singa-

pore education system, including some parents, state that the education system is too specialized, rigid, and elitist. Often, these criticisms state that there is little emphasis on creative thinking, unlike education systems in other societies, such as those in the United States.

Those defending the current education system point out that Singaporean student have regularly ranked top when competing in international science and

mathematics competitions and assessments. Detractors believe this is more an indication of students' **"skills in using rote"** to prepare for a certain style of competition or examination than of their ability to think critically.

[Note: **"Rote learning"** is a memorization technique based on repetition. The idea is that one will be able to quickly recall the meaning of the material the more one repeats it.]

In response to such concerns the Ministry of Education has recently introduced a greater focus on creative and critical thinking, and on learning for lifelong skills rather than simply learning to excel in examinations. However, this is still not the case and many Singaporean children are pressured on by their parents and teachers to do well in studies.

Conclusion

At a time when people in Myanmar, especially

those in the educational sphere have great expectation for better educational reform, the writer of this article has the pleasure and honor to present in plain and simple term an article entitled **"Education in Singapore: Universities and International Schools"** for the esteemed and valued readers of the Global New Light of Myanmar and also for the interested persons in the field of education in Myanmar.

Labour Party pledges to double paternity leave if elected



Britain's opposition Labour Party leader Ed Miliband gestures as launches his party's 2015 election campaign, at the Lowry Theatre in Salford, north west England on 5 Jan, 2015.—REUTERS

LONDON, 9 Feb — The Labour Party said on Monday it would double the length of paid paternity leave for new fathers to a month if it wins a national election on 7 May, a pledge that drew criticism from some business leaders.

Labour, neck-and-neck with Prime Minister David Cameron's Conservatives in many opinion polls, said it would also boost paternity pay by more than 100 pounds a week to at least 260 pounds, equivalent to the minimum wage.

Only around 55 percent of British fathers take up the current allowance of two weeks paid leave, Labour said.

"More fathers want to play a hands-on role in childcare particularly in

those first crucial weeks of a child's life but are frustrated by out-dated laws and entitlements," Labour leader Ed Miliband said in a statement.

But John Longworth, director general of the British Chambers of Commerce, described the pledge as "a tax on business," adding his voice to criticism of the party from other business people who have accused it of running an anti-business agenda.

"Although well-meaning, proposals such as this create very real costs for businesses, which can in turn lead to reduced productivity, reduced growth and fewer jobs," he was quoted as saying in the *Daily Telegraph* newspaper. —Reuters

French Socialists cling on to parliament seat ahead of Le Pen party

STRASBOURG, (France), 9 Feb — President Francois Hollande's ruling Socialists won a hotly-contested parliamentary by-election in eastern France on Sunday, narrowly beating a National Front rival after the conservative UMP candidate was eliminated in a first round.

Hollande has seen his popularity ratings double from record lows in the wake of last month's Islamist attacks in Paris. Underscoring the stakes of the election, senior Socialists including Prime Minister Manuel Valls travelled to the Doubs to support their candidate.

Still, Marine Le Pen's far-right, anti-immigrant National Front has seized on dissatisfaction with mainstream parties in industrial or rural areas

where unemployment is higher. It hopes to see gains in departmental elections in just over a month.

Socialist Frederic Barbier won 51.4 percent of votes, just ahead of National Front candidate Sophie Montel in the industrial north of the Doubs department.

The win of the seat left vacant by Pierre Moscovici, a Socialist deputy appointed as an EU commissioner, will be a relief for Hollande's party whose control of the National Assembly was weakened by the defection last month of one of their lawmakers to the far-left.

In the first round, the National Front's Montel came out ahead with 32.6 percent, while Barbier came in second with 28.9 percent, ahead of the UMP

contender.

The fact that the UMP's candidate was eliminated in the first round has led some observers to suggest its leader, ex-president Nicolas Sarkozy, has lost his ability to mobilise right-leaning voters. His authority has been further undermined by a

row within the UMP over which message to give to party faithful in the second round, with the party finally urging them to abstain.

A poll by Odoxa found that 68 percent of respondents said his authority as a political figure had been undermined by the saga.

Reuters



French President Francois Hollande delivers a speech during the Franco-African Forum at the Bercy Finance Ministry in Paris, on 6 Feb, 2015.—REUTERS

Ground assault on Islamic State to start soon: US envoy

WASHINGTON, 9 Feb — A major ground assault against Islamic State mainly by Iraqi forces is likely to start "in the weeks ahead," a US coordinator for the international coalition against the extremist group said Sunday, according to Jordan's *Petra* news agency.

The coalition will provide "major firepower" to the Iraqis, while "multiple advisory teams" on the ground are already guiding the troops, John Allen said in an inter-

view with *Petra*.

US President Barack Obama has approved the dispatch of 3,100 US troops to train Iraqis but has ruled out involving Americans in ground operations.

The US government says the coalition's air attacks targeting the Islamic State militants have been conducted around 3,000 times over the last six months. The *Associated Press* said 7,000 militants have been killed in the air raids.—Kyodo News

Hooded gunmen fire on French police in Marseille: source

MARSEILLE, (France), 9 Feb — Hooded gunmen armed with Kalashnikov rifles fired on police in the French city of Marseille, where Prime Minister Manuel Valls was paying a visit on Monday, a police source said.

Elite police troops were being sent to the scene, in the northern suburbs of the Mediterranean port city, after the shots, the source said by telephone.

Reuters

Leaders scramble to avert 'dramatic spiral' in Ukraine

MUNICH, 9 Feb — The leaders of Russia, Ukraine, Germany and France agreed to meet in Belarus on Wednesday to try to broker a peace deal for Ukraine amid escalating violence there and signs of cracks in the transatlantic consensus on confronting Vladimir Putin.

The four leaders held a call on Sunday, two days after Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Francois Hollande travelled to Moscow for talks with Putin that produced no breakthrough in the nearly year-long conflict that has claimed over 5,000 lives.

After the call, Ukraine President Petro Poroshenko said progress had been made and that he was hopeful the meeting in Minsk would lead to a "swift and unconditional ceasefire" in eastern Ukraine, where

pro-Russian separatists have stepped up a military offensive in recent weeks, seizing new territory.

But Putin warned in a newspaper interview that Kiev must stop its military operation in east Ukraine and stop exerting economic pressure on rebel-held regions.

"Kiev's attempts to exert economic pressure on Donbas (region of east Ukraine) and disrupt its daily life only aggravates the situation. This is a dead-end track, fraught with a big catastrophe," Putin told Egyptian state newspaper *Al-Ahram*, according to an English transcript provided by the Kremlin.

A Ukraine military spokesman said on Sunday that intense fighting was continuing around the rail junction town of Debaltsevo, with rebel fighters making repeated attempts



German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier, French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius (R) and US Secretary of State John Kerry (top) arrive for the chairman's debate during the 51st Munich Security Conference at the 'Bayerischer Hof' hotel in Munich on 8 Feb, 2015.—REUTERS

to storm lines defended by government troops.

At a high-level security conference in Munich over the weekend, Merkel said it was uncertain whether further negotiations would lead to a deal with Putin but argued that

all opportunities for a diplomatic solution should be pursued.

She came under sharp criticism from US Senators Lindsey Graham and John McCain, both Republican hawks, for opposing the sending of defensive weap-

ons to the Ukraine army to help it fight the separatists.

"The Ukrainians are being slaughtered and we're sending them blankets and meals," McCain said in Munich. "Blankets don't do well against Russian tanks."

US Secretary of State John Kerry sought to play down the differences with Europe.

"Will we remain united? The answer is absolutely, positively, unequivocally we are united, we will remain united," Kerry told the conference on Sunday, describing any differences as tactical rather than strategic.

Members of the Obama administration are also believed to be sceptical about arming Ukraine but the president faces intense pressure from a Republican-led Congress to act.

The Germans believe

sending weapons to a depleted Ukraine army would not improve its chances against separatists armed with "unlimited" supplies of Russian military equipment.

They also fear that delivering arms would internationalise the conflict, playing into the hands of Putin, who has painted the crisis as a Western plot to weaken Russia.

The secretary-general of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe told *Reuters* in an interview he was worried direct Western military support for the Ukraine government would fan the flames of the conflict.

"It may even lead down the line to more direct intervention of Russia in this conflict," Lamberto Zannier said at the Munich Security Conference.

Reuters

US delivers arms to Lebanon, says fighting 'same enemy'

BEIRUT, 9 Feb — The United States delivered more than \$25 million worth of military aid including heavy artillery to the Lebanese army on Sunday to help it fight jihadist groups which have repeatedly battled with security forces near the Syrian border.

The US ambassador to Beirut, David Hale, said in a statement the weapons would be used to “defeat the terrorist and extremist threat from Syria”.

“We are fighting the same enemy, so our support for you has been swift and continuous,” Hale said at an event marking the delivery of the weapons in Beirut.

The Lebanese army has fought regular battles with armed groups including militants linked to Islamic State and the al-Qaeda-affiliated Nusra Front in areas near the Syrian border, most recently late last month when six soldiers were killed.

Hale said Lebanon was the fifth biggest recipient of US military aid. It received



Workers unload artillery, part of a military donation from the US government to the Lebanese army, during a ceremony at Beirut's port on 8 Feb, 2015.—REUTERS

more than \$100 million last year. Lebanese officials have warned of plans by radical Islamist groups fighting in the Syria war to seize territory in Lebanon.

While the US-backed Lebanese army has been battling hard-line Islamists on the Lebanese side of the frontier, the Iranian-backed Lebanese Shi'ite group

Hezbollah has been fighting the same groups on the Syrian side of the border — part of its role fighting alongside Damascus in the Syrian war.

The Lebanese army, rebuilt after the country's 1975-90 civil war, is one of the strongest institutions in the country, but it has been hamstrung by outdated

weapons.

France and Lebanon signed a \$3 billion Saudi-funded deal in early November to provide French weapons and military equipment, including helicopters, to the Lebanese army.

A Lebanese government statement said French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius told Lebanese Prime Minister Tammam Salam on the sidelines of a Munich security conference they would get the first batch of weapons under the deal in April.

The United States has accelerated the delivery of military aid to Lebanon since last August, when Islamist militants staged a major attack in the border town of Aarsal, said Nabil Haitham, a columnist in the Lebanese newspaper *As-Safir*.

“Despite the importance of these weapons, they cannot make up for the big shortfall from which the army is suffering,” he told *Reuters*, adding that helicopters were vital.

Reuters

Burning of pilot galvanized anti-Islamic State coalition

WASHINGTON, 9 Feb — Islamic State's execution of a captured Jordanian pilot by burning him alive has backfired on the militant group by galvanizing the US-led coalition that is fighting it in Syria and Iraq, a senior US official said on Sunday.

Retired General John Allen, the US special envoy for building a coalition against Islamic State, told ABC's “This Week” programme that the video released last week showing the pilot's death was “a very important moment for our Arab allies within the coalition” and would create “additional unity.”

Muslim clerics widely condemned the burning to death of the pilot, Mouath al-Kasaesbeh, saying such a form of killing was considered despicable by Islam. Even clerics sympathetic to the jihadist cause said the act of burning a man alive and filming the killing would damage Islamic State.

Allen is in Jordan to meet with King Abdullah and other officials on the fight against the militant group, which has captured large parts of Syria and Iraq.

Jordan's foreign min-

ister, Nasser Judeh, said Islamic State is “on the run” after coalition air strikes.

“They're not gone yet, but certainly — I mean the sustained air campaign of the last few months has degraded their capabilities on the ground,” he told ABC.

But Arab leaders, attending a security conference in Munich, bemoaned what they called a lack of strategy and weapons in the fight against Islamist militants like Islamic State.

The Republican chairman of the House of Representatives Homeland Security Committee, Michael McCaul, said Islamic State militants pose a growing threat to the United States and the video of the pilot's death could strengthen recruitment of radicalized Muslims in Western countries.

McCaul told CBS's “Face the Nation” programme that hundreds of Americans were among the estimated 5,000 Islamic

State fighters with Western passports, and some had returned.

But Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson told CNN's “State of the Union” programme that law enforcement does a “pretty good job” of tracking people in the United States who have had contact with Islamic State, citing recent arrests of people accused of providing material support to militants or who had attempted to travel to Syria.—*Reuters*

Drone kills veteran Afghan militant with suspected IS links

LASHKAR GAH, (Afghanistan), 9 Feb — A drone strike in Afghanistan killed six people on Monday including a veteran militant suspected of having defected to Islamic State from the Taliban, senior Afghan officials in Helmand Province told *Reuters*. A former Guantanamo Bay detainee, Mullah Abdul Rauf has been influential in Afghanistan's jihadi movement for more than a decade. The US-led coalition in Afghanistan did not immediately respond to requests for comment. The police chief and the deputy governor in Afghanistan's southern province of Helmand both said Rauf was killed. Police chief Nabi Jan Mullahkhel said Rauf was travelling in a car when the drone attacked. The other casualties included his brother-in-law and four Pakistanis, Mullahkhel said.—*Reuters*

Two bombs in Baghdad kill 15 civilians

BAGHDAD, 9 Feb — At least 15 people were killed in two bombings in and around Baghdad on Monday, police and medical sources said, the latest in a string of deadly attacks to hit the Iraqi capital in the last two weeks.

A suicide bombing at a security checkpoint in the Shi'ite neighbourhood of Kadhimiya killed 13 civilians and wounded more than 30 others, the sources said.

The neighbourhood is home to one of the holiest shrines in Shi'ite Islam and is the regular target of such attacks. Two people were later killed when a bomb

went off on a main street in a northern suburb, police and medical sources said.

No person or group immediately claimed responsibility for the bombings. Islamic State, an al-Qaeda offshoot that seized large parts of northern and western Iraq last year, regularly targets Shi'ite neighbourhoods in the capital.

At least 37 people were killed in a wave of bombings on Saturday. Despite the violence, the government lifted a longstanding night-time curfew on Saturday night aimed at normalizing life in the war-torn city.—*Reuters*



Students hold pictures of Islamic State captive Jordanian pilot Muath al-Kasaesbeh during a rally calling for his release, at Jordan University in Amman on 3 Feb, 2015.

REUTERS

Iconic soy sauce bottle, bullet train designer Ekuan dies at 85



Industrial designer Kenji Ekuan.—KYODO NEWS

TOKYO, 9 Feb — Industrial designer Kenji Ekuan, who crafted a soy sauce dispenser now ubiquitous in Japan and around the world, died of a heart rhythm disorder at a Tokyo hospital early Sunday morning, his office said on



Supplied photo shows “Komachi” high-speed trains running on the Akita Shinkansen Line designed by Kenji Ekuan. His office said on 9 Feb, 2015, that Ekuan died of a heart rhythm disorder at a Tokyo hospital in the early morning of the previous day.

He was 85.—REUTERS

Monday. He was 85.

Ekuan in 1957 founded GK Industrial Design Associates, which later

became GK Design Group, and in 1961 designed a soy sauce dispenser for Kikkoman Corp that found en-

during success worldwide.

The Tokyo native was also behind the distinctive shape of the “Komachi” high-speed trains running on the Akita Shinkansen Line, and the Narita Express connecting Narita airport with Tokyo. He also designed motorcycles for Yamaha Motor Co.

Ekuan worked on several expositions, serving as co-general producer for the World Design Exposition 1989 held in Nagoya. In 1979 Ekuan was awarded the International Council of Societies of Industrial Design’s Colin King Grand Prix. The Japanese government honored him with the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette, in 2000.

Kyodo News

Iran’s Khamenei says could accept fair nuclear compromise



Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei

DUBAI/MUNICH, 9 Feb — Iran’s supreme leader said on Sunday he could accept a compromise in nuclear talks and gave his strongest defence yet of President Hassan Rouhani’s decision to negotiate with the West, a policy opposed by powerful hardliners at home.

As his foreign minister met counterparts in the talks at a conference in Munich, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said he “firmly” backed a fair nuclear deal.

“I would go along with any agreement that could be made. Of course, if it is not a bad deal. No agreement is better than an agreement which runs contrary to our nation’s interests,” Ayatollah Ali Khamenei told Iranian air force personnel, according to official news agencies.

In a speech that still underlined his suspicions about Western nations that he characterized as “bullies”, Khamenei backed Rouhani’s negotiations with them and said any workable deal would mean both sides easing their demands.

“As the president said, negotiations mean reaching a common point. Therefore, the other party ... should not expect its illogical expectations to be materialized. This means that one side would not end up getting all it wants.”

“I am for reaching a good settlement and the Iranian nation too will

certainly not oppose any deal to uphold its dignity and integrity,” Khamenei said, an apparent warning to hardliners that they might have to accept a deal with powers including the United States, commonly known in Iran as “the Great Satan”. Negotiators have set a 30 June final deadline for an accord, and Western officials have said they aim to agree on the substance of such a deal by March.

In Israel, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who will address the US Congress on Iran on 3 March — to the annoyance of the Obama administration — said: “We will do everything and will take any action to foil this bad and dangerous agreement.” “World powers and Iran are charging ahead to an agreement that would allow Iran to arm itself with nuclear weaponry, something that would imperil the existence of the State of Israel,” Netanyahu told his weekly cabinet meeting.

Reuters

UK needs to take urgent action over anti-Semitism, lawmakers say

LONDON, 9 Feb — Urgent action is needed to tackle a “disturbing” rise in anti-Semitism in Britain including measures to deal with growing “cyber hate” on social media, a group of senior lawmakers said on Monday. Last week, the body which advises Britain’s estimated 260,000 Jews on security reported that the number of anti-Semitic incidents in Britain had risen to a record level last year.

Many of those incidents were sparked by the 50-day conflict in Gaza that ended in August. Israel launched its Gaza offensive with the de-

clared aim of halting rocket attacks by Hamas. More than 2,100 Palestinians, most of them civilians, were killed, along with 73 mostly Israeli soldiers. The rise in incidents prompted a parliamentary inquiry into anti-Semitism. “Whilst the Jewish community is diverse and multi-faceted there is a palpable concern, insecurity, loneliness and fear following the summer’s rise in incidents and subsequent world events,” the report by the cross-party group of lawmakers said. “A more sophisticated understanding of anti-Semitism is needed, together with better

defined boundaries of acceptable discourse.” Across Europe, Jews have warned of a growing under-current of anti-Semitism, fueled by anger at Israeli policy in the Middle East and social tensions over immigration and increasing economic hardship under austerity policies that have helped far-right movements gain popularity. Those fears have been exacerbated after an Islamist militant gunman killed four people in a Jewish supermarket in Paris last month. The British lawmakers said the government, police and prosecutors needed to take

action “to ensure Jewish communities have the necessary protection from the continuous terrorist threat they face”. Amongst their 34 recommendations was a call for a governmental fund to pay for security at synagogues and an independent council to be created to monitor trends in anti-Semitism.

They also said prosecutors should review possible action to prevent the spreading of hate online, noting that “Hitler” and the “Holocaust” were amongst the top 35 key words used on Twitter during the summer months of 2014.—Reuters

TransAsia pilots face test on dealing with engine failure

TAIPEI/SINGAPORE, 9 Feb — Pilots at Taiwan’s TransAsia Airways are being tested on how they handle an engine failure and subsequent emergency, days after the fatal crash of one of the airline’s ATR 72-600s, an official from the country’s aviation regulator said.

Initial data from the flight recorders indicates the plane lost power in one engine just after take-off from Taipei’s Songshan airport, Taiwan’s Aviation Safety Council (ASC) said on Friday.

The crew then shut down the other engine, which was working, and attempted to restart it shortly before the aircraft crashed

into a river killing at least 40 people.

Commercial aircraft can fly with just one working engine, and the authorities have not released any information from the recorders that indicates why the pilots shut down the working engine.

They said on Friday, however, that a combined loss of thrust caused the almost new aircraft to stall soon after take-off. The aircraft then lurched over buildings and banked sharply to the left before crashing upside down in the shallow river.

Officials in Taiwan and industry analysts say evidence presented so far raises questions over whether the

crew may have accidentally cut the wrong engine.

“There must have been something wrong with what the crew did,” said a Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) official, who did not want to be identified due to the sensitivity of the matter.

“It’s a very big deal to turn off one engine after take-off. It needs to be double checked by the crew.”

It was the second TransAsia ATR crash in seven months, and the fifth involving the airline since 1995, raising questions about safety standards at Taiwan’s third largest carrier.

The CAA said the flight tests would only involve TransAsia’s 71 ATR pilots, and not those who fly its Air-



Relatives of the victims pray during a Buddhist ritual near the wreckage of TransAsia Airways plane Flight GE235 after it crash landed into a river, in New Taipei City on 5 Feb, 2015.—REUTERS

bus aircraft. Pilots from China Airlines and EVA Air, Taiwan’s two largest airlines, were not being tested.

The CAA official said the test results would be re-

leased on Wednesday.

The move has been questioned by Taiwan’s pilots’ union, which said crashes happen due to a combination of factors.

“The CAA and the ASC can’t just jump to a conclusion like that,” said Lee Ping-chung, secretary general of the union. “It could be mechanical, the weather, airline’s management of pilots and how tired pilots are.”

TransAsia said on Sunday it would cancel 52 flights on Monday and Tuesday, in addition to the 90 already canceled following the crash.

Rescuers have recovered 40 bodies, with three still missing. Fifteen people survived.

A fuller preliminary report on the crash will be available in the next 30 days, with a final one expected in the next three to six months.

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- Distribution period of Tender Documents - (11.2.2015) to (18.2.2015)
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**Tender Selection Committee, Public Works
Road Department, Office No.(11), Nay Pyi Taw
Tel: 067-407468, 407578, 407603, 407583, 407380**

Two injured in small plane crash near US Army base in Maryland

WASHINGTON, 9 Feb — A small, single-engine plane crashed on Sunday in a wooded area near Fort Meade, a US Army base in Maryland, injuring two men, state police said.

The plane, identified as a 1970 Grumman American AA-1, crashed around 2 pm EST shortly after taking off from an airport in nearby Odenton, Maryland.

The victims are identified as pilot Jeffrey P Barnett, 57, of Glen Burnie, and Thomas L Cline, 82, of Silver Spring.

Emergency responders found the plane upside down on the edge of Fort Meade, which is located

between Baltimore and Washington and home to the National Security Agency and United States Cyber Command.

It took nearly an hour to extract the men from the wreckage, according to emergency officials. They were flown to the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Centre in Baltimore. The plane had just taken off from Tipton Airport in Ft Meade, where it was based, and crashed a few hundred yards (metres) from the airstrip, according to a police statement. Its planned destination is not known, police said.

Reuters

Japanese man thought to be victim of fatal shark attack in Australia

SYDNEY, 9 Feb — A Japanese man is believed to be the victim of a fatal shark attack at Australia's Shelly Beach near the town of Ballina in New South Wales, local reports said on Monday.

The incident occurred

around 10 am near Ballina, which is 750 kilometres north of the state capital Sydney.

"First aid was administered, however, the man died," police said in a statement without providing any details about the man's

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(4)	IFB-146(14-15)	273 KW Gas Engine Driven Generating Set (1) Set	US\$
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(6)	DMP/L-031(14-15)	33KV GCB Complete Set and 33 KV Current Transformer (2) Items	Ks
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(8)	DMP/L-033(14-15)	185mm ² , 4 Core, XLPE Cable (50) Meter	Ks
(9)	DMP/L-034(14-15)	SAE 15 W 40 Diesel Engine Oil (API-CF4) (1) Lot	Ks

Tender Closing Date & Time - 9-3-2015, 16:30 Hr

Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 9th February, 2015 at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

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Bank Holiday

All Banks will be closed on 12th February (Thursday) Union Day 2015, being public holiday under the Negotiable Instruments Act.

Central Bank of Myanmar

WEATHER REPORT

FORECAST VALID UNTIL EVENING OF THE 10th February, 2015:

Light rain are likely to be isolated in Kachin State, weather will be partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions and Shan State, generally fair in the remaining Regions and States.

STATE OF THE SEA:

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identity. The man is believed to be aged in his 20s and has lived in the area for several years, according to local media.

According to the Sydney Morning Herald, Ballina Shire Mayor David Wright said the man was

sitting on his surfboard when the shark came up beneath him, took both of his legs and pulled him off his surfboard. "For a shark to take the board and the person sitting on it, it's got to be very big," Wright said.

Kyodo News

'Boyhood' scoops best film and director prizes at BAFTAs

LONDON, 9 Feb — Coming-of-age drama "Boyhood" scooped three prizes including best film and director at Britain's biggest film awards on Sunday, while "The Grand Budapest Hotel" took five gongs but missed out on the most prestigious awards.

"The Theory of Everything" garnered three awards including leading actor at the British Academy of Film and Television Arts awards hosted by comedian Stephen Fry, but "The Imitation Game" failed to convert any of its nine nominations.

Richard Linklater won the director award for "Boyhood", which he filmed over a 12-year period using the same cast. Patricia Arquette, who won the supporting actress award for her role as a single mother, said Linklater had "made an ordinary story extraordinary".

Eddie Redmayne took the leading actor award for his portrayal of Stephen Hawking, a celebrated cosmologist who is paralysed by motor neuron disease, in "The Theory of Everything". The film also won the award for outstanding British film.

Redmayne said Hawking and his family had closely supported the film's production. The physicist attended the ceremony and received a standing ovation as he presented the special visual effects award to space-faring epic "Interstellar".

The award for leading actress went to Julianne Moore for her portrayal of a linguistics



Presenter Tom Cruise (L) celebrates with (2nd L-R) Jonathan Seehring, Ellar Coltrane, Cathleen Sutherland, Patricia Arquette, Ethan Hawke, and John Sloss after they won the best film award for "Boyhood" at the British Academy of Film and Arts (BAFTA) awards ceremony at the Royal Opera House in London on 8 Feb, 2015.—REUTERS

professor grappling with Alzheimer's disease in "Still Alice".

"The Grand Budapest Hotel", the story of a legendary concierge and his young protege, won the awards for original screenplay, costume design, production design, make-up & hair, and original music.

JK Simmons won the supporting actor category for his portrayal of a domineering jazz teacher in "Whiplash". The film, shot by American director Damien Chazelle in just 19 days, also picked up the awards for editing and sound.

Mexican Emmanuel Lubezki won the cinematography award for his work on "Birdman", but the show business satire failed to pick up the big prizes that some commentators had tipped it for.



Ethan Hawke hugs Steve Carrell after he presented him with the award for best director which he accepted on behalf of Richard Linklater for "Boyhood" at the British Academy of Film and Arts (BAFTA) awards ceremony at the Royal Opera House in London on 8 Feb, 2015.—REUTERS

Fry joked about his recent marriage — one of the most high-profile same-sex unions since they became legal in the United Kingdom last year — and paid tribute to the late British

actor and director Richard Attenborough.

Twenty-four-year-old British actor Jack O'Connell picked up the Rising Star award, the only prize voted on by the public.



Eddie Redmayne poses after receiving the award for best leading actor for "The Theory of Everything" at the British Academy of Film and Arts (BAFTA) awards ceremony at the Royal Opera House in London on 8 Feb, 2015.—REUTERS

"Citizenfour", the story of US government whistleblower Edward Snowden directed by Laura Poitras, won the documentary award. "The Lego Movie" won the animated film category, and Polish film "Ida" took the award for the best film in a language other than English.

"Boogaloo and Graham", the story of two boys growing up in Belfast, won British short film. "The Bigger Picture" won the British short animation category. Stephen Beresford

and David Livingstone won the Debut award for writing and producing "Pride", the story of an unlikely collaboration between gay activists and miners during the British miners' strike of 1984.

The BAFTAs are the major awards in the British film industry, and are among a series of such events culminating in the Oscars, the top prizes in the movie world, due to be handed out in Los Angeles on 22 February.

Reuters



Actors Henry Cavill (L) and Chris Evans pose with Julianne Moore after presenting her with the award for best leading actress for "Still Alice" at the British Academy of Film and Arts (BAFTA) awards ceremony at the Royal Opera House in London on 8 Feb, 2015.—REUTERS

Singing of heartbreak, newcomer Sam Smith wins big at Grammys

LOS ANGELES, 9 Feb — Heartbreak paid off handsomely for British soul singer Sam Smith, a newcomer who won four Grammy awards on Sunday including record and song of the year for his anthem "Stay With Me."

The 22-year-old was also anointed best new artist and his debut album "In The Lonely Hour" won best pop vocal album. But rocker Beck robbed Smith of a sweep in the top three Grammy categories by winning album of the year for "Morning Phase."

"I want to thank the

man who this record is about, who I fell in love with last year," Smith said as he accepted his gramophone-shaped trophy for record of the year. "Thank you so much for breaking my heart because you got me four Grammys."

The music industry's biggest night took on a sombre note with a powerful message against domestic abuse delivered by President Barack Obama by video, by a survivor's testimony and by a Katy Perry performance.

While Smith was favoured to win big, Beck

pulled off the surprise of the night in album of the year, beating out Smith, Pharrell Williams, Beyonce and Ed Sheeran. "Morning Phase," an album with a laid-back vibe, won three Grammys on the night, including best rock album.

"We made this record at my house for the most part, so I would like to thank my kids for letting me keep them awake a little bit longer," Beck said as he accepted his trophy from R&B star Prince.

Other notable winners were Pharrell and Beyonce, who won three Grammys

each and delivered some of the most popular performances of the night.

Smith's win echoes that of fellow British soul singer Adele, who swept the Grammys with six wins in 2012 with her heartbreak album "21" and song "Someone Like You," also about a failed relationship.

Smith has found his audience by being himself and encouraging people to discover his music through social media and online streaming, one of the few growth segments in an industry of declining record sales.

"Before I made this record, I was doing everything to try and get my music heard," Smith said. "I tried to lose weight and I was making awful music and it was only until that I started to be myself that the music started to flow and people started to listen."

Obama delivered a pointed speech in a video message urging artists at the Grammys to help end domestic violence, saying "It's not OK and it has to stop" and urging artists to tell their fans to make a pledge to help stop it.

Survivor Brooke Axtell

shared her own story of domestic abuse in an emotional speech on stage, before introducing Perry on a white stage. Perry sang her inspirational survival anthem "By the Grace of God," dressed in a simple white caped dress as shadows of dancers were projected behind her.

Backstage, Axtell said she teared up during Perry's song.

The performance was a study in contrasts with Perry's vibrant, lively and prop-filled spectacular at the Super Bowl a week ago.

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Son of (U Pein and Daw Kyin Mya) residing in Hinthada; son-in-law of (U Nay Win) and Daw Tin Tin Win residing in No. 325 (A), Padauk 5 street, Hlaingthayar; beloved father of Ma Cho Zin Zin Aye (Civil & Geotechnical Associates (CAGA) in Singapore, Ma Aye Wutyiseint (B.E Electrical Power) and Maung Zwe Pyi Sone of Grade 7, BEHS (1) Hlaingthayar; beloved husband of Daw Soe Soe Min, Junior Assistant Teacher of BEHS (1), Hlaingthayar, passed away on 8-2-2015 (Sunday) at 7 a.m. Cremation will be made at Hteinbin cemetery at 1 pm on 12-2-2015 (Thursday).

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Ivory Coast win African Nations Cup on penalties

BATA, (Equatorial Guinea), 9 Feb — Ivory Coast finally won the African Nations Cup after a decade of close calls as they edged neighbours Ghana 9-8 on penalties after a goalless draw following extra time in Sunday's final at Estadio de Bata.

Goalkeeper Boubacar Barry converted the decisive spot kick to deliver the trophy for a country who had been heavily fancied for the previous five tournaments but flopped in all of them.

It was a second title for Ivory Coast whose only previous success came when they also beat Ghana in a similar post-match marathon shootout 11-10 in Dakar in 1992. Their triumph came on a night when 22 people died outside an Egyptian soccer match after security forces barred fans from entering the stadium, the public prosecutor's office said.

Most of the dead were suffocated when the crowd stampeded after police used teargas to clear the support-

ers trying to force their way into a league match between two Cairo clubs, Zamalek and Enppi, doctors and witnesses said.

The trouble highlighted the problems facing African football and overshadowed the thrilling climax to the Nations Cup tournament in Equatorial Guinea, who stepped in as hosts after Morocco was stripped of the hosting rights.

A total of 22 kicks were needed to settle the 2015 title with the Ivorians missing their first two attempts.

It came down to the keepers to settle matters after all the outfield players had taken a penalty each with the score at 8-8.

Barry, who was only playing because of injury to Sylvain Gbohhouo, saved from Ghana goalkeeper Razak Brimah and then, after requiring treatment for an injury, got up to slot home the decisive spot kick.

Victory for the Ivorians also handed Frenchman Herve Renard the distinction



Ivory Coast's players and officials celebrate with the trophy after winning the African Nations Cup final soccer match against Ghana in Bata, on 8 Feb, 2015.—REUTERS

of becoming the first coach to win the Nations Cup with different countries after success with Zambia in 2012, when they edged the Ivorians in a shootout.

"We had a team with the right fighting spirit and we rode our luck a little," said Renard. An exhausted Yaya Toure looked more relieved than elated, saying: "I just want to go home and celebrate with my family and friends. It's taken a long

time for us to get here."

Two hours of action delivered few chances as the tired-looking teams fought out an error-strewn midfield battle, although Ghana's Christian Atsu came close to scoring with a snapshot that hit the post after 26 minutes.

Yaya Toure had the game's first effort on goal after 10 minutes but his free kick went straight into Brimah's arms. Gervinho fed Max Gradel with a clear

chance on the right of the attack soon after but he blasted a hurried shot wide.

Ghana's first effort was inches away from a goal as Andre Ayew weaved across the penalty box before feeding Atsu, whose first time shot hit the upright before bouncing back into play.

An Ivorian mistake gave Ghana the first chance of the second half with Atsu speeding away before passing inside to Asamoah Gyan, who was off target with his effort. Gyan had been doubtful for the final with a pelvic injury but passed a late fitness test.

Mubarak Wakaso blasted over the top with a strong effort from well outside the penalty area midway through the second half as the midfield stranglehold kept chances to a minimum.

However, Atsu's strong running down the right tested the Ivorian defence again when he provided Gyan without another chance after 72 minutes but it was blocked. As the

game approached 90 minutes a scramble in the Ghana penalty area, after Brimah could only parry the ball, gave Ivorian substitute Seydou Doumbia a half-chance but he too was thwarted by a quick defensive recovery. Doumbia missed another half-chance at the start of the second half of extra time when striker Gervinho found a second wind and the game had to go to penalties to separate the teams.

Ghana's agonising shootout defeat means they are still waiting for their first Nations Cup success since 1982. "But I think we can be very proud of what we did at this tournament with you guys giving us no chance," Ghana coach Avram Grant told reporters. "We have a team for the future here."

Morocco were stripped of the tournament having asked for a postponement amid concerns over the spread of the Ebola virus and have been banned from the next two African Nations Cups.—Reuters

Australia's Day wins Torrey Pines playoff

LA JOLLA, (California), 9 Feb — Australian Jason Day won the Farmers Insurance Open in a four-man sudden-death playoff, outlasting Americans JB Holmes, Harris English and defending champion Scott Stallings at Torrey Pines on Sunday.

After English and Stallings bowed out when they

could not make birdie at the opening playoff hole, Day claimed his third US PGA Tour victory with a tap-in par putt at the second extra hole, the par three 16th, when Holmes made bogey.

The 27-year-old, who had made a critical 50-foot birdie at the 16th in regulation, will now move to world number four.

He is the first Australian to win at Torrey Pines and just the third international player to win the tournament. "It sounds good to be the champion," Day said. "It is an amazing feeling. I just kept visualising myself holding the trophy. I'm really proud of myself."

Day, who tied for ninth in 2013 and was equal sec-

ond in 2014 at Torrey Pines, shot a two-under-par 70 to finish nine-under for the tournament.

Holmes and English were even-par 72 for the final round with Stallings shooting a 69.

Day came to the par five 18th with a share of the lead but went long with his second shot into thick rough,

then watched his chip run off the green and just a foot from a water hazard. He managed to get up and down for par to join Stallings with the clubhouse lead and then stood by as Holmes and English joined them.

English had a chance to win from a greenside bunker and Holmes had a 19-foot birdie opportunity but both

were unable to convert.

Day had made the turn just one off the lead but a three-putt bogey on the 10th hole left him falling backwards. Back-to-back birdies at 15 and 16 catapulted him into contention.

Holmes sat 10-under through 13 holes but a bogey on 14 pulled him back into the logjam.—Reuters

United rely on Blind faith to snatch point at West Ham

LONDON, 9 Feb — Manchester United's Daley Blind struck in stoppage time to rescue a 1-1 draw at a determined West Ham United on Sunday but Louis van Gaal's team missed a chance to move up to third place in the Premier League.

With Southampton grabbing a late winner at Queens Park Rangers and Tottenham Hotspur beating local rivals Arsenal on Saturday, United needed all three points to climb back into the top three.

But West Ham dominated the early stages at Upton Park and Cheikhou Kouyate's neat second-half volley looked to have given the Londoners victory, only for Blind to fire home from the edge of the area after a poor clearance.

United stayed fourth on 44 points from 24 matches, one behind Southampton and one ahead of Spurs. West Ham remained eighth with 37 points.

Chelsea lead the way with 56 points after winning 2-1 at Aston Villa on Saturday, seven ahead of Manchester City who were held 1-1 at home by struggling Hull City.

"We played very badly in the first half and showed a lot of spirit in the second half," United manager Louis van Gaal told Sky Sports.

"We gave away that goal and then played football but you have to do it from the first minute. But what spirit after the goal and I thanked my players for that."

Earlier, West Bromwich Albion came from two goals down to draw 2-2 at fellow strugglers Burnley and claim what could prove to be a crucial point in the fight for survival.

In a mid-table battle at St James' Park, Peter Crouch's late equaliser earned Stoke City a 1-1 draw against Newcastle United and kept Mark Hughes's side in the top 10.

West Ham made the better start against United at Upton Park and Enner Valencia forced two smart saves from David De Gea as the home side looked to expose the defensive frailties that have hindered United this season.

James Tomkins was the next West Ham player to test De Gea when the defender's header



Manchester United's Daley Blind celebrates after scoring a goal against West Ham United during their English Premier League soccer match at the Boleyn Ground in London, on 8 Feb, 2015.

REUTERS

from a free kick called the Spanish keeper into action.

But Kouyate fired the Hammers in front soon after the break when he neatly juggled the ball in the box before twisting his body and volleying past the stranded De Gea.

United struggled to create chances but striker Radamel Falcao squandered an opportunity

when through on goal before Robin van Persie had a shot well saved by Adrian.

The Manchester side showed their old battling qualities as West Ham failed to clear Marcos Rojo's ball forward and Blind struck to earn his team a point. United were forced to play the final stages with 10 men when defender Luke Shaw re-

ceived a second yellow card.

Burnley's Ashley Barnes and Danny Ings provided the early spark at a wet and gloomy Turf Moor as they each scored headers to give the hosts a 2-0 lead.

But Chris Brunt earned West Brom a lifeline towards the end of the first half when he nodded in from a corner and substitute Brown Ideye completed the comeback for Tony Pulis's side when he powered in a header from Brunt's corner.

West Brom are 15th with 23 points from 24 matches and Burnley are a point above the relegation zone in 17th with 21.

After a drab opening half at St James' Park, Jack Colback fired Newcastle in front minutes after being fortunate not to receive a second yellow card for a foul on Victor Moses. Gabriel Obertan wasted a chance to double Newcastle's lead and former England striker Crouch punished them in the 90th minute when he headed in Geoff Cameron's pinpoint cross. Stoke remained 10th with 33 points and Newcastle are two points behind in 11th spot.—Reuters

Twenty-two people killed outside Cairo soccer stadium

CAIRO, 9 Feb — Twenty-two people were killed outside an Egyptian soccer stadium on Sunday when security forces barred fans from entering, the public prosecutor's office said.

Most of the dead were suffocated when the crowd stampeded after police used tear gas to clear the fans trying to force their way into a league match between two Cairo clubs, Zamalek and Enppi, doctors and witnesses said.

A health ministry spokesman told Reuters by phone the final toll was 19 dead and 20 injured. The reason for the discrepancy in numbers between the health ministry and the public prosecutor's office was not immediately clear.

Soccer matches are often a flashpoint for violence in Egypt where 72 fans were killed at a match in Port Said in February 2012. Since then Egypt has curbed the number of people allowed to attend, and supporters have often tried to storm stadiums they are banned from entering.

Outside the Cairo hospital treating the injured, scores of youths wearing Zamalek T-shirts appeared shocked as families arrived to see if their relatives were safe. One mother cried and shouted when she found the name of her son on a list of the dead posted by hospital staff.

"I'd told him: leave soccer matches," she said.



A soccer fan is seen near a police car, which was set on fire by fireworks, during clashes between soccer fans and security forces in front of a stadium on the outskirts of Cairo on 8 Feb, 2015.

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Relations between security forces and fan groups known as Ultras have been tense since the 2011 popular uprising that ended the rule of autocrat Hosni Mubarak, in which the Ultras played a key role. "Huge numbers of Zamalek club fans came to Air Defence Stadium to attend the match ... and tried to storm the stadium gates by force, which prompted the troops to prevent them from continuing the assault," the interior ministry said. The public prosecution ordered the arrest of the leaders of the Zamalek supporters group, Ultras White Knights, after Sunday's incident, official media reported.

On their Facebook page, the Ultras White Knights described the 22 dead as "martyrs" and accused security forces of a "massacre".

Despite the violence, the match went ahead and ended with a 1-1 draw.

The Egyptian Football Federation said it had reversed an earlier decision to allow fans to return to the stadiums by the start of the second half of the season. The original decision had been taken only a few days ago.

Shortly after that, the Cabinet said in a statement that the national league championship would be postponed indefinitely.—Reuters

Williams sisters see US through in Fed Cup promotion bid

BUENOS AIRES, 9 Feb — A persistent, nagging cough both-erling world number one Serena Williams since her Australian Open victory gave Argentina a chink of light in their one-sided Fed Cup tie against the United States on Sunday.

However, Argentine number one Paula Ormaechea's 6-4, 6-4 win over Coco Vandeweghe, standing in for Williams, was a minor setback on the Americans' way to a 4-1 victory in the World Group II tie at Pilara outside Buenos Aires.

"Since last night, we'd seen that (Serena) wasn't going to play much... I knew I would have revenge," Ormaechea, beaten in two sets by Venus

Williams on Saturday, told reporters.

Venus Williams dispatched Maria Irigoyen 6-1, 6-4 as the record 17 times champions US cruised towards a promotion playoff in April in their bid to regain World Group I status.

"It was a great atmosphere, we played well and I'm proud of the win," said Venus Williams. The Williams sisters had put their team 2-0 up on Saturday with wins over world number 121 Ormaechea and number 197 Irigoyen whose country were seeded and had a choice of court, opting for clay, despite the huge gap in world rankings favouring the Americans.

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Paula Ormaechea of Argentina celebrates after defeating Coco Vandeweghe of the US in their Fed Cup World Group II first round tennis match in Buenos Aires on 8 Feb, 2015.—REUTERS

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