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Gov't, ethnic armed groups lock in Oct 15 for the inking of ceasefire

Ye Myint

THE government and some ethnic armed groups will ink the nationwide ceasefire accord on 15 October, said a senior adviser from Myanmar Peace Centre during a press conference on Sunday.

The exact date for the signing of the truce deal was set at a meeting between the government's Union Peace-Making Work Committee and representatives from eight ethnic groups in Yangon, said senior adviser U Hla Maung Shwe.

The signing ceremony is scheduled to take place on 15 October at Myanmar International Convention Centre-2 in Nay Pyi Taw. During the meeting, it was agreed that a joint committee comprising 10 each from both sides would be formed to organize the NCA signing ceremony, he added.

P'doh Saw Kwe Htoo Win, general secretary of Karen National Union and Yebaw Myo Win, vice-chairman of All Burma Students' Democratic Front were present at the press conference.

"The NCA is open to 15 ethnic groups the government has invited, but we did not discuss which groups will be a signatory to the pact at the today's meeting. The number of signatories can be confirmed shortly before the signing ceremony."

The meeting to decide the signing date for NCA was attended by eight ethnic armed groups, including the Karen National Union, Karen National Liberation



The government's ceasefire talks committee and representatives from eight ethnic armed groups at a meeting to discuss the date of the signing of the nationwide ceasefire accord on Sunday. PHOTO: YE MYINT

Army-Peace Council, Pa-O National Liberation Organization, All Burma Students' Democratic Front, Chin National Front, Restoration Council of Shan State/ Shan State Army, Arakan Liberation Party and Democratic Karen Buddhist Army.

P'doh Saw Kwe Htoo Win of KNU, one of seven groups that recently decided to sign the

deal whilst at high level meetings in Chiang Mai, Thailand, said that trust will be built by fully implementing the terms of the truce.

According to the press conference, the United Nations, the European Union, China, India, Thailand and Japan will be invited to attend the signing as international witnesses. International

organizations with close ties to Myanmar will also be invited to attend.

Other invitees include 67 foreign embassies, 92 political parties and civil society organizations, plus the leaders of non-signatories to the ceasefire.

The MPC senior adviser affirmed that the President, vice presidents, the Command-

er-in-Chief and the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services will sign the ceasefire agreement on behalf of the government.

MPC's senior adviser told the media that signatories to the agreement will be removed from the government's list of outlawed associations two or three days before the signing date.—GNLM

## Tourist cruise liner arrives in Thilawa

CRUISE liner Insignia carrying 407 crew members and 635 US and Canadian tourists arrived in Yangon International Thilawa Terminal on Sunday.

The cruise liner left Sri Lanka under the arrangement of Destination Asia Co, Ltd and some of the tourists will visit Bagan, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Thanlyin during their 3-day stay in Myanmar before proceeding to Thailand. —Khin Maung Htway

## Traffic police invite complaints

YANGON Region Traffic Police has invited the public to report complaints about fellow motorists who break road rules as well as corrupt traffic officials.

During a weekly press conference in Yangon on Friday, Traffic Police Colonel Aung Ko Oo said that complaints, including those accompanied by photographs, can be lodged with the police via its Facebook page or on Viber.

He said the new channels of communication were launched in the middle of August, however public awareness remains low.

From 18 to 24 September, there were 40 traffic accidents in Yangon Region, causing 12 fatalities and injuring 33, according to Yangon Region Traffic Police Office.

"We've taken action against 1,259

vehicles as of 30 September — of those, 630 were private drivers, 307 were taxis, 169 were buses and trucks were 153," Colonel Aung Ko Oo said.

Complaints can be submitted to the police via its Yangon Traffic Police Facebook page or its Viber numbers: 097309 3226, 097912 0328 and 0979525 4730 and 0907122 0950. —GNLM



## Ceremony of laws for protection of race and religion held in Yangon

A CEREMONY to mark the emergence of laws for protection of race and religion was held at the National Stadium-1 in Thuwunna in Yangon on Sunday.

The ceremony was organized by Organization for Protection of Race and Religion (Cenral).

Leading monks of the organization delivered speeches at the ceremony.

On behalf of interfaith

organizations, Dr Thar Nyan delivered a speech while Actor Nay Aung explained the four laws for protection of race and religion.

Presiding monks of the organization responded to questions raised by participants. Among about 100,000 participants were diplomats and officials of political parties and civil society organizations.—*Zawgyi (Panita)*



Ceremony to mark enactment of laws protecting race and religion being held at Thuwunna Stadium. PHOTO: MNA

## Union Minister meets university professors



Union Minister U Soe Thane inspects round a classroom. PHOTO: MNA

UNION Minister of the President's Office U Soe Thane explained ongoing reform efforts to professors and faculty members at Yangon University and Yangon University of Economics on Sunday.

U Soe Thane said that the government is

increasing spending on education year on year, in addition to assistance provided by the international community.

To date, 116 students have received presidential scholarships to study abroad.

“Investing in edu-

cation is a top priority of this government,” the union minister said.

The union minister was shown around the campus by academic staff, whom he encouraged to work hard to train the next generation of scholars.—*MNA*

## Hypertension awareness discussion in Mandalay

MANDALAY General Hospital held public awareness talks on hypertension on 3 October. The lectures were delivered by the cardiologist and profes-

sor Dr Than Than Kyaing.

The professor spoke about preventive measures against hypertension, recommended diets and encouraged attendees

to exercise for at least 30 minutes every day. Attendees were given free blood pressure and sugar level tests.—*Thiha ko Ko (Mandalay)*

## Logistics course for SMEs opens in Mandalay



Logistics specialist Mr van den Wall Bake of the Netherlands' Business Development Assistant Organisation addresses the opening of the course. PHOTO: THIHA KO KO

A LOGISTICS course for small and medium enterprises opened at Mandalay Region Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Chanayethasan Township, Mandalay, on 3 October.

The course is a project of the federation's Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) Development Subcommittee.

Logistics specialist Mr van den Wall Bake of the Netherlands' Business Development Assistant Organisation and its country representative U Kyaw Myo addressed the audience at the opening ceremony.

The course will be attended by SME entrepreneurs and members of Mandalay Region FCCI affiliate groups.—*Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)*

## Female voters spurn female candidates: survey

Traditional views excludes women candidates from election race in the minds of most women voters

### Khaing Thanda Lwin

WOMEN appear to be ambivalent about the idea of being represented in parliament by women and are less interested in the general election than men, according to a survey conducted by a local non-government organisation called Women's Political Actions.

The organisation published the survey results in a report titled 'Voters' Choice and the Inclusion of

Women in the 2015 Election' yesterday.

Funded by the Burma Civil Society Strengthening Programme (AMATAE), Women's Political Actions (WPA) carried out the survey in every state and region in Myanmar during the months of May and June this year, with the aim of gaining insights into public perceptions about the 8 November elections.

The survey included 1,260 respondents, 70 percent of whom were wom-

en. Most respondents had received a formal education and their average age was 36.

WPA's information officer Daw Pyo Let Han said the survey mainly focused on voting practices, views on women leaders, political engagement of male and female voters and efforts at greater inclusion of women in political affairs.

According to the survey, 50 percent of the respondents said they would vote for talented women

who have demonstrated great leadership skills. However, most female respondents said they would not vote for female candidates. By contrast, the majority of male respondents said they would vote for women.

Daw Thin Thin Aung, who works for a local organisation that promotes women's empowerment, noted, "This poses a huge challenge to female candidates."

Prevailing cultural attitudes toward the role of women in society are the

main barriers to female candidates' perceived electability, according to 44 percent of the respondents.

When asked if they would vote based on policies, 60 percent of respondents replied in the affirmative. Twenty percent of respondents – especially those in Rakhine and Mon states – said they would vote for parties that represent their own ethnic group.

WPA also found that public awareness campaigns and door-to-door canvassing are the most effective campaign methods. The survey

found that 55 percent of respondents said they get election information from newspapers and other media, while only five percent of respondents actively sought information from the Union Election Commission. The survey shows that the ratio of women's participation in the election has increased since Myanmar's last democratic election was held 25 years ago. However, a political analyst familiar with the survey said it would be unlikely that the proportion of women in parliament would exceed 10 percent.—*GNLM*



A message from President U Thein Sein on World Teachers' Day

## Primary education is fundamental to our new education system

MY warmest greetings to all teachers across Myanmar on the occasion of World Teachers' Day. On 5 October, the whole world celebrates society's educators. Our country has a long tradition of holding teachers in high esteem, both as generous benefactors of education and as role models possessing the strongest moral compass.

More than ever before, society demands education par excellence. There is now recognition that quality teachers are an enormous asset in our ability to develop top tier human resources.

A new global education goal has been embedded in the post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals. It calls for "ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all." To realise this goal, World Teachers' Day 2015 is celebrated with the theme of 'Empowering Teachers, Building Sustainable Societies.'

In Myanmar there are 8.8 million students and some 300,000 teachers at basic education level. There are another 600,000 students and 20,000 teachers at the tertiary level. This government has rolled out policies to ensure that teachers are well-trained and adequately recruited to work within



well-resourced and efficient environments. These measures are designed to satisfy the annual rise in the number of students in Myanmar.

The Comprehensive Education Sector Review (CESR) was undertaken as a collaborative effort between local and foreign development partners in 2012. As a result of the findings and recommendations of the review, the National Education Law was passed on 30 September 2014. This was followed by the National Education Amendment Law on 25 June this year.

Primary education is fundamental to our new education system, which is why new text-

books will be provided to pre-primary students in the 2016-17 academic year. As for higher education, I anticipate that universities and colleges will benefit greatly from being granted professional autonomy and wider academic freedoms.

The emergence of a talented new generation depends on the quality and efficiency of our teachers. At a time when the government is investing every effort into revitalising nationwide education standards, teachers are requested to play their part with the deepest sincerity and commitment.

## Printing ballot papers for 32 million voters is no easy task

MYANMAR's general elections of 8 November will be nothing short of historic, so it's little wonder that the international community is taking a keen interest.

One of the most important tasks is the printing of ballot papers. The printing itself must meet quality standards, time constraints and avoid any wastage of the costly papers. Officials told *The Global New Light of Myanmar* that they are trying their level best to fulfill their responsibilities and ensure the elections go smoothly. "We started printing ballot papers on 11 September and we are confident that we'll be able to complete the job by the third week of October," General Manager U Ko Ko Naing of the Printing and Publishing Enterprise of the Ministry of Information said last week.

PPE is responsible for printing ballot papers and it is printing no less than 1,159 different types, the general manager said.

The ballot papers have been imported from Indonesia and have inbuilt anti-counterfeit measures. The papers have watermarks and are printed on

specialised '80 GSM paper.' The printing is taking place in Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon to ensure timely completion. Officials from the Union Election Commission are overseeing the operations at the printing houses and strategies have been devised to ensure that ballot papers are issued in the country's most -flung areas.

"I am responsible for checking that the final voters' lists contain accurate details – this includes the names of candidates, political parties, and constituencies — and so on," Assistant Director U Than Hlaing of UEC explained.

Security is tight at the printing facilities. Printing personnel follow the instructions of the Ministry of Home Affairs, which are designed to ensure the highest level of security management, said Manager U Min Ko Ko of Printing Factory in Nay Pyi Taw.

Printing ballot papers for Myanmar's franchised population of 32 million is no easy task, but PPE's general manager expressed confidence that the mission will be accomplished.—*Myint Maung Soe*



Ballot papers systematically stored in storage facility of Printing and Publishing Enterprise (Nay Pyi Taw). PHOTO : KYAW THU WIN

## What they stand for: campaigns aired

The Kayin Unity Democratic Party, Lhaovo National Unity and Development Party, and New Era Public Party broadcast campaign speeches on Sunday.

### Kayin Unity Democratic Party



Vice Chairman U Saw Tun Kyi said that the party focuses on equality, liberty and unity with other ethnic groups, peaceful coexistence and the protection of human rights, the conservation of cultures and traditions of ethnic groups, as well as cooperation with other ethnic groups.

### Lhaovo National Unity and Development Party



Secretary General U B Haung Zel said that his party's policies are based on non-disintegration of the union, furthering national unity and the perpetuation of sovereignty, the preservation of Lhaovo culture and language and poverty reduction among Lhaovo nationals.

### New Era Public Party



Chairman U Aung Than said that the party will advance the interests of government employees as well as a free and competitive trade policy, universal healthcare, international standards in education, the enactment of laws that protect the rights of workers and the establishment of an independent foreign policy.—*Reuters*

## U Tha Aung Nyun accredited to South Africa

THE President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Tha Aung Nyun, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of South Africa, concurrently as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Mauritius.—*MNA*

## Daw Yin Yin Myint accredited to Germany

THE President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed Daw Yin Yin Myint, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Federal Republic of Germany, concurrently as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Estonia.—*MNA*

## Three party speeches to be broadcast today

CAMPAIGN speeches delivered by representatives from Eastern Shan State Development Democratic Party, Confederate Farmers Party ( C.F.P ) and Akha National Development Party will be broadcast on state radio and television networks on 5 October. MRTV, the Hluttaw channel, Myawady TV, Myanmar Radio and Shwe FM will broadcast the speeches.—*GNLM*

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# Thai Princess Sirindhorn visits Myeik



Thai Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn enjoys scenic beauty of Myeik, Taninthayi Region. PHOTO: MNA

THAI Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn visited Myeik of Taninthayi Region yesterday to pay homage to the town's significant

pagoda and visit religious buildings. While in Myeik, the Thai delegation visited Lay-yunsemi Theindawgyi Pagoda, Tawkyau

Pariyatti Monastery in Alelyun Ward and Mogok Vipassana Meditation Centre in Myeiktaung Village-tract where they observed

several ancient pagodas and halls of origin. The princess left Myeik for the capital Nay Pyi Taw in the evening. —MNA

## Kwingyi village gets solar-powered electricity

THE Rural Development Department in Ayeyawady Region has in-

stalled solar panels in 131 houses in Kwingyi village to give residents access

to electricity. The solar panels were installed by the Full Jewel Company

and cost K25.9 million (US\$20,150), which was provided by the Rural Development Department.

The project is part of an initiative of the Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development to develop rural areas.

The nearby village of Poesugyi is also set to receive solar panels. The village's 293 houses will receive K58 million (\$45,075) of solar panels, which will be installed by the Myanmar Solar Power Company. —DRD



Kwingyi villagers prepare to install solar panels. PHOTO: DRD

## Security meeting held in Nay Pyi Taw ahead of elections

SECURITY Minister Colonel Min Naung urged officials to carry out their duties to the best of their abilities during a security

coordination meeting in Nay Pyi Taw on Friday.

With a little over a month left to go before the general election on

November 8, the Myanmar Police Force has begun tightening security in the capital city and recruiting special secu-

rity personnel. Military officers and members of the media also attended the meeting. —Zaw Myo Naing

## Farming watercress proves a boon for Tatkon farmers

FARMERS in Tatkon Township say their livelihoods have improved by cultivating water convolvulus, also known as watercress.

Farmer U Kyi Thein from Peintaw said that watercress takes is ready to sell at the market just a month after planting it, and said that his family earns K17,000 every day from his half-acre watercress patch. Watercress is a common ingredient in Myanmar dishes and is known to be highly nutritious. —Tin Soe Lwin IPRD



Watercress farming generates income for growers in Tatkon. PHOTO: TIN SOE LWIN

## New hotel opens in Mandalay



Hotel Ye Myanmar in Mandalay ready to serve visitors. PHOTO: THIHA KO KO

HOTEL Ye Myanmar, located in Maha Aung Myae Township in Mandalay, held its grand opening ceremony on 3 October. The event was attended by Mandalay Mayor U Aung Maung and Mandalay Region Social Welfare Minister Dr Win Hline.

The hotel features a ballroom, 37 standard rooms, 11 superior rooms, four deluxe rooms and four suites. The hotel will provide a premium service to its guests, including free transport to Mandalay's

express bus terminal, railway station and airport.

Mandalay is the country's second largest city and its status as the last royal capital draws a large number of tourists, who flock to sites such as Mandalay Palace, Mandalay Hill and U Bein Bridge. A number of new hotels are likely to open to cater for the increasing numbers of tourists visiting Myanmar, which the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism expects will reach 4.5 million in 2015. —Thiha Ko Ko



## Two ex-justice ministers join anti-death penalty rally

TOKYO — Around 200 people gathered in Tokyo on Saturday to seek the abolition of capital punishment prior to the 10 Oct World Day against the Death Penalty, with two former justice ministers joining them to share their experience of having the power to issue execution orders.

At the meeting, Seiken Sugiura, who served as justice minister from 2005 to 2006 under a Liberal Democratic Party government, said, “After becoming justice minister in October 2005, I seriously thought about capital punishment, and I could not come up with an answer about why we dare to claim lives of death-row inmates, even if they committed heinous crimes.”

Sugiura did not issue execution orders during his tenure. Since withdrawing from politics, the certified lawyer has been involved in in-house debates at the Japan Federation of Bar Associations about the death penalty.

“Through research at home as well as abroad with the JFBA panel, I am now convinced that we should create a society without the death penalty” at a time when about 70 percent of all nations in the world have abolished it by law or in practice, he said.

Hideo Hiraoka, another former justice minister under the government of the Democratic Party of Japan, also said at the meeting, “I was not an abolitionist when I assumed the portfolio in September 2011.” But Hiraoka, also a certified lawyer, did not order executions either during his tenure through January 2012.

“I examined documents of some death row inmates to ask myself if I could issue orders to hang them, and I found I could not go ahead,” he said. While a justice minister is authorised to issue the order, “It is the top leader of the country who can clear way for debate on the death penalty system,”



Seiken Sugiura (L) and Hideo Hiraoka, both of whom previously served as justice minister, attend an anti-death penalty rally in Tokyo on 3 October 2015, to appeal for the abolition of capital punishment. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

Hiraoka said. “To persuade the leader, ordinary citizens must be sufficiently informed of the situation surrounding the death penalty, including the fact that many countries in the world have already terminated it,” he added. The government hanged a death-row inmate in June, bringing the total number of executions under the second administration of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, launched in December 2012, to 12. Among countries maintaining the death penalty, only 22, including Japan, executed inmates in 2014.—Kyodo News

**“I could not come up with an answer about why we dare to claim lives of death-row inmates, even if they committed heinous crimes.”**

Seiken Sugiura  
ex-justice minister

## 121 Philippine fishermen remain missing due to Tropical Storm Mujigae

MANILA — Over 120 fishermen remained missing in Ilocos region of northern Philippines even as Tropical Storm Mujigae (local name: Kabayan) has exited the Philippine Area of Responsibility, Philippine regional disaster reduction agencies reported on Sunday.

A situation report of Mujigae from the Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council 1 (Ilocos Region) said a total of 121 fishermen and 23 fishing vessels were reported missing as of 3 October.

According to this report, a total of 31 fishermen have been rescued. In another official report, two persons have been killed in central Luzon of northern Philippines. Over 190,000 people have been affected by Mujigae. The tropical storm intensified into a tropical storm on Friday and exited the Philippine Area of Responsibility Saturday.—Xinhua

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## Bangladesh beefs up security for foreigners after second killing claimed by Islamic State

DHAKA — Bangladesh stepped up security for foreign diplomats and citizens on Sunday after the killing of two foreigners within a week in attacks claimed by Islamic State, which has vowed similar further assaults in the Muslim-majority nation. Japanese citizen Kunio Hoshi, 65, was gunned down on Saturday by three masked men on a motorcycle while on his way

to visit a grass farm project in the northern district of Rangpur, an attack similar to Tuesday's shooting of Italian aid worker Cesare Tavel-la.

Attacks on foreigners are rare in Bangladesh. But the country has been convulsed by a rising tide of Islamist violence over the past year in which four online critics of religious militancy were hacked to

death, a US citizen among them.

“Extra forces have been deployed at foreign diplomats and citizens' homes and workplaces across the country,” Muntasirul Islam, a deputy commissioner of the Dhaka Metropolitan Police, told Reuters. Police have not confirmed Islamic State, which has ambitions to spread into South Asia, is behind the two attacks. Dhaka police ar-

rested two suspected recruiters for the hardline Islamist group over the past year.

On Saturday, Islamic State warned of more attacks. “There will continue to be a series of ongoing security operations against nationals of crusader coalition countries, they will not have safety or a livelihood in Muslim lands,” the group tweeted.—Reuters

## China's south battens down hatches as typhoon Mujigae nears

SHANGHAI — Coastal provinces in southern China braced for a typhoon set to hit the country on Sunday, with authorities ordering fishing fleets to stay ashore and cancelling flights and rail services.

Typhoon Mujigae will likely hit land around midday, according to the China Meteorological Administration (CMA), striking the southern island province of Hainan as well as Guangdong and Guangxi provinces. Fast winds caused by the approaching typhoon led authorities in Hainan, a popular holiday island, to cancel 68 flights on Saturday and suspend train services, official news agency Xinhua said.

In Hainan and coastal Guangdong province, around 60,000 fishing boats were recalled to harbour to shelter from the storm, Xinhua added. Winds are expected to be around between 162 and 180 km (100-112 miles) an hour.

The CMA, which raised the emergency response level for the typhoon to its second highest level, said Mujigae was 170 km off the

coast of Guangdong province around 0730 hours local time Sunday. The typhoon is likely to disrupt plans for thousands trying to travel during the current week-long public holiday in China. Xinhua said about 80,000 people had travelled to Hainan on Friday. Meantime, the Philippine coast guard

searched for 23 fishing boats with more than 120 fishermen lost when Mujigae hit the main island of Luzon.

Nearly 30 fishing boats with more than 150 fishermen were returning from the South China Sea when Mujigae caught them at sea, the regional disaster and risk reduc-

tion agency said in a report on Sunday. Commander Armand Balilo, coast guard spokesman, said search-and-rescue ships were scouring the sea west of Pangasian, Ilocos and Zambales after two cargo ships bound for Japan had picked up nine fishermen from a capsized boat.—Reuters



Typhoon Mujigae, the 22<sup>nd</sup> typhoon this year, landed on South China's Guangdong Province on Sunday, the provincial meteorological observatory said. PHOTO: XINHUA



## IN PICTURE



Two storks are released into the wild in the central Japan city of Echizen on 3 October 2015. In a bid to breed the special national treasure, local farmers there cultivate rice without using pesticides to keep insects and fish alive for storks to feed on. Photo: KYODO NEWS

## China, US to top agenda of WB, IMF annual meetings in Peru

LIMA — Development issues and economic conditions in China and the United States will be the focus of the World Bank Group (WBG) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) annual meetings in Lima on 5-11 October, said a Peruvian official on Saturday.

Changes in development mode in China and potential interest rate hike by the US Federal Reserve (Fed) will be the top issues during the meetings, which will attract about 15,000 participants from 188 countries and regions, said

Peruvian Economic Minister Alonso Segura.

“We will also deal with the drop in prices of raw materials,” Segura said. The global economic growth would be around 3.4 percent in 2015, weaker than in 2014, IMF chief Christine Lagarde told the Council of the Americas in Washington on 30 September.

The WBG and IMF annual events will see over 300 closed-door meetings, which are expected to help their members make the right economic decisions.

The meetings are rel-

evant in times of deep economic turbulence for much of the world and as a new economic world order takes shape.

The meetings will also discuss the role that young people can play in the global economy and host dialogues to share knowledge and experiences to help them start businesses.

Actor Sean Penn, as producer of the documentary “The Human Experiment”, will be on hand to explain how toxic chemicals are affecting the humanity and the environment.—Xinhua

## UNESCO panel meets to examine ‘Memory of the World’ nominations

ABU DHABI — A UNESCO panel began a meeting Sunday in Abu Dhabi, the United Arab Emirates, to examine about 90 nominations for registration under the “Memory of the World” programme for documentary heritage.

Among the materials to be screened by the UNESCO International Advisory Committee are two Japanese nominations — Buddhist temple archives and post-World War II internment and repatriation records. They also include two Chinese nominations that Japan has lodged protests against — one about women forced to serve at wartime brothels for Japanese troops and the other about the Nanjing Massacre.

The archives at Toji Temple called “Toji Hyakugo Monjo,” or Toji

Temple’s 100 boxes of documents, comprise about 25,000 documents from the Nara period (710-794) to the Edo period (1603-1868). The collection was designated a national treasure in 1997. Another Japanese nomination contains memoirs and drawings composed by the former inmates of Siberian labour camps and the lists of those repatriated after the war to Maizuru port in Kyoto Prefecture.

About 55,000 out of 600,000 Japanese soldiers detained in labour camps in Siberia and Mongolia died due to forced labour, severe living conditions and malnutrition.

Japan has questioned the authenticity of the Chinese materials on the so-called comfort women and the 1937 killings by Japanese troops who oc-

cupied Nanjing. Japan has asked China to withdraw the nominations but Beijing has declined to do so, according to Japanese officials.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga, Japan’s top government spokesman, expressed regret about the Chinese nominations during a press conference in Tokyo on Friday.

“When Japan and China are making efforts to improve relations, China is trying to use UNESCO for a political purpose and it is quite regrettable,” he said.

South Korea is also studying the feasibility of nominating documents related to Korean “comfort women” and labourers drafted during the war from the Korean Peninsula, which was then under Japanese colonial rule.—Kyodo News



### Joint Message on the occasion of the World Teachers' Day

Empowering teachers, building sustainable societies

5 October 2015

Every year on World Teachers' Day, we celebrate educators and the central role they play in providing children everywhere with a quality education. Today, as the global community comes together around the new 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals, the role teachers play has never have been more important.

The new global education goal, SDG 4 which is at the heart of the Education 2030 Agenda, calls for “inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all”. Realising this goal is critical to achieving all our global development targets — for strong societies depend on well-educated citizens and a well-trained workforce. But we can only realize this agenda if we invest in recruiting, supporting, and empowering teachers.

Quality teachers are increasingly recognized as the most important factor in children’s learning — and thus, in improving educational attainment levels, increasing the ability of young people to participate in society and today’s knowledge economies, boosting productivity and prosperity. Especially in poor communities and countries affected by conflict, quality teaching can literally change a child’s life — helping children overcome enormous challenges and preparing them for better lives and brighter futures.

But around the world today, far too many teachers are undervalued and disempowered. There is a mounting shortage of quality teachers, unequal distribution of trained teachers, and inadequate or non-existent national standards for the teaching profession. These are all key contributing factors to wide equity gaps in access and learning. The poorest regions and schools and the earliest grades — those most in need — are often the most affected. This is a deeply troubling gap, as study after study shows that reaching children in the earliest years is critical to their development.

The UNESCO Institute for Statistics estimates that to achieve universal primary education by 2020 countries will need to recruit a total of 10.9 million primary teachers.

This is a global education crisis in the making — unless we act. Recognizing the looming crisis at the 2015 World Education Forum, held in Incheon, South Korea, leaders committed to “ensure that teachers and educators are empowered, adequately recruited, well-trained, professionally qualified, motivated and supported within well-resourced, efficient and effectively governed systems”. The 2015 Oslo “Education for Development”, Summit in Norway, further highlighted the imperative of addressing the shortage of qualified teachers and of investing in teacher education.

Now, by committing to the Education 2030 agenda, the UN Member States agree to substantially increase the supply of qualified teachers, including through international cooperation for teacher training in developing countries, especially Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States.

This is an important step — and now we must live up to these commitments. To meet the new education goal and all its targets by 2030, we must intensify efforts to provide sufficiently qualified, well deployed, motivated and supported teachers to every school, every community, and every child.

Governments should redouble efforts to engage in dialogue with teachers and their organizations and devise concrete policy measures and strategies to provide appropriate incentives, including competitive remuneration and clear career paths to teach in schools located in challenging environments and retain them in the profession.

Teachers should be empowered through the provision of decent working conditions, well-resourced, safe and healthy working environments, trust, professional autonomy and academic freedom.

The ILO/UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers (1966), the UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Higher Education Teaching Personnel (1997) and the ILO Policy Guidelines on the Promotion of Decent Work for Early Childhood Education Personnel (2014) are essential international standards and benchmarks for the teaching profession.

On the first World Teachers' Day of a new education agenda of global development, we appeal to the international community to value, support, and empower teachers of the world. For it is they who will educate a new generation of children who, in turn, will carry forward all our goals to build a better world for all.

Irina Bokova, Director-General, UNESCO

Guy Ryder, Director-General, ILO

Anthony Lake, Executive Director, UNICEF

Helen Clark, Administrator, UNDP

Fred van LEEUWEN, General Secretary, Education International



## British PM Cameron says will not be rushed on EU referendum date

MANCHESTER

Prime Minister David Cameron said his renegotiation of Britain's ties with the European Union was "bloody hard work" but that he would not be rushed into naming a date for a referendum on membership, *The Sunday Telegraph* reported.

On the eve of an annual gathering of his ruling Conservative Party, Cameron urged his lawmakers and supporters to show patience over the issue of Europe which is likely to dominate the conference in the northern English city of Manchester.

For at least a generation, Cameron's party has been riven by a conflict over Europe that contributed to the downfall of both Margaret Thatcher and John Major, the last two Conservative prime ministers.

Under pressure from lawmakers who feared the electoral success of the anti-EU UK Independence Party, Cameron in 2013 promised a referendum on membership by the end of 2017 though many analysts and campaigners expect it to be called next year.

In what the newspaper said was a signal that the referendum will not be held early next year, Cameron said his EU counter-



British Prime Minister David Cameron. PHOTO: REUTERS

parts will have "plenty of time" to consider his requests for a new relationship with Brussels.

He is demanding EU leaders allow Britain to cut in-work benefits for EU migrants and allow London to prevent euro zone rules that London considers would hurt British interests.

But as many as one in five of Cameron's lawmakers is likely to vote to leave the EU, research from the Open Europe think tank showed on Friday, indicating the scale of the divide over Europe in the ruling Conservative Party.

Cameron will tell his supporters that he can deliver a deal that will give Britain "the best of

both worlds", combining "the benefits of the single market" with life outside the Schengen and euro zones, *The Sunday Times* said.

Cameron favours staying in a reformed EU but has said he will rule nothing out if he cannot secure what he wants. A new biography of Cameron written by Michael Ashcroft says that Cameron has repeatedly said privately that he does not want to leave the EU.

The book also said that German leader Angela Merkel believes Cameron has made a series of serious errors in his push for a new EU deal for Britain.—*Reuters*

## Hillary Clinton pokes fun at herself in 'Saturday Night Live' appearance

NEW YORK — Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton dropped in at the late night comedy show "Saturday Night Live" on Saturday, appearing in a sketch as a bartender alongside comedian Kate McKinnon, who played the former United States senator and secretary of state.

Clinton, playing Val, served McKinnon-as-Clinton and sparred with the gay comic about Clinton's record on supporting gay marriage.

The Democratic presidential candidate also took shots at Republican contender Donald Trump, deepening her voice in imitation of one of his pointed pronouncements.

McKinnon also told bartender Clinton she was "really easy to talk to," to which "Val" replied "That's the first time I've ever heard that," taking a shot at her frosty reputation.

The pair was joined by cast member Darrell Hammond, the show's current interpreter of former President

Bill Clinton, who entered the bar and exclaimed "They're multiplying!" upon seeing Hillary Clinton and the comic playing her.

Hillary Clinton returned later in the broadcast, the premiere of the long-running show's new season, to introduce musical guest Miley Cyrus.

Clinton's appearance recalled the visit Sarah Palin paid to the sketch show during her 2008 vice presidential campaign, when she ran as John McCain's running mate.

During that show, Palin appeared alongside Tiny Fey, whose uncanny Palin portrayal became a pop culture touchstone.

Clinton also visited the show during 2008, when she ran unsuccessfully for the Democratic presidential nomination which was won by Barack Obama.

She appeared then with cast member Amy Poehler, who was then regularly portraying Clinton.—*Reuters*

## Merkel says military efforts needed in Syria but they won't end war

BERLIN

German Chancellor Angela Merkel told a German radio station that military efforts were necessary in Syria even though they would not put an end to the war there.

"Regarding Syria, I said for the first time: We will need military efforts, but military efforts will not bring the solution; we need a political process but that has not really got going very well yet," she told Deutschlandfunk, according to the text of an interview due to be broadcast later on Sunday.

She also said it would be necessary to involve the regime of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad in talks.

"To get to a political solution, I need both the representatives of the Syrian opposition and those who are currently ruling in Damascus and others as well to get real successes and then above all the allies of the respective groups." She said Russia, the United States, Saudi Arabia and Iran could play an important role as well as Germany, France and Britain.—*Reuters*

## Portuguese may reelect austerity-minded, centre-right government

LISBON — The Portuguese could reelect their centre-right government in a general election on Sunday, although it may fall short of winning an absolute majority, bringing less political stability after years of austerity and hardship under a debt crisis.

The election is the first since the Iberian country of 10 million exited a bailout last year. Yet, despite deep spending cuts and the biggest tax hikes in living memory, polls indicate the Portuguese will stick with the government that guided them through the crisis and exited the bailout by international lenders.

The latest polls, released on Friday, gave Prime Minister Pedro Passos Coelho's ruling coalition a lead of between five and 12 points over centre-left Socialist opponent Antonio Costa.

But if Passos Coelho fails to pick up more than the around 38 percent that he has polled in recent days, he will fall short of an absolute majority in the 230-seat parliament, leading to a potentially unstable minority government. In the 2011 election his coalition

won 50 percent of the vote, ensuring a majority.

There was no campaigning on Saturday nor statements by the candidates, in keeping with a law which sets aside the day before elections as a day of reflection.

Costa had about 33 percent support in the latest polls, making his chances of winning slimmer even though some analysts do not rule out a last-minute upset for either side. Uncertainty about the outcome is higher still because up to 15 percent of voters are still undecided and there could be a very high abstention rate.

Adelino Maltez, a political analyst at the Lisbon Technical University, said "there is a possibility of confusion on Sunday night," if there is a very close result that gives no strong victory to any side.

If there is a close outcome, it could make the process of creating a stable government difficult, potentially upsetting the consolidation of the country's return to growth after the pain of the debt crisis that led to a three year-recession. The economy started growing again last year and growth is accel-



Portugal's Prime Minister and Social Democratic party leader Pedro Passos Coelho (C) casts his ballot during the general election in Massama, on the outskirts of Lisbon, Portugal on 4 October, 2015. PHOTO: REUTERS

erating this year. Passos Coelho says that only with his stable government can the economy pick up more momentum and investment thanks to widening confidence.

Costa, the former mayor of Lisbon, has promised to ease back on austerity and deliver more disposable income back to families. He urged everyone to vote. "It is fundamental that every one of us does not waste the opportunity to finally, after four years, use our vote to change the government," Costa said at his last campaign event. But polls have swung in the government's favour in the last few weeks despite Costa's relentless attacks on the unpopular austerity introduced by the government in the past few years. A victory for the centre-right government goes

against the trend seen in other southern European countries, like Spain and Greece, which have tended to punish austerity-minded governments in the past few years.

Still, even if Costa loses, the political hue of the country could switch to the left as the government may win but parliament could have a majority of leftwing members if Socialists and other, smaller leftist parties are included. That could make it hard for a minority centre-right government to pass policies. Minority government has a dismal history in Portugal. None has survived through its full term since the country returned to democracy in 1974. The last Socialist minority government collapsed in 2011 after having to request the bailout.—*Reuters*

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Costa  
former mayor of Lisbon



## PERSPECTIVES

## There's no greater investment than education

Kyaw Thura

"If the children are happy, adults will automatically feel so too," one of my Facebook friends said the other day.

As I pondered what he'd said, my mind drifted back to my childhood. Thirty five years ago, I started primary school at a small town in Patheingyi, Ayeyawady Region. Frankly, my memories of those first few days at school were of utter desolation. The school environment was one full of orders and com-

mands. I was just five-years-old and I was scared stiff at the sight of a few teachers wielding a cane and sometimes slapping it against the blackboard. All of us kids were – we'd sit stiffly in our chairs, petrified with fear. Our young minds saw those teachers as aggressors. Unfortunately, not much has changed since then.

Due consideration should be given to the fact that children learn better when they feel happy and relaxed. Their mental development in the early years of schooling is of utmost importance as it will be the deciding factor behind the types of adults they become.

Our country urgently needs to rebuild its education system. And why wouldn't we, when the returns are so huge? Students deserve a safe learning environment and a quality education. We should give them the best possible start to life. And at the same time, all teachers, regardless of whether they teach art in kindergarten or algebra in high school, should be supported mentally and financially. It seems obvious, but

it bears repeating: no teacher can perform on an empty stomach. Delaying educational reform would mean squandering the talents of the next generation.

Our students and teachers are everything we have: we must invest them and empower them in order to build a better world.

And on that final thought, may I wish you a very happy World Teachers' Day!

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# Strategic Roads of Myanmar

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MYANMAR was home to two famous strategic roads during the Second World War — "The Burma Road" and "The Ledo Road". Some people confused the name "The Burma Road" with "The Ledo Road". Most thought it was one and the same. However, "The Burma Road" was one and "The Ledo Road" was another. The former was built in 1937 by the Chinese with permission from the British to connect Burma (Myanmar) and China. The latter was built during the Second World War by the US Army, to connect India and China. Both were intended for the transportation of heavy armaments, military equipments and other military supplies to the Chinese Nationalist Army, who were fighting the Japanese. "The Burma Road" was the name of the road section between Lashio in the Northern Shan State passing through Kyaukse in Burma (Myanmar) and Wanding in China, right up to Kuming in the Yunnan province. It is commonly known as the "Muse/Shweli Road" today. It facilitated the flow of military supplies, which the United State of America was aiding the Chinese Nationalist Army, under Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, to fight the Japanese invaders during the Second Sino-Japanese War.

### The Burma Road

During the Second Sino-Japanese War (1937-1945), the Japanese Imperial Army had occupied almost all the coastal areas including most of the sea ports of China. The United State, which was assisting the Chinese, found it difficult and dangerous to transport military supplies to China by sea, because of the heavy presence of the Japanese Imperial Navy in the region. Commodities such as fuel, provisions, materials needed for the war efforts, too, were unable to reach China safely. During that period, the US was not yet at war with Japan, so they were restrained from using their naval forces for that task. Thus an alternative line of communication was urgently needed to supply China. Both the

US and China approached the British in Burma (Myanmar), with requests to construct a road link from Kuming, Yunnan to Lashio in the Northern Shan State, where the railhead of the Burma Railway was situated. It would also link with the existing road system that could reach to Rangoon (Yangon), where there was a modern port facility.

At first, the British were reluctant to agree, lest the Japanese be provoked. However, due to the lobbying by two Burmese (Myanmar) members of the Legislature of Burma, who were approached by the Chinese, succeeded in persuading the British rulers to agree. The constructions started in 1937. The whole project including the costs and constructions were undertaken by China. Some 200,000 Chinese and a few Burmese (Myanmar) labourers built the road literally barehanded, using hand tools only. It was completed in 1938, and the convoys of US military supplies from Rangoon (Yangon) started to roll along this strategic road. The road measured 1,154 kilometers from Lashio to Kuming, the two main terminals.

### The Ledo Road

During the Second World War, after the Japanese had occupied Burma (Myanmar), the military supplies to China were unable to be transported through the Rangoon (Yangon) Port. Thus the Allied forces in India had to find an alternative to transport them to China. At first they were flying supplies from India, but the high Himalayan Mountain range called "The Hump", between Northern Myanmar and China was hampering the planes' flight, especially when they were carrying heavy loads. Finally in late 1942, they decided to construct a road along an old, very crude path started by the Government of British India in 1920. The task was assigned to the US Army, as the United State had entered the war by then, after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbour. The road was built from the railhead town of Ledo in Assam, India passing through the Hukaung Val-

ley in the Sagaing Division in Northern Myanmar, through Myittha and Bhamo to link up with the existing Burma Road. It was constructed under the direct supervision of General Joseph W. Stilwell of the US Army, popularly known as "Vinegar Joe" or fondly known to his soldiers as "Uncle Joe". Some even dubbed it "The Stilwell Road". The constructions started in December, 1942 and took nearly two years, to be completed only in the late 1944. The first convoy of over hundred motor vehicles reached China from India by that road only in January 1945, near the end of the war. Thus the usefulness of that road was not very significant. A few years after the war, that road was neglected altogether, as it was of not much use and the remoteness of its location rendered it not worth maintaining. Most parts of the road returned to the jungles.

There were many interesting stories related to the Ledo Road. Most were about the sightings of ghosts and of hauntings encountered by those who had passed through the Hukong Valley in those days. The stories were mostly told by the veterans of the allied armies, who were involved in the construction of the Ledo Road. An American Baptist missionary family of Reverend Morse, who had to flee the invading Japanese, also recorded such hauntings in the accounts of their flight to India. However, one story that stood out was not about ghosts, but the giant snakes. This story was not a narration by someone, but it was a news item from The Statesman, a daily newspaper published in India and was also distributed in our country in those days. In 1945 (1946?) a very interesting story was on the front of page of the said newspaper with a photo of large sections of snakes loaded on a row of military trucks, which I had the opportunity to have seen it. As I was still young and could not read English, I asked my father to translate for me. The story went thus: A Bailey bridge spanning a valley along the Ledo Road was found to have sagged a

few feet one morning. The construction crews repaired it immediately as there was still heavy traffic using that road. However, the same situation was found the next morning. At first the construction crew thought the heavy traffic must have caused it. When the same thing occurred the next morning, they decided to post sentries near the bridge at night. Around midnight the sentries were amazed to find two giant snakes, one slithering from the hill on one side of the bridge and another from the opposite side. They met in the middle and started entwining one another. The snakes were mating on the bridge and their heavy weights and the force of their wriggling were too much for the Bailey bridge, thus causing it to sag. Their overwhelmingly large sizes must be very intimidating for the necessity to call in the air strike not to endanger the lives of the soldiers, if they were to shoot from ground level.

### Strategic and Economic Importance of Myanmar

Here, I would like to discuss the strategic geographical location of our country. We are ideally situated with an easy access to the sea and has common borders with India, Bangladesh, China, Laos and Thailand. The sea allows us easy access to anywhere in the world. This fact was realized and recognized, since over two centuries ago. In the early nineteenth century, even before our country was colonized, the British East India Company sent an expedition, with the permission of the Burmese (Myanmar) King, to explore and study the feasibility of opening an overland route to China passing through Burma (Myanmar). That expedition met with tragedy. During that period, there was a Panthay Revolution raging on in Southwest China and all the members of that expedition were massacred by the rebels. The objectives of the expedition was to save time for transporting goods and passengers to the Far East. In those days the only means of transport to the Far East was by

sailing ships, that took plenty days to travel from India, the main British trading post in Asia. If an overland route could be established, it would save much time and also be safe from the dangers of the pirates, who terrorized the merchant ships that passed through the Straits of Malacca, a narrow sea passage between the southern tip of the Malay Peninsula and the Sumatra Islands. Even today our country is in such a strategic position that it cannot be ignored, as being a vital link, not only between India and China but between the Far East, the ASEAN and the South Asian countries.

### Conclusion

Recently, India and China are planning to revive the Ledo Road to promote overland trades between their two countries. It would definitely benefit the landlocked Assam Province of India and of course China too, but the benefit for our country would be just minimal, given the remoteness of that location. Such developments are proofs and indicators of the strategic and economic importance of our country in the region, especially for India and China, evident from the facts that both countries are wooing our country for favours. Our strategic geographical location is a great blessing and an invaluable asset, which we should safeguard and be able to exploit it to our advantage. Now that the EastWest Economic Corridor and the Southern Economic Corridor projects of the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) are in the pipeline, we should use this opportunity to develop and upgrade our road systems in cooperation with the neighbors. The old "Burma Road", now the "Muse/Shweli Road" is still serving as the main commercial link between China and Myanmar and is thriving but would need upgrading. If we can link up with those corridors, it would definitely attract more tourists, increase the crossborder trades, as well as the interregional trades, create job opportunities and above all, boost our economic and social status.



# On World Teachers' Day 2015, remember that teachers are mortals too

**Myo Myint**

SINCE 1994, every year, on October 5, nations of the world join together to express their gratitude to teachers for dedicating themselves to the nurturing of youths, thereby ensuring a sound future for them as well as for their societies. For the people of Myanmar, it seems that every day of the year is Teachers' Day, as we express our respect to our teachers in our prayers at the start of every day. By placing teachers on the same level as the three gems, the Buddha, the Dhamma, the Sangha, and our parents, in return, we expect a lot from them, such as, being good role models for morality and self-discipline, being exemplary persons regarding self-sacrifice in the interest of society, and being fonts of ever-increasing knowledge. However, we often forget that as her human beings like us, they are mortals and have needs, wants, and ambitions. Like all of us, they fall in love, they get married, they grow old, they suffer from ill-health, they need to take care of their parents and they need to feed, clothe and educate their children, and to do so they need a reasonable income. However, probably because their number is one of the highest among government employees in Myanmar, as well as in many other developing and developed countries, their role in society is not that highly appreciated, and neither are they as highly paid as other professionals like doctors, engineers and executives.

As we celebrate World Teachers' Day on 5th October, since all of us had teachers when we were young, we need to not only offer a special prayer for their physical and mental well-being, but we also need to think of what each teacher has done for us, and in return what we have done, and what can do for them, individually and collectively, in return for the many roles they played during our formative years. They had been care, affection and security givers to us, so that our parents could earn a living for our families with peace of

mind. They had been moral guides and good role models to us, so that we became responsible adults, who could differentiate between right and wrong, good and evil, should and should not, and the possible and the impossible. They had been friends and counselors to us when we needed advice and consolation. They had been competent knowledge providers and skill developers, working hard to devise lesson plans, teaching us using the best techniques, and ensuring that we learn by disciplining us, so that we possess sufficient knowledge, and social, thinking, communication and professional skills to go on learning and to find a decent job when we reach adulthood, or to even become leaders in our chosen fields. Let us forget, for the moment, the small number of teachers who want to become rich quickly and are in the wrong profession, who are not fulfilling their responsibilities, or who are bad models for students, or who are exploiting their students in various ways to become wealthy. For the majority of teachers, no sacrifice is too large for them to make, no school is too remote for them to work at, no lesson is too burdensome for them to teach, no student question is too tiresome for them to answer, and no student is too slow or too dim-witted for them to instruct.

This year's theme of World Teachers' Day calls for the empowerment of teachers. The Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary (7th edition) provides two meanings to the word empower - "to give somebody the power or authority to do something", and "to give somebody more control over their own life, or the situation they are in". According to EDWATCH Wiki retrieved from the Internet, Teacher Empowerment (2002) mentioned that S.F. Bolin defined teacher empowerment as "investing teachers the right to participate in the determination of school goals and policies and to exercise professional judgment about what and how to teach". What then should be done to empower our teachers from primary level to universi-

ty level? In empowering them, firstly, they need to realize that as teachers, they know best regarding their classrooms and their students since their daily interactions with their students makes them familiar with students' strength and weaknesses, what interests them, what makes them bored, which areas to connect with the world outside and which areas with other subjects. They also have the authority to make decisions regarding the pace of the lesson, the techniques to be used, the examples to be given, and the teaching aids to be utilized. They also need to realize that as teachers, they are empowered to use the appropriate strategies to manage their

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classes, but they must also know that they should not abuse the authority that have been invest in them over their students. Secondly, school management needs to see teachers, not as subordinates who carry out their decisions, but as important and equal partners, and to invite them to participate when setting goals and policies for the school. Similarly, school inspectors should appreciate that many teachers are working in very difficult circumstances, and should advise them on how to improve their performance rather than merely find fault with them. However, to be able to participate actively in determining school goals and policies, teachers need to be professionally competent, have the confidence that as teachers they have a lot to contribute in planning the school's future, and must have the courage to voice their opinion in any discussions or decision making. In addition, teachers should insist that management take into consideration their views when choosing teaching materials, methodology and teaching aids, so that they come to have a genuine sense of ownership and re-

sponsibility. On the part of management, they need to strengthen the competencies of teachers by giving them opportunities to improve themselves and how they think, to learn best practices and to be more in touch with the world beyond the school gates. Thirdly, a conducive and supportive working environment should be provided for all teachers so that they can fully concentrate on their work. In addition, self-esteem as well as community respect for teachers should be enhanced by providing them with an adequate salary and facilities that are in commensurate with the efforts they have to exert, the time they have to give and the contribu-

al concern. It must avoid the adoption of mutually irreconcilable objectives. Equally, it must be a society of social justice because great disparities of wealth or privilege will breed destructive disharmony." Today many countries are facing the challenge of economic development outpacing their human and natural resources. So also, the priority being given to economic development is adversely affecting their environment. Of great concern also is the possible impact on social harmony as gaps in ownership of land, financial assets and natural resources widen and incomes fail to keep up with expenditure. Hence, teachers who serve as the eyes and ears of the community in many societies can play an important role in building awareness of the dangers of social disharmony, environmental degradation and depletion of natural resources and the benefits of building sustainable societies, both among the students and within the community. Moreover, using their research findings and organizational skills, teachers can convince students and their communities to seek maximum growth with the least possible minimum harm to natural resources, the natural environment and human well-being and leave future generations a world that is peaceful, inclusive, prosperous, unspoilt and resource bountiful.

It is widely recognized that the quality of education influences the development path of a country. In the same way,

the quality of teachers in a country dictates the quality of education and the level of student achievement. Therefore, let us, on World Teachers' Day, as citizens of Myanmar, reexamine what we have done and can do for the empowerment and benefit of teachers. When the world is facing so many complex challenges, environmental, economic, social and security, we need to always remember that just as education is the key to solving many of the problems so also the key change agents in the education sector are the teachers. In order to raise their morale, we need also to show more appreciation to our teachers. We need to make them not regret that they have become teachers. We need to make them feel that their sacrifices have not been in vain. We need to also comfort those among our teachers who are in the twilight of their lives, by visiting them once in a while, and telling them in how many ways they have changed our lives, and how they have helped us to contribute to the development of our country. On their part, teachers (including those who are in the profession, not for the love of students or the work of a teacher, but to make money), should examine what they need to do to keep pace with emerging new knowledge and skills in order to participate more actively in teaching students as well as in the management of their school and the building of sustainable societies.

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*What's the difference between a teacher and a station master, kid?*

*One trains the mind and the other minds the train, teach*



TIN AUNG



## Japan's intelligence gathering unit to monitor terrorism in 4 regions

TOKYO — The government plans to set up four groups to monitor terrorist activities in Asia, Africa and the Middle East under the Foreign Ministry's intelligence gathering unit expected to begin operating next April, government sources said Saturday.

The groups, likely to be composed of several dozen experts in regional affairs and fluent in local languages, will analyze information collected by Japanese embassies in North Africa, the Middle East, Southeast Asia and South Asia, the sources added.

The launch of the new intelligence gathering unit is a pillar of Japan's antiterrorism measures after two Japanese men were killed earlier this year by the Islamic State militant group. Tokyo is also seeking to boost public safety in the run-up to the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics in 2020.

Hiroaki Takizawa, who headed the National Police Agency's foreign affairs and intelligence department, will likely lead the new unit, according to the sources.

The NPA, the Foreign Ministry and the Defence Ministry are expected to send experts to the new organisation designed to facilitate information exchanges with foreign intelligence agencies.

Those in the North Africa and Middle East groups will be tasked with monitoring activities by Islamic State extremists, and the Southeast Asia team will keep a close eye on Jemaah Islamiyah. The South Asia group will follow Taliban.

The government may consider upgrading the unit in the future to one similar to the Central Intelligence Agency of the United States or Britain's Secret Intelligence Service known as MI6, according to the sources.—*Kyodo News*

## Islamic State takes responsibility for killing Japanese in Bangladesh

DHAKA — Islamic State militants claimed responsibility for the killing of a Japanese man in Bangladesh on Saturday, the second foreign national who has been killed there within a week, Reuters news agency reported.

"There will continue to be a series of ongoing security operations against nationals of crusader coalition countries, they will not have safety or a livelihood in Muslim lands," the group tweeted.

Kunio Hoshi, 66, was shot dead by unidentified attackers on a motorcycle as he made his way to an agricultural project he had set up in the northern Rangpur district,

## Palestinian stabs Israeli in fresh attack, shot dead

JERUSALEM — A Palestinian stabbed and wounded an Israeli teenager in Jerusalem on Sunday and was then shot dead by police, authorities said, just hours after a similar assault killed two people in the city.

Violence has risen in East Jerusalem and the occupied West Bank in recent weeks. Though not at the levels of previous Palestinian uprisings, or "Intifadas," it has triggered concerns of a wider escalation.

Police spokeswoman Luba Samri said the victim was taken

to hospital in moderate condition and that police men "saw the terrorist holding a knife, shot and neutralised him."

The attack happened less than 12 hours after a Palestinian stabbed two Israelis to death nearby in Jerusalem's walled Old City, and wounded at least two others. The assailant, later claimed by Palestinian militant group Islamic Jihad as a member, was shot dead by police.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was due to convene an emergency meeting with secu-

rity officials later on Sunday, his office said, and a security cabinet meeting on Monday.

On Thursday, an Israeli couple was shot dead while their four children were in the car in a suspected Palestinian drive-by attack near a West Bank Jewish settlement.

Israeli police and Palestinians have also clashed frequently at Jerusalem's al-Aqsa mosque compound, Islam's third-holiest site, and at other Arab parts of the city.

Palestinians have said they

fear that increasing visits by Jewish groups to the holy compound, revered by Jews as the site of Biblical temples, are eroding Muslim religious control there.

Israel has pledged to maintain Muslim prayer rights at al-Aqsa, but, citing security concerns, has frequently banned young Muslim men from entering the area.

Palestinians want East Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza Strip, lands Israel captured in a 1967 Middle East war, for a future state. Peace talks collapsed in 2014.—*Reuters*

## Medical aid group denies Taliban were firing from Afghan hospital hit by air strike

KABUL — Medical aid group Medecins Sans Frontieres denied that Taliban fighters were firing from its hospital at Afghan and NATO forces before a suspected US air strike killed at least 19 people in a battle to oust the Islamist insurgents from an Afghan city.

The northern city of Kunduz has been the scene of fierce fighting since the Taliban captured it almost a week ago. Afghan security forces fought their way into Kunduz four days ago, but battles continue in many places.

The aid group has said an air strike, probably carried out by US-led coalition forces, killed 19 staff and patients on Saturday in a hospital it runs in Kunduz, leaving 37 wounded.

The US military said it conducted an air strike "in the vicinity" of the hospital, as it targeted Taliban insurgents who were directly firing on US military personnel.

The US government promised a full investigation into the incident as the UN human rights chief said the bombing could amount to a war crime.

In a statement, President Barack Obama offered condolences to the victims of what he called "the tragic incident".

In Kabul, the Afghan Ministry of Defence said Taliban fighters had attacked the hospital and were using the building "as a human shield".

But the medical aid group denied this.

"The gates of the hospital compound were closed all night so no one that is not staff, a pa-

tient or a caretaker was inside the hospital when the bombing happened," Medecins Sans Frontieres said in a statement on Sunday.—*Reuters*



Afghan guards stand at the gate of Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) hospital after an air strike in the city of Kunduz, Afghanistan on 3 October 2015. PHOTO: REUTERS

## Egypt says Russia's intervention in Syria will counter terrorism

CAIRO — Russia's intervention in Syria will curtail the spread of terrorism and help deal a fatal blow to Islamic State in the war-torn country, Egypt's Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry said on Saturday.

Russia launched air strikes in Syria on Wednesday in its biggest Middle East intervention in decades, marking a dramatic escalation in a more than four-year-old civil war in which every major country in the region has a stake.

"Russia's entrance, given its potential and capabilities, is something we see is going to have

an effect on limiting terrorism in Syria and eradicating it," Shoukry said in a televised interview on Saturday.

Vladimir Putin said he is striking Islamic State and helping Syria's Bashar al-Assad, long Russia's closest ally in the region. But the United States is concerned that Moscow is propping up Assad, who Washington has long held should leave. Egypt has avoided showing support for al-Assad, a leader whom Saudi Arabia, a key Egyptian ally that has propped up the country economically,

believes should be ousted.

Shoukry's comments are just the latest sign of warming relations between Russia and Egypt. In a state visit to Russia by President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi in August, the two countries called for a coalition to fight terrorism in the Middle East. In June, Egypt and Russia held their first-ever joint naval exercise. Egypt, the Arab world's most-populous nation, is confronted by an increasingly violent insurgency in North Sinai, where the most active militant group has pledged allegiance to Islamic State.—*Reuters*



# Exercise eases knee osteoarthritis, temporarily

LONDON — A therapeutic programme of weight-bearing exercise reduces pain and improves joint function, at least for two to six months, for people with osteoarthritis, according to a review of previous trials.

“We had a systematic review for Cochrane from 2008 and 2009, but there were much less articles,” said Dr Martin Van der Esch, who coauthored the review. Since then, many more studies have been published, and confirm the benefits of exercise for arthritis pain, he told Reuters Health by phone.

Osteoarthritis, the breakdown of joint cartilage over time, causes pain, swelling and reduced motion, usually of the hands, knees, hips or spine. Joint injury, excess weight and older age increase the risk for osteoarthritis, which affects more than 50 million adults in the US, according to the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention.

For the new Cochrane review, Van der Esch, of the Reade Centre for Rehabilitation and Rheumatology in Amsterdam, the Netherlands and colleagues analyzed 55 randomized controlled trials comparing a land-based exercise program with no exercise among subjects with osteoarthritis. The trials varied in type, duration and intensity of exercise programmes.



A woman walks along the boardwalk while leaving the US Open tennis tournament in New York. PHOTO: REUTERS

In general, the exercise programmes significantly reduced pain and moderately improved physical function of the knee immediately after treatment. Some studies also found that general quality of life improved.

Twelve studies followed up with participants two to six months later and found that knee pain was still reduced, as the authors explain

in the British Journal of Sports Medicine.

It may seem counterintuitive that exercising a painful joint could reduce pain, Van der Esch said.

“The idea is that if you have more muscle strength, then the knee is more stable and you have less wear and tear,” he explained.

Land-based, weight-bearing exercise strengthens the muscles

around the knee, he said.

“Avoiding activities because of pain leads you to lose more muscle strength and have muscle weakness and unstable joints, so more wear and tear,” he said.

“Often people believe that activity ‘wears out’ joints, and patients can sometimes experience (a worsening) of symptoms after exercise or activity,” said Danielle

AWM van der Windt, an arthritis expert at Keele University in Staffordshire, UK.

But “the vast majority of people will not have any adverse reaction to controlled, supervised exercise, and people with significant osteoarthritis can ride a bicycle, go swimming or exercise at a gym with often minimal discomfort,” she told Reuters Health by email.

Van der Windt was not part of the new review.

Outside of exercise, the only real treatments for osteoarthritis are simple painkillers or, in severe cases, joint replacement surgery, Van der Esch said. Some recent studies suggest that exercise could be as effective as medication for pain relief, and exercise has no pharmaceutical side effects, he said.

“In the review we couldn’t find really specific exercises that are best, the type of exercise program is not really most important,” he said. “The most important factor is exercising regularly.”

“Internationally we always say you have to move at least 30 minutes per day,” he said.

Water-based exercise does improve fitness, which has some benefit, but doesn’t put a load directly on the knee itself so is less beneficial than land-based exercise, he said.—Reuters

## Taiwan dengue fever cases top 20,000

TAIPEI — Taiwan has seen 20,241 dengue fever cases since May, in the worst outbreak of the disease in 17 years, although it is now moderating, the island’s disease control center reported on Sunday.

It said the daily number of dengue fever cases confirmed in the southern city of Tainan, the most seriously affected area, has decreased for 10 consecutive days.

As of Saturday, there had been 17,278 cases in Tainan and 2,636 in the neighbouring city of Kaohsiung.

A total of 16,879 patients have recovered, while five deaths in the past week were suspected to be related to dengue fever. Another 53 dengue-infected patients were in intensive care on Saturday.

The public are urged to carry out regular inspections to make sure their homes are clean and dry, especially after the heavy rain brought by Typhoon Dujan last week. Dengue is a mosquito-borne, potentially fatal disease that mainly affects people in tropical and subtropical regions, causing fever, nausea and muscle and joint aches.—Xinhua

## Atlas rocket blasts off with Mexican communications satellite

CAPE CANAVERAL — An unmanned Atlas 5 rocket blasted off from a seaside launch pad in Florida on Friday to put a communications satellite into orbit for Mexico.

The 195-foot (59-metre) tall rocket, built and flown by United Launch Alliance, a partnership of Lockheed Martin and Boeing, lifted off at 6:28 am EDT from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. Launch was delayed 20 minutes to allow time for a wayward boat to clear away from the rocket’s flight safety zone.

Perched on top of the rocket was the Boeing-built Morelos-3 communications satellite, a duplicate of a spacecraft lost during a

Russian Proton rocket launch in May. It was the 100<sup>th</sup> launch for ULA since its formation in 2006, all of which have been successful.

Morelos-3 was due to be put into orbit 22,300 miles (35,888 km) above Earth about three hours after liftoff. The satellite is designed to provide cellular voice, data, Internet and video services for Mexican national security and civilian services over the next 15 years. Mexico is paying Boeing about \$1 billion for a three-satellite system, collectively known as MEXSAT. The contract, announced in 2010, includes two ground sites, network operations systems and user terminals. The launch marked a rare commercial

mission for ULA, which typically flies US military and NASA science missions.

ULA is designing a new rocket, called Vulcan, that it says will be less expensive to build and fly. The company faces its first competition for the US military’s launch business, with privately owned SpaceX now certified to fly defense and national security satellites on its Falcon 9 rocket.

ULA also is wrestling with supply issues, as the RD-180 Russian rocket engines that power its workhorse Atlas 5 launcher have been banned for use on military missions. US lawmakers enacted the ban last year after Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. That could

leave SpaceX as the sole bidder for a 2018 Global Positioning System satellite launch. An Air Force solicitation for launch services was released on Wednesday, with proposals due 16 November.

ULA and Air Force officials are seeking a partial exemption to the RD-180 engine ban to keep the Atlas 5 available for military missions until Vulcan, with its US engines, is ready to fly.

ULA is reviewing the GPS launch solicitation and monitoring congressional proposals to allow additional RD-180 imports before deciding on whether to bid for the work, said spokeswoman Jessica Rye.—Reuters

## Dengue hits Dhaka hard, number of cases in 2015 highest in 9 years

DHAKA — Some 800 fresh cases of dengue were reported from Bangladesh capital Dhaka and elsewhere on the outskirts of the city over the last month, bringing the total number of confirmed cases till 30 September this year in the country to some 1,400.

The figure reported by the Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR) under the Ministry of Health gives an alarming situation as the capital city has seen a rapid surge in the

incidence of the mosquito-borne viral infection.

A total of 375 and 1,749 cases of dengue were reported in 2014 and 2013 respectively.

But there was no report of death from Dengue in 2013 and 2014.

“The number of cases reported so far in 2015 is the highest in the last nine years,” an IEDCR official told Xinhua on Saturday.

“We’ve lot of reasons to be worried as four people have al-

ready become victim this year,” the official who preferred to be unnamed said.

At the latest, he said, 35-year-old Aman Moudud, son of leading Bangladesh political leader Moudud Ahmed, died in hospital.

Dengue is transmitted by several species of mosquito within the genus Aedes.

The first case of mosquito-borne viral infection was reported in Bangladesh in 2000, and some 100 people died from the

disease in 2000-2003.

The IEDCR official said Bangladesh is now well prepared with enough trained doctors to handle the disease.

He suggested the city dwellers as well as the authorities adopt more preventive measures to tackle dengue. He stressed the need for more cleanliness in households and surroundings as part of the preventive measures to destroy breeding species of mosquito within the genus Aedes.—Xinhua



## Hundreds feared dead in Guatemala landslide, the hopeful keep digging

SANTA CATARINA PINULA — Hopes faded of finding any remaining survivors of a massive landslide in Guatemala that killed at least 86 people, even as families scabbled through rubble to find the bodies of loved-ones, with hundreds of others still missing.

Distraught relatives of the victims shoveled alongside diggers through the mounds of earth that destroyed homes in Santa Catarina Pinula on the southeastern flank of Guatemala City after Thursday night's collapse of a hillside.

Every batch of earth turned up by the diggers held more personal belongings, from mattresses and books to toys and Christmas decorations, reminders of around 350 people who authorities said were still unaccounted for.

Clutching photos of loved-ones, family members stood in line outside a makeshift morgue near the excavation site, some of them crying, to see if they recognized any corpses.

"This is the worst thing that has happened to us," said Ana Maria Escobar, a 48-year-old housewife, sobbing as she waited for news of 21 missing family members who lived in the town she had left a year ago.

"So far only my sister-in-law has been found," she added.

One digger unearthed the body of a little girl with scratch

marks on her arms and legs, which rescue workers said may have been signs of her struggles to escape. People looking on cried out to prevent the digger from destroying her body.

Gaby Ramirez, an 18-year-old courier, had been searching for her brother with shovel in hand since 6 am, after the landslide buried a neighbour's house he was visiting.

"I don't hope to find him alive, but I do hope to find his

body and bury him," she said. "I have to bury him, I can't leave him there."

Loosened by rain, tons of earth, rock and trees had cascaded onto a neighbourhood of the town known as El Cambray II near the bottom of a ravine, flattening houses and trapping residents who had gone home for the night.

Some houses were buried under about 50 feet (15 metres) of earth, and Guatemalan disaster agency Conred said it doubted any

other survivors would be found. "Hope is the last thing you lose, so we hope to find someone alive," said Guatemala's defense minister Williams Mansilla, though he also acknowledged the likelihood was very low.

At last count, the Attorney General's office reported 86 dead via Twitter, though fears that hundreds more remain trapped threaten to make the landslide one of the worst natural disasters to hit Central America in recent years.

Among the dead were 17 children, and at least 26 people were injured.

On Friday, there were reports of family members receiving text messages of buried survivors asking to be rescued.

Authorities said they did not rescue a single survivor on Saturday despite a team of around 1,800 volunteers, soldiers and firemen. But some 400 survivors had been evacuated in total from the site since the tragedy, they added.

The search was scheduled to end around 7.30 pm local time, and in keeping with international protocol, it would be relaunched for at least one more day on Sunday. Due to the unstable terrain and wet weather, volunteers would no longer be allowed to assist on Sunday.

The tragedy has hit Guatemala after weeks of political turmoil, just as it prepares to elect a new president.

Last month, outgoing President Otto Perez was forced to stand down and was arrested on corruption charges.

In October 2005, heavy rainfall triggered a devastating landslide in Panabaj in the southwest of the Central American country, burying the village.

Hundreds of people are believed to have died, and many of the bodies were never recovered.—Reuters



A woman carries a religious statue and belongings while evacuating from an area affected by mudslide in Santa Catarina Pinula, on the outskirts of Guatemala City on 3 October 2015. PHOTO: REUTERS

## Abe calls for progress in peace treaty talks with Russia

KYOTO — Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe expressed hope during a meeting with a Russian deputy prime minister on Sunday for progress in bilateral talks on a post-World War II peace treaty that will restart this week.

"I welcome Japan and Russia having high-level exchanges," Abe told Russian Deputy Prime Minister Arkady Dvorkovich when they met in Kyoto on the sidelines of an international conference on science and technology, according to the Japanese government.

The meeting followed a summit between Abe and President

Vladimir Putin last week in New York, in which they agreed to continue their efforts to resolve a long-standing territorial row that has prevented the two countries from concluding a postwar peace treaty. Dvorkovich said at the meeting with Abe that Russia and Japan should further enhance economic cooperation.

The countries will restart deputy foreign ministerial-level talks in Moscow on Thursday amid a row over four Russian-held islands off Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost main island. The negotiations have been suspended since January last year.—Kyodo News

## Haze closes schools, halts Marathon race in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR — The prolonged haze season continued to shroud the Malaysian peninsula on Sunday, forcing schools to be closed and a Marathon race was canceled for health concern.

As of Sunday afternoon, at least five areas reported "very unhealthy level," according to the Department of Environment website. One area recorded "Hazardous" air pollution level earlier in the day.

Runways at three major air-

ports, including one near the capital of Kuala Lumpur, were reported temporarily closed due to poor visibility. Some flights were disrupted.

The government said all schools in Peninsular except for the northern state of Kelantan were ordered to close on Monday and Tuesday due to the worsening haze. Four Malaysia Cup matches scheduled late Saturday were called off while a Marathon on Sunday was canceled.—Xinhua

## Life ring from missing cargo ship found as hurricane threatens Bermuda

CHARLESTON — US Coast Guard pilots found a life ring from the cargo ship El Faro on Saturday, the first trace of the vessel since it went missing two days earlier with 33 mostly American crew members on board, as powerful Hurricane Joaquin moved toward Bermuda.

A search-and-rescue crew found the life ring in waters to the northeast of Crooked Island in the Bahamas, about 75 miles (120 km) from the ship's last known position before it went missing on Thursday morning, the Coast Guard said.

A spokesman said crews will resume the search in the same area at sunrise.

"Because we found a life ring, the assumption can be made that we are searching in the right area," said Coast Guard spokesman Petty Officer Jon-Paul Rios.

"When we commence searching tomorrow morning at sunrise, hopefully we'll be able to find something else. Every little bit helps," he added. At 8 pm ET (0000 GMT), Joaquin, which strengthened significantly early Saturday,



Vehicles drive along a flooded West Avenue as a nor-easter comes on shore in Ocean City, New Jersey on 2 October 2015. Hurricane Joaquin was not expected to be a major threat to the US East Coast, the US National Hurricane Center (NHC) said. PHOTO: REUTERS

had maximum sustained winds of 145 miles (233 km) per hour, the US National Hurricane Centre said. The storm, a potentially catastrophic Category 4 on a scale of 1 to 5, was about 450 miles (724 km) southwest of Bermuda on Saturday night, Dennis Feltgen, spokesman for the NHC, said.

El Faro, a 735-foot (224-m) cargo ship with 28 US citizens and five Polish nationals aboard, was headed to San Juan, Puerto Rico, from Jacksonville, Florida when it reported losing propulsion and that it was listing and taking on water, the Coast Guard said.—Reuters





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- 07:50 Am Black Gold (Part- I)
- 08:03 Am News
- 08:26 Am Myanmar Childhood Games (Episode- 1)
- 08:35 Am Maha Myatmuni Buddha Image In Rakhine
- 08:48 Am Today Myanmar "Broadcasting Law"
- 09:03 Am News
- 09:26 Am Trend Of Kachin Dress
- 09:53 Am Great Minds of Myanmar (Anthropologist U Kyaw Win)
- 10:03 Am News
- 10:26 Am All About Orchids
- 10:39 Am Paper Products... Plain but Pretty

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- 07:03 Pm News
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- 07:45 Pm Myanmar Traditional Art Bronze Casting
- 07:51 Pm Chaung Tha Souvenir Business
- 08:03 Pm News
- 08:26 Pm An Aficionado Of Alluring Antiques (ဦးစိန်မြင့်၊ ရွှေချည်ထိုးရေးဟောင်းပစ္စည်း)

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| <b>6:50 am</b>         | <b>10:15 am</b>              |
| • Teleplay             | • ASEAN Cultural Fair (2014) |
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### WEATHER REPORT

**BAY INFERENCE:** Monsoon is strong to vigorous in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and weather is partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL EVENING OF THE 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2015:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, Kayin and Mon States, fairly widespread in Mandalay, Magway and Bago Regions, scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, Lower Sagaing Region, Shan, Chin, Rakhine and Kayah States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavy falls in Mandalay and Taninthayi Regions, Kayin and Mon States. Degree of certainty is (100%).

**STATE OF THE SEA:** Squalls with rough sea are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) m.p.h. Sea will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Likelihood of increase of rain in Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, Kayin and Mon States.

**FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2015:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%)

**FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2015:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

**FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2015:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).



## Harry Styles will help pay fan her university fees



PHOTO: REUTERS

LOS ANGELES — One Direction star Harry Styles made a fan's dream come true when he offered to help pay her university tuition fees.

The "What Makes You Beautiful" singer spotted a sign in the crowd asking for money as he played his sixth consecutive show at the O2. The banner read, "I left uni for this — you owe me £9000", reported *Daily Mirror*.

Styles, 21, appeared rather shocked when he saw the banner and said to the delighted girl, Callie Worth, a Bournemouth University student, "Now we owe you £9000." Shortly afterwards he turned to her and added, "Snapchat have just told me they will pay the money for you."

According to Worth she only left university for a day but was delighted when the banner was noticed. "I left Bournemouth university for the day and travelled down to the O2 to meet my two best mates who I hadn't seen in a few weeks... My friend Mollie was holding the banner at the time and Liam noticed it and read it out, then afterwards Harry said 'Snapchat have offered to pay for your uni fees.'"

The boy band made a Snapchat of their show, announcing the news earlier by tweeting, "Snapchatters — 1D are bringing their concert to your phones today with a One Direction Live Story."—PTI

## Eva Longoria honoured with Latino's Visionary award

LOS ANGELES — Actress Eva Longoria was feted with Variety Latino's first-ever Visionary award at the inaugural 10 Latinos to watch ceremony.

The former 40-year-old "Desperate



PHOTO: REUTERS

Housewives" star was given the honour in recognition of her outstanding contributions to Latinos through entertainment and philanthropy.

She was presented the prize by Roselyn Sanchez, who stars in Longoria's TV series "Devious Maids".

Sanchez praised her friend for being an inspiration to many, and even urged the actress run for office.

Longoria took the stage at Hollywood's Avalon venue to accept the prize, and used the platform to encourage her fellow Latinos to "shape the narrative of how this country defines" them.

"It's not only an opportunity, but a responsibility to make sure others recognise all the

## Miss Universe Myanmar winners announced

THE Miss Universe Myanmar Organisation selected two finalists to compete in the 2015 and 2016 Miss Universe competitions on Saturday.

The winners, May Barani Thaw and Htet Htet Tun, beat 18 contestants to be selected for the 2015 and 2016 pageants respectively.

The organisation chose Han Lay as the first runner-up and Cho Cho Tun as the second runner-up. If for any reason the winners cannot compete, Han Lay and Cho Cho Tun will represent Myanmar instead.

The two Miss Myanmar will compete against women from more than 80 countries to win the crown, which could be worth as much as US\$250,000 and a one-year contract with Miss Universe Organisation. The world's most famous beauty pageant also includes the sub-categories National Costume, Miss Photogenic and Miss Congeniality.

However the date and venue has not yet been announced for the 64<sup>th</sup> Miss Universe Competition. Its sponsors broke off relations with Donald Trump, who bought the entire stock in the pageant in September this year, after he made derogatory state-



Miss Universe Myanmar winners May Barani Thaw and Htet Htet Tun will compete in Miss Universe in 2015 and 2016 respectively.

PHOTO: KHIN ZARLI

ments about Mexican immigrants during campaign speeches as a Republican presidential hopeful in the United States. The event is now owned by entertainment company WMG/IMG.

This is the third time that

Myanmar has entered the Miss Universe competition, with the country making its debut in 2013 with Moe Set Wine as a contestant, and Shar Htet Eindra won in 2014.—Maung Sein Lwin (*Myanma Alinn*)

## Johnny Depp concerned about daughter's budding fashion career

LOS ANGELES — Hollywood star Johnny Depp is worried with how fast his daughter Lily-Rose Melody Depp's fashion career is growing.

Depp, 52, says he is worried about the 16-year-old's modelling career, but is ok as she is happy, reported *People magazine*. "To be honest, I'm quite worried. I wasn't expecting all this to hap-

pen to Lily-Rose, especially not at this age. But it's her passion and she's having fun," the "Black Mass" star said. Daughter of Depp and his former partner, French actress Vanessa Paradis, Lily-Rose is the face of Chanel's Pearl eyewear.

She is also through with her first feature film "Yoga Hosers".—PTI



PHOTO: REUTERS

## Selena Gomez wants fans to be proud of her

LONDON — Singer Selena Gomez hopes her fans will be proud of her latest music offering, album 'Revival'.

The 23-year-old singer thinks the music on her new album reflects the face she is a "stronger and more enlightened" woman who has learned a lot, reported *Look magazine*.

"I think I'm starting to find my way as a stronger and more enlightened woman who has a lot more insight into herself and her relationships with others," Gomez said.

"Those are the kinds of life lessons I've tried to talk about in my music. I want my fans to be proud of me and see a lot of positive things in my personal evolution.—PTI



# Vivienne Westwood's Paris show



A model presents a creation by British designer Vivienne Westwood as part of her Spring/Summer 2016 women's ready-to-wear fashion collection in Paris France on 3 October 2015. PHOTO: REUTERS

PARIS — Bold prints and floating jackets prevailed at Vivienne Westwood's Gold Label catwalk show at Paris Fashion Week on Saturday. Westwood, known for her environmental activism, said she picked an underlying theme of saving the Italian city of Venice

from the effects of climate change for the spring/summer 2016 collection. The show, called "Mirror the World", saw models with bold colourful makeup wear perfect-style and long tailored jackets which hung magically above their heads.—Reuters

## Over 10,000 participate in Coimbatore Marathon run for cause

COIMBATORE — Over 10,000 people today took part in the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of Coimbatore Marathon 2015, for the cause of cancer patients.

Coastal Security Group ADGP, Sylendra Babu, flagged-off the 21.1 KM half marathon, which had over 1,300 participants.

Thousands of citizens turned out early morning and cheered the runners all along the route, proving that the Coimbatore Marathon has grown bigger and better with each passing

year, Ramesh Ponnusami, secretary, Coimbatore Runners, joint sponsors, said.

The 10 km run, which had over 3,000 plus runners, was flagged-off by Dr T Balaji, Managing Trustee, Coimbatore Cancer Foundation, the joint organisers and the 5 km run, which had over 6,400 plus runners, by Mayor P.Rajkumar.

The Mens 21.1 km half marathon was won by Soji Mathew, while R Poonkodi won the women's.—PTI

# Hungarian author Peter Esterhazy has pancreatic cancer: magazine

BUDAPEST — Hungarian author Peter Esterhazy, whose widely recognised work in post-modern literature has been translated into 24 languages, is suffering from pancreatic cancer, according to an article in a literary magazine published on Friday.

Esterhazy, 65, was not immediately available for comment.

Last week he excused

himself from the Goteborg Book Fair in Sweden, where he was supposed to appear as a special guest to showcase Hungarian literature, saying in a letter that he was preoccupied by pancreatic cancer.

In that letter, he said he would not talk publicly for now about the pancreatic cancer which was "seeking to take over my life", but that he would elaborate at a later date.

His fellow writer Krisztian Grecso, writing in the magazine *Elet ES Irodalom*, confirmed his illness, saying: "If there is a God, or even if there is not, Peter must recover."

Esterhazy is the scion of high nobility. One of his best-known works is *Celestial Harmonies* (2000), a novel about his family's history during the Austro-Hungarian era when their estate was home to

people like Austrian composer Joseph Haydn.

A sequel to that book is *Revised Edition* (2002), which documents how author confronted the discovery that his father had been a communist-era informant.

He is also the author of *The Transporters* (1983), *A Little Hungarian Pornography* (1984), and *The Book of Hrabal* (1990).—Reuters

## China to hasten roll-out of car charging network

SHANGHAI — China wants to speed construction of a national network to charge electric cars, to help reach an ambitious goal of 5 million green vehicles on its roads by 2020, national news agency Xinhua said on Sunday, citing a senior energy official.

A shortage of charging facilities has long been a roadblock for sales by electric car makers, from domestic firm BYD Co Ltd to US rival Tesla Motors, as well as for government plans to rein in high levels of pollution.

China has made some progress on car charging infrastructure but its approach has lacked coordination, National Energy Administration deputy head Zheng Zhajie said.

"It's like with phone chargers, it's a bit all over the place," he told Xinhua. "Everyone has a pile of different chargers and a pile of batteries. Now we're trying to improve things, moving towards unifying and standardizing."

China aims to equip

at least one in ten public car park facilities for electric car charging, he said, adding that the State Council, or cabinet, would soon issue guidance for the infrastructure roll-out.

China cut taxes on small-engine cars last week in an effort to revive its wider automobile market, the world's biggest since 2009, although a recent economic slowdown

has weighed on sales.

But one bright spot this year has been sales of green cars, which have almost quadrupled from the 2014 figure. The government sees electric cars as China's best shot at closing a competitive gap with global rivals who have a 100-year headstart in traditional combustion engines. China has rolled out aggressive targets for

vehicle fuel efficiency that will grow gradually stricter until 2020, when its standards will exceed those of the United States and roughly match Japan.

The government has also offered tax cuts for green vehicles and proposed extending subsidies, mostly for domestic producers, to help automakers meet these targets.—Reuters



A Chery electric car is being charged at a charging station in Dalian, Liaoning Province, China on 1 September 2015. PHOTO: REUTERS

## Ethiopia aims to grow tourism threefold in five years

ADDIS ABABA — Ethiopia aims to triple its number of foreign visitors to more than 2.5 million by 2020, making tourism a pillar of one of Africa's fastest-growing economies.

Buoyed by huge spending on infrastructure and an expansion of its services and agricultural sectors, Addis Ababa expects annual economic growth of around 11 percent for the next five years.

Though lacking the palm-fringed beaches and safari trails of neighbouring Kenya and Tanzania,

the Horn of Africa country boasts magnificent terrain and a fascinating imperial past.

Visitor numbers have risen at least 10 percent a year for the past decade, albeit from a very low base. More than 750,000 tourists came during fiscal year 2014/2015, generating \$2.9 billion for the economy, said Culture and Tourism Minister Amin Abdulkadir.

"There is a lot of demand in terms of bookings and investment plans. Our target is to receive more than 2.5 million in five

years time," he told Reuters in an interview.

"This sector will generate foreign direct investment and foreign currency and create job opportunities, as well as contribute to image-building."

Hilton Worldwide Holdings signed a management deal on Wednesday to open its first hotel in Ethiopia in more than four decades, while sub-Saharan Africa's first Marriott-branded serviced apartments have also been unveiled in the capital.

Sheraton, Radisson and Golden Tulip are

among a handful of global groups already operating, and US chain Best Western International Inc, France's AccorHotels and Ramada say they are also working on new projects.

Ethiopia's target for 2020 looks modest, however, in comparison to that of Egypt, where 9.9 million tourists visited last year.

"We are a peaceful and stable country. Plus, we have the right policies and strategies," said Amin. "It will not be long before we reach the levels of our neighbours."—Reuters



# Dane Olesen holds lead at Dunhill Links Championship

SCOTLAND — Denmark's Thorbjorn Olesen takes a three-stroke lead into the final round of the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship after firing a seven-under-par 65 at St Andrews on Saturday.



Denmark's Thorbjorn Olesen during the third round of the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship at St Andrews, Scotland on 3 October 2015. PHOTO: REUTERS

The 25-year-old took full advantage of ideal scoring conditions, picking up eight birdies, to

lead Germany's Florian Fritsch, who went one better with a 64 at Kingsbarns. Briton Jimmy Mullen, the overnight leader, dropped back after a 74 at Carnoustie.

"It was a great day. I started off badly by hitting it in the water on the first but I got over it and played some good golf out there," said Olesen, who was runner-up at the pro-am event three years ago.

"My putter started to get very hot out there and I holed a lot of great putts. So yeah, it was good fun."

The tournament, which concludes on Sunday, is a unique format with four balls made up of two professionals and two amateur players alternating between links courses at Kingsbarns, Carnoustie and the Old Course at St Andrews.

Frenchman Benjamin Hebert carded six birdies in a round of 67 at Carnoustie and is in third place, four shots back.—Reuters

# Zeya Thiri Under-13 Girls' Football Team trumps Tatkon

ZEYA Thiri under-13 girls' football team defeated Tatkon team of 2-0 during the grand final of the Ottara District Football Shield on 3 October.

The match took place at the Pobba Thiri No. 20 Basic Education High School and

the winning team received the trophy from Commissioner U Ba Tun. The tournament included teams from Zeya Thiri, Pobba Thiri, Takon and Ottara Thiri and was held with the aim of uncovering fresh talent.—Shwe Ye Yint



The winners of the Ottara District Football Shield accept the trophy from Commissioner U Ba Tun. PHOTO: SHWE YE YINT

## AFC U-19 Championship 2016 Results (4-10-2015)

Vietnam	2 - 1	Timor Leste
Hong Kong	1 - 2	Myanmar

# Chelsea crash again as Aguero hits five for Man City

CHELSEA's early season slump turned into a full-blown crisis on Saturday when they were beaten 3-1 by Southampton while Manchester City went top of the Premier League with Sergio Aguero scoring five in a 6-1 win over Newcastle United.

Southampton's win at Stamford Bridge meant Chelsea have made their worst start to a season for 37 years and ended the day in 16<sup>th</sup> place on eight points, 10 behind City who will be top at least until Manchester United play Arsenal on Sunday.

City ended their own mini-slump in style, after two successive league defeats, but Chelsea's dire run continued even though they took an early lead with Willian scoring with a 10<sup>th</sup> minute free-kick.

Southampton hit back with goals from Steven Davis just before halftime, Sadio Mane after 60 minutes and a third from Graziano Pelle 12 minutes later. The defeat prompted an extraordinary response from Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho, who spoke for seven minutes without pause in response to one question from a Sky Sports reporter after the game.

Mourinho insisted Chelsea should have had a penalty before Southampton scored their second goal, and said



Sergio Aguero. PHOTO: REUTERS

he was not running away from his responsibilities. "I can imagine what people are thinking about what is going to happen or not going to happen," he said.

"Let me be clear: One, I do not run away. Two, if the club want to sack me they have to sack me because I am not running away from my responsibility or my team and from my conviction.

"Third, even more important than the first and the second, I think this is a crucial moment in the history of this club because if the club sacks me they sack the best manager that this club has had and the message is...that if there are bad results the manager is guilty."

Mourinho strongly criticised referee Robert Madley for not awarding Chelsea a penalty when Radamel Falcao appeared to be

brought down by Saints goalkeeper Martin Stekelenburg after 53 minutes. "The referees are afraid to give decisions for Chelsea," he said, a theme he continued for several more minutes.

Saints manager Ronald Koeman said the second half made all the difference after a difficult start: "We were more aggressive than Chelsea and in my opinion we totally deserved the three points today," he told Sky.



Graziano Pelle scores the third goal for Southampton during Barclays Premier League at Stamford Bridge on 3 October 2015. PHOTO: REUTERS

## AGUERO SCORES FIVE TIMES IN 20 MINUTES

While Chelsea lost an early lead, the side tipped at the start of the season to be their main title challengers came back from an early Newcastle goal to win convincingly.

Aguero scored five times in 20 minutes, including an eight-minute hat-trick, after City appeared to be in danger of a third straight league defeat when Alek-

sandar Mitrovic headed Newcastle ahead in the 18<sup>th</sup> minute at the Etihad Stadium.

The visitors, without a win so far, looked the better team for much of the first half but imploded as Aguero burst into life with goals after 42, 49, 50, 60 and 62 minutes. With Kevin De Bruyne also on target, five of City's six goals came in a dazzling 13-min-

ute spell. Aguero became only the fifth player in the Premier League era to score five in a game following Andy Cole, Alan Shearer, Jermain Defoe and Dimitar Berbatov.

But he was denied the chance to become the first to score six when coach Manuel Pellegrini substituted him two minutes after his fifth goal.—Reuters