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## At least 128 killed in terror attacks in Paris

PARIS — A series of deadly terror attacks Friday night in Paris has left at least 128 people dead, including many at a concert hall where hostages were taken, local media said, prompting the French president to declare a state of emergency.

In a televised address Friday, Francois Hollande called the attacks unprecedented acts of terrorism and announced he would close the country's borders until further notice.

Hollande said in another televised address Saturday the attacks were carried out by Islamic State.

Islamic State posted a statement on the Internet Saturday claiming responsibility for the attacks.

Shootings occurred at restaurants and explosions at a sports stadium, while gunmen took hostages at the Bataclan hall where a concert by an American rock band was taking place, according to the media.

At least eight alleged suspects in the incidents were killed, the local media said, quoting police information.

French public radio reported that a person witnessed attackers at the concert hall shouting "Al-lahu Akbar" (God is great) and shooting into the crowd.

The attackers were also heard criticizing France's intervention in Syria, according to the French radio. France has



A woman puts flowers near the French embassy to commemorate victims of the Paris attacks, in Moscow, Russia, on 14 November 2015.

PHOTO: REUTERS

joined US-led air strikes against Islamic State militants in Iraq and Syria.

There were also explosions outside the Stade de France soccer stadium where France and Germany were playing a friendly match. Hollande and German

Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier were among the spectators at the match.

Holland has canceled a trip to Turkey to attend the annual summit of the Group of 20 major economies which begins Sunday in the city of Antalya.

French media said the attacks on Friday night struck at least six locations. Law enforcement offices said at least 128 people died and some 200 people were injured, according to local media.

In Washington, US President Barack Obama said the attacks

were "an outrageous attempt to terrorize innocent civilians."

"We stand prepared and ready to provide whatever assistance that the government and the people of France need to respond," he told reporters.

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## Myanmar's first stock exchange to stay open no matter who is in office



Deputy Finance Minister Dr Maung Maung Thein is pictured at a talk titled Yangon Stock Exchange and Economic Development Potentials in Yangon on Saturday. Everything is ready to open the Yangon Stock Exchange next month, he said. —

PHOTO: YE MYINT

### Ye Myint

THE process of opening Myanmar's first stock exchange will continue no matter who is in office as such an institution is needed to sustain democracy, Deputy Minister for Finance Dr Maung Maung Thein said yesterday.

The deputy minister, who is also chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Myanmar, made the remark at a business talk program titled Yangon Stock Exchange and Economic Development Potentials in Yangon.

He stressed the need of continuing to work towards the goal as it is in the interests of the coun-

try's next generation, adding that every democracy needs to have a stock exchange.

During the talk, he recounted what he told those who raised questions on what will happen to the ongoing YSX process before the national general election.

"Whoever wins, the country's march towards democracy will not be derailed, its burgeoning market economy will not be abolished and democratic institutions in which a stock exchange is included will not be demolished," he recounted.

"It is sure to say the YSX will be launched during the present government's term as it is ready to start and is tentatively

scheduled to open on 9 December."

The YSX was originally expected to open last month but it was postponed until the completion of the electoral process after the general election held on 8 November.

According to the deputy minister, the country's only stock exchange is expected to begin trading securities with five or more listed companies. Among securities companies, one underwriter recently met all requirements needed to start providing services.

"All the steps needed to be taken for the establishment of YSX are nearing almost 100 per-

cent completion."

A final list of the players for the stock market will be announced at the opening ceremony, as well as the dates for companies to sell their shares.

"Listed companies are limited to their shares to sell one time for one company only."

The Yangon Stock Exchange, which is capitalized at 32 billion kyats (over US\$ 32 million), is a joint venture between the state-owned Myanmar Economic Bank holding a controlling share of 51 percent and the Daiwa Institute of Research with a share of 30.25 percent and the Japan Exchange Group with 18.75 percent.

### 2015 General Elections of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Victorious Pyithu Hluttaw candidates and results

No.	Region/State	Constituency	Victorious candidate	Party/Independent	Total vote
309.	Kachin	Myitkyina	U Inhton Kha Naw Sam	National League for Democracy	48961
310.	Chin	Matupi	U Pan Htan	National League for Democracy	8481
311.	Tanin-thayi	Kyunsu	Daw Tin Tin Yi	National League for Democracy	45314
312.	Tanin-thayi	Bokpyin	U Nay Lin Tun	National League for Democracy	18375
313.	Rakhine	Manaung	U Tin Nu (a) Tin Nu Aung	National League for Democracy	13198
314.	Rakhine	An	U Thein Swe	Union Solidarity and Development Party	13037
315.	Rakhine	Taungup	Daw Ni Ni May Myint	National League for Democracy	28134

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### 2015 General Election of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Victorious Region/State Hluttaw (Ethnic) candidates and results

No.	Region/State	Constituency	Victorious Candidate	Party/ Independent	Total Vote
22.	Taninthayi	Kayin	U Saw Lu Kar	National League for Democracy	20086

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## IPRD mobile library visits Maedee village of Dekkhinathiri



Local residents borrow books from mobile library in Dekkhinathiri Township.

PHOTO: DISTRICT IPRD

A mobile library of the district of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, to lend books and journals to the rural community. The villagers borrowed 110 books from the library, which had about 300 various general knowledge and aesthetic kinds of books. The mobile library will recollect the books and bring new books when it comes back next week, said an IPRD staff of the Ministry of Information.—*Dekhina District (IPRD)*

## Construction of primary school building nearly completed at village of Pobbathiri

A primary school building being built in Gonmikwin village of Pobbathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area is nearly completed by 85 per cent. The construction had started in July by private Minmyatpine construction company, which is scheduled to be completed by the end of November, according to a company official. The 100ftx30 ft one-story brick building is being built by the government with the budget of K 36 million.—*Shwe Ye Yint*

### 2015 General Elections of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Victorious Amyotha Hluttaw candidates and results

No.	Region/State	Constituency	Victorious candidate	Party/Independent	Total vote
161.	Kachin	No. 2	Daw Shilar Nan Taung (a) M Nan Taung	National League for Democracy	49882
162.	Chin	No. 10	U Lal Min Htan	National League for Democracy	5689
163.	Taninthayi	No. 12	U Khin Myo Win	National League for Democracy	18262

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### 2015 General Election of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Victorious Region/State Hluttaw candidates and results

No.	Region/State	Constituency	Victorious Candidate	Party/ Independent	Total Vote
603.	Kachin	Myitkyina-1	Dr Khet Aung	National League for Democracy	25463
604.	Kachin	Myitkyina-2	U Nay Win	National League for Democracy	20805
605.	Chin	Matupi-1	U Hun Khen	National League for Democracy	5542
606.	Chin	Matupi-2	U Wi Kaw	National League for Democracy	5832
607.	Rakhine	An-1	U Maung Maung Ohn	Union Solidarity and Development Party	9545
608.	Rakhine	An-2	U Khin Maung Htay	Arakan National Party	9452
609.	Rakhine	Taungup-1	U Win Myint	National League for Democracy	12777
610.	Rakhine	Taungup-2	U Min Aung	National League for Democracy	15812
611.	Kachin	Mohnyin-1	U Tin Aye	National League for Democracy	28232
612.	Kachin	Mohnyin-2	U Kyaw Kyaw Win	National League for Democracy	20056
613.	Taninthayi	Yebyu-1	U Hla Htway	National League for Democracy	17842
614.	Taninthayi	Yebyu-2	U Kyi Soe	National League for Democracy	14008

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## 2015 Job Opportunity Exhibition opens in Mandalay

THE two-day 2015 Job Opportunity Exhibition opened at Mandalay's City Hall yesterday, attracting many local high school students and fresh college graduates. Eighteen foreign and local companies were in attendance offering job opportunities. Job seekers were seen applying with their CVs. The companies conducted their interviews in specially arranged rooms on the sidelines of the exhibition. The event was sponsored by the Career & Success Job Journal and work.com.mm which was also providing service at the exhibit, according to an official.—*Thiha KoKo (Mandalay)*



Local people visit 2015 Job Opportunity Exhibition. PHOTO: THIHA KO KO

# President inspects irrigation and road facilities in Ayeyawady, Yangon

PRESIDENT U Thein Sein conducted an inspection tour of a sluice gate project in Nyaungdon township, Ayeyawady Region, yesterday afternoon.

At the briefing hall officials reported on the construction of sluices to prevent the accumulation of sediment in the Panhlaing river and their efforts to complete construction in a timely manner.

Union Ministers U Ohn Myint, U Soe Thane and Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe presented reports on the supply of water to the former capital, flood-prevention measures, arrangements for the irrigation of cropland and the storage of fresh water.

The irrigation infrastructure is currently 20% complete and is expected to supply water to 40,000 acres of farmland. According to irrigation officers, the facility is designed to prevent flooding in the rainy season.

The president also inspected the Panhlaing sluice gate. Opened on 12 December 1995, the facility has water storage to irrigate 25,404 acres of farmland.

The President proceeded



Engineers and skilled workers building Mezali sluice gate (2) in Nyaungdon Township. PHOTO: MNA

to Htantabin township in Yangon Region where he inspected the Kokkowa bridge con-

struction. Spanning across the Hlaing river the bridge is being constructed using steel plate

girders and steel trusses. The 2,278-foot Kokkowa bridge is over 50% complete and is de-

signed to withstand 75 tons of traffic weight. —*Myanmar News Agency*

## UEC has announced 97 percent of election results



UEC member U Myint Naing explains announcement of election results at the press conference. PHOTO: MNA

MEMBER of Union Election Commission U Myint Naing met media at the press conference at the media centre of the commission in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

He explained election results and remaining seats, arrangements for scrutinize the expenditure in

campaign period of candidates, strong and weak points of the 2015 general election and future tasks.

The commission has announced 97 percent of election results on 14 November, with remaining results—2 percent for Py-

ithu Hluttaw, 3 percent for Amyotha Hluttaw, 3 percent for region/state Hluttaw and 24 percent for region/state (ethnic) Hluttaw. After the remaining results have been announced at 4 pm on 15 November, the media centre will be closed. —*Myanmar News Agency*

## UEC continues election announcements

THE Union Election Commission's media centre in Nay Pyi Taw announced seven seats for the Pyithu Hluttaw, three for the Amyotha Hluttaw, 12 for region and state Hluttaw and one for region/state (ethnic) Hluttaw yesterday.

So far the election commission has announced 315 seats for Pyithu Hluttaw, 163

seats for Amyotha Hluttaw, 612 seats for region/state Hluttaw and 22 for region/state (ethnic) Hluttaw.

Of those, the National League for Democracy has won 253 seats for Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House), 134 for Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House), 469 for region/state Hluttaw and 15 for the region/state (ethnic) Hluttaw. —*Myanmar News Agency*

## At least 128 killed in terror attacks in Paris

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Other leaders added their condemnation, including UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon, who called the assaults “despicable terrorist attacks” and said the French authorities will do “all in their power to bring the perpetrators to justice quickly.”

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe denounced the attacks, telling reporters in Istanbul that Tokyo will fight terrorism by closely cooperating with France and the international community.

“France, which shares values with Japan, is now fac-

ing a challenge. We Japanese are always with French people and express strong solidarity with them,” Abe said.

The attacks come 10 months after attacks by Islamists on the satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo and a Jewish grocery store in the capital left 17 people dead.

Three suspects were killed. The attacks also occurred while the country was preparing to host a UN climate conference in Paris from 30 November which world leaders, including Obama and Russian President Vladimir Putin, are expected to attend. —*Kyodo News*

# Indonesia says forest fires could be back in weeks

JAKARTA — Indonesia's forest fires, which this year sent vast plumes of smoke across the region described by climate officials as a "crime against humanity", could return as early as February, the forestry minister said on Friday, but on not such a large scale.

Slash-and-burn agriculture, much of it clearing land for palm oil crops, blanketed Singapore, Malaysia and northern Indonesia in a choking "haze" for months, pushing up pollution levels and disrupting flights, as it does every year.

But this year was unusually severe.

Indonesian efforts to halt the fires, often deliberately set by plantation companies and smallholders, have come to nothing and the air has cleared over the region in recent days only because of heavy rain.

"In the third week of February, hotspots will emerge again, so indeed there won't be a break," minister Siti Nurbaya Bakar told Reuters on the sidelines of a haze conference. "We are going to put in a better early warning system and improve our contact with private concession holders. Before, it was not really working."

Bakar also said the government would increase the number of firefighters and equipment on the ground, but did not elaborate.

Experts have questioned the will and capacity of the government to address the problem after decades of inaction. Indonesia sought foreign help and sent tens of thousands of personnel to fight the fires, but they did little to help.

The fires were exacerbated this year by the effects of the El



Indonesian President Joko Widodo inspects a newly-built canal to prevent peatland fires in Pulang Pisau, east of Palangkaraya, Central Kalimantan. PHOTO: REUTERS

Nino weather phenomenon, as a prolonged dry season in Indonesia parched the top soil, fuelling the flames.

Bakar said El Nino would ease in northern Indonesia over the next few months and cause fewer fires on peat land, which

typically produce more smog than burning forests.

She said Indonesia would not likely need foreign assistance this time around.

"We have to put our efforts first on overcoming the situation. From our experience last

time, we can manage the hotspots from February to April, and even to June," Bakar said.

At the conference, Vice President Jusuf Kalla said it would likely take the government five years to solve the forest fire problem.—Reuters

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## Philippines on full alert ahead of APEC summit and after Paris attacks

MANILA — Philippine police went on full alert nationwide yesterday, ahead of next week's summit of Asia-Pacific leaders in Manila and following deadly attacks in Paris, beefing up security to ensure the safety of thousands of summit delegates.

All security personnel across the country's 7,100 islands are on alert, with close to 20 leaders due to attend the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit, and after at least 120 people were killed in the attacks across Paris.

"We are on full alert status nationwide because of APEC, and as part of routine procedure after incidents such as the one in

Paris," Philippine national police spokesman Wilben Mayor told Reuters.

The wealthy neighbouring city state of Singapore also raised its alert level, stepping up border checks and other security measures in the wake of the Paris attacks, in which gunmen and bombers targeted restaurants, a concert hall and a sports stadium.

On Saturday, Philippine air force helicopters and coast guard boats patrolled around APEC meeting venues, with about 30,000 police officers and soldiers deployed in the capital to protect the leaders and delegates.

US President Barack Obama,

Chinese President Xi Jinping and Japan Prime Minister Shinzo Abe are among those set to attend.

"So far, there is no direct information that there is a threat from terrorist groups," said General Jonathan Miano, the head of the APEC security task force. "The only threats that we are expecting are the threats from rallyists."

On Thursday, summit organisers said all buildings along a major boulevard near Manila Bay designated for use by summit vehicles ferrying world leaders were advised to keep their windows shut as a security measure.—Reuters



Philippine Marines check an anti-aircraft weapon mounted near the venues of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit, which will be held next week, during a security preparation in Manila on 14 November. PHOTO: REUTERS

## All passengers, crew survive airport landing accident in Laos

VIENTIANE — All crew and 31 passengers have survived an emergency landing of a domestic flight at Wattay Airport in the Lao capital Vientiane Friday afternoon local time, an official based at the airport for the nation's Department of Civil Aviation has confirmed to Xinhua.

The Lao Skyway flight LLL265 from the popular tourist destination of Luang Prabang to Vientiane reportedly skidded off the runway when attempting a landing at the Wattay International Airport around 2pm.

Crew were able to lead passengers from the plane with no casualties reported.

The aircraft has reportedly suffered damage to its wheels and undercarriage in the landing attempt, coming to rest with fuselage intact in long grass within the perimeter of the airfield about 10 metres clear of the runway.

The airport official confirmed all other flights that have been scheduled to arrive and depart the airport were proceeding without undue affect.

The cause of the incident is set to be subject to further investigation.

Lao Skyway was originally established as Lao Air in 2002, with its first flight conducted in 2003.—Xinhua

## Indian diaspora fete Modi in London as trouble stirs back home

LONDON — Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's political problems in New Delhi seemed a long way away on Friday as he addressed an adoring crowd in a stadium daubed in the saffron, white and green of his country's flag. They were 4,168 miles away, to be exact.

The stadium was England's national football ground, Wembley, and the dancing, cheering, flag-waving crowd was made up of 62,000 members of the Indian diaspora. They had braved a cold London evening to witness the first official visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Britain in nearly a decade.

Speaking at the political rally, the high point of a three-day visit to Britain that has seen 9 billion pounds worth of trade deals signed and revived wilting bilateral relations, Modi praised India's diversity and said the country was working hard to tackle poverty.

"I am investing all my efforts and, my dear countrymen, I would like to assure you that the dreams that you have dreamt, the dreams that every Indian has dreamt, India has the capacity to fulfil those dreams and we are witnessing that," he said.

The show of political strength, three times the size of a similar event held in New York last year, masks growing dissent in India, where an internal rebellion has punctured Modi's aura of invincibility.

Elected last year on a wave of optimism over economic reforms, Modi's visit comes after a damaging local election defeat and at a time when his leadership style is under fire from members of his nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party.

But, for the crowd in London who filled out a stadium more often used for football matches and pop concerts than political speakers, Modi remained a huge draw.

"After the last 60-plus years of independence, finally we've got a leader who has a mass mandate, and is saying something the people have waited a long time to hear," said Arindam Ghosh, a nationalised Briton attending the rally with friends.

"We never celebrated India until today, we just felt so bogged down with all the corruption we had ... today is really the first time we are seeing the actual power of India being shown to the world."

Modi's visit, which included lunch with Queen Elizabeth and



India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses a welcome rally in his honour at Wembley Stadium in London on 13 November. PHOTO: REUTERS

an audience with his counterpart David Cameron, has been dogged by protests over his party's perceived aggressive Hindu nationalist agenda.

But outside the stadium, supporters drowned out the pockets of demonstrators with chants of "Modi, Modi" as they queued to buy "We Love Modi" scarves, 10 pounds each, and paper Indian flags, two for 5 pounds.

Organisers said the four-hour

rally, estimated to have cost 2.5 million pounds, had been entirely financed by corporate sponsors and donations from the 75,000 people who had applied for the free-to-attend show. Many more had turned up to the stadium in vain hope of a ticket, they said. Modi, introduced on stage by Cameron, spoke for 90 minutes, providing the climax to a three-hour cultural show that ranged from traditional yoga exhibitions

and Bollywood-style dancing to a human beatbox and an Indian kilt-wearing bagpipe band.

"Despite this cold weather you have all come here in large numbers... you have shown a lot of love and affection for me. I am truly grateful to you all," Modi said.

"To our mother country, India!" he said, drawing a reply of "Victory!" from the stadium before he walked a celebratory lap around the pitch to meet the crowd. Billed by organisers as a community celebration rather than a political rally, the event was pulled together in less than six months and on a relatively meagre 2.5 million pound budget.

The dramatic saffron, white and green stadium backdrop was created by covering seats with more than 20,000 coloured plastic shopping bags, and the event was almost entirely staffed by volunteers.

"As a community we saw what happened when he went to America and, you know, America may be bigger but Britain can do it better," said Janhavi Dardkar, a director of the Europe India Forum non-for-profit organisation which helped set up the event.—Reuters

## Massive crowd protest in S Korea against Park's labour reform plans

SEOUL — Tens of thousands protested against South Korean President Park Geun-hye's labour and education policies on Saturday in one of the largest street rallies in recent years, prompting police to use water canons and barricades to stop the crowd.

A militant labour federation, with a diverse membership spanning trucking, construction, autoworkers and public teachers, organised the rally as the crowd converged in central Seoul and tried to march towards the presidential Blue House.

They were protesting against

Park's plans to make the labour market more flexible by giving employers greater leeway in dismissing workers and her decision for a government-selected panel to write the high school history textbook. Rally organisers demanded Park step down.

The conservative leader took office in 2013 after a decisive election win over a liberal challenger and is serving a single five-year term. Han Sang-gyun, the president of the Korean Confederation of Trade Union, who has a warrant for his arrest for organizing previous illegal rallies, called for

more protests and a general strike, unless the government withdraws its labour market plan.

"The government must immediately cease worsening labour conditions," Han told the crowd, before scurrying away to avoid being caught by the police. The police set up roadblocks across the main thoroughfare, blocking protesters from marching towards the Blue House and sprayed water canons into the crowd. Some protesters fought police with steel pipes. Park had earlier left for Turkey to participate in the summit of G20 nations.—Reuters



South Korean President Park Geun-hye. PHOTO: REUTERS

## UN envoy backs Pakistan's Afghan peace efforts

ISLAMABAD — The UN Secretary General's Special Representative for Afghanistan, Nicholas Haysom, on Friday appreciated Pakistan's contribution towards peace in Afghanistan and lauded Pakistan's role in launching much needed Afghan peace process.

Haysom met senior Pakistani officials at a time when international efforts are underway to revive the stalled talks between the Afghan government and the Taliban. The Pakistan-brokered process faced a deadlock after the death of the Taliban supreme leader, Mullah Omar, was revealed in late July.

The UN envoy met Adviser to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz, National Security Adviser Nasir Janjua, Foreign Secretary Aizaz Chaudhry and Chief of General Staff Lt. Gen. Zubair Hayat.

UN officials in Pakistan said that both sides discussed "prospects for in Afghanistan and wider regional cooperation."

The Pakistani Foreign Ministry said Haysom "concurred that intra-Afghan peace dialogue would require strong regional backing and expressed hope that Pakistan would continue to play its facilitative role."

"The two sides, inter alia, reviewed the emerging political

and security dynamics, and international efforts for peace and stability in Afghanistan," a Foreign Ministry statement said.

Aziz told the UN envoy that an "enduring peace would only come through an inclusive political dialogue."

Pakistan hosted the first ever direct Afghan peace talks in early July but the second round scheduled for 31 July was cancelled at the Taliban request as they had been involved in transition after Mullah Omar's death.

"The international community was also desirous of early resumption of the stalled peace process in Afghanistan, which in Pakistan's view was the best course of action," Aziz said. He added that Pakistan would facilitate the resumption of peace process, if approached by the Afghan government.

The two sides also discussed repatriation of Afghan refugees from Pakistan and their sustainable reintegration in Afghanistan. Aziz urged that UNHCR must step up its efforts to mobilize international support to develop absorption capacity of Afghan government for sustainable integration of returning refugees.

Pakistan still hosts nearly 1.5 million Afghan refugees and a similar number of unregistered ones, according to the UN refugee agency.—Xinhua

## Japan beefs up security near French interests after attacks



Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga meets with reporters in Tokyo on 14 November. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

TOKYO — The Japanese government beefed up security at locations related to French interests and elsewhere in the country yesterday following a series of deadly terror attacks

in Paris overnight. A riot police unit was dispatched to the French Embassy in Tokyo and police patrols beefed up around the mission.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe,

in Istanbul, Turkey, to attend a Group of 20 summit, instructed his Cabinet ministers to be fully alert in guarding against possible terrorist attacks, according to Chief Cabinet Secretary

Yoshihide Suga.

The government is also trying to gather information on whether any Japanese nationals were among the casualties in the Paris attacks, in which at least 120 people died in multiple locations on Friday night.

“I feel a strong shock and outrage,” Suga told reporters in Tokyo, calling the attacks “cruel and extremely cowardly acts of terrorism.”

The top government spokesman said the government will coordinate moves with the international community to guard against terrorist attacks.

In Hiroshima, Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida said Japan intends to work with France in an ongoing “international fight” against terrorism. “Japan stands with France,” he said. In a sign that the attacks in Paris could affect the city’s reputation as a popular tourist destination, JTB Corp., Japan’s leading travel agency, canceled major package tours that were supposed to leave the country on Saturday and Sunday.—*Kyodo News*

## 700,000 children at risk due to damaged heating systems in Ukraine

UNITED NATIONS — The UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF) on Friday said that lives of an estimated 700,000 children in Ukraine’s conflict-affected regions could be at risk amid dropping temperature if repairs to the heating systems in those areas are not urgently made.

“Damage to pipelines and infrastructure, as well as debris from destroyed bridges due to conflict in the eastern Donetsk and Luhansk are hampering the flow of water, and could result in a shutdown of the system, affecting water, heating and electricity supplies,” the deputy UN spokesman, Farhan Haq, said at a daily news briefing here, quoting information from the UN agency.

Damaged pipelines in war-torn eastern Ukraine are threatening to cut off water, heating and electrical supplies at a time when temperatures are plunging, thus putting these children at risk. “UNICEF has called for more access to areas where water infrastructure is damaged, ahead of the winter months,” he said.—*Xinhua*

## Death toll rises to 9 in east China landslide



Rescuers and a sniffer dog search for survivors at the site of a landslide in Lidong Village of Yaxi Township in Lishui, east China’s Zhejiang Province, on 14 November. PHOTO: XINHUA

HANGZHOU — Nine people were confirmed dead and 28 others remain missing after a landslide hit a village in east China’s Zhejiang Province Friday night, local authorities said yesterday.

The landslide was reported at around 10:50 pm in Lidong Village of Yaxi Township in the outlying Liandu District of

Lishui City, the city government said in a press release.

It said torrents of mud and rocks buried 27 homes in the village.

Rescue work began immediately after the landslide. More than 2,300 people and 60 vehicles were sent. Zhejiang Province Governor Li Qiang is or-

ganizing the rescue effort at the site.

Only 10 people were found as of Saturday morning, nine of whom had died. The only survivor was in the hospital, the document said.

Search and rescue continued yesterday.

Tents, food and water were

transported to the village as part of the rescue effort after about 300 people were evacuated.

Lishui reported heavy rain over the past two days. As of 8 a.m. Friday, average precipitation had reached 36 mm. It was still raining when the landslide happened, the local weather bureau said.—*Xinhua*

## Five soldiers killed in east, highest toll in two months

KIEV — Five Ukrainian soldiers have been killed in the past 24 hours during fighting in the east of Ukraine, the Ukrainian military said on Saturday, its highest death toll since a fragile ceasefire with pro-Russian separatists began two months ago.

The guns have been mostly silent since early September, but there has been an increase in ceasefire violations over the past few weeks, with both sides blaming the other for the escalating violence.

“This is the highest death toll within the past two months. All losses are related to the combat clashes with sabotage groups,” Ukrainian military spokesman Andriy Lysenko said.

Another four soldiers were wounded, Lysenko added.

Separatist officials said on Saturday Ukrainian troops had fired tanks and mortars near Donetsk airport and city of Horlivka, rebel news agency DAN reported.

Under the ceasefire deal, both sides are meant to have withdrawn most weapons from the frontline as part of a 12-point peace plan designed to end a conflict that has killed over 8,000 people since April 2014.—*Reuters*

# Iran's Rouhani cancels visit to Italy and France over Paris attacks

DUBAI — Iranian President Hassan Rouhani cancelled yesterday a visit to Italy and France following deadly attacks in Paris, while the foreign minister decided to attend Vienna talks on Syria to address threats of extremism.

Gunmen and bombers attacked restaurants, a concert hall and a sports stadium at locations across Paris on Friday, killing at least

120 people in a deadly rampage that a shaken President Francois Hollande called an unprecedented terrorist attack.

“Due to the terrorist incidents in Paris and in coordination with the hosts, the Iranian president postponed his visit to Italy, Vatican and France to a more convenient time,” Iran’s foreign minister, Mohammad Javad Zarif, told state television, accord-

ing to state news agency IRNA. Zarif, who had been due to accompany Rouhani on his European tour, left Tehran for Vienna on Saturday morning.

World and regional powers meet in Vienna on Saturday in a bid to step up diplomatic efforts to the end of the four-year-old conflict. “We are hopeful that in negotiation with other foreign ministers we can find ways

to fight against Islamic State and extremism threats and stop incidents like this,” Zarif added.

Zarif said the Paris attacks showed the threat of extremism was not limited to the Middle East, so the fight against it should not be limited to the region either. In a statement carried by IRNA, Rouhani condemned the Paris attacks as an “inhumane crime”.—Reuters



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# Palestinian gunman kills two Israelis in West Bank



Palestinians run for cover after tear gas canisters were fired by Israeli troops during clashes in the West Bank city of Hebron on 13 November. PHOTO: REUTERS

JERUSALEM — A Palestinian gunman killed an Israeli father and his son in the southern West Bank on Friday, the military said, while Israeli troops in the nearby city of Hebron shot dead two Palestinians involved in stone-throwing clashes, medics said.

The gunman opened fire on a family travelling near the Jewish settlement of Otnel, which is close to Hebron, Israel medics and media reported.

Israel's Channel 2 said a Palestinian vehicle overtook two Israeli cars on a main road and fired at the first, a people carrier, in which a man in his 40s and

his 18-year-old son were killed. The mother and another child were lightly hurt.

“Two Israelis were killed and another wounded when shots were fired at their vehicle,” a statement by the Israeli military said. The army also said the gunman had managed to escape and that a search was under way. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu sent condolences, saying: “We will reach the despicable murderers and we will bring them to justice, as we have in the past.” Islamist militant groups Hamas and Islamic Jihad praised the attack as a “natural response to crimes conducted by the

Israeli occupation”. There has been a wave of attacks since 1 October, with at least 14 Israelis killed in stabbings, shootings and other attacks, including Friday's shootings. At least 76 Palestinians have been shot dead by Israeli forces, including 45 people who were carrying out or about to carry out attacks. In Hebron, Israeli forces shot dead a Palestinian during stone-throwing violence. This had erupted during a funeral for another Palestinian who had died of wounds overnight following clashes at a funeral on Thursday, Palestinian medics said. In other violence on Friday near the West Bank

city of Ramallah, a 22-year-old man was killed and 14 others were wounded by Israeli troops using live fire, Palestinian health officials said. In Gaza, medical officials said Israeli forces had shot and wounded four Palestinians east of the enclave after they threw stones near the fence with Israel.

The Hebron area suffered the bulk of recent incidents during a surge in violence across Israel, Jerusalem and the Israeli-occupied West Bank since 1 October. The violence has been fuelled in part by a dispute over access to a site in Jerusalem holy to both Muslims and Jews.—Reuters

# Dozens of Afghan troops defect to Taliban in Helmand fighting

LASHKAR GAH — At least 65 Afghan soldiers have defected to the Taliban, taking their weapons and equipment with them and 88 have been killed in days of heavy fighting in the volatile southern province of Helmand, the local provincial Governor said yesterday.

The latest losses underline the heavy toll being exacted on Afghan security

forces, now fighting largely alone since international troops ended most combat operations last year.

Police and soldiers have been engaged in near-continuous combat with insurgents for the past three weeks in the districts of Lashkar Gah, Marjah and Nadali in Helmand, one of the Islamist movement's traditional strongholds.

Although they have so far repelled Taliban efforts to take the provincial capital Lashkar Gah, they have not been able to push back the insurgents decisively from areas around the city.

“Soldiers from an Afghan army brigade in Station area have joined the Taliban with their equipment and weapons,” Helmand Governor Mirza Khan

Rahimi said. He said a team had been sent to the town of Sangin to investigate the incident. Taliban spokesman Qari Yousuf Ahmadi said in a statement that five commanders and 65 army soldiers “repented their mistakes and surrendered to Mujahideen”, bringing five armoured personnel carriers as well as weapons and ammunition.—Reuters

## OPINION

### The four historic powers who reinforce a paradigm shift

Kyaw Thura

**I**T is safe to assume that the success of the general election is not a product of a single entity. It is the combined commitment made by four historic powers whose dedication and determination have given rise to a paradigm shift. Icon one is the people of Myanmar from all social and cultural strata. The people displayed their bravery in casting their votes and their discipline by standing in orderly queues at the polling stations. Icon two is President U

Thein Sein. Over the past five years he has made bold moves to get the country back on track by implementing democratic reform. Despite slow progress on all fronts, one great achievement is the successful signing of the nationwide ceasefire agreement with eight ethnic armed organisations. Icon three is the Union Election Commission Chairman U Tin Aye. He took the courageous decision to do everything in his capacity to make the general election free and fair. His deeds erased all low expectations. Icon four is the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing. There are strains in the relationship between the army and the people. He guaranteed that the army would remain neutral during the elections. It is understandable that doubts arose over the fairness of the elections. Nevertheless, the president, the chairman and the commander-in-chief all repeatedly affirmed their

commitment to free and fair elections at every opportunity, pledging their respect for the official results and a smooth transfer of power. These four historic powers have each played significant parts in helping the country stand proudly among the nations of the world. Their commitments have earned them recognition as historic figures in Myanmar.

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## What is Parkinson Disease?

Khin Maung Myint

**M**Y wife passed away three years ago, after suffering from the Parkinson's Disease (PD). The disease must have set in about eight years before that. However, we learned it was PD only about three years before her demise. It was because this disease is difficult to be detected in the early stages. Unlike other diseases it cannot be detected by any equipment or instrument or laboratory test. It is an incurable disease up to this day. Researches are being extensively going on to find the right cure and hopeful they would succeed soon.

### What is PD?

I must admit, the medical is not my field of expertise. However, I am trying to impart some knowledge that I had acquired through reading and from my experiences gained while taking care of my sick wife. My intention is to give some idea of what PD is, as I found that this disease is still not understood by many. Unlike other life threatening diseases, the family members should have basic knowledge about the disease, as they must play important roles as care givers.

The Parkinson's Disease or the Parkinsonism, was first identified by an English physician, named Dr. James Parkinson in 1817. It is a neurological disorder, the root cause of which is not fully understood yet. The patient commonly suffered difficulties of movement, loss of balance resulting in falls and slurred or, in extreme cases, loss of speech. People over 50 are the most at risk. It is a progressive disease and no cure has been found until today, except to slow down its progress to a certain extent. There may be options for cure, such as by medication or surgery in the near future.

The disease is not easily detected. Here, I would like to cite the story of a US astronaut. He had travelled into space many times. One day the astronaut noticed that his right hand didn't swing along when he walked. He thought it was nothing serious. Nonetheless, he went to the NASA medical center and consulted a general physician. The physician referred him to a neurologist. The latter, after making thorough investigations diagnosed it to be PD. When his past history was traced, the neurologist found that he had PD some years before he was selected for the astronaut programme.

It was interesting that the astronaut was allowed to go on space missions even after he was diagnosed as having PD. Unlike the life threatening disease such as cancer, the PD patients could live nearly normal lives, if they are diagnosed in the early stages, take proper treatments and know how to look after themselves with the help of their family members.

From my point of view, astronaut trainings are very rigorous and thus, they must be in outstanding states of fitness and health. Their medical exams at entry must be very thorough and stringent. So how did he slipped through? It must be because, as I had mentioned above, the disease is difficult to be detected in the early stages, unless the symptoms and the early warning signs of the PD was known and mentioned to the medical examiners.

That was what happened to my wife. Some symptoms and early warnings signs were showing up many years before she was diagnosed as having PD. However, as we were ignorant of them we weren't able to mention them to the doctors, thus it was not correctly diagnosed. However, as some symptoms of PD are similar to paralysis, we consulted with a neuro physician and also a neuro

surgeon early on.

The CT scan of the brain did not reveal any abnormality, so the surgeon referred back to the physician. The latter must have confused those symptoms with the *myasthenia gravis* medicine overdose. As that neurologist was the one who treated my wife for the *myasthenia gravis*, some years before, we believed it was drug overdose as we were told. When the real disease was diagnosed, it was too late. The progress was very fast.

As soon as I learned it was PD, a disease that we had never heard before, I started to search for literatures on PD, online. I found many interesting informations regarding the disease. I read them thoroughly and tried to understand them. I translated some important informations and wrote an article in Myanmar, to make people aware of the PD. A young lady, our neighbour, who helped me look after my wife, ask me about PD. I let her read the draft article I had written. She offered to print that article in a pamphlet form, with her own expenses, and distribute them free.

The pamphlets proved to be very helpful. According to her no less the ten elderly persons who received them were able to know that they had PD after consulting with neurologists as advised in the article.

For the benefit of the readers, I will describe briefly the symptoms and the early warning signs of PD, which I had mentioned in the said article that made some people to consult with the neurologists and learned they had PD.

The CT scans cannot detect the PD. Only specialized MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) machines can detect and pinpoint the locations of the brain defects that caused the PD. At present, only some specialist hospitals around the world are equipped with such machines. These ma-

chines are also used in brain surgeries that are purported to aid in curing PD. Until such time that PD could be detected by such machines or some sort of tests, knowing the symptoms and the early warning signs of PD would be the only option in our country, at present, in detecting and diagnosing PD.

### The Symptoms of PD

PD can have several different symptoms, varying from one person to another.

The most common symptoms are:---

1. **Tremor** of the hands, arms, legs, jaws and face.
2. **Rigidity** or stiffness of the limbs and trunk.
3. **Bradykinesia** or slowness of movement.
4. **Postural instability** or impaired balance and coordination

### The Ten Early Warning Signs of PD

The followings are the early warning signs that could assist the neurologists to detect and diagnose PD correctly. It is necessary for everyone to know them as they could become useful some day. It should not be assumed that a person has PD just by observing any one of the signs. However, if two or more signs are detected, a neurologist should be consulted.

1. **Tremor or shaking.** Slight shaking or tremor in the finger, thumb, hand, chin or lip could be an early sign of PD.
2. **Smaller handwriting.** If the hand writing changed or the letters become smaller, it may also an early sign.
3. **Loss of smell.** If you cannot smell foods like banana, dill pickles or or licorice, you should ask your doctor about PD.
4. **Trouble sleeping.** Thrashing around in bed, punching, kicking or falling out of bed while fast asleep, may be signs of PD.
5. **Trouble moving or walking.** Stiffness in the body, legs, arms and shoulders cause trouble in moving or walking. If the stiffness goes away after walking awhile, it's not to worry, but if it's persis-

tent, it could be the sign of PD. If the arm doesn't swing when walking and if the legs are frozen and couldn't move, it's a sure sign of PD.

6. **Constipation.** Difficulty to move bowels could be an early sign of PD.

7. **A soft or low voice.** If your voice changes and become soft or low, see your doctor. It could be the sign of PD.

8. **The masked face.** A serious, depressed or mad look though not angry and a blank stare or not blinking the eyes often, is a sign of PD.

9. **Dizziness and fainting.** Feeling dizzy or fainting can be signs low blood pressure and can also be linked to PD.

10. **Stooping or hunching over.** Stooping, leaning or slouching when standing could be a sign of PD.

These signs could also be caused by some less serious or normal health conditions. It is advisable that they should not be taken for granted as being normal or not serious. If two or more signs are observed, a neurologist should be consulted. By the time my wife first consulted the neurologist, there were at least four warning signs already showing. However, as we were ignorant of those signs and their relations to PD, we hadn't mention them to the doctor then.

### Conclusion

In writing this article I tried to avoid using medical terms wherever possible. I studied any piece of literature on PD that I could lay my hands on and tried to understand them before writing the article as I, a layman, understood. If there should be any discrepancies in my presentations, from the medical point of view, I would like to apologize for my mistakes in advance. However, my sincere intention is to share my knowledge and experiences, so that others may not be thrust into a situation like my wife, because of the ignorance of the early warning signs and the symptoms of the **Parkinson's Disease.**



## Tourists visit gold foil industry in Mandalay

TOURISTS from a range of countries who recently arrived at Mandalay International Airport observed the making of gold foils at the Galonmin gold foil industry workspace in Myetpa Ward on 36<sup>th</sup> street, Mahaangmye Township, on Friday.

The tourists were educated on the artisanal production of gold foils which are by and large not made as a part of a modern industrial process.—*Tin Maung (Mandalay)*



Tourists view production process of gold foils in Mandalay. PHOTO: TIN MAUNG (MANDALAY)

## MCDC elects new vice mayor



The election of vice mayor for Mandalay City in progress. PHOTO: MAUNG PYI THU

THE Mandalay City Development Committee (MCDC) has been formed with six members elected to fill the positions of secretary, joint secretary and three other members being appointed by the regional

government. The body began functioning on 1 October.

Under section 14(a) of MCDC Law, the body elected committee member U Nyunt Maung from Aungmyethazan Township as vice mayor on 12

November. U Nyunt Maung previously served as an adviser to MCDC for three years and is also a retired assistant lecturer of the Geology Department of Mandalay University.—*Maung Pyi Thu*

## Student crime awareness seminar conducted

POLICE conducted a seminar for students from the C.A.E private high school in Ottarathiri-Township in Nay Pyi Taw to educate them on crime statistics and facts yesterday.

Police Capt Zaw Win from the township police department, Police Capt Hsan Nyunt Aung from the No. 104 Anti-drug Squad and Inspector Win Kyaw Kyaw shared their knowledge

and experiences of drug abuse and other crime-related information. Altogether 350 students and teachers from the school attended the seminar.—*Min Min Latt (Physics)*

## Mandalay Region renews football subcommittee

A MEETING to reconstitute the Mandalay Region football subcommittee was held at the hall of the Region Sports and Physical Education Department on Friday.

Mandalay Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Win Hlaing spoke at the event while Deputy

Director U Wai Zin of the Sports and Physical Education Department reported on the formation of the new football subcommittee.

The meeting re-organised the committee to be made up of Deputy Director U Wai Zin of SPED as committee

chairman, U Sein Win Kyi as vice chairman, U Kyi Soe Thaug as secretary, U Win Maung as joint secretary and U Tin Myo Aung as second joint secretary.

Altogether the committee is made up of 20 members.—*Tin Maung (Mandalay)*

## IPRD officials operate book corners

THE Township Information and Public Relations Department stocks 13 kinds of booklets on important subjects at book corners in various public areas of Zeyathiri Township to enable local residents to read and self-educate.

The head of the Township IPRD and party provides the necessary booklets.

The themes of the booklets

are politics, social issues, economics, education, information on children, agriculture, health, religion, science and technology, culture and the arts, sports, biographies and public ethics.

The Township Information and Public Relations Department delivers the booklets monthly, providing them to mini book corner stores in wards and villages.—*Township IPRD*



IPRD officials fill new publications at mini book corner. PHOTO: IPRD

## Free health care provided in Pyinmana Tsp

THE Public Health Department in Pyinmana Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area provided free health care services to locals yesterday.

Led by the Director of the department Dr Daw Kyi Kyi Hla, a mobile medical team led by the Medical Superintendent of Pyinmana General Hospital Dr Kyaw

Myint together with 35 staff offered general care, maternal care and child health services to 80 villagers in Zegone and Zaungchankon villages.

They also conducted public health talks on sanitation and immunisation programmes.—*Min Min Latt (Mandalay University)*

## Asian shares skid as commodities revisit six-year lows

TOKYO — Asian shares fell sharply on Friday after commodity prices tumbled to multi-year lows on worries that slower global growth may worsen a supply glut, while US Federal Reserve officials kept drumming up the case for a rate hike next month.

MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan dropped 1.5 percent, led by losses in resource shares. It was set for a weekly decline of 3.2 percent.

Japan's Nikkei closed down 0.5 percent, snapping a seven-day winning streak, but remained on track for a weekly gain of 1.7 percent.

The Shanghai Composite index slipped 1.1 percent, and was poised to end the week flat.

The gloom in Asia is seen extending to European markets, with financial spreadbetters expecting Britain's FTSE 100 to open about 0.5 percent lower, Germany's DAX 0.6 percent, and France's CAC 40 0.7 percent.

Copper, often seen as a good gauge of the world's economic health because of its extensive industrial use, tumbled to a six-year low of \$4,795.50 per tonne, below its August trough. It was set for a 3.8 percent loss for the week, its fourth consecutive weekly drop. Oil prices tumbled to near the 6 1/2-year lows touched in August, when financial markets were gripped by fear of a hard landing for the Chinese economy.

US crude futures hovered around a 2-1/2 month low of \$41.54 per barrel on a persistent rise in US stockpiles, and were poised for a 6.3 percent decline for the week.

Brent crude futures fell 3.9 percent on Thursday to \$44.04 per barrel, edging near their 6 1/2-year low of \$42.23. They last stood at \$44.05, eyeing a weekly drop of 7.1 percent.

"The oil stockpile kept rising. US crude futures look set to test, and will probably fall below, \$40. Data from China so far this week is showing no sign that growth might be picking up," said Masahiro Ichikawa, senior strategist at Sumitomo Mitsui Asset Management.

Gold edged back up to \$1,082.06 from a six-year low of \$1,074.30 per ounce, extending its loss so far this month to 5.3 percent.

Various Fed officials on Thursday lined up behind a likely December interest rate hike.

Stanley Fischer, the Fed's second-in-command, said US inflation should rebound next year, noting that the central bank could move next month to raise interest rates.—Reuters

# China's yuan takes leap towards joining IMF currency basket

WASHINGTON — China's yuan moved closer to joining other top global currencies in the International Monetary Fund's benchmark foreign exchange basket on Friday after Fund staff and IMF chief Christine Lagarde gave the move the thumbs up.

The recommendation paves the way for the Fund's executive board, which has the final say, to place the yuan on a par with the US dollar, Japanese yen, British pound and euro at a meeting scheduled for 30 November.

Joining the Special Drawing Rights (SDR) basket would be a victory for Beijing, which has campaigned hard for the move, and could increase demand for the yuan among reserve managers as well as marking a symbolic coming of age for the world's second-largest economy.

Staff had found the yuan, also known as the renminbi (RMB), met the criteria of being "freely usable," or widely used for international transactions and widely traded in major foreign exchange markets, Lagarde said.

"I support the staff's findings," she said in a statement immediately welcomed by China's central bank, which said it hoped the international community would also back the yuan's inclusion.

Staff also gave the green light to Beijing's efforts to address operational issues identified in a report in July, Lagarde said.

The executive board, which represents the Fund's 188 members, is seen as unlikely to go against a staff recommendation and countries including France

and Britain have already pledged their support for the change. This would take effect in October 2016, during China's leadership of the Group of 20 bloc of advanced and emerging economies.

China has rolled out a flurry of reforms recently to liberalize its markets and also help the yuan meet the IMF's checklist, including scrapping a ceiling on deposit rates, issuing three-month Treasury bills weekly and improving the transparency of Chinese data.

Economists said with the yuan's inclusion in the IMF basket as a reserve currency now looking like a formality, China should step up efforts to build trust between global investors and its policy makers.

China's heavy-handed intervention to stem a stock market rout over the summer, and an unexpected devaluation of the yuan in August, had raised some doubts about Beijing's commitment to reforms.

Singapore-based Commerzbank economist Zhou Hao said China needs to further accelerate domestic reforms and improve policy transparency.

"The PBOC should reduce the frequency of market intervention, allowing market forces to really play a critical role."

The United States, the Fund's biggest shareholder, has

**"I would say that the likelihood of China's yuan joining the IMF currency basket this year is very high."**

**Shen Jianguang**

Chief economist at Mizuho Securities Asia



A woman takes pictures of new 100 yuan banknotes she withdrew from a bank in Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province, China, on 12 November. PHOTO: REUTERS

said it would back the yuan's inclusion if it met the IMF's criteria, a US Treasury spokesperson said, adding: "We will review the IMF's paper in that light."

If the yuan's addition wins 70 percent or more of IMF board votes, it will be the first time the number of currencies in the SDR basket — which determines the composition of loans made to countries such as Greece — has been expanded.

"I would say that the likelihood of China's yuan joining the IMF currency basket this year is very high," said Hong Kong-based Shen Jianguang, chief economist at Mizuho Securities Asia.

"The only thing that could deter this is if the US led a group rejecting the yuan's inclusion, which could complicate things. But the United States' current official stance doesn't reflect such an attitude," he said.

Currency analysts say making the yuan the fifth currency in the basket could eventually lead to global demand for the currency worth more than \$500 billion.

The People's Bank of China said the statement was an acknowledgment of the progress China had made in reforms and opening up its economy.

"The inclusion of the RMB in the SDR basket would increase the representativeness and attractiveness of the SDR, and help improve the current international monetary system, which would benefit both China and the rest of the world," the PBOC said in a statement. China would respect the board's decision and continue to deepen economic reforms, the PBOC said.—Reuters

## Russia's Yandex says complained to EU over Google's Android

MOSCOW — Russia's biggest search site Yandex said on Friday it had asked the European Commission to investigate Google's practices in relation to its Android mobile operating system in the European Union.

The new complaint could strengthen the case against Google, possibly giving enough ammunition to EU antitrust regulators to eventually charge the company with anti-competitive business practices, on top of accusations related to its Google Shopping service.

The formal request was filed in April 2015 and largely mirrors the Russian company's claims against the US company in a Russian anti-monopoly case that Yandex won.

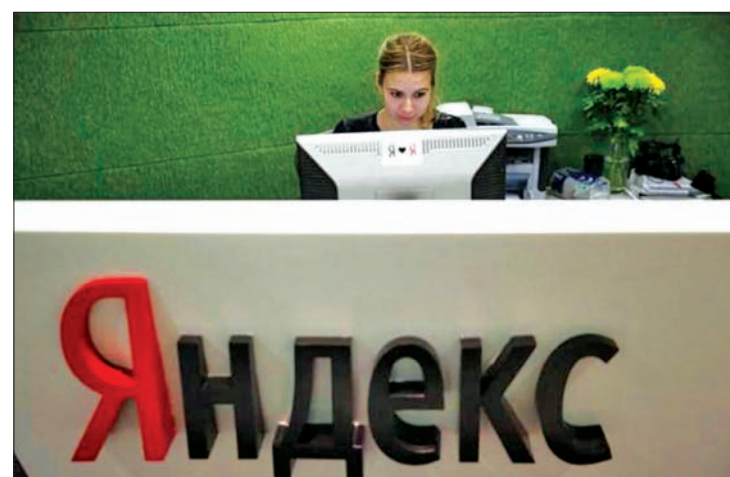
Russia's competition watchdog ruled in September that Google had broken the law by requiring pre-installation of its

search application on mobile devices running on its Android operating system.

"We think that the Russian finding of abuse of dominance is instructive, and is a conclusion that can readily be adopted in other jurisdictions, including the EU," Yandex said.

Yandex is one of the few companies to publicly complain about Android.

It joins US tech firm Disconnect, Portuguese app store Aptoide, and lobbying group FairSearch whose members include Microsoft, Expedia, TripAdvisor and French price comparison site Twenga. Yandex, which rivals Google in Turkey as well as Russia and several other former Soviet republics, said its business development in Europe would depend, among other factors, on the outcome of the European Commission's investigation.



An employee works at Yandex headquarters in Moscow. PHOTO: REUTERS

"We hope the European Commission ... offers their help in restoring fair competition and ensuring equal opportunity to pre-install mobile applications on Android-based devices not only for Google, but also for other developers," it said.

Yandex is ahead of Google in Russia with a search market share of around 60 percent, but it has been slow expanding abroad — a position it flagged when selling shares in a \$1.3 billion initial public offering on Nasdaq in 2011.—Reuters

# El Nino sends rare tropical visitors to California waters

LOS ANGELES — El Nino's warm currents have brought fish in an unexpected spectrum of shapes and colours from Mexican waters to the ocean off California's coast, thrilling scientists with the sight of bright tropical species and giving anglers the chance of a once-in-a-lifetime big catch.

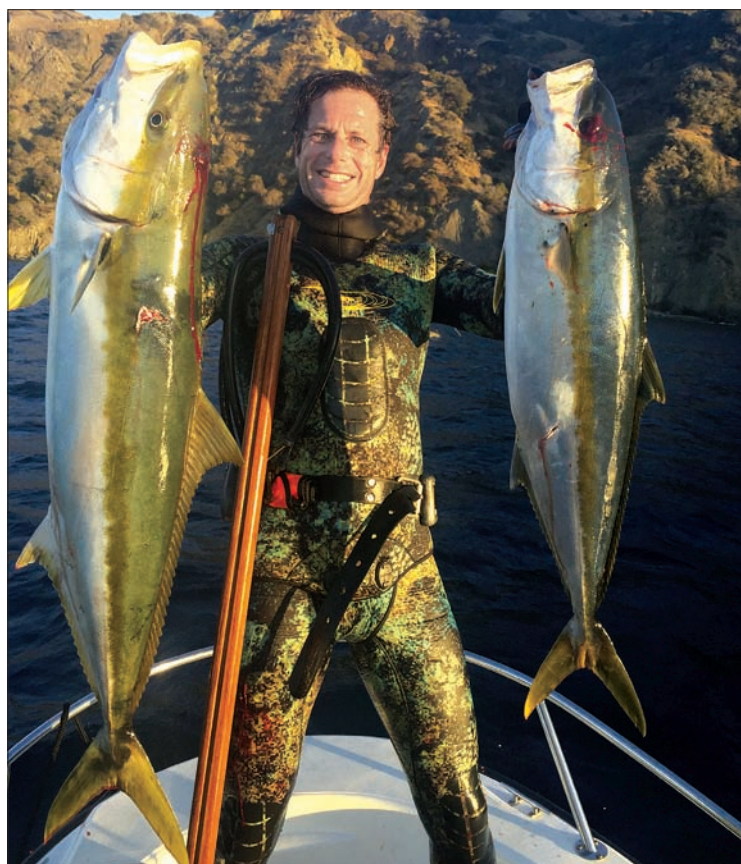
Creatures that have made a splash by venturing north in the past several weeks range from a whale shark, a gentle plankton-eating giant that ranks as the world's largest fish and was seen off Southern California, to two palm-sized pufferfish, a species with large and endearing eyes, that washed ashore on the state's central coast.

Scientists say El Nino, a periodic warming of ocean surface temperatures in the eastern and central Pacific, has sent warm waves to California's coastal waters that make them more hospitable to fish from the tropics.

El Nino is also expected to bring some relief to the state's devastating four-year drought by triggering heavy rains onshore.

But so far precipitation has been modest, and researchers say the northern migration of fish in the Pacific Ocean has been one of the most dynamic, albeit temporary, effects of the climate phenomenon.

Even as marine biologists up



**Rick DeVoe holds up yellow tail fish he caught free diving off the coast of California near Catalina Island. PHOTO: REUTERS**

and down the coast gleefully alert one another to each new, rare sighting, the arrival of large numbers of big fish such as wahoo and yellowtail has also invigorated California's saltwater sport fishing industry, which generates an estimated \$1.8 billion a year.

"Every tropical fish seems to have punched their ticket for Southern California," said Milton Love, a marine science researcher at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Some fish made the journey north as larva, drifting on ocean

currents, before they grew up, researchers said.

The first ever sighting off California's coast of a largemouth blenny fish was made over the summer near San Diego, said Phil Hastings, a curator of marine vertebrates at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

That species had previously only been seen further south, he said, off Mexico's Baja California. Small, colorful cardinalfish were also spotted this year off San Diego, while spottfin burfish, a rounded and spiny species, were sighted off the coast of Los Angeles, said Rick Feeney, a fish expert at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County. Those tropical species are hardly ever found in Californian waters, he said.

Some small tropical fish could remain in the state's waters over the coming months, researchers said, as El Nino is expected to last until early next year.

"As soon as the water gets cold, or as soon as they get eaten by something else, we'll never see them again," Love said.

For sports fishers, it was so-called pelagic zone fish like wahoo, that live neither close to the bottom nor near the shore, which made this year special.

Before the El Nino, California anglers only saw wahoo, a

fish with a beak-like snout and a slim body that often measures more than 5 feet (1.5 metres) in length, when they made boat trips south to Mexican waters.

This year, there were 256 recorded catches of wahoo by sport fishing party boats from Southern California, with almost all of those being taken on the US side of the border, said Chad Woods, founder of the tracking company Sportfishingreport.com.

Last year, he said, the same boats made 42 wahoo catches.

Michael Franklin, 56, a dock master for Marina Del Rey Sportfishing near Los Angeles in the Santa Monica Bay, said this was the best year he can remember, with plentiful catches of yellowtail and marlin.

"I've been fishing this bay all my life since I was old enough to fish, and I've never seen it like this," he said. Many hammerhead sharks also cruised into Californian waters because of El Nino, experts say.

Sport fisherman Rick DeVoe, 46, said he took a group of children out in his boat off the Southern California coast this September. A hammerhead followed them, chomping in half any tuna they tried to reel in.

"The kids were freaking out because the shark's going around our boat like 'Jaws'," DeVoe said.—Reuters

## Measles vaccination helps to save over 17m lives since 2000: UN

UNITED NATIONS — The World Health Organisation (WHO) said that measles vaccination has helped save an estimated 17.1 million lives since 2000, a spokesman told reporters here Friday.

New data released by WHO for the Measles & Rubella Initiative, showed that from 2000 to 2014, the number of measles-related deaths has decreased by 79 percent, Farhan Haq, the deputy UN spokesman, said at a daily news briefing here.

Vaccination against the disease plays a key role in reducing child mortality, Haq said. "However, overall progress towards increasing global immunization coverage has recently stagnated."

WHO warned that based on current trends of measles vaccination coverage and incidence, the 2015 global milestones and measles elimination goals set by WHO's member states will not be achieved on time.

Although all countries include at least 1 dose of measles-containing vaccine in their routine vaccination schedule, only 122, or 63 percent of the to-

tal member states, have met the target of at least 90 percent of children vaccinated with a first dose.

Additionally, only half of the world's children are receiving the recommended second dose of the vaccine.

In 2014, mass vaccination campaigns led by country governments with support from the Measles & Rubella Initiative and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, reached approximately 221 million children.

Twenty-nine countries supplemented their routine vaccination programmes with mass im-

munization campaigns, helping to reduce measles incidence in four out of six WHO regions in 2014. Overall, since 2000, these campaigns have enabled 2 billion children to receive a supplemental dose of measles vaccine.

In the African Region, cases dropped from more than 171,000 in 2013 to under 74,000 in 2014, likely due to campaigns in Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Nigeria.

WHO's Eastern Mediterranean, European and the South-East Asia regions also saw decreases in measles incidence in 2014.—Xinhua



PHOTO: XINHUA

## FDA approves Baxalta's drug for rare bleeding disorder



**Ludwig Hantson (C), Chief Executive Officer of Baxalta, celebrates the company's IPO after ringing the opening bell above the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. PHOTO: REUTERS**

NEW YORK — The US Food and Drug Administration said on Friday it approved Baxalta Inc's drug for use in patients with a type of rare bleeding disorder.

The drug, Adynovate, was approved to control and reduce the frequency of bleeding episodes in patients with Hemophilia A, the agency said in a statement.

Data from a late-stage study, which tested 137 patients, showed that Adynovate was effective in reducing and controlling bleeding episodes, compared with Advate.

Baxalta, which also owns Advate, said the drug is the

world's most prescribed hemophilia treatment.

Hemophilia is a rare bleeding disorder in which the blood fails to clot normally. Seven out of 10 people have severe form of the disorder, according to the National Institutes of Health.

Patients with the disorder experience repeated episodes of serious bleeding, primarily in the joints, which can be severely damaged.

Baxalta, spun off from Baxter International Inc earlier this year, developed Adynovate in partnership with Nektar Therapeutics Inc.—Reuters

## US military aid for Egypt seen continuing despite rights concerns



Egyptian air force planes parade during the inauguration ceremony of the new Suez Canal, in Ismailia, Egypt. PHOTO: REUTERS

WASHINGTON — The US Congress looks set to approve another \$1.3 billion (£853.69 million) in military aid to Egypt despite concerns expressed by some lawmakers over its crack-down on dissent while fighting religious militants.

Senate and House of Representatives staffers are

engaged in feverish negotiations on what should be in a trillion-plus-dollar spending bill that they must complete by 11 December to avoid a government shutdown.

Egypt's aid package is in focus because of growing unease among both Republicans and Democrats that the government of President

Abdel Fattah al-Sisi is exploiting security concerns to crack down on dissent and arresting journalists. "I'm very concerned about it, and have been for a long time," Republican Senator John McCain, chairman of the influential Senate Armed Services Committee, told Reuters. "I worry when they

arrest people for no good reason, when they have 40,000 or so people in prison and there's clearly been an abridgement of various freedoms, such as the press and others," he said.

But McCain, like other influential defence hawks, views Egypt's military as a reliable partner in a chaotic region. "Their military is good, a lot of it has to do with our support," he said.

Congressional aides told Reuters that Egypt's 2016 package is expected to end up at about the same level as last year's, with \$1.3 billion in military aid and \$150 million in economic assistance. The aid for last year and the year before was approved but not disbursed from October 2013 until March 2015 after

former president Mohamed Mursi was overthrown by the military following mass protests against his rule.

Egypt has had no parliament since June 2012 when a court dissolved the democratically elected main chamber, then dominated by now-outlawed Islamist Muslim Brotherhood. The arrest this week of a prominent journalist and human rights advocate, Hossam Bahgat, prompted protests by rights groups and the United Nations before his release on Tuesday.

Many in Washington are more comfortable with Sisi's government, even though the former general took power by ousting Mursi, an elected president and member of the Brotherhood.—Reuters

## Merkel, under fire over refugees, says 'I'm fighting for my vision'

BERLIN — Chancellor Angela Merkel put up a spirited defence of her leadership on Friday, vowing to "fight for my vision" of how to deal with the refugee crisis that has stretched Germany's resources and damaged her standing.

Infighting in Merkel's ruling coalition and a unilateral decision by her interior minister on asylum policy have raised questions about the chancellor's leadership, though coalition sources have dismissed speculation of a "putsch" against her.

A poll for television station ZDF on Friday showed a narrow majority of Germans believed Merkel was doing a bad job of handling the refugee crisis.

Critics say her accommodating message in August that "we can do this" — responding to wrenching scenes of refugees faced with border closures and popular hostility in trying to enter some EU states — have spurred migrants to pour into Germany in ever larger numbers, overwhelming the resources of local authorities.

The 61-year-old chancellor struck a defiant tone when interviewed for a ZDF programme headlined 'What now Frau Merkel?'

"The chancellor has the situation under control ... I have my vision and I will fight for it," she said, adding that she wanted to address the root causes of the refugees' flight and to better protect the European Union's outer borders.

Asked if she was ready to risk her office over her policy on the refugee crisis, Merkel replied: "No, I have so much to do at the moment," adding a slight laugh. "I am available for voters for this legislative period."

Merkel will complete 10 years in office later this month.

Subject to rapid-fire questions by two interviewers over half an hour, Merkel insisted: "I am not the first chancellor who had to fight for something."—Reuters

## Catalan separatists would win majority of votes if new election held

MADRID — Catalan separatists would win a majority of votes and of seats in the regional parliament if an election were held today, an official opinion poll showed on Friday.

The pro-independence Junts pel Si (Together for Yes) and the far-left CUP obtained a majority in the regional parliament in local elections in September and this week they passed a resolution calling for secession from Spain.

But despite the two parties' dominance of the Barcelona parliament they have struggled to elect a new president for the region because the CUP rejects the candidate of Junts pel Si, current acting regional head Artur Mas. A failure to agree on a joint candidate

could trigger another regional election early next year.

The survey from the Barcelona-based Centre d'Estudis d'Opinio (CEO), which is funded by the regional government, showed a new election would produce almost identical results for JpS, with 39.8 percent of the vote compared to 39.6 percent in September while CUP would rise to 11.1 percent from 8.2 percent.

The two parties, which jointly obtained 47.8 percent of the vote in the election Sept. 27, would now achieve 50.9 percent and between 75 to 79 seats in the 135-strong assembly, up from 72 seats now. But although the pro-independence camp would gain more votes, a narrow majority of Catalans, or 47.8 percent, still reject a



Junts Pel Si (Together For Yes) supporters wear pro-independence "Estelada" flag shirts during a gathering to follow election results after polls closed in a regional parliamentary election in Barcelona, Spain. PHOTO: REUTERS

move to separate from the rest of Spain, more than the 46.7 percent in favour, the survey showed.

The poll surveyed 2,000 people between 5 October and 27 October. After the Catalan parliament's backing for the independence resolution on Mon-

day, Spain's Constitutional Court blocked the secession process by agreeing to hear an appeal from the Madrid government, deepening the standoff with Madrid.

The two leading parties in the Catalan parliament have vowed to ignore the rulings of the Constitutional

Court. The clash between Madrid and the wealthy region of Catalonia, which accounts for about a fifth of Spain's total economic output, has escalated just weeks before a national election in December and has dominated political campaigning.—Reuters

### THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR MINISTRY OF ENERGY MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE (INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER) (16/2015)

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

Sr.No	Tender No	Description	Remark
(1)	IFB-055(15-16)	Spares for Cummins KTA-2300 C-1050 Engine (8) Items	US\$
(2)	IFB-056(15-16)	Spares for Mack Truck (6) Items	US\$
(3)	IFB-057(15-16)	Assorted Sizes of Gate Valves (12) Items	US\$
(4)	IFB-058(15-16)	Spares for Blow Out Preventer (5) Items	US\$
(5)	DMP/L-010(15-16)	4 3/4' Insert Bit (120) Nos	Ks
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Tender Closing Date & Time - 8-12-2015, 16:30 1Hr

Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 11<sup>TH</sup> November, 2015 at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No(44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

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### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

#### MV MATHU BHUM VOY NO ( )

Consignees of cargo carried on MV MATHU BHUM VOY NO ( ) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 15.11.2015 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY

AGENT FOR: M/S MOL (S'PORE) PTE LTD  
Phone No: 2301185

## At least 20 injured in San Francisco tour bus crash

SAN FRANCISCO — At least 20 people were injured when a double-decker tour bus crashed into several cars and careened onto a scaffolding in downtown San Francisco on Friday afternoon, authorities said.

Six people were in critical condition, 12 were transported to area hospitals with various injuries and two were treated on the scene, said San Francisco Police Sgt. Michael Andraychak. San Francisco Fire Department spokeswoman Mindy Talmadge said the incident

started around 3 pm local time. Witnesses reported the bus struck a bicyclist before crashing into about five other cars and the scaffolding, which then collapsed onto vehicles and people below, near the city's famed Union Square, Talmadge said.

She said one rider who was on top of the open air level of the double-decker bus was critically injured and had to be removed by firefighters. The driver was also hurt, and several people were found either underneath the

bus or had to be pulled out of their cars, Talmadge said. Talmadge said the cause of the crash was not immediately known.

Andraychak said it was too soon in the police investigation to know whether the driver, who was among those injured in the crash, could face criminal charges.

Images published by local broadcasters and on social media showed firefighters swarming the scene and victims being wheeled out of the area on stretchers.—Reuters



Investigators survey the scene of a multi-vehicle accident near Union Square in San Francisco, California on 13 November. PHOTO: REUTERS

## 7.0-magnitude quake hits off southwestern Japan, small tsunami reported

TOKYO — A 7.0-magnitude earthquake struck off the coast of Kyushu in southwestern Japan early Saturday, triggering a minor tsunami in the southern part of Kagoshima prefecture. The strong earthquake jolted about 160 km southwest of Makurazaki, Kagoshima, at 5:51 am local time (2051 GMT Friday) at a depth of about 10 km, ac-

cording to the Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA).

It registered 4 on the Japanese seismic intensity scale of 7 in parts of Saga and Kagoshima prefectures.

A 30-cm tsunami was observed on the Nakanoshima Island about an hour after the quake. A tsunami warning issued after the quake was lifted.

The Nuclear Regulation

Authority said no abnormalities were detected at the Sendai nuclear power plant in Satsumasendai, Kagoshima, local media reported.

The earthquake was reported as 6.7 on the Richter scale by the US Geological Survey. The JMA said that aftershocks with the seismic intensity of 3 on the JMA scale might happen in the following week.—Xinhua

## Abe, Erdogan agree to cooperate on refugees, antiterrorism



Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan (R) and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe attend a joint press conference in Istanbul on 13 November. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

ISTANBUL — Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan agreed Friday to join hands in assisting refugees from conflict-torn Syria and preventing terrorism, as well as enhancing bilateral economic relations, a Japanese official said.

Meeting the Turkish leader in Istanbul ahead of a Group of 20 summit hosted by Turkey in the southern resort town of Antalya, the Japanese prime minister pledged to support the refugees as an increasing number of people have been displaced in Syria, which borders Turkey, after more than four years of armed conflict there.

Abe and Erdogan agreed on the need for Japan, Turkey and the other G-20 major economies to send a strong message on the refugee and terrorism issues at the two-day G-20

summit from Sunday.

Abe vowed to do all Japan can to help civilians in Syria and prevent them from becoming refugees, Japanese Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary Hiroshige Seko told reporters following the Abe-Erdogan meeting.

Erdogan called for Japan's financial support to help more than 3 million people who have been displaced and have entered his country, costing the Turkish government some \$8.5 billion, Seko said.

Abe told Erdogan that Japan will support a plan by Japan's Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd. to construct a nuclear power plant in the Black Sea province of Sinop. Japan will help Turkey so that the plant can begin operating in 2023, Abe was quoted as telling the Turkish leader.

Abe and Erdogan agreed that the two coun-

tries will join forces in increasing Japanese infrastructure exports to Turkey while enhancing dialogue for a bilateral pact on broad economic cooperation including free trade.

Later in the day, Abe and Erdogan attended an event to preview the film "Kainan (Shipwreck) 1890," which depicts the longtime friendship fostered between the two countries due to the rescue of the crew from the sinking Turkish warship Ertugrul off Japan's Wakayama in 1890.

The film, produced by various organisations of the two countries, will be released next month in Japan.

Abe will also meet bilaterally with Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and EU President Donald Tusk on the sidelines of the G-20 summit.—Kyodo News

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### STORM WARNING

(Issued at (18:00) hours M.S.T on 14-11-2015)

According to the observations at (17:30)hrs M.S.T today, the low pressure area over Southwest Bay of Bengal still persists. It may further concentrate into a depression during next (24)hours.

## Elvis tops UK album chart for second week

LONDON — King of rock and roll Elvis Presley topped the British album charts for a second week on Friday with his 12<sup>th</sup> UK Number 1.

Nearly 40 years after his death, Elvis became the male solo artist with the most UK Number 1 albums last week with “If I Can Dream,” a collection of his classics featuring orchestral reworkings by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

The album notched up over 88,600 combined chart sales, giving him the second-fastest selling album of the year behind Noel Gallagher’s High Flying Birds’ “Chasing Yesterday”, the Official Charts Company said.

New entries Little Mix’s “Get Weird” and Ellie Goulding’s “Delirium” took second and third place in the album chart, pushing Rod Stewart’s “Another Country” down from second to fourth place.

There was another trip down memory lane this week with a deluxe reissue of the Beatles’ album “1” entering at number five.

In the singles charts, Adele was top for a third week with Britain’s fastest-selling record of 2015 “Hello,” which also topped Britain’s weekly streaming chart with 4.7 million listens.

Justin Bieber’s “Sorry” was number two in the singles charts, followed by 2014 X Factor runner-up Fleur East with her debut single “Sax”.—Reuters

## Adele’s ‘21’ deemed Billboard’s greatest album of all time

NEW YORK — Adele’s Grammy-winning 2011 release “21” was deemed by Billboard magazine the greatest album of all time based on chart position and the soundtrack of the 1965 Julie Andrews movie “The Sound of Music” came in second.

The British singer racked up the most weeks — 24 — for an album by a woman atop the Billboard 200 album charts and saw 78 weeks in the top 10, Billboard said in a ranking released this week based on chart positions dating to 1963.

Adele’s follow-up album, “25,” is due to be released on 20 November. The first single “Hello” has already broken records for digital sales and music video views. The Billboard rankings used a descending point system that awarded the highest value for weeks that an album spent at No. 1 with consideration for

changes in chart-ranking methodology over the years.

Despite having a record 19 No. 1 hits, The Beatles placed only 54<sup>th</sup> on the all-time great album rankings with “Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band,” which spent 15 straight weeks at the top in 1967.

But the Fab Four from Liverpool were named the top all-time act, followed by The Rolling Stones.

Country-turned-pop singer Taylor Swift, who has had four albums hit No. 1 since 2006, gave her a No.8 ranking in the greatest acts. Billboard noted she was the only act among the all-time top 30 to have started a chart career since 2000. The Oscar-winning “Sound of Music” soundtrack spent a record 109 weeks in the Billboard 200 top 10 and was a regular presence there from 1965 to early 1968.—Reuters



PHOTO: REUTERS

## ‘NCIS’ actress Pauley Perrette assaulted in Hollywood

LOS ANGELES — Pauley Perrette, an actress on the popular US television show “NCIS,” was attacked in Los Angeles by a homeless man who punched her repeatedly in the face and made her fear for her life, she said in a social media post.

A man has been arrested in connection with the attack.

Perrette wrote that on Thursday night she was walking on the street near her home when the

man grabbed her and struck her on the nose and forehead while threatening to kill her.

“There was an empty garage behind me and I knew if he got me in there I was dead,” Perrette wrote in an emotional account of the incident that she shared via Twitter.

Perrette, who plays a forensic investigator on the hit police procedural “NCIS,” said the man kept telling her his name was

“William” and warning her not to forget it.

In her terror, she wrote, she replied to her attacker that she has a nephew with that name. The man punched her again, and then let her go, she wrote, letting her move away from him before collapsing on the sidewalk in shock.

“Some guy walked right past me with a dog that licked my face,” Perrette wrote. “He was on his phone, annoyed. Did nothing.”

Perrette later drew a sketch of the suspect for police, which helped lead to his arrest, she wrote. Officers arrested David Merck, a 45-year-old transient, on Thursday and booked him for aggravated battery, said Los Angeles police spokesman Officer Ricardo Hernandez. Merck is being held on bail of \$100,000, according to online jail records which listed his birthday as Thursday, the day of the alleged attack.—Reuters

## California rock band’s show cut short by attack on Paris venue

LOS ANGELES — The California-based rock band Eagles of Death Metal was in the midst of a European tour, promoting its fourth album release, when the musicians found themselves caught up in a terror attack at the Paris concert hall where they had been scheduled to perform on Friday.

The Bataclan music hall was one of several entertainment sites around Paris targeted by gunmen and bombers who killed scores of people in what President Francois Hollande described as an unprecedented terrorist assault.

Early indications were that members of the band, which also goes by the acronym EODM, were all safe. The group was formed in the late 1990s by lifelong friends Jesse Hughes and Josh Homme, the group’s only two permanent members.

Hughes’ mother, Jo Ellen Hughes, told a Reuters correspondent outside her home in Palm Desert, California, 125 miles east of Los Angeles, that she had spoken to her son by telephone and that he was unhurt but “very upset and shaken.”

“From my understanding, I think the whole band’s been accounted for,” she said, adding that

she was not sure about the whereabouts or wellbeing of the rest of the entourage because the band and crew became separated in the pandemonium.

Hughes’ mother also said she believed the band had just gone on stage when the attack began, but she had no other details, except that the musicians were taken into protective custody at a police station afterward. A person close to the band confirmed that the group was onstage performing when the deadly assault began.

The group’s US-based publicist, Jennifer Ballantyne of Universal Music Enterprises, told Reuters by email that Homme was not in Paris with the band on Friday. His absence was not unusual as Homme is known for sitting out many of the group’s live shows due to multiple commitments to other projects, Ballantyne said another EODM member, guitarist-vocalist Eden Galindo, was reportedly safe and not inside the venue, citing a Facebook post by yet another associate that said: “Hey everyone. I just spoke with Eden. He is fine.”

The French band Red Lemoons appeared to indicate Hughes’

fiancée, porn star Tuesday Cross, was with Hughes and unharmed, too, saying: “we were with your mates Jesse, Tuesday, the other musicians outside, they’re safe, too, they took a cab.”

A statement posted on the band’s Facebook page attributed to EODM, said: “We are still currently trying to determine the safety and whereabouts of all our band and crew. Our thoughts are with all of the people involved in this tragic situation.”

According to early reports, the Bataclan was believed to have been attacked by two or three gunmen, who were said to have shouted slogans condemning France’s role in Syria as they went through the concert hall shooting people.

The bloodshed comes about a month after the release of EODM’s fourth album, “Unzipped,” which was followed by the group’s appearance and performance on the late-night ABC television show “Jimmy Kimmel Live!”

Homme, 42, and Hughes, 43, both from Palm Desert, met as teenagers. They perform with a wide range of others who play under the EODM banner, both



Jesse Hughes of the rock band Eagles of Death Metal performs with drummer Joey Castillo at Festival Supreme at Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles, California. PHOTO: REUTERS

in the studio and in live concerts, including actor-musician Jack Black and Dave Grohl, the Foo Fighters frontman and former Nirvana drummer.

According to band lore, the group took its name from Homme’s joking description of the Polish band Vader as “the Eagles of Death Metal,” a reference he and Hughes ultimately adopted for their own musical collaboration that critics say is more in keeping with garage band rock

than death metal rock.

Homme also founded the band Queens of the Stone Age.

EODM had last performed Wednesday in Glasgow and was due to play next in Touroing, France, on Saturday.

A Paris concert scheduled for Saturday night by Irish band U2 was cancelled due to the state of emergency across France, according to a statement from HBO, which had planned to broadcast the show.—Reuters

## Stellenbosch university adopts English over Afrikaans after protests



A student (top L) holds up a sign that reads "Listen" during a protest at South Africa's Stellenbosch University in Stellenbosch. PHOTO: REUTERS

STELLENBOSCH — South Africa's University of Stellenbosch has adopted English as the main language on campus, it said on Friday, a historic move after students rebelled against using Afrikaans in education, a language they identify with apartheid.

Tensions at the campus, where then-professor Hendrik Verwoerd helped to define the racial ideology that he later turned into national apartheid policy, boiled over in September as students demanded to be taught in English.

"The primary language of communication and administration at Stellenbosch University will be English, with Afrikaans and IsiXhosa as additional languages," the university said in a statement.

The university's demographics have changed since white minority rule ended in 1994 and now reflect a multi-cultural and multi-lingual campus rather than a predominantly whites-only student body speaking mainly Afrikaans. But the institution persisted in staunchly defending its Afrikaans

language policy. Black, colored and Asian students make up a third of the university's population compared with only a few individuals in 1990. In bid to accommodate the influx of student who did not have Afrikaans as a first language, the university instituted a dual-language medium featuring some classes in English and Afrikaans.

"At Stellenbosch University we intend using language in a way that is oriented towards engagement with knowledge in a diverse society and to ensure equitable access to learning and teaching opportunities for all students," the university said.

The protests were led by student activists among the "Born Frees" — those born after 1994, with no direct experience of white-minority rule.

"Although it is long overdue, it is only the first step in a broader debate about transformation and decolonisation at this campus," said Majaletje Mathume, spokesman for the Open Stellenbosch Collective.—Reuters

## Young jazz guitarist wins fans — and benefactors — in Madrid

MADRID — If you're a guitar aficionado visiting the Headbanger Rare Guitar shop in Madrid, Spain, you're likely to find a teenager in a baseball cap bent over a 1955 Gibson, his nimble fingers producing jazz scales that belie his youth.

The shop, with a selection of vintage guitars carefully hung on black walls, is a second home to Pedro Gonzalez, 17, who is attracting attention in the Spanish capital for his talent playing jazz guitar.

"(His technique) seems influenced by Django Reinhardt," said Madrid-based guitarist and professor Joaquin Chacon, com-

paring Gonzalez to the late Belgian-born musician considered one of the greatest guitarists of all time.

This summer, Headbanger's owners organised a concert with a group of Spanish indie rock musicians to raise 2,000 euros (\$2,138) for Gonzalez to study at the private Escuela de Musica Creativa in central Madrid under Chacon.

Gonzalez had been accepted at the school with a partial scholarship but his parents, struggling on low incomes and a stubbornly high jobless rate in Spain, could not cover the remaining fees — hence the fund-

raising event.

"It's sad that people can't get an education because their family doesn't have enough money. There should be public schools for music," Amaral, a popular Spanish band that played at the concert, said in a statement to Reuters.

Gonzalez started playing the piano at age seven but by 13 was increasingly drawn to the guitar, an instrument to which he feels a magnetic attraction.

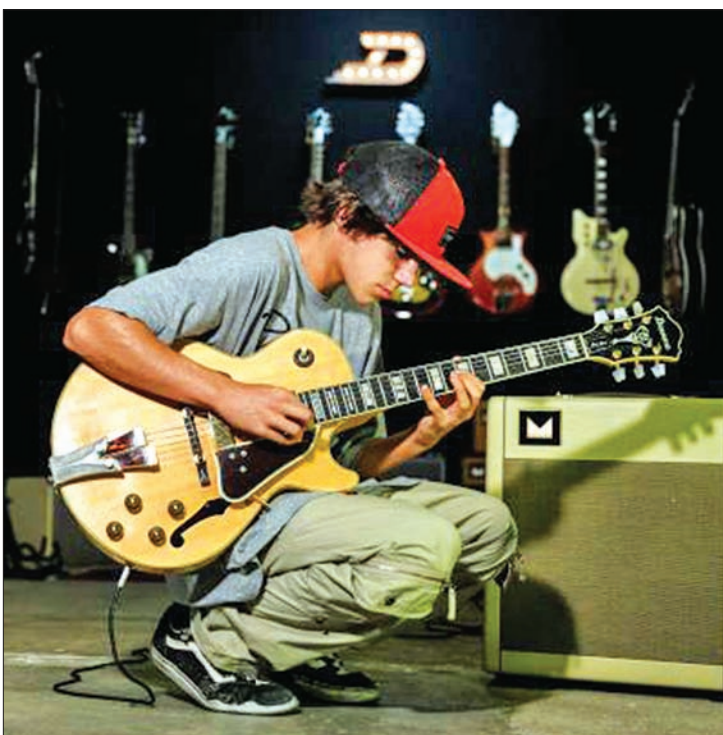
When he plays at Headbanger, clients listen in awe and gather around to take pictures. His technique is based on Internet videos of guitarists like Wes Montgomery, one of his idols. He has never seen a live jazz concert.

"They're too expensive. I've only been to the ones where I play myself," Gonzalez said while taking a short break from playing the coveted Gibson on a stool at Headbanger.

After completing the Madrid course, Gonzalez has his sights set on Berklee College of Music in Boston or Conservatorium van Amsterdam, defying some fans' views that he already is a master.

"I've still got a lot to go. You can never stop learning," he said before getting back to his scales.

Chacon said that for students like Pedro, with natural talent and plenty of motivation, formal training is like "a high-speed highway that takes you to your destination much faster than if you tried to find the road on your own".—Reuters



Pedro Gonzalez plays guitar inside a guitar store in Madrid, Spain. PHOTO: REUTERS

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	• Close Down

# France beat Germany as attacks overshadow friendly



Crowds leave the Stade de France where explosions were reported to have detonated outside the stadium during the France vs German friendly match near Paris, on 13 November. PHOTO: REUTERS

PARIS — Olivier Giroud and Andre-Pierre Gignac scored as Euro 2016 hosts France beat world champions Germany 2-0 in a friendly overshadowed by attacks in the French capital that, according to early media reports, left at least 40 dead on Friday.

President Francois Hollande

was in the stadium but was rushed away as blasts were heard near the venue north of Paris.

The French, missing the injured Karim Benzema and Mathieu Valbuena following a sex-tape scandal, had to wait until the stroke of halftime to make an impact with Giroud continuing

his fine scoring run this season by slotting the ball in from an Anthony Martial cut-back.

Gignac headed the second goal in the 86<sup>th</sup> minute to seal victory in a game during which several explosions were heard in the first half and the crowd briefly panicked at the end.

Police helicopters circled the stadium at the final whistle after Hollande had left for the interior ministry.

“We are all in shock,” said Germany coach Joachim Loew. “The game and the goals move into the background on a day like this.

“We were told in the changing rooms what had happened. All of us on the bench were a bit scared because of a bomb threat earlier today when we spent three hours outside (our hotel).”

Germany were looking to restore some footballing pride with their FA locked in a 2006 World Cup scandal.

Forward Mario Gomez, making his comeback after an absence of more than 14 months and having missed the 2014 World Cup through injury, had a good first-half chance but was kept quiet after the break.

Giroud, on a hot scoring run having also hit six goals in the Premier League with Arsenal, might have netted a second for France when a diving header early in the second half sailed wide. —Reuters

## Myanmar Taekwondo athletes to begin training on 1 January

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THE Myanmar Taekwondo team will begin training as of 1 January 2016 in preparation for the 29<sup>th</sup> SEA Games which will be held in Malaysia, according to the Myanmar Taekwondo Federation.

The federation arranges training for the national team at Gold Camp in Nay Pyi Taw and at the hall of the federation at Aung San Stadium.

“There are plans to hold the federation’s president cup Taekwondo championship in December 2015 at Aung San Gymnasium in order to select outstanding athletes,” head coach U Kyaw Than Oo of the federation said.

The federation will hold sports trials for 30 outstanding athletes from training camps to form a final team.

The Myanmar Taekwondo team bagged four gold, one silver and six bronze medals at the 27<sup>th</sup> SEA Games and secured one silver and two bronze medals at the 28<sup>th</sup> SEA Games.

# Ledecky continues to dominate, Phelps edged



Michael Phelps swims in the men’s 200-metre breaststroke final during the Phillips 66 National Championships at Northside Swim Centre in San Antonio. PHOTO: REUTERS

MINNEAPOLIS — Michael Phelps was edged in the 200 metres butterfly, while distance queen Katie Ledecky produced another scintillating performance at the Arena Pro Swim Series in Minneapolis on Friday.

Phelps, the 18-times Olympic champion who hopes to add

to his record haul in Rio de Janeiro next year, led at the final turn before being mowed down by training partner Chase Kalisz in the final 50 metres.

Kalisz touched in one minute 58.07 seconds, with Phelps second in 1:58.38, a slowish time but nothing that concerned him given

his heavy current training load.

In the women’s 400m freestyle, Ledecky continued her brilliant form to win in 4:02.67, a time faster than anyone except herself has swum this year.

A surprise winner of the 800m freestyle at the 2012 London Olympics, Ledecky is now

the world’s dominant female distant swimmer.

In August she accomplished an unprecedented feat of 200, 400, 800 and 1500m freestyle wins at the world championships, setting three world records in the process, and she shows no signs of slowing down.

“I am happy with where I am right now,” the 18-year-old said after her Friday swim.

“I have never swum a long course meet this early in the season, so I don’t really have a comparison, but I am right on or faster than what I am at these meets throughout the year.”—Reuters