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WASHINGTON D.C, 8 April — This year’s International Monetary Fund Journalism Fellowship Programme has admitted 34 participants from across the world, with a journalist from the New Light of Myanmar representing Myanmar for the first time. 37-year old Ye Myint will cover the IMF 2014 Spring Meeting from 11-13 April and participate in a number of workshops. The programme is aimed at journalists from countries that do not routinely attend the Spring and Annual Meetings of the IMF in order for them to be able to cover the meetings for their respective countries.

On Monday, 8 journalists from Asia Pacific, 6 from Europe, 8 from Middle East and Central Asia, 6 from Western Hemisphere countries gathered at the IMF Headquarters 2 in Washington DC to attend the welcome ceremony where they were given an introduction by ConnyLotze, head of Media Relations, and Press Officer Raphael Anspach.

A series of presentations followed, with Executive Director Mr Modou Bamba Saho talking about the perspective of each representative’s country, and IMF staff elaborating on the Fund’s financial assistance to member countries and where the Fund gets its money from.

IMF is an organization with 188 member countries, and is working to foster global monetary cooperation, secure financial stability, facilitate international trade, promote employment and sustainable economic growth, and reduce poverty around the world.

Gov’t, ethnic armed groups agree on first draft for nationwide ceasefire deal

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April — The Union Peace-making Work Committee (UPMWC) and the National Ceasefire Coordination Team-NCCT agreed on a first draft for a ceasefire agreement on Tuesday. After discussing from 5 to 8 April the details of the introduction and first seven chapters of the draft nationwide ceasefire deal both sides found a consensus. They also agreed to continue the peace talks in the first week of May. While leaders from all 16 ethnic armed groups of the NCCT participated in the talks, the heads of five ethnic armed groups were invited as observers.
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NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, received Mr. Zenon Kuchciak, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Tuesday.

At the meeting, they cordially discussed promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation between Myanmar and Poland. Mr. Wang Yu, newly appointed Consul-General of the People’s Republic of China with residence in Mandalay presented his Letter of Commission to Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, here on Tuesday.—MNA

Union Minister discusses bilateral cooperation with ROK officials

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—Union Minister for Industry U Maung Myint visited the Republic of Korea from 30 March to 5 April to discuss bilateral cooperation for industrial development, observe industries and accept Honorary Doctorate Degree of Political Science from Pukyong National University.

The Union minister discussed matters on production of cement and agricultural equipment and steel industry with the president of Daewoo International Co Ltd on 31 March. On 1 April, he held a meeting with Vice-Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy of ROK on prospects for development of industrial sector and investment opportunities in Myanmar and met the chairman and officials from Kukje Machinery Co Ltd and observed agricultural equipment there.

The Union minister visited POSCO Steel Plant and viewed round production process of the plant on 2 April. He discussed matters related to human resource development with the president of Pukyong National University and accepted Honorary Doctorate Degree of Political Science conferred by the university on 3 April. He also observed construction site of offshore petroleum drilling platforms of Hyundai Heavy Industries on 4 April.—MNA

More cooperation between MRTV and BBC discussed

YANGON, 8 April—Union Minister for Information U Aung Kyi and Director-General of BBC Lord Tony Hall held talks to continue bilateral cooperation between MRTV and BBC, at MRTV on Pyay Road in Yangon on Tuesday.

They also focused on conducting courses and bilateral cooperation in producing educational TV programmes for understanding a democratic governance system.

Future plans for implementing public service media-PSB and public service broadcasting-PSB and sending representatives of MRTV to BBC (London) to observe work of the corporation were also discussed.—MNA

Union Health Minister enjoys World Health Day-2014

88.26 % of census taking process completed in Nattalin Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—The census enumerators have completed 88.26 per cent of their census taking process in Nattalin Township from 30 March to 6 April.

On Monday, Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Kyaw Kyaw Win inspected the census taking process in Damange and Pauktaw Villages in Nattalin Township of Bago Region.

The deputy minister explained purposes and advantages of nation-wide census taking in meeting with Amyotha Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw representatives, township/village-tract census committee members and support committee members, locals and census enumerators.—MNA

Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin views books displayed to mark the 66th Anniversary World Health Day.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin addressed the 66th Anniversary of World Health Day, held at the Ministry of Health on Thursday.

The Union Minister thanked the medical staff who exerted efforts for fighting hard against polio as he was very delighted to receive a polio eradication model presented by Regional Certificate Committee on Polio Eradication.

He said that disease control measures are taken by the ministry in collaboration with authorities, townelders, social organizations and the public as the theme for World Health Day-2014 is “Vector-borne diseases: Small Creatures, Big Threat”.

He called for making strenuous efforts to share health knowledge in national races languages across the country.—MNA

Correction

Please read “MoU on Singapore-Myanmar Vocational Training Institute signed” instead of “MoU on Singapore-Myanmar Technical Cooperation Programme signed” in the headline, in ninth line of first paragraph in the first column of the text and in the caption on page 2 of this daily issued on 8-4-2014. Error is regretted.—Ed
Census enumerators collect data from over 9 million households

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—The census enumerators have collected data from 9,562,265 households of the country from 30 March to 7 April. Data from 217,342 households in Kachin State, 47,163 in Kayah State, 269,890 in Kayin State, 71,211 in Chin State, 996,599 in Sagaing Region, 252,564 in Tanintharyi Region, 386,426 in Bago Region (East), 460,263 in Bago Region (West), 809,104 in Magway Region, 1,171,647 in Mandalay Region, 379,960 in Mon State, 420,577 in Rakhi State, 1,469,181 in Yangon Region, 103,524 in Shan State (East), 448,288 in Shan State (South), 339,683 in Shan State (North), 1,285,464 in Ayeyawady Region and 234,379 in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area have been collected so far.

The census enumerators collected data of 63 villages and they will continue to collect data of 138 villages in Kachin State.

The census enumerators collected data of 41 villages under the security of Armed Forces and they will continue to collect data of 13 villages in Shan State (North).

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—Mr. Gordon Philip Hook and Dr Tun Shin, Attorney-General of the Union replied to recollection of the Executive Secretary and they then discussed on-going projects.—MNA

APG assists in promulgation of Money Laundering Law in Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—Money Laundering Law in Myanmar was a great topic discussed by Executive Secretary of Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APG) Mr Gordon Philip Hook and Dr Tun Shin, Attorney-General of the Union at his office on Monday.

Mr Gordon Philip Hook expressed his recognition for Myanmar’s effort in promulgation of money laundering law. He pledged that APG will provide assistance for Myanmar in promulgation of anti-terrorist law.

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Union Parliament Speaker exchanges views on legislative matters with President of Legislative Council of Hong Kong

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—Mr. Jasper TSANG, GBS, JP, President of the Legislative Council of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China welcomed Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (Union Parliament) and Pyithu Hluttaw (People’s Parliament) Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and party on Sunday at the hall of the Council in Hong Kong and they exchanged views on legislative matters and their experience.

The Speaker also had a discussion with Mr Leung Chun-ying, Chief Executive of HKSAR and they discussed further strengthening friendship and matters of cooperation at the government house of Hong Kong.

During the visit, the Speaker observed Jardine Matheson Co., Stock Exchange, Exchange Square, American Club and Manners Store in Hong Kong. On Tuesday, Mr Hiroshi Minoura, Deputy President of Mitsui Banking Cooperation explained matters related to banking services to the Speaker at Renaissance Hotel.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (Union Parliament) Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann shakes hands with Mr. Jasper TSANG, GBS, JP, President of the Legislative Council of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China.—MNA

Media registration for 24th ASEAN Summit

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—The 24th ASEAN Summit will be held at the Myanmar International Convention Centre in Nay Pyi Taw on 10 and 11 May.

The local and foreign correspondents who wish to cover the news of ASEAN Summit are to click the registration link for the 24th ASEAN Summit of Upcoming Events at the Home Page of www.asean2014.gov.mm to fill up the Media Registration Form. The registration must be taken not later than 30 April. The media accreditation cards will be issued at MICC on 9 May.

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On Tuesday, the Speaker and party left Hong Kong for Beijing in the evening and they were seen off by Consul-General U Wai Lwin Thant of HKSAR and officials at Hong Kong International Airport.—MNA

President U Thein Sein accepts credentials of Polish Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—Mr. Zenon Kuchciak, the newly-accredited Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar presented his credentials to U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at Presidential Palace, here, on Tuesday.

Present on the occasion were Union Ministers for Foreign Affairs U Winna Maung Lwin, Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt and Director-General U Thuraung Thant Zin of the Protocol Department. —MNA
108th Buddha Pujaniya of Hsinphyutu Pagoda held

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April — The 108th Buddha Pujaniya of Hsinphyutu Pagoda was opened by Pyinnmana Township Administrator U San Maw and well-wisher U Ko Ko Po (KP) and family at Wegyi Village in Pyinnmana Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on Monday. Hsinphyutu Pagoda was built by hermit U Kanti. The pagoda has existed for more than 100 years. The well-wisher (KP) family donated K 45 million in renovation works of the pagoda. — Ko Gyi Kyaw (Pyinnmana)

Nine-storey building completed by 95 percent at Mandalay General Hospital

MANDALAY, 8 April — A nine-storey building is being built in the compound of Mandalay General Hospital (1000-bed) and it was completed by 95 percent.

“The building has been constructed since 1-1-2013 with a total area of 124,740 square feet. The building will cost K 3,000 million for the building and the contribution was made by well-wishers and donors around the country.

The building will be completed at the end of June. About 500 patients will be admitted with health care services. Arrangements will be made for patient’s convenience in consulting with specialists.

At present over 1,200 patients are under treatment at the hospital. Upon completion of the building, patients will get more medical treatment with health care services. The document related to the hospital has been submitted to the government to allow it as a 1500-bed hospital,” said medical-social officer U Min Lwin.

Mandalay General Hospital was opened as a 250-bed municipal hospital in the colonial era in 1925. It was promoted to an 800-bed hospital in 1965. As of 13 March, 2012, it was upgraded to a 1000-bed hospital. — Min Htet Aung, Aye Mya (Mandalay)

Two human trafficking victims rescued in southern Thailand

BANGKOK, 8 April — Two Myanmar human trafficking victims have been rescued by a Myanmar society from the hands of human traffickers in Thailand on Sunday.

The two women identified as Ma Le Le Win, 22, from Thangyanguniyi Village in Mingaladon Township and Ma Ei Ei Khaing, 26, from Mingaladon Township were found at a garment factory in southern Thailand.

They were sent to the factory by a broker who promised them that they would receive a monthly salary of K 400,000. We have to work from 6 am to 10 pm daily and we get 2000 baht for a month. We were not allowed to go anywhere. That’s why we phoned our friend in Yangon to help us,” Ma Ei Ei Khaing.

A combined team comprising Myanmar nationals from Myanmar Association Thailand and Phang Nga-based Federation of Education Development Rescued the two victims and has planned to send them back to Myanmar soon.

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Israel, Palestinians press on with peace talks rescue bid

Palestinian chief negotiator Saeb Erekat (L) helps Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas as he signs international conventions during a meeting with Palestinian leadership in the West Bank city of Ramallah on 1 April, 2014.—REUTERS

Jerusalem, 8 April — Israeli and Palestinian negotiators on Tuesday ended another US-mediated session with no sign of a breakthrough in efforts to save peace talks from collapse but an Israeli official said they agreed to meet again.

In a statement about the latest discussions, US State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said: “Gaps remain but both sides are committed to narrowing the gaps.”

The US-brokered negotiations, which began in July, plunged into crisis last week after Israel demanded a Palestinian commitment to continue talking beyond an 29 April deadline for a peace deal, failed to carry out a promised release of about two dozen Palestinian prisoners.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas responded by signing 15 global treaties, including the Geneva Conventions on the conduct of war and occupations, on behalf of the State of Palestine, a defiant move that surprised Washington and angered Israel.

Israeli Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman, speaking on Israeli Radio on Tuesday, said Abbas would have to reverse that step in order for the prisoner release to be re-addressed.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has threatened unspecified retaliation in response to the signings.

As part of the US-led bid to salvage the talks, Israeli chief negotiator Tzipi Livni and Palestinian counterpart Saeb Erekat, along with US mediator Martin Indyk, reconvened late on Monday on what the United States had described as a “serious and constructive” meeting on Sunday.—REUTERS

Indonesia deploys police, troops to safeguard upcoming elections

Jakarta, 8 April — Indonesia, due to hold parliamentary election on Wednesday, has deployed hundreds of thousands of police and tens of thousands of troops to guard against possible public disorder in the country’s upcoming elections.

The country had also installed special procedures to assure security during the elections, with police taking the leading role.

A senior Indonesian police officer said that some 18,000 police would be deployed to assure the security in about 40,000 ballot stations in capital city and outskirts areas (Jabodetabek).

“Firearms were not necessary to secure the situation in Jakarta and outskirts areas. Police manned ballot stations would use baton. They already have martial art skills,” Jakarta Police Chief Inspector General Dwi Priyatno said on the sidelines of election preparations drill held here on Monday.

Dwi added firearm usage would only be allowed in areas considered prone to security incidents, or in situation that demands police to take excessive measures, such as unrest or anarchy.

“We have prepared firearms and other necessities required to secure the election commensurate with the level of security disturbances,” Dwi added.

Police’s tasks include securing the ballot stations, distribution of ballot papers, vote counting in ballot stations and ushering the voted ballots to the regional general elections commission (KPU) offices.

Overall, Indonesia allocated some 250,000 police personnel to secure the elections.

Indonesia has allocated some 1.6 trillion rupiah (about 141 million US dollars) to finance the police’s efforts to secure the election.

Afghan presidential election provokes more than 3,000 complaints

KABUL, 8 April — Afghan authorities have received more than 3,000 reports of violations from last weekend’s presidential election, exceeding the tally following a 2009 vote that was marred by widespread fraud. But just half the 3,103 complaints registered so far will be investigated, a complaints commission spokesman said, since the rest were reported by telephone and lacked the required supporting evidence.

The three frontrunners have all complained of fraud in the 5 April vote meant to usher in Afghanistan’s first democratic transfer of power, as incumbent Hamid Karzai prepares to step down after more than 12 years as head of state.

Midnight on Monday was the deadline for reporting fraud and any irregularities, but the final figure is expected to rise as reports flow into Kabul along with ballot boxes from around the country.

A final tally could take days to become available, since observers, voters and other parties all had means to lodge complaints at polling stations. “As soon as we get them, it is clear the final number is going to increase,” said Nader Moshteni, spokesman for the Independent Election Commissions Commission.

But it was not clear the fact that during the elections, there were instances of fraud and electoral violations.” More than 2,000 complaints were investigated during the 2009 elections, which were tarnished by fraud that led to more than a million votes being scrapped.—REUTERS

Afghan election workers number votes on ballot boxes at a counting centre in Kabul on 6 April, 2014. —REUTERS

Six killed, 28 wounded in insurgent attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 8 April — Six people were killed and 28 others wounded in separate violent attacks across Iraq on Monday, police and medical sources said.

In Anbar Province, a suicide car bomber rammed his explosive-laden car into a checkpoint manned by members of a government-backed Sahwa paramilitary group and blew it up in al-Soufiyah district in the eastern part of the provincial capital of Ramadi, some 110 km west of the Iraqi capital of Baghdad, a provincial police source said.

In Baghdad, a roadside bomb explosion killed two Sahwa members and wounded seven others, the source said.

Sources from the anti-government protest site outside Ramadi in late December last year.

Meanwhile, near Baghdad, a soldier was killed and three others were wounded when gunmen attacked an army patrol in Abu Graib area, some 25 km west of Baghdad, a local police source said. In northern Iraq, soldiers in eastern Mosul, some 400 km north of Baghdad, shot dead a gunman and blew up his car while he was approaching their check-point, a local police source said.

Also in Mosul, five people were wounded when a roadside bomb explosion missed an army patrol in the southern city and hit civilian cars instead, the source added.

Iraq is witnessing its worst violence in recent years. According to the UN Assistance Mission for Iraq, a total of 8,668 Iraqis, including 7,818 civilians and civilian police personnel, were killed in 2013, the highest annual death toll in years.—Xinhua
G20 final document unlikely to address Ukraine crisis

Moscow, 8 April — The world’s financial leaders are likely to discuss possible risks to Europe’s economy from the crisis in Ukraine, but there are no plans to mention it in the final document from their Washington meeting, two G20 officials said.

Finance ministers and central bankers from the Group of 20 developed and emerging economies will treat Ukraine at their two-day meeting later this week the same way as they have talked about past crises, a Russian G20 official said.

“There is no mention of the situation in Ukraine (planned for the G20 communique),” the official said.

“One way or another, the issue will be brought up during discussions but it will be approached from the point of view of risks the crisis in Ukraine can create for the region as a whole. This is a traditional approach.”

The G20 is also likely to talk about the planned International Monetary Fund program for Ukraine and about the crisis as a general geopolitical risk that would have negative effects on the European economy only if it escalates, another official involved in the preparations for the meeting said.

“It will appear in the discussion as geopolitical risk, but also because the Russians are there I don’t expect that will be high in the discussions of the G20,” the second official, a non-Russian, said.

Last month Ukraine won a $14 billion-$18 billion standby credit from the IMF. The country’s economy was thrown into chaos after popular protests in Kiev ousted pro-Russian president Viktor Yanukovich in February and Russia seized Ukraine’s Crimea and annexed it, causing the worst standoff between Moscow and the West since the Cold War. “Of course there is concern, the tension escalated, but markets have more or less made the assumption that there will be a diplomatic solution so they can shrug it off,” the second official said.— Reuters

A US Navy “towed pinger locator” onboard Australia’s Ocean Shield picked up two signals consistent with black box locator beacons over the weekend - the first for more than two hours and the second for about 15 minutes. Houston said the signals represented the best lead in the search yet, but efforts to pick up the pings again had so far been unsuccessful.

“If we don’t get any further transmissions, we have a reasonably large search area of the bottom of the ocean to prosecute and that will take a long, long time. It’s very slow, pain-taking work,” said Houston.

The black boxes record cockpit data and may provide answers about what happened to the plane, which was carrying 227 passengers and 12 crew when it vanished on March 8 and flew thousands of kilometers off its Kuala Lumpur-to-Beijing route.

Authorities say evidence, including the loss of communications, suggests the plane was deliberately diverted by someone familiar with the aircraft, but have not ruled out mechanical problems.

Analysis of satellite data led investigators to conclude the Boeing 777 came down in an area some 1,680 km (1,040 miles) northwest of Perth, near where possible pings were picked up and the search is now focused.— Reuters

Syrian warring parties, supporters must “do everything” to protect civilians: UN chief

UNITED NATIONS, 8 April — UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Monday urged the warring parties in Syria and their supporters to “do everything” to protect civilians in the Middle East country, where armed conflicts entered its fourth year in March.

“In the face of troubling new reports of atrocities in the brutal conflict driving Syria to its destruction, the secretary-general demands that warring parties and their supporters ensure that civilians are protected, regardless of their religion, community or ethnic affiliation,” said a statement issued here Monday night by Ban’s spokesman.

“Both the Syrian government and armed groups have the legal obligation and moral responsibility to do so,” the statement said. “They must do everything to avoid and prevent violence against civilians, including indiscriminate shelling and air attacks on civilian areas.”

Ban’s statement was prompted by the killing of an elderly priest in Homs, a city in western Syria and located some 162 km north of the capital Damascus, and what the secretary-general called “the gruesome purging executions in the Syrian town of Kasab.”

Syrian protesters gather at a barricade outside the offices of the SBU state security service in Luhansk, in eastern Ukraine on 7 April, 2014.— Reuters

Pro-Russian protesters gather at a barricade outside the offices of the SBU state security service in Luhansk, in eastern Ukraine on 7 April, 2014.— Reuters
Drought threatens population in the northwest of Haiti

PORT-DE-PAIX, (Haiti), 3 April — Only cactus grows along the dirt road fringing arid fields on the way to the isolated village of Bas des Moustiques, on the outskirts of the northwestern city of Port-de-Paix in Haiti.

A lack of rain in recent months has killed crops in Haiti’s poorest region, and left people struggling to survive. Julia Sodietra, 41, has lost hope as she fights a losing battle to provide for her large family. “When I want to buy some food, people refuse and insult me because I have not been able to pay my debts,” said Sodietra, the mother of 11. “I can’t pay school fees anymore for my children,” she added. “Even buying clothes and shoes is impossible for me. What I am going to say is horrible, but I would rather not have my children.” The drought follows two years of poor harvests in the region.

“I had a donkey that I used to transport coal, but it died because I could not buy food,” said Charly Ancre, 30. “I can no longer work and can no longer go to school.” Historically, food has been sparse in northwest Haiti, where chronic malnutrition is common among the young, stunting their physical and intellectual growth.

Now the drought is directly affecting an additional 143,000 people, say international relief experts, prompting a major emergency operation by the UN’s World Food Programme. “They are now in a terrible situation,” said Georg-Friedrich Heymell, the Programme’s director in Haiti. “They cannot survive without support. The food we give them will help them for the next six weeks.”

With a population of 11 million, Haiti ranked 161 among 187 countries in the United Nations Human Development Index in 2012. “Three-quarters of Haitians live on less than $2 per day and half of the population earns less than $1 per day,” the WFP says. “In rural areas, almost 90 percent live below the poverty level and basic social services are practically nonexistent.”

Haiti has faced a food crisis for decades and international organizations have been financing humanitarians help for years, but even so the WFP forecasts are alarming. “It’s April, and the emergency stock we compose each year, thanks to the funding of Canada, the United Kingdom, the United States, France and Switzerland, is already exhausted,” Heymell said.

“We need $5 million just to replenish the emergency stock before hurricane season (in June). Here we have an emergency today, but unfortunately I know it will not be the last crisis for 2014 in Haiti,” he added.

With the international community focused on Central Africa and Syria, getting extra funding for humanitarian needs in Haiti is a big challenge, he said.

Julia Sodietra, mother of 11 children, sits on a sack of food she received as a donation from the UN’s World Food Programme, in the village of Bas des Moustiques in Haiti’s impoverished northwest department, on 3 April, 2014. —REUTERS

Brawl in Ukraine parliament as communist supports pro-Russia protesters

Kiev, 8 April — Deputies in the Ukrainian parliament brawled in the chamber on Tuesday after a communist leader accused nationalists of playing into the hands of Russia by adopting extreme tactics early in the Ukrainian crisis.

Two deputies from the Svoboda far-right nationalist party took exception to the charges by communist Petro Symonenko and seized him while he was talking from the rostrum. His party supporters rallied to his defense and a brawl broke out with deputies from other parties joining in and trading punches.

Symonenko stirred nationalist anger when, referring to pro-Russian protesters who seized buildings in eastern Ukraine, he said nationalists had set a precedent earlier this year by seizing public buildings in protest at the rule of ousted President Viktor Yanukovych. —REUTERS

Seven killed in Palestinian refugee camp clashes in Lebanon

BEIRUT, 8 April — Seven people were killed and at least ten others wounded during clashes that broke out Monday at the Palestinian refugee camp of Mieh-Mieh in Lebanon’s southern port city of Sidon.

A security source confirmed to Xinhua the death toll, pointing out that the clashes started as an individual dispute ten days ago.

The source said that the armed clashes erupted between supporters of “Ansar-Uliah” group and others of Fatah movement.

But according to the National News Agency, Munir al-Maqdah, Fatah military commander of Ain El-Heloue, the largest Palestinian refugee camp in Lebanon, said that various factions at the camp tried to ease the tensions caused by the individual dispute, but they failed.

He added that the Palestinian factions, in coordination with the army, are working on resolving the dispute. The clash saw the use of medium and heavy machine-guns and rocket-propelled grenades.

The army has since taken strict security measures around the camp in order to prevent escalation. —Xinhua

Moscow blames NATO for trumping up “Russian threat”

MOSCOW, 8 April — The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) has been desperately seeking to find a new geopolitical opponent in order to cement the alliance, and the Ukrainian situation was their perfect chance to move in that direction, a high-ranking Russian diplomat said on Monday.

“No one threats the alliance from the East,” Russian permanent envoy to NATO Alexander Grushko said in an interview published on the Foreign Ministry’s website.

“The unprecedented campaigning around ‘Russian threat’ has the only goal to persuade public opinion that NATO’s return to containment of the threat from East, to collective security, is a move to the right direction,” he said.

He described restoration of NATO’s containment strategy “a highly dangerous trend” which destabilizes military situation and sits up Cold War instincts.

“It will be difficult to come out of that spinning dive,” he warned. The diplomat also cautioned against beefing-up of the Western military presence in eastern European countries, as such step would “completely destroy the system of mutual obligations between Russia and NATO.”

Prime Minister Manuel Valls arrives for the first cabinet meeting of the new government at the Elysee Palace in Paris, on 4 April, 2014. —REUTERS

Valls seeks reform boost with French confidence vote

PARIS, 8 April — New Prime Minister Manuel Valls will test France’s political will to reform on Tuesday in a confidence vote that will determine whether the government can push ahead with a competitiveness drive. Valls, appointed by President Francois Hollande last week after the ruling Socialists suffered an electoral rout, is to launch plans to phase out 30 billion euros ($41 billion) in payroll tax on companies in exchange for hiring.

Valls, one of France’s most popular politicians, is to outline his priorities in his first major policy speech at 15:00 (1300 GMT), before the confidence vote. Hollande’s newly reshuffled government is facing growing resistance from erstwhile coalition partners the Greens and from the left, even within his own Socialist Party.

Their backing is vital for what Hollande has dubbed his “responsibility pact”, which includes plans to draw 50 billion euros in savings from the budget over three years.

“The French want action. We have to create the conditions for support and growth,” Valls said on Monday on i Télé television, promising concrete plans. His Finance Minister Michel Sapin said Valls would offer details about where the budget savings will come from. A government source said central state spending would account for nearly 20 billion euros, spending by local authorities 10 billion and another 20 billion would be from the welfare system. —Reuters

Prime Minister Emmanuel Valls arrives for the first cabinet meeting of the new government at the Elysee Palace in Paris, on 4 April, 2014. —REUTERS

“Russian threat”

Seven killed in Palestinian refugee camp clashes in Lebanon

BEIRUT, 8 April — Seven people were killed and at least ten others wounded during clashes that broke out Monday at the Palestinian refugee camp of Mieh-Mieh in Lebanon’s southern port city of Sidon.

A security source confirmed to Xinhua the death toll, pointing out that the clashes started as an individual dispute ten days ago.

The source said that the armed clashes erupted between supporters of “Ansar-Uliah” group and others of Fatah movement.

But according to the National News Agency, Munir al-Maqdah, Fatah military commander of Ain El-Heloue, the largest Palestinian refugee camp in Lebanon, said that various factions at the camp tried to ease the tensions caused by the individual dispute, but they failed.

He added that the Palestinian factions, in coordination with the army, are working on resolving the dispute. The clash saw the use of medium and heavy machine-guns and rocket-propelled grenades.

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The Art of Speech
By Aung Khin

Although human beings are supposedly highly intelligent, only few people are eloquent. Speech is an art. Capability to speak precisely and accurately is an art. Good speech is a tool and can lead to prosperity and success for individual’s life.

A speech can bring certain people success and influence, and suffering and misery to others. Saying the truth is another vital aspect. Greedy people speak superciliously. They speak arrogantly, regardless whether it is ‘fair or unfair’. They tell a barefaced lie without feeling guilty. Irritable persons speak in brusque tone. It is not good to speak curtey with anger. Such behavior could tarnish relations to others. An ignorant person says the same things over and over again. It is tedious and boring to listen to such a person. Arrogant people act in a snobbish way and often use vulgar words. People loathe such kind of persons.

Nay Puinlar U Ponnya (ME. 1190-1261) wrote a sermon that said ‘Don’t walk over a fragile bridge when there is no light, as well as don’t speak too conceitedly; Walking over a fragile bridge when there is no light might lead to collapse, and speaking too conceitedly might result in falling into decline.’ It is true. Some people speak so superciliously that they eventually have to live alone and feel lonely. Dealing with each other harmoniously is the best way. Without greed, hatred and ignorance, speaking precisely and honestly is the best practice. However, such people are extremely rare. Most of the people speak arrogantly out of greed. Some make one-sided conversation without considering the feelings of others. It is the worst kind of communication. Ridiculous expression with over confidence, regardless of acceptance speech, could tarnish relations. Therefore, there is a need for persuasive conservation. Any kind of speech should be precise in a honest way. Everyone should avoid vulgar speech.

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Census taken in Namtit and Mongmaw of Shan State (North) Special Region-2

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—Chairman of the Central Census Commission Union Minister U Khin Yi met with Vice Chairman of UWSA U Pao Yu Yi and his team at the administrative office of Namtit Township in Shan State Special Region-2 in the morning of 5 April, the seventh day of the field work of nationwide census, and discussed matters related to the census in the Wa Region. During the meeting, Vice Chairman U Pao Yu Yi said the census in the region this time was a success and expressed his thanks. He also said that he would like to cooperate with the government in the future.

Similarly, Commander Ar Chan of Wa Bridge 418 said that census had already been taken in his division smoothly and expressed his thanks. He thanked the government and brothers and sisters who collected data. Then, the Union minister inspected the field works of the census in Ward-1, Namtit and greeted the local people warmly. An enumerator expressed her feeling in collection of data. Daw Thanda Swe Enumerator “We are now collecting census data from a Kokang family. Everything is smooth as the local people are cooperating with us and they expressed their thanks for the census. The Union minister continued to Mongmaw District Administration Office and greeted local people, data collector and translators warmly. Then, the Union minister met with District Deputy Commissioner Ta Sai Paung and responsible officials and discussed matters related to the census.

Afterwards, the District Deputy Commissioner expressed his gratitude to those who helped make the census a success and the government that successfully taken the census in Wa area for the first time in many years. The enumerators who are fluent in languages of local people recounted their experiences.

Census enumerators take data from regions with assistance of Tatmadaw

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—As part of the nationwide census taking process, the census enumerators are carrying out their tasks with the help of the Armed Forces in some regions that face some difficulties in Kachin and Northern Shan States. The census enumerators gathered data from 20585 people from villages in the townships of the two states on Saturday.

In Kachin State, altogether 19364 villagers—17246 from 35 villages in Mansi Township, 174 from six villages in Dawpawhnyan Township, 611 from four villages in Naungyan Township, 518 from five villages in Phakant Township and 815 from four villages in Momeik Township of Bhamo District in Kachin State were enumerated the data. In Northern Shan State, a total of 1221 villagers—914 from four villages in Momeik Township, 223 from two villages in Mantaung Township and 84 from a village in Namti Township of Kyaukme District in Northern Shan State were also enumerated the data.

Up to now, a total of 59018 villagers from the two regions have been taken the data since 3 April. The census enumerating groups will gather the data from remaining households of those regions.
Summer training courses conclude in Zabuthiri Tsp

Nay Pyi Taw, 8 April—The first Buddhist culture course, basic English course and basic spoken English course concluded at the Dhammayon of Wunna Theiki Ward of Zabuthiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 6 April.

Ma Shwepyi Lin Let secured the first prize, Ma Kyi Sin Lin, second and Ma Hsu Pyae Aung, third in the Buddhist culture course. Ma Kyi Sin Lin stood first, Maung Min Khant Kyaw second and Ma Aye Chan Po third in the English course and basic spoken English course.

Officials presented gifts to instructors U Tun Oo (MOFA) and U Maung Maung Ko Pauk (Okkar Myay).

An official presents prize to an outstanding student in summer cultural training course in Zabuthiri Township.

Onion plantations thriving in Pyawbwe Township

Pyawbwe, 8 April—The people in Pyawbwe Township of Mandalay Region are engaged in cultivation of crops. The farmers from over 70 villages grow onion on their farmlands irrigated by creeks and tube-wells.

A bout 600 sapling groups comprising 300,000 saplings are grown on one acre of cropland. Depending on the prices, the growers may fetch K 1.2 million per acre but they cost K 400,000 per acre for cultivation.

After harvesting onion, they cultivate sesame, cotton, chili, pigeon, maize and green grams in the remaining six months.

Now is time of harvesting onion, the farmers sell their products at K 350 per viss.

Saplings available at Mohnyin Township Forest Department

Mohnyin, 8 April—A plan is underway to distribute 50,000 saplings in 2014 cultivation season, said Staff Officer U Soe Win Myant of Mohnyin Township Forest Department at the seeding ceremony on 4 April.

Ironwood, teak, Measua ferrea, seinban, rain tree, eucalyptus, mezali and star-flower saplings are being nurtured at the nursery.

The saplings will be grown at the plantations in June and July of monsoon.

Nama Pyinmana twice

Pyinmana, 8 April—Untimely rains fell in Pyinmana of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area twice on 6 April. The first time was from 2.35 pm to 2.50 pm and the second time, 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm. The rainfall set 0.39 inch the whole day.

At the same time, Yezin Village of Zeyathiri Township got 0.24 inch of rainfall during one hour, according to an official of Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

A grandpa of 75 years living in Ywagauk Ward of Pyinmana said that while there was shining, squall fell in the township.

On 6 April, the untimely rain hit Pyinmana, but there was no damage and loss.

So the local people called it was raining for Mahal Thingyan festival.

Min Min Latt (Mann Tekkatho)

Nay Pyi Taw Ocean Centre performs entertainment to visitors

Nay Pyi Taw, 8 April—The special entertainment was performed at Ocean Center in Ottarathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area at 3 pm on 5 April.

It was mainly sponsored by Ovaltime together with co-sponsors Top Cashew Nut and Ma Ma instant noodle. Game contest was held for the visitors and customers and winners were awarded.

Jade Dragon Dancer troupe and Myanmar Mahal Thingyan chorus dancer troupe performed dances and vocalists Boney Physo and Thandar Bo presented songs to the audiences and visitors.

The Ottara Ocean Centre were crowded with visitors and customers on 5 April.—Myo Zayar (Pyinmana)

UNFPA official observes enumeration of census data in Tatkon

Tatkon, 8 April—Argentine citizen Ms Eleonora Rajas Cabrera together U Nyan Win of UNFPA on 6 April morning observed collection of census data in Tatkon Township.

They viewed round collection of census data at collecting areas of wards in the town.

Buddhist culture course concludes in Tatkon

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**WORLD**

**S Korea, Australia agree to deepen defence, security cooperation**

SEOUL, 8 April—South Korean President Park Geun-hye and her Australian counterpart Tony Abbott on Tuesday agreed to deepen bilateral cooperation in defence and security amid growing missile and nuclear threats from the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK).

Abbott arrived in Seoul on Tuesday morning to hold a summit with Park. Trade ministers of the two countries signed the bilateral free trade agreement in the presidential office of Cheong Wa Dae attended by Park and Abbott.

The two leaders adopted a joint statement, termed “Vice Statement on a Secure, Peaceful and Prosperous Future between the Republic of Korea and Australia,” which focused on strategic cooperation in defence and security.

Under the 22-point statement, the two countries will step up diplomatic and defense cooperation, while fostering dialogue between intelligence officials. They will also take coordinated response, both regionally and internationally, to block proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD).

Seoul and Canberra will strengthen cooperation in defense science and technology as well as in defense industry, while cooperating in non-military areas such as maritime security, humanitarian aid and disaster relief.

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**LatAm countries to jointly fight hunger, poverty**

**MANAGUA, 8 April—**Member countries of the Venezuela-led Bolivarian Alliance for the Americas (ALBA) has taken a joint step to stamp out hunger and poverty, a top Nicaraguan official said Monday.

ALBA and Petrocaribe, a regional mechanism to supply poor Caribbean nations with oil through soft credit and other preferential deals, hammered out at a meeting last week a plan of action to eradicate extreme hunger and poverty, said Deputy Foreign Minister Valdrack Jaentschke.

The forum served to establish the mechanisms needed to improve productivity, promote food self-sufficiency and lift the community out of extreme poverty, Jaentschke said in a broadcast aired by the state-owned Channel 4.

He noted that the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) agreed to boost efforts of ALBA nations to eradicate hunger and poverty with technical support.

The plan could help turn Latin America into an area that would be “free of hunger” over the next decade, said FAO representative to the ALBA-Petrocaribe meeting Raul Benitez.

Petrocaribe, with 17 members plus Venezuela, agreed to fund the plan with more than 60 million US dollars in the next five years. Founded by Venezuela and Cuba in 2004, ALBA has been aimed at promoting social, political and economic integration of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean. It currently has nine member states.—Xinhua

**Decades after genocide, Congo struggles to dislodge Rwanda rebels**

TONGO, 8 April—Twenty years after the genocide in Rwanda, a rebel group founded by ethnic Tutsis who took part in that slaughter still prowls the lush hills of neighboring eastern Congo, defying a renewed threat by the army and UN peacekeepers to dislodge it.

The Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda (FDLR) sits at the heart of two decades of war and instability in Democratic Republic of Congo, in which millions of people have died from violence, hunger and disease.

Founded by members of the Interahamwe Hutu militia that organized the slaughter of 800,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus in Rwanda in 1994, the FDLR’s ranks have dwindled over the last decade to less than 2,000 rag-tag fighters.

But its presence in eastern Congo remains an irritant to Rwanda’s Tutsi leadership, which has held power since the genocide, and has prompted years of meddling by Kagame in its larger neighbour, fuelling instability and bloodshed.

Experts say removing the FDLR is essential for peace in the Great Lakes region.

Now Congo’s army, supported by a tough new UN Intervention Brigade and emboldened by its defeat of a rival Tutsi-led rebellion, has pledged to finally eradicate the Hutu group.

Backed by artillery from the UN brigade, the army in February started pounding positions held by the FDLR on the roads climbing into the steep hills of Congo’s North Kivu province, driving the militiamen from their camps and urged to “collaborative relationships (WMD).”

**Inspectors find no contamination in 2nd trip into US nuke dump**

HOU**TON, 8 April—**Inspectors have found no contamination in their second trip into an underground nuclear waste repository in the US state of New Mexico and tested communication equipment.

Two days before, two teams of inspectors didn’t find any contamination in their first trip to the underground dump.

The WIPP, the country’s first deep underground nuclear repository, was shut down on 14 Feb after an air sensor detected unusually high levels of radioactive particles on its underground levels.

Officials said the latest trip allowed crews to establish a base where they can safely remove and store their clothing and equipment if it becomes contaminated. The crews also set up more air monitors and tested communication equipment.

The inspectors will make a third trip into the dump this week to investigate the cause of the leak and decide the extent of the damage, according to officials.—Xinhua

**Italy awards two Chinese nationals for contribution to bilateral friendship**

**MILAN, 8 April—**Two Chinese nationals have been conferred an important honour by the Italian republic for their contributions to collaborative relationships between the two countries.

The office of Italian President Giorgio Napolitano confirmed to Xinhua that Gao Jian, former vice president of China Development Bank and president of Mandarin Capital Partners, have been assigned the “Star of Italy” honour.

The Star of Italy is the highest recognition of “collaborative relationships” or friendship between Italy and the countries in which they operate,” according to the presidential website.

Mandarin Capital Partners’ office told Xinhua that the ceremony conferring the Star of Italy will take place in June at the Italian embassy in Beijing, where the pair will receive the honor from Italian Ambassador to China Alberto Bradamini.—Xinhua
Sea creature fossil found with oldest-known cardiovascular system

WASHINGTON, 8 April — You’ve heard of having a heart of stone, but this old guy takes it literally. Scientists said on Monday they have found a fossil of a shrimp-like creature that lived 520 million years ago with an exquisitely preserved heart and blood vessels that represent the oldest-known cardiovascular system.

Named Fuxianhuia protensa, the creature was a primitive arthropod, a group of invertebrates with external skeletons that includes crustaceans like crabs, lobsters and shrimp as well as insects, spiders and millipedes.

The remarkable fossil, unearthed in Yunnan Province in southwestern China, dates from the “Cambrian Explosion,” a pivotal juncture in the history of life on Earth when many major animal groups first appeared more than half a billion years ago.

“It is an extremely rare and unusual case that such a delicate organ system can be preserved in one of the oldest fossils and in exquisite detail,” said paleontologist Xiaoya Ma of the Natural History Museum in London, one of the researchers in the study published in the journal Nature Communications.

The soft parts of an animal’s body tend to decay after death, meaning that fossils typically preserve only the hard parts like bones, teeth and shells. “However, under very exceptionally circumstances, soft tissue and anatomical organ systems can also be preserved in fossils,” Ma said. In the case of Fuxianhuia protensa, the fossil showed a tubular heart in the middle of the body with a rich and elaborate system of blood vessels leading to the creature’s eyes, antennae, brain and legs.

The cardiovascular system, including the heart and blood vessels, is an important organ system that permits blood to circulate around the body and to deliver oxygen and nutrients. Most animals have such a system, although those without a real body cavity like jellyfish and flatworms do not.

This fossil sheds new light on the evolution of animal body organization and shows that even some of the earliest creatures resembled their relatives alive today, the researchers said.

“It shows that already 520 million years ago, such a system had evolved considerably complexity, particularly with respect to the rich vascularization in the head. This suggests that the brain of this species required a good supply of oxygen for its performance,” said University of Arizona neuroscientist Nicholas Strausfeld, another of the researchers.

Fuxianhuia protensa measured up to about 4-1/2 inches long, was covered in an exoskeleton, possessed numerous pairs of legs, had a “head shield” similar to those seen in shrimp. It had pairs of antennae and stalked eyes that could be rotated to enable it to see in different directions, the scientists said.

Flourishing in shallow seas, it probably both swam and walked along seabed, they said. It is not clear whether it was an active predator or a scavenger.

The beautifully preserved internal structures in the creature likely resulted from a calamity that claimed its life.

“This fossils are like-"These fossils are likely to be a consequence of sudden entombment - a sort of Pompeii event, though not of lava but an underwater mudslide or massive and sudden dust fall-out,”

Samsung’s lower first-quarter estimate highlights smartphone challenges

SEOUL, 8 April — Samsung Electronics Co Ltd on Tuesday said it is on track to post its second straight quarter of profit decline, as slowing smartphone sales growth continued to weigh on earnings.

The South Korean tech giant estimated that its January-March operating profit fell by 4.3 percent to 8.4 trillion won ($7.96 billion), slightly below an average forecast of 8.5 trillion won by 40 analysts polled by Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S.

The world’s biggest smartphone maker is counting on the fifth version of its flagship Galaxy S smartphone, which goes on sale globally from Friday, to right the ship and prove the firm’s staying power as a mobile innovator.

But the Galaxy S5 has already got off to a weak start at home, with its South Korean debut marred by a temporary ban on mobile carriers selling handsets and criticism that it lacks eye-catching new features.

Underscoring the challenge, Samsung predicted its S5 about 10 percent cheaper than the S4 even though its rival Apple Inc is not widely expected to update its line-up until September. It also trailed back on marketing blitz to keep margins stable.

Qualcomm talks up future top-tier smartphone chip

SAN FRANCISCO, 8 April — Qualcomm gave details on Monday about a future high-end smartphone chip, including faster download speeds as well as 64-bit technology, which is quickly becoming standard.

Due to appear in smartphones in 2015, the Snapdragon 810 is Qualcomm’s latest bid to use its edge in wireless technology to maintain its marketshare lead in semiconductors for mobile devices.

The 810 chip includes new, faster WiFi features as well as a 4G modem that Qualcomm says downloads data at twice the speed of chips made with its previous technology.

The chip also allows for video recording and playback at “4K” ultra-high resolution.

Following Apple’s launch last year of its first iPhone made with a 64-bit processor, Qualcomm and other chipmakers have been rushing to roll out their own 64-bit technology, which reduces the gap between low-power mobile processors and punchier chips used in laptops, desktop PCs and servers. Qualcomm is announcing its newest chip before the preceding chip in its high-end lineup, the 805, has even begun to appear in smartphones.

The 805 is due to appear in smartphones around mid-2014.

Current smartphones, including Apple’s, do not have enough memory to give 64-bit processors an advantage over more widely used 32-bit chips, but future phones will be made with enough memory to give the 64-bit processors a performance boost.

Before 64-bit features can be taken advantage of in phones, the software and operating systems they rely on will also have to be overhauled, a major undertaking for the industry.

Qualcomm in December announced its first 64-bit chip, part of its low-end lineup and aimed for use this year in inexpensive smartphones in the fast-growing Chinese market.

“We’re basically saying it’s difficult to call exactly when 64-bit operating systems and applications will become mainstream, but by integrating them now we’re future-proofing all of our platforms going forward for the benefit of our customers,” Executive Vice President Murthy Renduchintala told Reuters.

Qualcomm dominates the market for advanced 4G wireless technology and its Snapdragon chips are widely used in smartphone made by Samsung Electronics, Motorola, HTC and other manufacturers.

But the San Diego, California chipmaker faces a smartphone market that is beginning to grow less quickly.

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Visitors walk past the Qualcomm stand at the Mobile World Congress in Barcelona, on 24 Feb, 2014. —REUTERS

A man walks out of Samsung Electronics’ headquarters in Seoul on 6 Jan, 2014. —REUTERS
Heavy turnouts seen in voting in day 1 of India general election

NEW DELHI, 8 April — Heavy turnouts were seen in the voting in the first phase of India’s general election on Monday as over 80 percent of the electorate in the small northeast state of Tripura cast their votes for one seat in the Lok Sabha or Lower House of parliament, while 72 percent of voters in the major northeast state of Assam voted for five seats.

The general election is generally seen as a chance for India to start a new beginning in its development after a decade-long rule by the Congress and its allies.

The vote was the first of nine phase Lok Sabha elections which began peacefully Monday from the northeast, a region considered by many as marginalized and neglect hundred.

As the opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Monday presented its manifesto for the election by focusing on development, inflation and corruption, the incumbent Congress President Sonia Gandhi warned against BJP’s “communal agenda” which she said was a “grave threat” to the country’s unity and integrity.

“Our opponent’s communal agenda is a grave threat to our country’s unity and integrity and Congress is the only party that can ensure that the country remains united,” said Gandhi at a election meeting.

“What only matters to us is that we are all Indians. The different religions, castes, languages and colors of the skin do not matter,” she told a meeting in the southern state of Kerala.

Local observers say there is not much of a difference between the economic agendas of the Congress and the BJP in the fierce electoral battle to form the next central government of India.

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Ref No. C-3/4 (Pauk Township, Sagaing Region),
Ref No. C-4 (Myoma Township, Magway Region),
Ref No. C-4.4 (Ann Township, Rakhine State),
Ref No. C-4.5 (Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay Region)
The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received financing from the World Bank to implement the National Community Driven Development Project (NCDD) under the Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development. The Government intends to apply part of the Grant proceeds to hire consulting services for new townships to be covered starting Cycle 2 of project implementation. The consulting services (“the Services”) include:

• Assisting the township DRD office in planning, implementing and monitoring project activities in the township in line with guidelines contained in the Project Operations Manual and directions received from DRD union office.
• Assisting villages and village tracts in the preparation and annual revision of development plans, sub-project technical design, cost estimation and social safeguards implementation, review and approval of sub-projects; procurement of labor and materials; construction supervision; and organization of annual social audits.
• Assisting village tract project support committees to manage project funds in a transparent and accountable manner.
The Services will be carried out in one township each (three assignments with four separate contracts) in a.

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development
National Community Driven Development Project
IDA Grant HY184-MM

Assignment Title: International Consultant for Gender Mainstreaming
Reference No. C-5.2/ 2014

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received financing from the World Bank towards the implementation of the National Community Driven Development Project, which is being implemented by the Department of Rural Development (DRD) of the Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development. In order to ensure that the project enhances gender equality and empowers women, aspects of gender will be mainstreamed throughout the project structure, processes, capacity building, and knowledge sharing. DRD intends to apply part of the proceeds for the hiring of “International Consultant for Gender Mainstreaming” (one position). To this end, the Department of Rural Development, in cooperation with the Department of Social Welfare (DSW), will set up a CDD Gender Network.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include:
• Work with the gender working group and M&E specialist to review the project's results framework, identify gender related indicators, and set up a reporting system with regard to gender aspects
• Assist the gender working group in preparation of a progress report and the status of gender mainstreaming in the project, key issues and recommendations for further support
• Assist DRD and DSW on the knowledge management topics and design that will bring about evidence-based lessons learned from cases and experience of the project.

The Consultant will be located at the NCDD Project office in Nay Pyi Taw. The assignment period will be for sixty (60) days during the period of one year and expected to commence from June 2014.

Expressions of Interest must be submitted in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by May 9, 2014.
The successful consultant will be selected in accordance with the provisions, under the World Bank’s “Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans, IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers dated January 2011”.

Further information and a copy of the detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) may be obtained from the NCDD Project website:
http://ncd.dlvmyanmar.org or the address below during office hours from 0900 to 1600, Monday through Friday, except public holidays.

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Cast member Jon Hamm poses with co-stars (from L-R) Kiernan Shipka, Jessica Pare, Elisabeth Moss, January Jones and Christina Hendricks at the premiere for the seventh season of the television series “Mad Men” in Los Angeles, California on 2 April, 2014. — Reuters

Don Draper at odds with changing world of 1968 as ‘Mad Men’ returns

Los Angeles, 8 April — The dream is over, the women are bolder and the weather is sunnier, but Don Draper has never been more at odds with the changing world around him, as AMC’s advertising drama “Mad Men” enters its final season.

In Sunday’s seventh season premiere entitled “The Beginning,” the show’s leading man Don, played by Jon Hamm, finds himself in unfamiliar terrain as the vibrant, funky atmosphere and social upheaval of 1968 surrounds him.

At the end of season six, Don is in a downward spiral with his real identity as the orphaned Dick Whitman — an identity he has kept hidden — starts to rear its head. As his Madison Avenue advertising company SC&P plans to expand to sunny Los Angeles, Don is suspended from work by his partners, and takes his young children to Pennsylvania to see the destitute young children to Pennsylvani to avenge his former self. Don is “pretty dismal,” in Hamm’s words. “His marriage is falling apart again, his relationships with his children has never really been worse, and the one place where he always had safe haven was work, that’s been blown up as well, by his own actions. And it’s very tricky. It’s a very dark place for Don,” Hamm said at the show’s Los Angeles premiere.

It won’t be a quick conclusion to the critical hit cable channel AMC, which garnered an average of 3.8 million viewers per episode during its sixth season. The finale is split into two, with the final seven episodes to air in spring 2015.

Don enters season seven shivering in the bathroom of an airplane, a seeming metaphor for his life being turned upside down as he heads to Los Angeles to see actress wife Megan. Upon his arrival, she shuns his offer to split their lone dark place for Don, and he gets into the passenger seat, a change for the man usually in the driver’s seat for all aspects of his life.

Don became obvious to me that Don, who is an impulsive person... that’s what ’68 felt like,” “Mad Men” creator Matt Weiner said.
**General**

**Lee Chong Wei to play on until 2016 Rio Olympics**

Lee Chong Wei of Malaysia hits a return to Tommy Sagiarto of Indonesia during their men's singles final match at the Malaysian Open Super Series 2014 badminton tournament in Kuala Lumpur on 19 Jan, 2014.

**Reuters**

Lee was quoted as saying by the Malaysian Star newspaper. “This year, I will focus on the majors (Thomson Cup, Commonwealth Games, World Championships and Asian Games).”

Lee won his second Olympic silver medal at the London Games in 2012 after another titanic battle with his nemesis, Lin Dan of China. On Sunday, he beat another Chinese, world number two Chen Long, 21-13, 21-17 in the final at the Indian Open. “I am taking the whole atmosphere differently now. I am enjoying myself more.” Lee added. “In India, I read Chen Long’s game easily and played quite well to counter his movements. It has given me confidence.” — Reuters

**La Liga Standing Table**

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Manchester United’s cause not so hopeless after all

LONDON, 8 April—Bayern Munich’s longest winless run for three years and poor recent home record against English opposition have suddenly made Manchester United’s task on Wednesday look a lot less daunting than it was when the draw was made. Bayern will also be without three key midfielders, including Bastian Schweinsteiger, for Wednesday’s Champions League quarter-final second leg, even poised after last week’s 1-1 draw.

The Bavarians have lost their air of invincibility since clinching the Bundesliga title against Hertha Berlin on 25 March and have not won since with two draws and a defeat in all competitions in their last three games.

It is the first time since March 2011 that Bayern have endured a three-match winless run and, even though they have already sewn up the Bundesliga, it is a disconcerting statistic for a side which has become used to chalking up wins with monotonous regularity.

Another worry for Bayern is their failure to win any of their last four matches against English opposition at the Allianz Arena.

The run started with the 2012 Champions League final against Chelsea, who won on penalties after a 1-1 draw.

Bayern goalkeeper Manuel Neuer’s tendency for South American-style forays out of his penalty creates an additional risk for last season’s treble winners, who are aiming for their third successive Champions League final. United’s own key midfielders, including Alcantara, is out injured. Those absentees could be a worry even for a team with as much strength in depth as Bayern.

“We’ve got to play to win, we’ll end up losing if we play for a goalless draw,” Bayern coach Pep Guardiola said after a 3-1 victory over City last week.

“We’ve got to be aggressive in the first half and try to score. Manchester United will sit back again. They’ll take more risks the longer the game goes on.” Bayern coach Pep Guardiola

Bayern Munich’s Bastian Schweinsteiger (L) scores against Manchester United’s David de Gea (2R) during their Champions League quarter-final first leg soccer match at Old Trafford in Manchester, on 1 April, 2014 — REUTERS

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