



Emergency supplies being unloaded from RAAF C17 aircraft to distribute to flood victims.—FILE PHOTO: HLA MOE

INT'L PARTNERS PLEDGE ONGOING SUPPORT

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug—Members of the international community have pledged their ongoing support for Myanmar in its recovery from the devastating floods that continue to affect large areas of the country.

International development partners including the United Nations, the European Union and USAID, as well as the governments of Japan, Australia, Denmark and India, promised their assistance at a coordination meeting of the

National Disaster Management Committee hosted by the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development on 14 August in Nay Pyi Taw.

Vice Chairwoman of the NDMC, Union Minister Dr Daw Myat Myat

Ohn Khin, said the National Disaster Management Plan was adopted in 2014 and humanitarian assistance including cash had quickly been delivered to disaster-affected populations.

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KNU decision raises prospect of national ceasefire signing

By Ye Myint

YANGON, 17 Aug—The Union government and ethnic armed organizations may sign a national ceasefire accord at high-level talks in Nay Pyi Taw later this month, a senior adviser at the Myanmar Peace Centre said Monday.

The Nay Pyi Taw meeting is tentatively set for between 25 and 27 August, but the date will not be finalised until the list of attendees from the ethnic side is confirmed, U Hla Maung Shwe told *The Global New Light of Myanmar*.

“We don’t have an announcement of a specific date right now, as the list of ethnic leaders who will make a call on President U Thein Sein is not confirmed yet,” he said. Prospects for the signing of the NCA improved after the Karen National Union agreed to ink the ceasefire deal alongside

groups invited by the president to sign the truce pact.

The President last Tuesday pledged a step-by-step implementation of a peace process inclusive of all of the country’s ethnic armed groups.

The President indicated that the Tatmadaw has no intention of staging major military operations against any such groups except in defence of national sovereignty.

A two-day extraordinary meeting of the KNU in Hpa-an district, Kayin State, on Saturday approved the outcome of the ninth round of talks between a senior delegation of EAOs and the government’s Union Peace-making Work Committee with a decision to sign the NCA.

In a report by the Karen Information Centre on Sunday, KNU general secretary Pado Saw Kwe Htoo Win was quoted (See page 2)

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Clarification of Recent Events

1. There have been some concerns among the public about an incident that occurred at the headquarters of the Union Solidarity and Development Party on August 13th, 2015. We note that the events that took place involved the change of leadership and reorganization that are a part of a normal course of business for a registered political party.
2. The government is making relentless efforts for relief and rehabilitation of flood-affected parts of the country. Concurrently, it is striving to achieve success with the peace process, and ensuring stability and peace throughout the country.
3. In addition to carrying out the executive functions of the country, the government is also cooperating with the legislative and judicial branches that make up the other pillars of a democratic system.
4. Preparations are now underway for holding of general elections on November 8, 2015, expected to be the most widely participated and inclusive elections since independence. The government shall ensure that the elections are free and fair by fully cooperating with the Union Election Commission, political parties, civil society and the public.
5. The government shall unconditionally accept the results of the elections and honor the wishes of the electorate in accordance with existing laws and regulations.

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She also welcomed feedback and inputs to the draft of early recovery plan drawn by the government and also collaborative efforts on social protection measures during the recovery process.

Union Minister U Kyaw Lwin, Chairman of the Recovery Coordination Working Committee, on behalf of Vice President U Nyan Tun, presented a plan covering both early and long-term recovery activities, as well as capacity-building strategies to strengthen disaster-affected communities.

Myanma Radio and Television gave a video presentation outlining the pressing need for emergency response and recovery plans.

Dr Zaw Oo, the President's Economic Advisor and Special Coordinator for the Recovery Plan, re-

ported on the development of a framework for recovery coordination mechanisms.

Ms Renata Dessallien, Resident Coordinator for Humanitarian Affairs of the United Nations, praised the unity of Myanmar civil society and its engagement in the flood response. She promised continued support from the UN and the international humanitarian community.

Other UN bodies and development partners also participated in the discussions.

UN Resident Representative Toily Kubernov stressed that recovery operations needed vertical coordination between different levels of government and swift funding allocation.

Mr Hideaki Matsuo from the embassy of Japan shared news of emergency cabinet meetings in Tokyo to allocate additional Japa-

nese assistance.

Mr Chris Milligan, USAID mission director for Myanmar, also praised the ongoing relief operations as a sign of national unity. He said transparency, communication and capacity were the keys to recovery coordination.

Ms Isabel Faria de Almeida, head of operations at the European Union delegation in Myanmar, promised further humanitarian assistance and technical expertise would be mobilized in the worst-hit areas such as Chin State. She stressed the importance of livelihood, agriculture and livestock sectors recovery in flood affected areas.

Ambassador of Denmark Mr. Peter Lysholt Hansen encouraged the government to prioritize the recovery where joint assessments are crucial to start sooner. He suggested



Union Ministers Dr. Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin, U Kyaw Lwin and Dr. U Kan Zaw hold talks at the meeting and share progress of relief and recovery efforts for flood victims.—MNA

that some funding available under multi donor trust funds can be adjusted to help the recovery process.

Ambassador of Australia Mr Nicholas Coppel acknowledged quick and prompt approval of the government of Myanmar to allow Australian military aircrafts to bring humanitarian supplies to the country and expressed his positive impression about the ongoing recovery efforts.

A representative from Indian embassy also recalled the cross border delivery of humanitarian assistance to northern Myanmar regions and assured joint commitment on disaster risk reduction.

Mr Gavin McGillivray of the United Kingdom's Department for International Development suggested recovery operations should have the communities to reconstruct themselves while local economic recovery can be supported by the government.

Representatives from International Labor Organization, the Japan International Cooperation Agency and the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs also participated in the discussions.

As the conclusion remark, Dr. Kan Zaw of MNPED expressed his appreciation for advice and

support from the development partners, as well as prompt and swift delivery of humanitarian assistance to the disaster-affected populations. He looks forward to strengthening coordination and collaboration on recovery efforts and concludes the meeting.

On behalf of Vice President U Nyan Tun, Chairman of the National Disaster Management Committee, Union Ministers Dr. Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin, U Kyaw Lwin and Dr. U Kan Zaw attended the meeting and presented the progress of relief and recovery efforts.

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Ms. Renata Dessallien



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Mr. Gavin McGillivray of Development for International Development-DFID



Ambassador of Australia Mr. Nicholas Coppel



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as saying the KNU will not be dogmatic about signing the deal with the inclusion of all ethnic armed groups.

The KNU decision was aimed at clearing the inclusiveness hurdle to the peace deal, said the

general secretary, who is also a member of the EAO's senior delegates.

Further efforts would be made to include groups sidelined in the current process, he added.

According to sources, five top ethnic armed group leaders and three

senior delegates plan to meet the President and Commander-in-Chief of Defence Service Senior General Min Aung Hlaing in Nay Pyi Taw after a summit of EAOs on 21-23 August in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

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Railway overpass aimed at easing congestion

By Ko Moe

YANGON, 17 Aug—A new overpass crossing Yangon's circular railroad opened to traffic Monday in Insein Township, with an engineer involved in the project saying it would ease congestion "to some extent."

The Union government spent K7.715 billion on the 1,557-foot-long No.

2 railway overpass linking Sawbwagyigon and Hline-thaya.

"People from Hline-thaya heading for downtown Yangon or Aungmyingala highway bus terminal can use the No. 2 railway overpass," engineer U Myo Zaw Htoo said. "The new overpass will reduce traffic congestion to some extent."

Myanma Railways

built the No 2 railway overpass over an eight-month period starting from January 2015. It can withstand 75-ton loads.

Some 2 million of Yangon City's 7 million residents travel by car daily.

The new overpass is one of 23 built by Myanma Railways across the Yangon circular railroad.

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A milestone in the Myanmar peace process— the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement

On August 7th, 2015, the Union Government, Hluttaw, Tatmadaw, and Ethnic Armed Organizations achieved a milestone in the peace process by finalizing the text of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement.

Today, on the fourth anniversary of President U Thein Sein formally involving Ethnic Armed Organizations for peace talks, the finalized text of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement are hereby presented to the people of Myanmar.

Since it took office, the government of President U Thein Sein has strived to end over sixty years of internal armed conflict that has troubled Myanmar after the independence. The Government believes that the root cause of the internal armed conflict is the failure to resolve political issues through political means. Therefore, recognizing that national reconciliation is a vital component of Myanmar's democratic reforms, President U Thein Sein formally announced invitations to Ethnic Armed Organizations for nationwide peace talks on August 18th, 2011.

After four years of trust building based on patience and mutual understanding, the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement is expected to be signed soon.

Over the last four years, the Government facilitated the holding of peace talks without any preconditions, and each organization was treated equality, regardless of size. The Union Government held separate talks with each of the fifteen Ethnic Armed Organizations, and bilateral agreements were concluded. In total, thirty-nine agreements at the state and union levels were signed.

The Government for the benefit of the peace process, in good faith, and with sincerity, accepted the request of the Ethnic Armed Organizations to organize meetings among themselves, and provided assistance for the holding of ethnic leaders summits. The Government also agreed to discuss proposals for the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement that resulted from these summits.

The Union Peace-Making Work Committee (UPWC) composed of representatives from the Government, Hluttaw, and Tatmadaw, and the Ethnic Armed Organizations' Nationwide Ceasefire Coordination Team (NCCT) met over a seventeen-month period to finalize a mutually acceptable Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement. Talks began in early November 2013, and on March 31st, 2015, the draft text of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement, comprising seven chapters and thirty-three paragraphs, was finalized.

Although the government was ready to sign the Agreement, leaders of Ethnic Armed Organizations formed the Senior Delegation (SD) and requested amendments to the text of the Agreement. In the interest of achieving nationwide peace, the Government resumed negotiations, and on August 7th, 2015, all provisions of the Agreement were finalized.

For the first time in Myanmar's history, the Union Government, Hluttaw, Tatmadaw, and Ethnic Armed Organizations



President U Thein Sein attends signing ceremony of draft nationwide ceasefire agreement between Union Peace-making Working Committee and Nationwide Ceasefire Coordination Team on 31 March 2015.—File photo: MNA

have together successfully negotiated an agreement that is both comprehensive and extensive. Once the Agreement is signed, fighting in conflict areas will decrease and eventually cease, and communities in these conflict areas will begin to enjoy the fruits of peace.

The Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement is an important step towards political dialogue to resolve through political means political issues that have persisted between ethnic brethren of this country. Furthermore, the Agreement is a firm pledge and guarantee for the establishment of a federal Union, a demand of the Ethnic Armed Organizations.

The excerpts of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement, an important milestone for the peace process, is hereby presented to the people of Myanmar.

The Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement includes seven chapters with preamble. The preamble says the agreement between the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Ethnic Armed Organization, recognizes, reinforces, and reaffirms all previous agreements between the said two sides.

Chapter 1, Basic Principles, includes 11 provisions highlighting establish a union based on the principles of democracy and federalism in accordance with the outcomes of the political dialogue and in the spirit of Panglong. The second provision says reaching a negotiated settlement to end protracted armed conflict in the country establishing a new political culture of resolving political disagreement through political dialogue. The third provisions highlights discussing in the political dialogue the issue concerning Pyidaungsu Tatmadaw that

represents all ethnic nationalities. It also guarantees equal rights to all citizens who live within the Union and ensure no citizen be discriminated in the fourth provision. Establishing a secular state to avoid abuse of religion for political interests; collectively establishing a national identity; holding inclusive political dialogue in accordance with the aspirations and desires of all ethnic nationalities; negotiating in good faith any issues that may arise between and among the dialogue partners; abiding by all mutual promises and commitments and implementing the peace process; effectively implementing the provisions contained in the agreement and protecting lives and property and improving the livelihoods of all the people living in the country are also included in Chapter 1.

Chapter 2, Aims and Objectives, includes four provisions which say the government and the armed groups agree to begin an inclusive political dialogue process; to form a Joint Monitoring Committee to carry out implementing provisions of the agreement, monitoring adherence to the code of conduct, investigating alleged violations, and undertaking conflict resolution functions; to reaffirm all promises and the previous agreements; and to include all relevant ethnic armed organizations in the signing the NCA.

Chapter 3, Ceasefire Related Matters, says the authorities are to meet within 14 days after signing the agreement to define the exact timeframe; both sides agree to abide by the mutually binding terms and military code of conduct and shall submit to investigation by the different levels of Joint Monitoring Committee. The chapter also says the Tatmadaw and Ethnic Armed

Organizations agree to abide by 11 terms including ceasing the following actions in ceasefire areas. The chapter also highlights the deployment of military forces to prevent confrontations, free movement of troops, protection of civilians and provision of humanitarian assistance.

Chapter 4, Maintaining and Strengthening Ceasefire, includes provisions on ceasefire related rules and regulations and military code of conduct, Joint Monitoring Committee and Liaison Offices.

Chapter 5, Guarantees for Political Dialogue, says all are to undertake the implementation of all terms and conditions as provided in the agreement. It also includes the political roadmap, political dialogue. Holding of inclusive political dialogue is one of the terms enshrined in this chapter.

Chapter 6, Future Tasks and Responsibilities, provides confidence building measures, tasks to be implemented during the interim period and submission to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for ratification.

Chapter 7, Miscellaneous, says the signatories are to hold separate discussions, the agreement shall be written in Myanmar and translated into English, all are to undertake to ensure the success of the NCA, and negotiations for the NCA shall be referred to the implementation of the agreement. It also provides guidelines for dispute resolutions, entry into force and signing the agreement.

At the bottom of the agreement is the space for the leaders of the Government, Tatmadaw and Hluttaw for Myanmar government, and leaders of ethnic armed organizations for Ethnic Armed Organizations to sign the agreement before the local and international witnesses.

Thailand upgrades monastery's lavatory facilities, hands over aid for flood victims

By Khaing Thanda Lwin

YANGON, 17 Aug — Nahaing Monastery near Yangon's Kaba-Aye Pagoda has had its lavatory and surrounding facilities renovated by the Royal Thai Embassy, with Ambassador Mr Pisanu Suvanajata saying the upgrade is aimed at promoting friendship between the two countries.

"Since March this year, the upgrade of the lavatory within the compound of the monastery has been carried out at a cost of 6 million Thai baht (around K210 million) paid by the embassy and Thai community," the ambassador said at the handover ceremony Sunday.

"The facilities equipped with Thailand's state-of-the-

art technology are specially designed for disabled and elderly people," he added.

At the ceremony, Thailand also handed over donations for flood victims to the Abbot Sayadaw of the monastery, who received 600,000 baht (more than K21 million), rice and food donated by Thai monks and the Thai community.

"The fund and relief aid will go to victims in far-flung villages," said Abbot Sayadaw.

In addition, the Royal Thai Government donated relief supplies worth around 20 million baht (around K700 million) from 14 trucks, and plans to make further significant contributions for rehabilitation of those victims, Ambassador Mr Pisanu Suvanajata said.—GNLM



Ayeyawady taxi terminal opens for business

MANDALAY, 17 Aug—The new Ayeyawady taxi terminal officially opened Monday in Chanayethazan Township's Kyaukkwe Ward.

The opening of the terminal is aimed at improving the level of service for both taxi operators and passengers.

Taxi drivers using the terminal operate under the supervision of the Mandalay Region All Bus Line Control Committee.—Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)



IT specialists share industry knowledge with youths

MANDALAY, 17 Aug — Information technology specialists shared their knowledge of the IT industry with young people at the Mandalay Region Computer Professionals Association in Chanayethazan Township on Sunday.

Vice Chairman of the association U Zaw Ye Thu said the talks were aimed at encouraging youths to careers in the IT industry.

Daw Kyi Sin Shwe of Glorious Innovative Myanmar and Managing Director U Ye Myat Thu of Alpha Info Tech Co Ltd also gave talks on IT education.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)

Shopkeepers donate cash for flood victims



YANGON, 17 Aug — Shopkeepers of Nyaungbinlay Plaza, here, donated cash Sunday to the fund for relief and rehabilitation of flood vic-

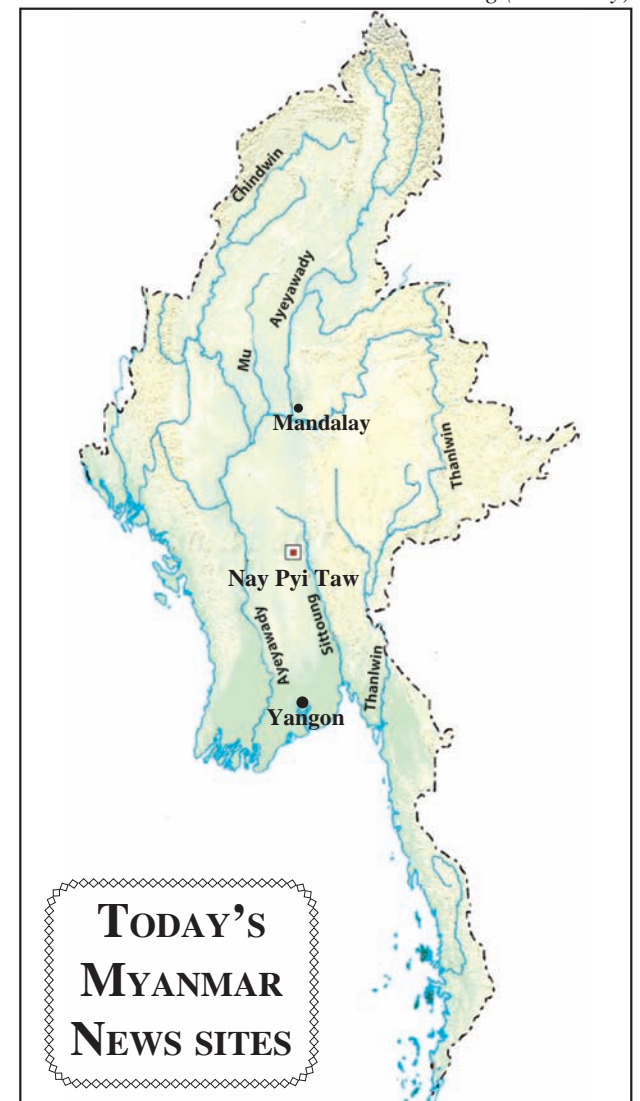
tims at the office of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

President of UMFCCI

U Win Aung and officials accepted K10 million donated by shopkeepers of Nyaungbinlay Plaza.

The well-wishers from the plaza plan to

donate cash to the funds of Daw Khin Kyi Family Foundation and Yangon City Development Committee (West District).—UMFCCI



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Sincerity needed in U.S.-China anti-graft cooperation

BEIJING, 17 Aug — The Obama administration should show sincerity in anti-corruption cooperation with China and stop parochial calculations.

On Sunday, the U.S. government made a regrettable move by ordering the Chinese law enforcement personnel in the country for the “Fox Hunt” operation to return home immediately.

Regrettable is such action as China’s operation is legitimate and has been approved in bilateral agreements reached earlier this year.

“Fox Hunt 2015,” which targets corrupt officials of government departments and state-owned enterprises, is an important effort of China to crack down corruption.

The global law enforcement operation can serve as a great deterrent to corrupt Chinese officials, as it makes it

clear that those officials have no place to hide.

Corruption is not only a serious problem in China, but also in the rest of the world. And in a world which is more and more connected, countries should take coordinated efforts in fighting corruption.

Although there is no extradition agreement between the United States and China, the two countries actually have already agreed on anti-corruption cooperation.

In April 2015, U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson met Chinese Public Security Minister Guo Shengkun in Beijing, and they agreed to strengthen cooperation in law enforcement. They agreed not to provide shelter for the other side’s fugitives and would try to repatriate them in accordance with law. Specifically, Johnson also promised to actively support China’s

“Sky Net” and “Fox Hunt” operations, which aim to bring back corrupt officials.

So the U.S. government’s decision to force China’s law enforcement staff to leave the country obviously reveals that Washington lacks sincerity and has failed to translate its words into action.

Some analysts even say that the United States is reluctant to repatriate those corrupt officials for the sake of their money of course.

Therefore, the United States, as a country that often stresses the rule of law, should clarify the issue and by no means become a safe haven for Chinese criminal suspects. Washington should display necessary sincerity in future law enforcement cooperation with China in order to dispel such suspicion.

Xinhua

Bomb in Thai capital



Wreckage of motorcycles are seen as security forces and emergency workers gather at the scene of a blast in central Bangkok August 17, 2015.—REUTERS

BANGKOK, 17 Aug — A bomb planted at one of the Thai capital’s most renowned shrines on Monday killed 16 people, including three foreign tourists, and wounded scores in an attack the government called a bid to destroy the economy.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the blast at the Erawan shrine at a major city-centre intersection. Thai forces are fighting a low-level Muslim insurgency in the predominantly Buddhist country’s south, but those rebels have rarely launched attacks outside their heartland.

“The perpetrators intended to destroy the economy and tourism, because the incident occurred in the heart of the tourism district,” Defence Minister Prawit Wongsuwan told Reuters.

Several media outlets had earlier reported that 27 people were killed but national police chief Somyot Poompanmuang told reporters the death toll was 16 in an attack he said was unprecedented in Thailand.

“It was a pipe bomb,” Somyot said. “It was placed inside the Erawan shrine.”

The shrine, on a busy corner near top hotels, shopping centres, offices and a hospital, is a major attraction, especially for visitors from East Asia, including China. Many ordinary Thais also worship there.

The government would set up a “war room” to coordinate the response to the blast, the Nation television channel quoted Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha as saying.

Two people from China and one from the Philippines were among the dead, a tourist police officer said. A rescue agency said 81 people were wounded and media said most of them were from China and Taiwan.

“It was like a meat market,” said Marko Cunningham, a New Zealand paramedic working with a Bangkok ambulance service, who said the blast had left a two-metre-wide (6-foot-) crater.

“There were bodies everywhere. Some were shredded. There were legs where heads were supposed to be. It was horrific,” Cunningham said, adding that people several hundred metres away had been injured.

Reuters



Military chaplains bless a newly-acquired Bell-412EP helicopter during a turnover ceremony at Villamor Air Base in Pasay City, the Philippines, Aug. 17, 2015. The PAF acquired eight Bell-412EP helicopters from Canada and two brand-new AW-109E helicopters that can perform close air support and air reconnaissance as well as air lift operations in different parts of the country. XINHUA

Crashed Indonesian plane was carrying nearly \$500,000 in cash

JAKARTA, 17 Aug — An Indonesian passenger plane that crashed with 54 people on board in Papua province was carrying cash worth around \$470,000 for remote villages, a post office spokesman said on Monday as rescue teams headed to the mountainous site where it went down.

The Trigana Air Service ATR 42-300 plane crashed on Sunday, the latest in a string of aviation disasters in the sprawling Southeast Asian archipelago.

Earlier, a search and rescue plane spotted debris believed to be from the aircraft in the heavily forested Bintang Mountains district, local police chief Yunus Wally told the Antara news agency, adding that a search team was approaching the area. There were 44 adult passengers, five children

and infants and five crew on the Trigana short-haul flight from Sentani Airport in Jayapura, capital of Papua, south to Oksibil.

All those on the plane were Indonesian nationals, a National Search and Rescue Agency (BASARNAS) official said.

Airline officials were not immediately available to respond to questions from Reuters.

There was no suggestion that the large sum of money being transported on the plane was linked to its crash.

“There were four people carrying the money, 6.5 billion rupiah (\$471,500),” PT Pos spokesman Abu Sofjan said, adding that it was part of an official assistance programme for the poor and was intended to be distributed to villagers. He said poor

infrastructure in Indonesia’s easternmost province meant that assistance money was often flown in by air.

A Super Puma helicopter crashed in the same area last year, said Sito, a BASARNAS communications operator in Jayapura who goes by one name. “It’s the weather there, it changes all the time. In the morning it can be clear and hot and then suddenly it rains,” Sito said. The crashed ATR 42-300 made its first flight 27 years ago, according to the Aviation Safety Network. Trigana Air Service has a fleet of 14 aircraft, with an average age of 26.6 years, according to the airfleets.com database.

Trigana has been on the European Union’s list of banned carriers since 2007 due to safety



Family members of a passenger on board a crashed Trigana Air flight provide information to a police identification team at Sentani Airport near Jayapura, Papua province, Indonesia August 17, 2015 in this photo taken by Antara Foto.—REUTERS

or regulatory concerns. It has had 14 serious incidents since it began operations in 1991,

according to the online database Aviation Safety Network.

Reuters

Khamenei says nuclear deal, if passed, will not open Iran to U.S. influence

DUBAI, 17 Aug — Iran's nuclear deal with world powers will not open the Islamic Republic to political or economic influence from the United States and could still be blocked by either country, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said on Monday.

The conservative cleric, Iran's highest authority, has refrained from making

decisive statements on the nuclear deal reached last month, which must still be approved by the U.S. Congress before taking effect.

"They thought this deal — and it is not clear if it will be passed in Iran or in America — will open up Iran to their influence," Khamenei was quoted on his website as saying at a meeting with members of

the Islamic Radio and Television Union.

"We blocked this path and will definitely block it in the future. We won't allow American political, economic or cultural influence in Iran."

Most analysts see the chance of Khamenei rejecting the deal as small after he gave President Hassan Rouhani the political cover

to pursue talks. But he also holds a deep mistrust of the United States, which he still refers to as the 'Great Satan'.

If the deal is implemented, international sanctions on Iran will be lifted, opening up a market of nearly 80 million people to foreign investment after years of isolation.

Reuters

Sri Lankan PM confident in parliamentary polls



A man walks past a poster of Sri Lanka's former president Mahinda Rajapaksa ahead of a general election, in Galle August 14, 2015.—REUTERS

COLOMBO, 17 Aug — Sri Lankan Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe on Monday expressed confidence of winning a parliamentary election and forming a government as he arrived in capital Colombo to cast vote.

Voting to elect a new 225-member parliament began in the early hours of Monday with a satisfactory voter turnout recorded in the first half of the morning. Voting will end on Monday afternoon in 22 districts nationwide.

"This is a free and fair election both in terms of the legal norms as well

as the democratic norms," Wickremesinghe told reporters after casting his vote at the College House polling center near the University of Colombo.

Wickremesinghe is contesting from the Colombo district and will retain the prime minister post if his newly formed coalition, the United National Front (UNF), gains over 113 seats.

Election observers from the European Union told journalists that foreign observers had been deployed around the country for Monday's polls.

Xinhua

Nepal shut down by general strike over constitution draft

KATHMANDU, 17 Aug — An alliance of smaller parties led by a radical Maoist group shut down Nepal on Monday with a general strike, protesting preparations by major political parties to finalize a draft constitution dividing Nepal into six provinces.

Schools and markets were shuttered, and the streets were mostly empty in Kathmandu and most parts of Nepal.

Police have arrested 51 strike enforcers involved in allegedly intimidating people to comply with the strike, police spokesman Kamal Singh

Bam told Kyodo News. "The strikers vandalized four vehicles and attempted arson on two other vehicles in Kathmandu but were unsuccessful because of police intervention," Bam said.

Following devastating earthquakes in April and May, Nepal's major political parties agreed on an eight-province federal model in June and came up with an agreement to promulgate a new constitution, leaving the contentious topic of demarcating provinces to a federal commission.

Under the pressure of widespread criticism and a court ruling that said a

constitution without names and boundaries of provinces would not be valid, they came up with a six-province federal model with boundaries earlier this month, prompting various groups disgruntled with the boundaries to launch protests.

Pampha Bhusal, spokesperson of the Communist Party of Nepal-Maoist, said the draft constitution disregards many past agreements.

"It does not reflect the aspirations of marginalized groups and is therefore unacceptable," she told Kyodo News.

The party broke away

from the Unified Communist Party of Nepal-Maoist in 2012, accusing the latter of giving up agendas of the insurgency, and boycotted elections in 2013. The Maoists fought state forces for 10 years until 2006. The insurgency cost over 17,000 lives.

Monday is the second day of the general strike enforced by the alliance led by the Communist Party of Nepal-Maoist.

On Sunday, 117 strike enforcers were arrested in the course of the strike that saw 16 vehicles vandalized across the nation, according to police spokesman Bam.

Voting on a final draft is expected to take place at the constituent assembly later this month.

Kyodo News

S. Korea, U.S. start joint military exercise amid N. Korea's threats

SEOUL, 17 Aug — South Korea and the United States on Monday began their annual joint military exercise at a time of heightened tensions on the Korean Peninsula, according to South Korea's Defense Ministry.

Ulchi Freedom Guardian, a computer simulation exercise scheduled to last until Aug. 28, mobilizes about 50,000 South Korean and around 30,000 American troops. South Korea and the United States say the exercise is entirely defensive in nature, but North Korea claims it is aimed at preparing for a war with the North, demanding that the exercise be canceled and threatening to launch retaliatory attacks.

Inter-Korean tensions have been running high after South Korea accused North Korea last week of planting landmines in the border area in violation of the Armistice Agreement and seriously injuring two South Korean soldiers. On Saturday,

North Korea warned of "the strongest military counter-action" against the exercise as well as the propaganda broadcasts which the South Korean military resumed last week using loudspeakers in the border area for the first time in 11 years. "North Korea is an invincible power equipped with both the latest offensive and defensive means, including nuclear deterrence," said a National Defense Commission spokesman, according to a North Korean media report monitored by Yonhap News Agency. South Korea's military authorities announced Monday that a probe into the landmine incident concluded that steel springs, firing pins and other debris thought to be from the detonated devices collected from the scene match the wooden-box antipersonnel land mines used by the North Korean military. The North has denied any involvement.

Kyodo News

Cyanide from Tianjin blasts to be cleared: authorities



Bulldozers clear off wreckage at the warehouse explosion site in Tianjin, north China, Aug. 17, 2015. Death toll of the massive Tianjin blasts rose to 114 after rescuers found two more bodies in the debris, a municipal publicity official said on Monday.—XINHUA

TIANJIN, 17 Aug — Most of the sodium cyanide surrounding the Tianjin blast area will be collected and cleared by Monday evening, He Shushan, deputy mayor of Tianjin, said at a press conference

Monday morning. Some of the highly toxic chemicals were scattered at the periphery, but mostly within a 100,000-square-meter core area, He said, adding that sand and earth barriers were built around the core

area to prevent any leakage.

A "very complicated and difficult" clean-up, partially due to the presence of 16,500 empty shipping containers within the core area, is under way, he said.

Workers are now searching empty shipping containers for chemicals dispersed by the blast.

Cofferdams will also be reinforced to prevent the outflow of contaminated water after it rains, He said.

Monitoring has shown air quality in the area and water in the nearby river are within safe standards.

Bao Jingling, chief engineer of the city's bureau of environmental protection, said about 700 tonnes of sodium cyanide were stored at the blast site and they remain intact.

Sodium cyanide is a highly toxic white, water-soluble powder that prevents the body from using oxygen. It is fatal if inhaled or ingested.

It is mainly used in chemical manufacturing and to extract gold and other metals in mining.

When treated with acid, it releases the highly poisonous gas hydrogen cyanide.—Xinhua

Labour cannot win power as a party of protest, says former PM Brown

LONDON, 17 Aug — Opposition Labour Party must choose a leader who can make it electable and not just a party of protest, former Labour Prime Minister Gordon Brown said on Sunday, after a poll found voters believe the current frontrunner would worsen its chances of winning an election.

Labour, which in May suffered its worst election defeat since 1987, is the process of voting for a new leader. Opinion polls suggest left-winger Jeremy Corbyn is leading the race ahead of the result due on Sept. 12.

Many supporters of Corbyn, who wants to return the party to its socialist roots, have said that by moving towards the political centre ground under three-time election winner Tony Blair, Labour sacrificed its principles in pursuit of power. Although he avoided mentioning

Corbyn by name, Brown made a veiled warning to the more than 600,000 party members and supporters eligible to vote in the leadership contest that Labour would be unelectable if it chooses the veteran politician.

“It is not an abandonment of principles to seek power,” Brown, who was finance minister for a decade before serving as prime minister from 2007-2010, said in a speech in London.

“The best way of realising our high ideals is to show that we are an alternative in government that is credible, is radical and is electable ... Protest will not be enough.” Brown’s intervention in the increasingly fractious leadership contest follows warnings by Blair that the party cannot win on a left-wing platform and faces annihilation if it picks Corbyn.

A ComRes poll for the Independent

on Sunday found 31 percent of the 2,035 members of the public surveyed believed Corbyn would worsen Labour’s chances of winning in 2020, compared with 21 percent who thought he would improve it. That gave him the worst net score of all four leadership contenders.

“If we cannot give people the realistic hope ... we have elected people who will ensure that there is a Labour government and will do their best to make that possible then people will walk away from us,” said Brown, who quoted several former Labour leaders during a 50-minute speech delivered without notes. Brown, whose intervention during the Scottish independence referendum campaign last year was credited with helping rally his fellow Scots behind the United Kingdom, also implicitly criticised Corbyn’s international policies.

Corbyn has expressed sympathy with



Britain’s former Prime Minister Gordon Brown delivers a speech on the Labour Party’s leadership election in London, Britain August 16, 2015. —REUTERS

Russia over its actions in Ukraine and described members of the Palestinian group Hamas and Lebanon’s Hezbollah as “friends”. Britain has officially designated Hamas and the military wing of Hezbollah as terrorist organisations.

“If our global alliances are going to be alliances with Hezbollah and Hamas ... and Vladimir Putin’s Russia, there is absolutely no chance of building a worldwide alliance that can deal with poverty and inequality and climate change and financial instability,” he said. —Reuters

Civilians killed as fighting flares in eastern Ukraine



A local resident stands in a flat that, according to locals, was damaged by recent shelling, on the outskirts of Donetsk, Ukraine, August 16, 2015.—REUTERS

KIEV, 17 Aug—Fighting flared between Ukrainian government forces and Russian-backed separatists in two separate parts of eastern Ukraine overnight with several civilians killed by shelling, Ukrainian police and separatist sources said on Monday.

The clashes, near Mariupol in the southeast and at Gorlivka, a rebel-held town, formed part of an upsurge in violence which put further strain on a fragile ceasefire between the two sides.

Regional police in Mariupol, a port city on the Sea of Azov, said at least one man and a young woman were killed when rebels shelled the town of Sartan, about 20 km (12 miles) away on Sunday. Several people, including a 10-year-old girl, were taken to hospital with wounds.

“On one street there were five houses which had been really badly damaged by shell fragments. One house had a well-tended garden with vines and a vegetable patch. But the house had been

wrecked by shells and I saw an enormous pool of blood,” a local news photographer, Mykola Ryabchenko, told Reuters by telephone.

The separatist website, DAN, said at least three people had been killed and four wounded as a result of government shelling of Gorlivka, a regular frontline hot spot northeast of the main rebel stronghold of Donetsk. There was no immediate government confirmation of this report.

“They were using heavy weapons. We have three men dead. Another four have various injuries,” DAN quoted the separatist mayor of the town as saying.

The upsurge in fighting weighed on the Russian rouble on Monday. It touched a six-month low against the dollar, dropping 1 percent.

It has also drawn expressions of concern among Western governments, who see a ceasefire and tentative peace agreement worked out in Minsk, Belarus, as still the best chance of ending the separatist

rebellion in eastern Ukraine.

Many artillery guns, tanks and other heavy weapons have been withdrawn by both sides under the terms of the Minsk agreement in February, but deaths occur regularly in sporadic outbursts of fighting.

More than 6,500 people have been killed in the conflict which erupted in April 2014 after Russia annexed Crimea, in reaction to the fall of a Moscow-backed president in Kiev, and threw its support behind separatists in the east.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry last week expressed “grave concern” to Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov over the rise in separatist attacks and urged an immediate ceasefire, the State Department said.

In a newspaper interview, German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said the situation was explosive and he urged both parties in the conflict to come together quickly to prevent a spiral in violence.—Reuters

Greek minister signals Tsipras to call confidence vote

ATHENS, 17 Aug — A Greek minister gave on Monday the strongest indication yet that the government will call a confidence vote following a rebellion among lawmakers from the ruling Syriza party over the country’s new bailout deal.

Energy Minister Panos Skourletis described such a parliamentary vote as “self-evident” following Friday’s rebellion when almost a third of Syriza deputies abstained or voted against the agreement.

With Syriza’s left wing showing little sign of returning to the party fold, Skourletis also alluded to possible early elections should Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras lose a confidence motion. Tsipras had to rely on opposition support to get the bailout deal through parliament.

Greece’s political turmoil has raised uncertainty over how the government might implement the bailout deal, which demands profound economic reform and tough austerity policies, without a workable majority.

The government has said its priority is to secure a start to funding from international creditors under the bailout programme, Greece’s third in five years, so that Athens can make a 3.2 billion euro debt repayment to the European Central Bank on Thursday.

However, asked on Skai television about the possibility of a parliamentary confidence vote after this, Skourletis said: “I consider it self-evident after the deep wound in Syriza’s parliamentary group for there to be such a move.”

Tsipras has said he will call a Syriza congress after the summer to iron out the party’s differences. But Skourletis raised the possibility of early polls should Tsipras fail in a confidence vote.

“If we go to elections soon, in three or four weeks if this option is chosen, obviously a party congress cannot be fruitful,” he said. Tsipras fired his last energy minister Panagiotis Lafazanis for joining a minister rebellion. Lafazanis now leads Syriza members who oppose the tough conditions set by the euro zone and IMF that Tsipras had to accept in return for the 86 billion euros (\$95.5 billion) in loans.—Reuters

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 18 August, 2015

Corruption is our national arch-foe

By Myint Win Thein

Corruption literally means dishonest or illegal behaviour, especially by people in authority. We can see the work of corrupt officials in our surroundings every day. While it may be common among people in office, corrup-

tion has far-reaching and wide-ranging negative impacts on the country.

Most harmfully, it undermines the rule of law and legal system. It renders legislation ineffective in protecting law-abiding citizens. They are forced to pay bribes to receive the basic protection to which they should be entitled. While the people's birthrights are subject to bribes, criminals remain above the law.

In addition, corruption drains the public coffers of a country. Public funds are stolen and national development tasks cannot be carried out. The public misses out on basic needs including healthcare.

Moreover, corruption weakens the capacity of organizations in a country. Recently, a Chinese army newspaper warned its troops that a corrupt

army would not win wars. Similarly, a corrupt organization will never achieve its goal and a corrupt nation will never attain prosperity. Its people will always be encountering one crisis after another. Therefore, it can be said that corruption is the national and public arch-enemy.

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Occupational Safety and Health in Myanmar

Lokethar

Myanmar has a long history relating to occupational safety and health. The Factories Act which is the principal legislation with regard to hours of work and rest as well as safety and health in industries was first introduced into Myanmar as far back as 1913 during the time when Myanmar was a British colony. Since then various updated versions of the Act was introduced culminating in the Factories Act of 1934. The Factories Rules were promulgated in 1935 to supplement the 1934 Factories Act.

Myanmar gained back her independence from the British in 1948. One of the first legislation to be enacted after independence was the Factories Amendment Act of 1948 which updated the 1934 Factories Act. Soon after, in 1951, a new Factories Act written in the Myanmar language was enacted and the 1934 Act repealed. The 1935 Factories Rules however continued to be in force by a provision of the 1951 Factories Act though they need to be updated.

The Factories Act (1951) has detail provisions regarding workplace safety including safety of building and machinery, safety in the use of machines and industrial processes, safety in use of lifts and hoists; safety in the use of hazardous substances; safety related to dangerous/explosive/inflammable fumes and gases; arrangements against fires etc. The health provisions of the Act includes adequate ventilation and lighting of workplaces; removal of dusts and fumes harmful to health from workplace; avoiding overcrowding; provision of safe drinking water; provision of adequate number of latrines for the workers and proper disposal of wastes of the factory etc. The welfare provisions include first aid facilities, washing facilities and places for taking meals etc. Another legislation relating to safety and health of workers in the petroleum extraction industry, is the Oil Fields (Labour and Welfare) Act (1951).

The Factories Act (1951), together with other legislation relating to other rights of workers of Factories, Shops and Establishments are administered by the Factories and General Labour Laws Inspection Department (FGLLID) of the Ministry of Labour, Employment and So-

cial Security.

Besides, other Government Agencies are also involved in Occupational Safety and Health at workplaces. They are the Boiler and Electrical Inspection Division of the of the Ministry of Industry, which administers the Boiler Act and the Myanmar Electricity Act; the Planning and Inspection Department of the Ministry of Mines which administers the Mines Act dealing with hours of work and rest as well as safety and health of workers in mines. Then there is the Dock Labourers' Act pertaining to safety in loading and unloading operations of ships by dockworkers; the various Rules and Orders pertaining to public health and safety issued by the Yangon City Development Committee and 'Municipalities' of other cities and towns; the functions of Occupational Health Division of the Department of Health under the Ministry of Health and safety and health provisions included in other legislation.

Recent legislation relating to Occupational Safety and Health enacted during the term of the new Government include Laws relating to the Environment; Safety in the use of Chemicals and Hazardous Substances; Boiler Act; Electricity Act among others. Furthermore, with the enactment of new legislation pertaining to local and foreign investment, the pace of industrialization has increased considerably. Together with the Industries established within the Industrial Zones, the newly emerging Special Economic Zones and the small and medium private industries elsewhere all over the country, there are more than 100,000 industries in operation, manufacturing a large variety of products both for export and local consumption. There are also many small and medium establishments providing technical services to the public.

Hence there is an emerging need to ensure the safety, health and welfare of workers employed in the various factories and industrial establishments. This is particularly true for the newer private sector industries the employers of which have increasingly become aware of the importance of safety and health at their workplaces.

It is learnt that a new Occupational Safety and Health Law has been drafted by the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security with the participation of representatives of the various regulatory

Agencies pertaining to occupational Safety and Health as well as the participation of the private sector. Under the new and comprehensive OSH Law, a Central Body would be formed to co-ordinate various activities of the present regulating agencies charged with administration of various aspects of Occupational Safety and Health. Supporting the OSH Law would be the Rules and Regulations pertaining to safety which will update existing provisions of the Law and Rules covering the entire field of Occupational Safety and Health.

Another observation relating to OSH is that Myanmar has been participating in the activities of the Asean Occupational Safety and Health Network (ASEAN-OSHNET) since 2000. The Seminars and Workshops and Training Courses conducted under the OSHNET have been helpful in capacity building of the Safety and Health Personnel of the FGLLID and safety personnel of the public and private sector industries. Besides several Development Partners have been providing technical assistance in conducting training courses for capacity development of the OSH professionals of the FGLLID and personnel responsible for safety in the various Industrial Enterprises.

It is felt that in Myanmar, safety and health training at the grass roots level should be further enhanced. As such resources, expertise and technical assistance of the ASEAN-OSHNET, the ILO and the Development Partners would be needed in helping to implement Occupational Safety and Health Training Programs on a sustainable basis.

Training Courses on various aspects of OSH for personnel of the Departments under the Ministries concerned as well as representatives of the Employers' and Workers' Organizations will be supportive of awareness and practice of OSH in Myanmar.

In addition, it is felt that enabling OSH practitioners (Safety Engineers, Occupational Hygienists etc.) attend specialized courses at home and abroad, including advanced courses on assessment of workplaces for hazard identification, assessment of major hazards and prevention of major industrial accidents in high risk industries will contribute to effective implementation of the OSH Law in Myanmar.

QNET contributes survivor kits for flood victims in Myanmar

YANGON, 17 Aug—In the wake of flooding that has devastated vast swathes of Myanmar, Asian direct selling company QNET has collaborated with its Independent Representatives (IRS) and its local partner to donate survivor kits worth USD20,000.

The company brought the emergency supply to one of the worst-affected area of Ingapu Township, Hinthada District, in the Ayeyawady Region.

Led by QNET's Myanmar Agency Head, Kyi Min Han, QNET Corporate staff and 100 QNET IRs, they waded in deep-knee waters and distributed the survivor kits, rice, instant noodle, foods, mosquito nets and torch lights to the affected families.

"About 500 families from the village benefitted from this 'QNET Cares' aid program," said Min Han.—GNLM

Thailand to send medical team to disaster-hit areas

By Ko Moe

YANGON, 17 Aug—The Royal Thai Government plans to send a medical team to disaster-hit areas in Myanmar, Thai embassy Chargé d'affaires Mr Chainarong Keratiyutwong said Sunday.

At a donation ceremony, Thai officials transferred relief supplies for flood victims to Director U Kyi Tha of the Relief and Resettlement Department, for distribution to the worst-affected Chin State and Ayeyawady Region.

Their relief aid included clothes, tarpaulins and food.

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Pyithu Hluttaw members donates cash, goods for flood victims



Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann addresses speech at donation ceremony for flood victims.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug —Pyithu Hluttaw parliamentarians donated cash and goods for flood victims Monday at the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and

Resettlement in Nay Pyi Taw.

In his address at the donation ceremony, Lower House Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann called for the

public to continue supporting the flood relief effort.

Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa presented K41.3 million on behalf of 413 parliamentarians

including 106 Tatmadaw representatives in the Lower House.

Total donations amounted to K43,576,070. MNA

Vice-Senior General Soe Win leaves for Lao PDR



Vice-Senior General Soe Win being seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by diplomats.—MYAWADY

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug — Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief

(Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win and party left Nay Pyi Taw Airport Monday to pay visits to Laos,

Japan and Thailand at the invitations of Laos Deputy Minister for Defence and Chief of the Staff Maj-Gen

Souyone Louangbounmy, Chief of Staff General Kiyofumi Iwata of Japan Ground Self-Defense Forces and Commander-in-Chief General Udomdej Sitabutr of the Royal Thai Army.

The vice-senior general and party were seen off at the airport by Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Tin Aung San, Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Khin Aung Myint and officials. The vice-senior general was accompanied by his wife Daw Than Than Nwe, Commander of Triangle Region Command Brig-Gen Aung Zaw Aye and senior military officers.—Myawady

President Office releases deputy ministerial appointment order

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug — President Office released an order signed by President U Thein Sein to appoint a deputy minister for the Ministry of Defence Monday.

Rear-Admiral Myint Nwe of the office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) has been appointed as Deputy Minister for Defence in accord with Section 234 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and provisions under Section 17 of the Union Government Law.—MNA

Over K39 bln spent on relief and rehabilitation for flood victims

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug—The President Office released announcement No 1/2015 dated 31 July 2014.

According to the announcement, National Disaster Management Committee evacuated flood victims in Chin, Rakhine, Kachin, Kayin and Mon states and Sagaing, Magway, Bago and Ayeyawady regions and is speeding up the rehabilitation tasks.

The committee has spent K39.054 billion from the separate fund on relief and rehabilitation tasks.

Ministry of Finance signed an agreement with Asian Development Bank (ADB) for taking \$3 million assistance and Japan offered \$1.5 million assistance.

IMF and World Bank have arranged to deliver loans without interest to Myanmar. WB proposed Myanmar government to spend about \$35 million from its loans already granted by the Hluttaw on flood relief and rehabilitation tasks.—MNA

Political parties urged to follow rules and regulations on election campaigns, code of conduct

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug — A letter urging candidates to follow the directives during their election campaigns and adhere to a code of conduct signed on 26 June has been sent to all political parties, said the Union Election Commission Monday.

According to the letter, the 60-day campaign season will begin from 6 am on 8 September to 12 pm on 6 November. The UEC said that candidates are allowed to put up their campaign posters in the public areas in accord with law, prescribed rules and regulations, orders and directives after seeking the permission from respective city or township development committees. But, the commission warned that candidates who failed to remove their campaign posters until 12 pm on 6 November will have to pay expenses on removal of posters.—MNA

Rule of Law

U Win Sein

The rule of law is given in Collins Students Dictionary simply as “The principle that everyone is subject to law”. And in Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia as “The legal principle that law should govern a nation, as opposed to being governed by arbitrary decisions of individual government officials”.

With the passage of time and right up to now, politicians and governments having reviewing certain aspects from human being, animals and non-living things and making necessary changes and improvements to the previous not satisfactory existing law and finally come up with

one as said to have been made refined and justified as fair as possible to all.

However, later on, facing with the lacking of rule of law in practical matters, thereby people still find bad democratic and dictatorship governments in existence in the world, just because of negligence or ignorance of the law and insufficient corrective mechanism to accomplish successful result.

To show a few instances in Yangon downtown area regarding the rule of law, there is still inadequate legal action to have effects on the many sidewalk sellers of goods and tea and coffee shops, who have taken their own initiative by setting up shops

of various goods and shops selling tea and coffee on the newly constructed sidewalks which are originally intended for passers-by on the road. Now the passers-by have to squeeze through the crowded customers. If care is not taken carefully, the passers-by, will probably be pushed down the 1.5 feet high sidewalks and hurting them instantly.

There are some coffee and tea shops becoming more daring as if they, having the legal right to occupy and do business on the newly widen roads in front of their shops, which the government has constructed and remodeled for the purpose to ease the crippling traffic congestion and also for providing space for the night stop and temporary stop of vehicles.

There is still another unwholesome sight that was left

behind by the wrap up of the finishing tasks of sidewalks and broaden roads construction, whereby the original trees, big and small on the road were not cut down right away, leaving them just as they were before, distinctively standing high and mighty on the roads for drivers of vehicles to shunning away from danger now and then. (Why can't the departments' concerned taking responsibility to cut down the big ones and dig up the small ones and replant them in other suitable places).

Nowadays, we have people talking about no departmental following up for the action on rule of law frequently, but in everywhere we have seen things that should be resolved by the departments concerned and with their standing order, rules and regulations would be good enough to

settle all the matters amicably. Thus prompted many people often in saying our government should follow suit like Singapore doing things in according to law. We should keep in mind that “nobody is above the Law”, rule of law implies the every citizen is subject to law, including the law maker themselves. It is for the media personnel to educate the general public to adhere to the rules and regulations, directives and announcements from the different ministries of the Government. In this way, we may hope one day to achieve the prestigious name of an efficient and good Government.

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Iraqi panel finds Maliki, others responsible for fall of Mosul

BAGHDAD / BEIRUT, 17 Aug — An Iraqi parliamentary panel called on Sunday for former Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki and dozens of other top officials to stand trial over the fall of the northern city of Mosul to Islamic State last year.

Separately, Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi directed military commanders accused of abandoning their posts in Ramadi, the capital of western Anbar province which was overrun by Islamic State in May, to face court martial.

The moves come a week after Abadi launched a sweeping campaign to reform the governing system, and are the most drastic steps yet taken by Baghdad to provide accountability for the loss of nearly a third of the country's territory to the radical jihadists.

Abadi also slashed 11 ministerial positions on Sunday, cutting the three

deputy prime ministers and four other posts while combining four ministries with other similar ones.

A year in office, Abadi is seeking to transform a system he complained has encouraged ethno-sectarian party patronage, spawning graft and incompetence that deprived Iraqis of basic services while undermining government forces in the battle against Islamic State.

The million-strong Iraqi army, trained by Washington at a cost of more than \$20 billion, has been hobbled by low morale and corruption that impedes supply lines. Its effectiveness is hurt by a perception among Sunni Muslims that it pursues the hostile interests of the Shi'ites, a majority in Iraq.

Islamic State's seizure of Mosul, Iraq's second city, in June 2014 as it swept across the Syrian border and declared a modern "caliphate", exposed once and for all the



Then Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki (2nd R) at the defence ministry in Baghdad in this August 13, 2014 file photo.—REUTERS

brokenness of the system left in place by the 2003-2011 U.S. occupation.

It has left the Baghdad government dependent on Shi'ite militias, many funded and assisted by neighbouring Iran, to defend the capital and recapture lost ground.

The panel's findings allege that Maliki, who remains a powerful figure despite having his vice president position

cancelled last week in Abadi's reforms, had an inaccurate picture of the threat to Mosul because he chose commanders who engaged in corruption and failed to hold them accountable. The report, seen by Reuters and confirmed as accurate by three of its members, also placed responsibility for the fall of Mosul with former Mosul Governor Atheel al-Nujaifi, former

acting defence minister Sadoun al-Dulaimi, former army chief General Babakir Zebari and Lieutenant General Mahdi al-Gharrawi, former operational commander of Nineveh province, of which Mosul is the capital.

Others accused include Nineveh police commander Major General Khalid Hamdani, former Deputy Interior Minister Adnan al-Assadi, former army intelligence chief Lieutenant General Hatam al-Magsousi and three other Kurdish members of the Iraqi security forces.

The report also accused Kurdish peshmerga fighters of confiscating weapons and ammunition abandoned by the military, and called on Abadi to recover them or discount their value from the Kurdistan Regional Government's share of the budget.

There has been no official accounting of how Mosul was lost, or of who gave the order to

abandon the fight. Maliki has accused unnamed countries, commanders and rival politicians of plotting the city's fall.

An investigation by Reuters in October showed how troop shortages in Mosul and infighting among top officers and Iraqi political leaders played into Islamic State's hands and fuelled the panic that led to the city's abandonment.

The parliamentary report was approved by 16 of the 24 members of the panel who voted, lawmaker Muhsin Sadoun said. Two were absent. Parliament was expected to vote on the findings on Monday and then refer it to Abadi and the public prosecutor.

"No one is above the law and accountability to the people," said Parliament Speaker Saleem al-Jabouri in a statement upon receiving the report. "The judiciary will punish perpetrators and delinquents."—Reuters

Egypt's Sisi approves anti-terrorism law setting up special courts



Egypt's President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi

CAIRO, 17 Aug — Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi on Sunday approved an anti-terrorism law that sets up special courts and provides protections to its enforcers in the face of a two-year-long insurgency that aims to topple his government.

The law also details sentences for various terrorism crimes ranging from five years to the death penalty.

It also shields those applying it, such as the military and police, from legal ramifications for the proportionate use of force "in performing their duties."

Sisi had promised a tougher legal system in July, after a car bomb attack that killed the top public prosecutor, the highest level state official to be killed in years.

Forming or leading a group deemed a "terrorist entity" by the government will be punishable by death or life in prison. Membership in such a group will carry up to 10 years in jail.

Financing "terrorist groups" will also carry a penalty of life in prison, which in Egypt is 25 years.

Inciting violence, which includes "promoting ideas that call for violence" will lead to between five and seven years in jail, as will creating or using websites that spread such ideas.

Journalists will be fined for contradicting the authorities' version of any terrorist attack. The original draft of the law was amended following domestic and international outcry after it initially called for imprisonment for such an offence.

Egypt is facing an increasingly violent insurgency in North Sinai, where the most active militant group has pledged allegiance to Islamic State. Cairo and other cities have also witnessed attacks.

The insurgency, which has killed hundreds of soldiers and police, has intensified since then-army chief

Sisi ousted the Islamist former President Mohamed Mursi after mass protests against his rule in 2013.

Sisi has since overseen a crackdown on Islamists. Thousands of alleged Islamist supporters have been jailed and scores have been sentenced to death, including Mursi and other senior Muslim Brotherhood figures.

The government considers the Brotherhood a terrorist group and does not distinguish between it and other militants. The Brotherhood says it is committed to peaceful activism.

In February, Sisi signed off on another anti-terrorism law that gave authorities sweeping powers to ban groups on charges ranging from harming national unity to disrupting public order.

Reuters

Boko Haram leader Shekau says he is alive

LAGOS, 17 Aug — Abubakar Shekau says he is alive and still the leader of Islamist sect Boko Haram, denying reports he is dead, according to a new audio message quoted on social media on Sunday.

Reuters could not independently verify the authenticity of the audio message. Social media feed of jihad monitoring site Site Intelligence quoted a new audio message released from Shekau denying reports that he is unable to serve as leader.

There have been several claims by Nigeria's military that Shekau has been killed over the last few years but he keeps resurfacing in new videos or it could be "impostors" posing with the same name, security sources have said.

Last week Chad's President Idriss Deby said Boko Haram leader Shekau was wounded and has been replaced as leader by Mahamoud Daoud, adding that Shekau went to Maiduguri, capital of Borno state, after he was wounded.

Deby said the new Boko Haram leader, whom little is known about, was open to the idea of talks with Abuja.

"Infidel media published that I'm dead, or sick

and can't speak, this is an utter lie." Rita Katz, director of Site Intelligence posted on her social media site quoting Shekau as saying to ISIS leader, Baghdadi.

"If this was true how is that I can speak now?" message signed as ISIS head of west Africa province.

Shekau's last video appearance was in February, when a person claiming to be him — analysts believe he may have been impersonated — threatened to disrupt Nigeria's presidential elections held the following month.

The group has released at least five videos since then but Shekau has not appeared in any of them.

Suspected members of the militant group Boko Haram have killed more than 600 people in Africa's most populous nation in a spate of bombings and shootings since Buhari was inaugurated as president on May 29, according to a Reuters tally.

Efforts to reach an agreement to end the violence, including a 2014 deal fostered by Chad, have repeatedly failed during the six-year insurgency waged by the group in its bid to set up a state in the northeast adhering to strict Islamic laws.—Reuters

IS militants kidnap 70 Kurds in northern Syria

DAMASCUS, 17 Aug — Islamic State (IS) militants have kidnapped 70 Kurds in northern Syria and hustled them to an unknown location, a monitor group reported Monday.

The IS abducted the Kurds in the countryside

of Bab, a city under IS control in Aleppo province, said the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

Kurdish activists accuse the IS group of using the Kurds as human shields, apparently against airstrikes by a U.S.-led

coalition.

The London-based Observatory says it relies on a network of activists on the ground inside Syria for information on the war-torn country.

Kurdish fighters of the People's Protection

Units, who are backed by the U.S.-led coalition, have been making strides in their battle against the IS in predominantly Kurdish areas in northern Syria along the border with Turkey.

Xinhua

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Oil prices drop on shrinking Japan economy, more US drill rigs



Offshore oil platforms are seen at the Bouri Oil Field off the coast of Libya August 3, 2015. —REUTERS

SINGAPORE, 17 Aug — Oil prices fell to near six-year lows on Monday as Japan's economy contracted and producers in the United States added drilling rigs for a fourth straight week despite a recent rout

in prices.

Japan's economy, the second biggest in Asia and No.3 in the world, shrank in the second quarter from a year earlier, adding to fears that slowdowns in Asia's

biggest economies will weigh on oil demand.

U.S. crude, or West Texas Intermediate (WTI), was trading 58 cents lower at \$41.92 a barrel at 0423 GMT, close to more than six-year lows.

Brent futures were down 54 cents at \$48.65 a barrel, still some way from their 2015-low of \$45.19.

U.S. energy firms added oil rigs for a fourth straight week to the highest number since early May, data from energy services firm Baker Hughes Inc showed.

The increase likely reflected how a period of stable prices earlier this summer, when U.S. oil traded above \$60 a barrel, lulled some firms into stepping up spending. "The recent recovery in the oil rig count supports our expectation that U.S. producers can and will ramp up activity with WTI prices near \$60 a barrel, given improved returns with costs down 30 percent," analysts at Goldman Sachs said in a note to clients. Citigroup Inc lowered its crude oil price outlook citing weak market fundamentals, including an increased supply from OPEC and challenging demand growth in China and emerging markets.

Reuters

Dragonair begins service between Hiroshima, Hong Kong

HIROSHIMA, 17 Aug — Hong Kong's Dragonair began a twice-a-week flight service between Hiroshima and Hong Kong on Sunday as the Cathay Pacific Airways subsidiary seeks to strengthen its network in Asia.

Dragonair operated the same route until 2003 but terminated it as the number of customers dropped due to the outbreak of SARS, or Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome.

Hiroshima became Dragonair's fourth destination in Japan, joining Tokyo, Fukuoka and Okinawa, it said.

Flights are available on Thursdays and Sundays, with departures from Hong Kong scheduled for 1:10 p.m. on Thursdays and 12:10 p.m. on Sundays, while those from Hiroshima are set at 7 p.m. on both days, according to the airline.

Kyodo News

China, Hong Kong stocks fall on fears Beijing will let yuan weaken further

HONG KONG, 17 Aug — China stocks slid on Monday as investors feared Beijing would let the yuan depreciate further, despite statements from the central bank last week that it sees no reason for further declines. The CSI300 index .CSI300 fell 0.5 percent to 4,054.80 points by the end of the morning session, while the Shanghai Composite Index .SSEC lost 0.1 percent to 3,960.61 points.

The central bank has been trying to steady the yuan in recent sessions and soothe global investors' jangled nerves after it unexpectedly devalued the currency by nearly 2 percent last Tuesday.

The yuan was little changed on Friday and Monday, but market watchers believe the currency is likely to remain under downward pressure as the economy struggles, keeping pressure on shares of importers and firms with high U.S. dollar debt.

"Investors were not keen to go into market on anticipation the yuan can depreciate further in the long run," Steven Leung, director at UOB Kay Hian in Hong Kong said. Insurers also fell on concerns about potential claims after massive explosions in the port of Tianjin, Leung added. Ping An Insurance Group (601318.SS) fell 2.9 percent and China (601628.SS) lost more than 3 percent in Shanghai. PICC Property and Casualty (2328.HK) slid 1.7 percent in Hong Kong.

Futures markets pointed to expectations of further losses for the benchmark indexes, with China CSI300 stock index futures for August CIFc1 falling 1.0 percent to 3,970.6, 84.20 points below the current value of the underlying index.

But Leung said downside risks were believed to be limited, with investors expecting the government and its agents will step in



Investors look at computer screens showing stock information at a brokerage in Shanghai, China, August 13, 2015. —REUTERS

again to support the market if it threatens to tumble again as it did in early summer.

In Hong Kong, concerns over China's cooling economy pushed the Hang Seng index .HSI down

1.0 percent to 23,754.21 points, while the Hong Kong China Enterprises Index .HSCE lost 1.7 percent to 10,868.29.

The index measuring price differences between dual-listed

companies in Shanghai and Hong Kong .HSCAHI stood at 138.01.

A value above 100 indicates Shanghai shares are pricing at a premium to shares in the same company trading in Hong Kong, and vice versa.

Under the Hong Kong-Shanghai Stock Connect scheme .NQUOTA.SH, a net 0.59 billion yuan went northbound to Shanghai, a tiny fraction of the 13 billion yuan daily quota. The total volume of A shares traded in Shanghai was 25.18 billion shares, while Shenzhen volume was 18.13 billion shares. Total trading volume of companies included in the HSI index was 0.5 billion shares.

Huatai Securities (6886.HK) rose 1.4 percent after it was being included in the Chinese enterprises index .HSCE effective mid-September, while China Coal Energy (1898.HK) fell 1.8 percent after being taken out of the index.

Reuters

White House program to aim at combating rise in heroin deaths

WASHINGTON, 17 Aug — With a rise nationally in fatal heroin overdoses, the White House on Monday will announce a plan pairing law enforcement officials with public health workers in an effort to emphasize treatment rather than prosecution of addicts, the Washington Post said.

Citing two senior officials,

the newspaper reported on Sunday that the program would initially be funded for \$2.5 million by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy and cover 15 states.

The plan would focus on tracing the sources of heroin, where a deadly opiate additive blamed for a rising share of recent overdose deaths is being added and who is

distributing the drug to dealers, the newspaper said.

The Post said the initiative came in reaction to a sharp increase in heroin use and deaths, particularly in New England and other Northeastern states, which will be covered in the plan.

Heroin overdose deaths in the United States nearly quadrupled between 2002 and 2013, fueled by

lower costs as well as increased abuse of prescription opiate painkillers, U.S. health officials said in July.

Under the White House program, 15 drug intelligence officers and 15 health policy analysts will collect data on overdoses and trends in heroin trafficking for distribution to local law enforcement, the Post reported. It added that the plan would also train first responders about how to use medication that can reverse overdoses.

"Our approach needs to be broad and inclusive," the Post quoted a senior White House offi-

cial as saying. "Law enforcement is only one part of what really needs to be a comprehensive public health, public safety approach."

A law enforcement official told the Post it was a step in "both reducing crime and reducing the number of people who end up in emergency rooms.

"Heroin is killing people and too often, public health goes one way and law enforcement goes the other," the official added. There was no immediate comment from the White House.— Reuters

Happy Golden Wedding Anniversary

Wishing you Daddy Victor Aung Myint and Mummy Rita Jarvis on your Golden Wedding anniversary today — 18th August, 2015. May God bestow His Goodness and Blessings on the two of you as you celebrate many more years of marriage.

From your beloved children: Capt. Franky Myo Aung (Uniteam)-Daw Yee Yee Lay, Jerry Myo Win-Amela Myo Win (Phillippines), Ann Marie Cho Mar (U Zaw Linn), Willy Myo Win, Josephine Phyu Mar-Patrick D'Souza, Lawrence Myo Thant (Micasa Hotel Apartments)-Daw Tin Hnin Hnin Htwe (CB Bank), Benedict Mg Mg Win (Golden Eagle Shipping Co. Ltd.)-Daw Yu Swe, and (10) grand children far and near.

**Ministry of Energy
Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise
Invitation Tenders for Consultancy and Advisory
Services for Five Joint Venture Projects**

1. Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise (MPE), a State-owned Enterprise of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar under the Ministry of Energy announces Invitation Tenders for consultancy and advisory services from local or foreign consultant firms for the following five Joint Venture Projects:

Sr No.	Tender No.	Description
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2	2(TP)/Consultant for KZ JV/ HQ/ MPE/ 2015-2016	No.3 Fertilizer Factory (Kyawzwa)
3	3(TP)/Consultant for Laboratory/HQ/ MPE/ 2015-2016	Laboratory Services for analyzing the specification and qualification of the Petroleum Products
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- Each tender document can be purchased by 50,000 Kyats (Fifty thousand Kyats) at the Finance Department, MPE during office hours commencing from 25th Aug, 2015.
- Applicants shall submit the proposals in accordance with the specifications set forth in the Tender Documents to the following address not later than 24th Sept, 2015 at 12:00 noon.
- Submission of proposals from an applicant shall not be allowed for more than two out of five joint venture projects. If the proposals submitted are more than two projects from an applicant, all proposals shall not be considered.
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(13/2015)**

Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in United States Dollars and Myanmar Kyats.

Sr.No	Tender No	Description	Remark
(1)	OS-001(15-16)	24" Offshore Domestic Gas Pipeline (Nearshore Section) Acousitc Survey	US\$

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Prince Akishino's family attend

Battle of Okinawa event

TOKYO, 17 Aug — Prince Akishino, the younger son of Emperor Akihito, attended a gathering with his family in Tokyo on Monday to commemorate the Battle of Okinawa 70 years ago and mourn its victims.

His wife Princess Kiko and two of their children, Princess Kako and Prince Hisahito, also attended the event, and heard Rieko Tamaki, a survivor of the battle who was 10 years old at the time, talk about how she gradually lost members

of her family during the war. "War must never happen again," Tamaki said tearfully. Elementary school pupils and junior high school students from Okinawa Prefecture performed a traditional "Eisa" and Ryukyu folk dance, and tenor Tsutomu Aragaki, an Okinawa native, led the audience in singing a famous folk song.

Similar events have been held every year to pass down stories of the ground battle and remember its victims, and Prince Akishino

and his family have attended some of them. Last year, Prince Hisahito, the 8-year-old grandson of the emperor, took part for the first time.

The Battle of Okinawa was fought between Japanese and U.S. troops from around early April to late June in 1945, and claimed the lives of some 200,000 Japanese and Americans, including roughly 94,000 civilians, or one in four of Okinawa's population at the time.

Kyodo News

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**U.S. Army
parachutist dies
after collision at
Chicago air show**

CHICAGO, 17 Aug — A U.S. Army parachutist died on Sunday, a day after he was involved in a mid-air collision with another parachutist during a Chicago air show, local media reported.

Army Golden Knights parachutist Corey Hood had collided with an unidentified Navy parachutist during the Chicago Air & Water Show, the Chicago Sun Times reported.

Hood, who was from Cincinnati, served five tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. He had logged more than 575 jumps, according to the Army.

"Sergeant Hood is an American hero, having dedicated nearly half his life in service to our nation," said Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel in a statement.

Hood and a member of the Navy Leap Frogs parachute team collided during a jump involving 13 parachutists, the newspaper reported.

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Phone No: 2301185

**Taylor Swift performs
with Fifth Harmony**

LOS ANGELES, 17 Aug — Pop star Taylor Swift continued her tradition of bringing surprise guests for her tour stop by performing with Fifth Harmony.

During a concert at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, California, Swift invited Fifth Harmony to join her on stage and together they made a live duet, reported Ace Showbiz.

The 25-year-old "Blank Space" singer went so far as to don matching blue outfit with Camila

Cabello, Dinah Hansen, Lauren Jauregui, Normani Hamilton, and Ally Brooke.

She collaborated with the girl group on their single "Worth It" and performed the choreography.

"Sound check with @fifthharmony right after they taught me their choreo and before they lent me one of their outfits so we could all be twinzies," Swift posted a picture from the rehearsal before the show.

PTI

Box Office: 'Straight Outta Compton' Debuts to Scorching \$56.1 Million

LOS ANGELES, 17 Aug — "Straight Outta Compton" may take place more than two decades ago, but its themes of racial tension, poverty, and police brutality still speak to moviegoers living in a post-Ferguson world.

The biopic about rap group N.W.A. debuted to a blistering \$56.1 million this weekend in 2,757 theaters, surpassing "American Pie 2" to become the biggest ever August debut for an R-rated movie. It's the kind of opening usually reserved for so-called "tent-pole movies" that trade in costumed heroes and special effects, not urban violence.

"The movie tapped into something in our culture and that made it more of a must-see," said Phil Contrino, vice president and chief analyst at Box-Office.com.

It's debut nearly doubles "Straight Outta Compton's" budget of \$29 million in a single weekend, meaning the film could be among the

most profitable releases of the summer. N.W.A members Ice Cube and Dr. Dre helped produce the film about the early days of gangsta rap and were integral to its marketing campaign.



Cast members Corey Hawkins (R), who portrays Dr. Dre, and O'Shea Jackson Jr. (L), who portrays Ice Cube, pose with producer Ice Cube at the premiere of "Straight Outta Compton" in Los Angeles, California August 10, 2015.—REUTERS

Universal, the studio behind the musical biopic, has been having a year for the ages, as a steady stream of hits such as "Jurassic World," "Fifty Shades of Grey," "Pitch Perfect 2," "Furious 7," and "Minions," have pushed its grosses to record heights. Legendary Pictures co-financed "Straight Outta Compton."

"Straight Outta Compton's" success overshadowed the weekend's other new release, Warner Bros.' "The Man From U.N.C.L.E." The stylish action-adventure wilted at the

been making records, attracting the interest of stars like Tom Cruise and George Clooney and directors like Steven Soderbergh and Quentin Tarantino at various points. The modish version that ultimately made it to screens was directed by Guy Ritchie and stars Henry Cavill and Armie Hammer.

Time may have hurt "The Man From U.N.C.L.E.'s" appeal. The picture struggled to attract younger crowds unfamiliar with the original show, as 86% of the opening weekend audience was over the age of 25.

"Guy Ritchie made a terrific picture, but unfortunately it didn't catch the audience this weekend," said Jeff Goldstein, Warner Bros. distribution executive vice president. "We know the older audience doesn't come out on the first day, so hopefully they will find the movie over the next couple of weeks."

Universal domestic distribution chief Nick Carpou labeled "Straight Outta Compton" as a "labor of

love" that benefited from being dramatically different from the kind of films flooding cinemas in recent months. "The public was ready for something with a bit more substance that they could identify with," he said.

The film's opening weekend crowd was 52% female, 51% under the age of 30, 46% African American, 23% Caucasian, 21% Hispanic, and 4% Asian. It did not play in Imax or 3D, but did score in premium large format locations, grossing \$5.1 million, which represented 9% of the film's weekend receipts.

In second place, Paramount's "Mission: Impossible — Rogue Nation" continued to get a lift from strong word-of-mouth, picking up \$17 million in its third weekend. That brings its North American haul to \$138.1 million.

Fox's "Fantastic Four" dropped steeply in its second weekend, falling nearly 70% from its debut and mustering a paltry \$8 million. The film ranks as one of the biggest comic book movie flops in

history, having earned a meager \$42 million state-side.

STX Entertainment's "The Gift" rounded out the top five, earning \$6.5 million this weekend and pushing its domestic total to \$23.6 million.

In limited release, Sundance favorite "Mistress America" debuted to \$94,000 in four theaters, representing a per-screen average of \$23,500. The comedy about a college freshman (Lola Kirke) who falls under the influence of a wacky Gothamite (Greta Gerwig) was directed by Noah Baumbach and was snapped up by Fox Searchlight before it even screened at the indie festival last winter.

Final numbers are still being tallied, but it looks as though "Straight Outta Compton" will bolster ticket sales over the year-ago period when "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" and "Guardians of the Galaxy" were drawing the biggest crowds.

Reuters

GENERAL

New Mexico rivers polluted by mine waste reopen for drinking water intakes

SANTA FE, (New Mexico), 17 Aug — Stretches of two rivers in New Mexico contaminated by toxic waste earlier this month from an abandoned gold mine were reopened late Saturday to cities whose public drinking water systems are supplied by the rivers' surface waters, state officials said.

Sections of the Animas and San Juan rivers also were reopened for boating and fishing for the first time since being polluted by a spill of more than 3 million gallons of waste from the derelict Gold King Mine near Silverton, Colorado, New Mexico Environment Department spokeswoman Allison Scott Majure said.

A U.S. Environmental Protection Agency crew inadvertently caused the Aug. 5 release that ultimately fouled the Animas River, which flows southwest through Colorado to New Mexico, where it joins the San Juan River.

The reopening of the stretches in New Mexico came one day after Colorado officials approved the resumption of kayaking and rafting on a section of the Animas that turned bright orange from the spill, which contained such heavy metals as arsenic and lead.

New Mexico officials said testing found the waters met state and federal standards considered safe for drinking and recreation, Majure said.

Public water systems for the cities of Farmington and Aztec, with populations of 47,000 and 6,800 respectively, draw from the Animas and five smaller water supplies rely on the San Juan for water which is treated for drinking, she said. On Wednesday, Colorado officials cleared the way for Durango, about 50 miles south of the spill's point of origin into a tributary of the Animas, to reopen its drinking water intakes from the river.

Recreational users of the Animas and San Juan may notice discoloration in sediment along the river banks, but the New Mexico environment and health departments believe the waterways are safe for boating and fishing. But long-term monitoring will determine the effects on the aquatic environment, said Majure.

New Mexico is recommending anglers release their catch rather, as the state Game and Fish Department is still trying to determine contamination levels in fish, she said.—Reuters

10-year-old boy dies of electrocution while flying kite

NEW DELHI, 17 Aug — A 10-year-old boy was electrocuted when he accidentally slipped in a puddle near an electric pole in a park in southeast Delhi's Badarpur area, police said on Sunday.

The victim, identified as Saubh Sharma, lived at a DDA colony, where the park was situated. He went to the park for flying kite on Independence Day evening when the incident took place near a Delhi Jal Board installation.

Later, locals rushed him to Holy Family Hospital, where he was declared brought dead, said a

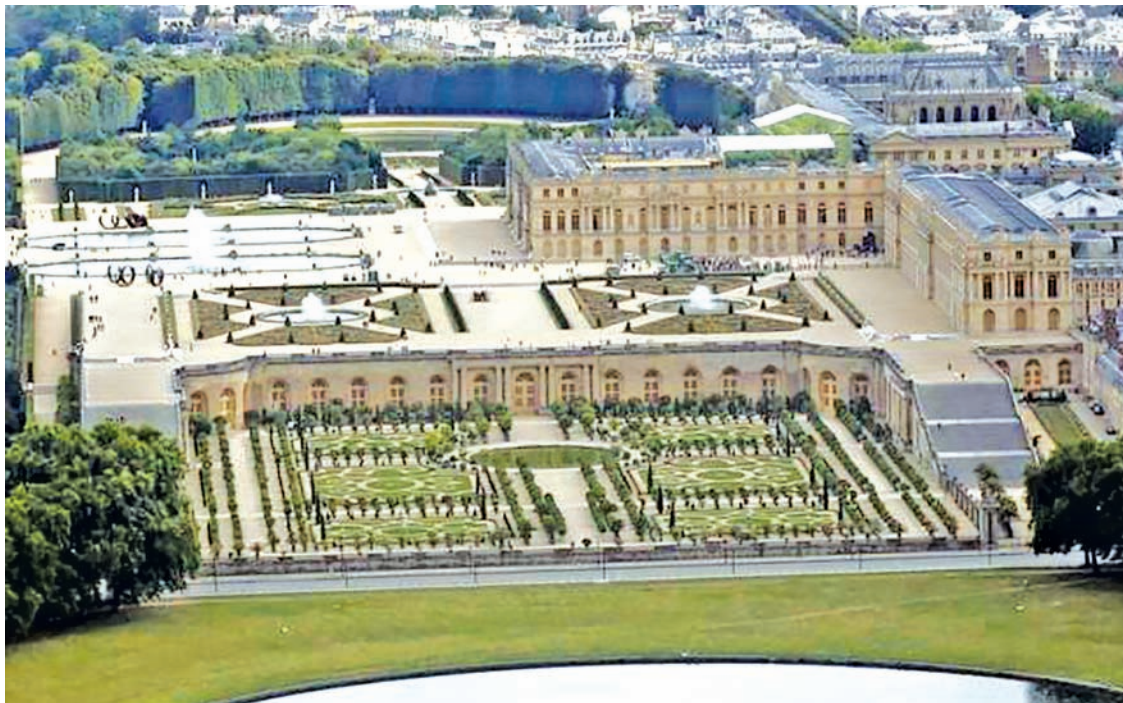
police official. Locals called up the police control room around 10 pm and reported that the boy had been rushed to the hospital.

A police team reached the hospital directly and later recorded the statements of the relatives.

The victim's body was then sent for a post-mortem examination, said the official.

Later, the police registered a case against unknown persons under Section 304A (causing death by negligence) at Badarpur police station, the official added.—PTI

Versailles plans luxury hotel, media report



The Chateau de Versailles (Versailles Palace) is seen in an aerial view outside Paris July 14, 2011.—REUTERS

PARIS, 17 Aug — Once home to kings and now one of France's most visited sites, the Chateau de Versailles is planning a new venture with a luxury hotel to prop up its finances, local media said on Sunday.

The palace's management has called for a tender to create a hotel in three 1680s buildings situated just outside the Versailles park's gates, with views of some of its most famous buildings, the

Journal du Dimanche said. It would cost 4 million to 7 million euros (\$4.44 million-\$7.77 million) to renovate the run-down buildings and as much to build a hotel within their walls, the bid for tender said, according to the newspaper.

A previous plan to build a hotel there was abandoned a few years ago.

Versailles was transformed by King Louis XIV in the 17th

century from a hunting lodge into the dazzling heart of an absolutist state, with a stunning palace and gardens.

The call for tender for a 60-year concession on the Grand Controle, Petit Controle and Pavillon buildings meant to become a hotel will close on September 14, the Journal du Dimanche wrote.

The Versailles administration could not be reached for comment. Reuters

WEATHER REPORT

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is moderate in the North Bay and weak in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL EVENING OF THE 18th August, 2015: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Taninthayi Region and Kayah State, scattered in Lower Sagaing Region and Shan State, fairly widespread in Mandalay and Magway Regions, Chin State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavy falls in Kachin and Rakhine States. Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of increase of rain in the Kachin State and Upper Sagaing Region.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 18th August, 2015: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 18th August, 2015: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 18th August, 2015: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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Mandalay District prevails in school football tournament

MANDALAY, 17 Aug — Mandalay District held up the championship trophy Sunday in the Mandalay Region inter-basic education school football tournament 2015 following a 2-0 victory over Myingyan District in the final.

Officials of Mandalay Region Education Office presented the Man of the Tournament and Best Player awards.

Mandalay Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Win Hlaing gave individual medals and championship trophy to players of the Mandalay District team.—*Tin Maung (Mandalay)*

Nishikori withdraws from Cincinnati to focus on U.S. Open

NEW YORK, 17 Aug — Kei Nishikori has pulled out of the Western & Southern Open because of a left hip injury, organizers announced Sunday.

Nishikori suffered the injury during his semifinal defeat to Andy Murray at the Montreal Masters, and the world No. 4 had said he would skip the Western & Southern Open in Cincinnati, Ohio, to save himself for the U.S. Open starting Aug. 31.

Nishikori reached the U.S. Open final last year. “I’ve never injured that part of the body but I expect to get better in a week,” Nishikori said in a statement. “I think I’ll be able to play well at the U.S. Open.”—*Kyodo News*



Kei Nishikori leaves the court after losing his semifinal match against Andy Murray at the Rogers Cup in Montreal, Canada, on Aug. 15, 2015. Nishikori has pulled out of the Western & Southern Open in the U.S. city of Cincinnati because of a left hip injury, organizers said the following day. KYODO NEWS

Kompany takes more pride in clean sheets than scoring goals

Manchester City v Chelsea - Barclays Premier League - Etihad Stadium - 16/8/15. Vincent Kompany celebrates after scoring the second goal for Manchester City. —REUTERS

LONDON, 17 Aug — Captain Vincent Kompany has scored in both of Manchester City’s Premier League games this season but the clean sheets the club kept during the two wins gave the central defender more pleasure.

Last season’s runners-up City won 3-0 at West Bromwich Albion in their league opener last week and Kompany headed in the second goal in the 79th minute on Sunday as his side defeated champions Chelsea by an identical margin.

“As a defender, it (his goal) isn’t what I take most pride in. I’m very happy with the two clean sheets so far,” the 29-year-old Belgian international told the club’s website (www.mcfc.com).

“If I can contribute up front then great but the clean sheet is what makes me sleep well at night.” Kompany’s team mate Sergio Aguero, who opened his account for the season on Sunday, has played down the



significance of a five-point lead over Chelsea, who drew their first match 2-2 against Swansea City. “The first goal is always important as it allowed the team to be calm,” the 27-year-old Argentinian said. “It was important to win because Chelsea are a difficult team, the last champions, but I don’t think the five point gap is that significant at this stage.”—*Reuters*

Murray ends drought against Djokovic with Montreal win



Aug 15, 2015; Montreal, Quebec, Canada; Andy Murray of Great Britain (L) and Novak Djokovic of Serbia (R) congratulate each other during the Rogers Cup tennis tournament at Uniprix Stadium. —REUTERS

MONTREAL, 17 Aug — Andy Murray recorded his first win over Novak Djokovic in more than two years on Sunday, beating the world number one 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 in the final of the Rogers Cup.

Murray snapped an eight-match losing streak to Djokovic with his first win over the Serb since the 2013 Wimbledon final, then dedicated the victory to his coach Amelie Mauresmo, who gave birth to a baby boy earlier in the day.

“I’m not sure she will have stayed up to watch this one but, Amelie, this one’s for you,” Murray said. The Scotsman climbed a spot to number two in the world rankings after capturing his fourth title of the year in a major boost to his confidence ahead of the U.S. Open, starting in New York at the end of the month.

Djokovic suffered just his fourth loss this year and his first in a Masters Series finals since falling to Roger Federer in Cincinnati in 2012. “Andy is deserv-

edly a winner today on the court,” Djokovic said. “I thought what made the difference was his serve and my serve. I didn’t serve well the first set and a half. “But not taking anything away from him, from his victory. He deserved it. He stepped in, played some great shots. Most of all the moments when he needed to, he served very, very well.” Murray got the decisive break in the second game of the final set but had to survive an 18-minute service game to consolidate his lead in the fifth game before claiming his third title on the Canadian hardcourts, and first since 2010. “We’ve played many matches like that, especially in grand slams,” Murray said. “If this was the U.S. Open, we’d have to play another couple of sets like that, which isn’t easy.

“He’s obviously one of the best returners in the world and he obviously has a lot of confidence to stand and fight right to the end, so you have to play right to the end of the match and weather the

storms when they come, and I managed to that today.” Born just a week apart, Murray and Djokovic have known each other since they were children, attending the same training camps and competing against each other in junior events. Fierce rivals on the court, the pair embraced at the net after a three-hour battle of attrition that left both men exhausted as court-side temperatures reached 40C.

“Everybody wants me and Novak to dislike each other and people always try to stir things up between us,” Murray said.

“It’s impossible to be extremely close when we’re playing in these sorts of matches because it’s so mentally challenging and physically demanding and you need to try to still have that competitive edge as well. “But it’s not easy, not only because we get on but because he’s bloody good, he’s number one in the world and he hasn’t lost in a Masters Series this year. To win against him is extremely tough.”—*Reuters*