President U Thein Sein meets armed ethnic groups, political parties

By Ye Myint

Yangon, 12 Feb — Making strides towards providing all households with electricity access by 2030, Myanmar envisions that nearly half the country’s more than 9 million households will get access in the 2015-2016 FY, the Union Minister for Electric Power U Khin Maung Soe said.

Despite an increase in per capita consumption of electricity from 104 kWh to 190 kWh since the time of the new government, only 33 percent of households have access to electricity across the country, he added.

The latest data indicated Myanmar, with a population of over 52 million, has more than 3.2 million electrified households, up from about 2.1 million households in 2010. About 30,000 villages of more than 60,000 households have access to grid-based electricity in rural areas.

He highlighted the need to pay attention to unelectrified households, numbering 7.2 million.

Pointing out the expected rise in electricity consumption, reaching more than 4.500 MW in 2020, an increase from current electrification of 2,340 MW, the Union minister called for generation of more than 2,000 MW for 7.2 million more households to get electrified. A World Bank-funded electrification project in Myanmar will be able to create electricity access for 1.7 million households only, he said.

According to the World Bank, Myanmar’s electricity access is expected to improve in the first five years from 2015 to 2019 with there being a feasibility of implementing about 1.7 million additional grid connections. It suggested more than 517,000 connections have to be made each year after 2019 to meet the 2030 national electrification target.

Myanmar, which has several sources for generating electricity, has the lowest electrification rate in Southeast Asia.

According to the ministry, the country sees a 15 percent increase in power demand every year, expecting to hit 4,531 megawatts in 2020, 8,020 in 2025 and 14,542 in 2030. —GNLM

Photo of Baluchaung No.2 Hydropower Plant with installed capacity of 168 MW which serves as a major electric power source producing around 10 percent of electricity generation in Myanmar.—Photo: Ye Myint

President U Thein Sein meets armed ethnic groups and political parties at the Myanmar International Convention Centre No. 2.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Feb — President U Thein Sein met with armed ethnic groups and political parties at the Myanmar International Convention Centre No 2 in Nay Pyi Taw on Thursday.

First of all, the president cordially greeted the leaders of political parties.

In his greetings, the president said internal peace is the most urgent need for the country and it cannot be denied that the wish and desire of all the people is also peace, emphasizing the importance for materialization of the solution reached at the talks.

Then, the president said there are different points of view and stances in a country where there are weaknesses in terms of development and unity.

Despite hardship and challenges, they are to be overcome with honesty and trust as the common desire of all parties is the wish for peace, the president continued, adding that it is undeniable that peace process is a long journey as it is based on the policy of finding solutions through political dialogues.

Afterwards, the president urged the attendees to make all-out efforts for peace so that the trust and expectation of the people will not be in vain as it has been over four years since peace efforts were made.

Then, the president said that despite the efforts to sign the nationwide ceasefire agreement on Union Day, it cannot be signed as intended and it is necessary to make a commitment to hold political dialogues without fail so that the hope of the people is not in vain.

The president recounted that talks were held with armed ethnic groups to sign the Deed of Commitment for Peace and National Reconciliation and all the participants do not want people to lose hope.

In conclusion, the president urged leaders of armed groups to support the deed of commitment. Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and the Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann said that signing the deed of commitment is the result of goodwill towards restoring peace desired by the people, urging the national brethren to move forward to the goal of (See page 3)

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NAY PYI TAW, 12 Feb — President U Thein Sein met with leaders of 13 armed ethnic groups at the Myanmar International Convention Centre No 2 in Nay Pyi Taw on Thursday.

In his greetings, the president described Union Day as an auspicious red-letter day engraved in the mind of all national races showing ties among them for gaining independence more than 60 years ago. It is an undeniable fact that the peace process initiated by his government is being gradually translated into a process allowing a political guarantee, he continued.

He said today’s gathering of the leaders of national races showing ties of brotherhood is proof of a political guarantee with the hope for peace. On the delays in signing the nationwide ceasefire accord, he stressed the need to build trust to delete concerns and doubts of the people longing for peace, calling for making a pledge.

The president said he “heartily agreed” with a strong desire of leaders of some armed ethnic groups on the pledge that would assist the nationwide ceasefire accord and political dialogues, expressing his view that the deed of commitment for peace and national reconciliation would serve as a boost for the ongoing peace process, thereby having effect on the people’s hope for peace to prolong. The president called on ethnic leaders to sign the deed, saying that it is a binding promise, not a legal agreement. Political parties will be dialogue partners in the upcoming political dialogues, he added.

In his conclusion, the president said the signing of the deed on the “auspicious red-letter day” will mark an important milestone on the road towards peace and national reconciliation, urging those present not to let the situation escape from their grasp.

Next, leaders of KNU, RCSS/SSA, UWSA Special Region-2, SSPP/SSA and PNLO expressed their views on ongoing peace process.

Then, Union Minister U Aung Min made a supplementary report on the process. Afterwards, the president made concluding remarks, calling for the opening of the peace door prior to holding political dialogues as the government entered its fourth year and pointing out that the peace process is a matter that involves a long journey as peace cannot be built overnight. He showed his understanding of discussions of some groups to seek approval of their own organizations. He then called for quick implementation of the process.

Also present at the meeting were the Union ministers, UPWC Vice Chairman U Thein Zaw, the deputy attorney-general and delegation members.

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Deed of Commitment for Peace and National Reconciliation

February 12, 2015

We, the signatories to this Deed of Commitment for Peace and National Reconciliation, pledge, in order to achieve lasting peace in Myanmar, to work together towards realizing the goals envisioned in this Commitment in the spirit of responsible action, transparency and accountability.

1. Aiming to safeguard sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity on the basis of the peace process; and building a Union based on democratic and federal principles in the spirit of Panglong and in accordance with the outcomes of Political Dialogue to ensure freedom, equality, justice and self determination for all citizens;

2. Striving together at the outset to conclude the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement without delay while recognizing that a nationwide ceasefire is vital for the political dialogue process;

3. Establishing a new political culture of ending long-existing armed conflicts and solving grievances through dialogue instead of resorting to force of arms; and striving together to promptly hold an all inclusive political dialogue process;

4. Working together to promptly draft the Framework for Political Dialogue after concluding the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement and commencing political dialogue prior to the 2015 General Elections in accordance with the Framework on Political Dialogue;

5. Undertaking jointly to prevent armed clashes and confrontations between various armed groups and to refrain from taking actions or measures that will harm the peace process;

All signatories to this Deed of Commitment for Peace and National Reconciliation promise to endeavor together for the success of the peace process in order to achieve peace and national reconciliation desired by all citizens.

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Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham attends ceremony to mark 68th Anniversary of Union Day

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Feb — A flag hoisting platoon together with national races hoisted the State Flag in commemoration of the 68th Anniversary of Union Day at the square of Nay Pyi Taw City Hall on Thursday morning, attended by Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham.

The vice president, attendees and the Guard of Honour saluted the State Flag.

Dr Sai Mauk Kham read out the message sent by President Agga Maha Thayay Sithu, Agga Maha Thiri Thidhamma U Thein Sein on the occasion of 68th Anniversary of Union Day 2015.

Union ministers, senior military officers of the office of Commander-in-Chief (Army), judges of the supreme court of the union, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, deputy ministers, officials, national race delegates and guests were in attendance.

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Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham salutes State Flag on the occasion of 68th Anniversary of Union Day.—MNA
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peace. He added that the Hluttaw will support the desire for peace and the peace process and Hluttaw representatives will never tolerate speech and behaviour that damage national solidarity and national reconciliation. In conclusion, the speaker urged organizations and national brethren to cooperate under the leadership of the president so that the desired peace can be restored through the talks.

Afterwards, Speaker President U Thein Sein meets...
**Rural village in Mogaung Tsp gets development facilities**

MOYNYIN, 12 Feb—Opening ceremonies of a rural dispensary, new school building, library building and diversion weir were held in Kondangyi Village, Mogaung Township, in the first week of February. Kachin State government allotted fund for construction of these structures.

“The state government allotted K88.8 million for construction of the village dispensary building. Myanmar Library and Information Services Foundation donated K500,000 and local people donated K2.8 million to construction of the village library. The state government allotted K19.138 million for building a diversion weir to irrigate 120 acres of farmlands,” Kachin State Hluttaw representative U Kyaw Myint of Mogaung Town¬ship told media.

Erection of 1,528 lamp-posts is being carried out along a 23 miles long route from Kondangyi Village to Hopin for electrification of local people. As a result, they will enjoy electricity next year, he added.—GNLM-001

**Myanmar-Thai friendly golf tourney honours Union Day**

MYAWADY, 12 Feb — In commemoration of the 68th Anniversary of Union Day of Myanmar, a Myanmar-Thai friendly golf tourney was held at Mya Sandi golf course in Myawady, a border town of Kayin State, on 11 February.

Chairman of Mya Sandi Golf Club U Khin Maung Myint and officials of Mae Sot golf club in Thailand launched the golf tournament.

Officials from Myawady and Mae Sot awarded winners in the tournament.

Tun Tun Oo (Myawady Town)

**Sluice gate under construction to prevent bank erosion in Ottarathiri Tsp**

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Feb — Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Phone Zaw Han and township administrator U Myat Soe of Ottarathiri Township inspected progress of Nattaungchaung sluice gate in Tatshein Village in Ottarathiri Township on 11 February.

Officials of the construction site reported that upon completion, farmlands from Tatshein, Tat¬thein and Ywatha villages will be free from bank erosion.

The council member and party visited Basic Education High School in Tatshein Village where they cordially conversed with teachers and students.

In Pan¬taungkha Village, the council member and officials met with local people and discussed socioeconomic development.

Shwe Ye Yint

**Ox, Milch Cow and Goat Show kicks off in Mandalay**

MANDALAY, 12 Feb —The third Myanmar Ox, Milch Cow and Goat Show and Contest, organized by Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development and Mandalay Region Government was opened at the compound of the region department beside Yangon-Mandalay Highway in Pyigyidagun Township, Mandalay, on 11 February.

Union Minister U Ohn Myint and Chief Minis¬ter of Mandalay Region U Ye Myint formally opened the show and contest and visited booths of depart¬ments under the ministry, foodstuff, medicine and animal products booths, bulls, milch cows, goats, pigs and poultry showed by breeders.

Mandalay Region breeds 2.13 million of do¬mestic species of cows and 170,000 milch cows to pro¬duce 200,000 viss of milk per day. The region gov¬ernment disbursed K206 million to cow breeders and K322.9 million loans to goat breeders.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

**Toungoo District IPRD displays documentary photos, books**

TOUNGOO, 12 Feb —The photo, book and wall magazine show marked the 68th anniversary of Union Day and centennial birthday of General Aung San at Toungoo District Information and Public Relations Department as of 1 February.

Basic education students, trainees from Toungoo Education College, members of Toungoo Town¬ship Philanthropist Association, departmental staff and local people visited the show.

Biography and documentary photos of General Aung San, excerpts from his speeches, documentary photos of Myanmar Children’s Day and 500 books in Myanmar and English were displayed for public obser¬vation.—GNLM-017
**Myawady Township observes 68th anniversary of Union Day**

**Mandalay, 12 Feb** — A ceremony to mark the 68th Anniversary of Union Day was held at Mya Sandi monument ground in Myawady, Kayin State, on Thursday. Myawady District’s deputy commissioner U Lwin Ko Oo read the message sent by the President on the occasion of the 68th Anniversary of the Union Day.

The deputy commissioner and officials presented prizes to winners in the essay contest in commemoration of the union day and certificates of honour to contributors to the union day celebration.

The ceremony was also attended by township departmental officials, political parties and social organization members.

_Hein Lin Aung (IPRD)_

**Myingyan-Sakha gravel road becomes a drive for development of rural areas in Myingyan, Mandalay Region.**

**Mandalay, 12 Feb** — A one-mile long gravel road was commissioned into service in Myingyan Township, Mandalay Region, on 10 February. Township Administration U Tun Thein Aung explained construction of the gravel road.

Mandalay Region Minister for Transport U Kyaw Hsan, deputy commissioner U Myint Thin Aung and head of district Rural Development Department U Kyaw Min Naung cut the ribbon to open the road.

Rural Development Department funded K35.699 million for construction of staff quarters, she said.

Deputy Minister U Pike Htway said that the station hospital will actually benefit the local people in health care services.

On the occasion, well-wishers donated K6 million to the medical fund of the hospital.

The station hospital can accommodate patients at 16 beds in providing health care services to the local people of Gyopin Village and 22 surrounding villages.

_Magway Region IPRD_
Thai PM bites bullet on growth, eyes fast trains to tourist hotspots

Bangkok, 12 Feb — Thailand plans to build high-speed railway links connecting Bangkok to tourist destinations south of the Thai capital modeled on Japan’s bullet trains, Thai Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha said on Thursday.

Prayuth heads a military government that is looking for big ticket schemes to stimulate growth in Thailand, South-east Asia’s second-largest economy, which is still struggling to regain traction following the putsch last May.

During an official visit to Japan this week where he met Japanese counterpart Shinzo Abe, Prayuth rode the Shinkansen, or bullet train, from Tokyo to Osaka, prompting him to consider a similar network for Thailand.

“I would like to see it happen for tourist destinations like Pattaya and Hua Hin using funding from the state and the private sector,” said Prayuth, referring to beach destinations south of Bangkok.

“I am inviting interested parties to fund and support this idea which should happen in the very near future,” he added, giving further details.

The Thai government last month said it would begin building a 400-billion-baht ($12.23 billion) rail project jointly with China in September, something that could be a boon for Thai trade and tourism.

1-year prison term given to ex-Korean Air VP over “nut rage”

Seoul, 12 Feb — A former Korean Air vice president was sentenced to one year in prison on Thursday for obstructing aviation safety last December by ordering a plane to return to the gate because she was angered over being served macadamia nuts in an unopened pack instead of in a bowl. Prosecutors had sought a three-year prison term for Cho Hyun-ah, 40, a daughter of the airline’s chairman.

The so-called “nut rage” incident at John F Kennedy International Airport in New York on 30 December caused widespread public anger in South Korea and attracted global attention.

Cho was said by witnesses to have flown into a tantrum on plane, harshly scolding the female flight attendant who served the nuts for having failed to abide by the Korean Air manual when serving first class passengers, and ordering the pilot of the Seoul-bound flight to return the aircraft to the departure gate, which it had already left, to offload the chief purser over the incident.

In a court hearing on 2 February, Cho, who has been in custody since 30 December, apologized for her conduct and insisted she was unaware the aircraft had already left the gate. She resigned as Korean Air vice president for cabin service four days after the incident.

A key issue was whether the court would accept prosecutors’ argument that she violated the law, which bans passengers from pressuring crew members to deviate from the flight route.

Cho also faced charges of physically and verbally assaulting the female flight attendant as well as the cabin crew chief.

More ships likely to join search for MH370: Malaysia

Kuala Lumpur, 12 Feb — Malaysian Transport Minister Liow Tiong Tai said here on Thursday that more ships may join the search for the missing Malaysia Airlines flight MH370 in the South Indian Ocean.

The transport minister told local reporters that the government is currently in discussions with China on the matter, hoping that such a move would become a reality.

“We will add more vessels with China’s cooperation and hope to increase the number of vessels searching for MH370,” he said.

Right now there are four vessels in the South Indian Ocean and they are currently searching the ocean floor for a sign of the plane. Malaysia has officially declared the incident as an accident and all 239 people on board the flight presumed dead as months of underwater searches have not found anything relating to their aircraft.

Japan to assist ASEAN integration, boost alliance with US

Tokyo, 12 Feb — Japan vowed on Thursday to continue assisting the Association of Southeast Asian Nations toward its goal of a “more integrated, prosperous and stable ASEAN” that provides the foundation for “peace and stability for the whole region.”

Calling the Japan-US alliance the “cornerstone” of Japan’s diplomacy, Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida said in an address to the Diet that Tokyo will boost security ties with Washington, including by revising bilateral defence cooperation guidelines later this year to further enhance deterrence.

In the wake of the killings of two Japanese men who were held hostage by Islamic State militants, Kishida said Japan will “extend as much non-military assistance as possible to moderate Muslim nations” as part of a global campaign to stem extremism in Africa and the Middle East, where the Islamic State and other terrorist groups are active.

With this year marking the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II, Japan, on the basis of its remorse for the past, will continue to follow the path of a peace-loving nation, with determination not to repeat the suffering brought about by the devastation of war in the last century, according to Kishida.

Japan has resolved to contribute more actively to peace and stability in Asia and other parts of the world.

China is seeking to gain a strategic foothold in Thailand, as Bangkok-Washington ties have soured since last year’s coup.

Thailand and Japan signed a memorandum of intent on Monday to develop Thailand’s existing standard-gauge railway lines and improve urban rail links in Bangkok with Japanese expertise.

Thailand’s economy experienced zero growth in the first half of 2014 and will report its full-year 2014 growth on 16 Feb, which the Bank of Thailand forecasts at 0.8 percent.

Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe’s policy of “proactive contribution to peace based on the principle of international cooperation,” he said.

“The strategic environment in the Asia-Pacific region remains severe,” Kishida said.

The foreign minister expressed hope for developing Japan-China relations through increased dialogue and cooperation at various levels.

Kishida said that as this year marks the 50th anniversary of the normalization of diplomatic ties between Japan and South Korea, Tokyo hopes to build “trust-oriented and multilayered cooperative relations” with Seoul through “mutual efforts.”

He also promised future-oriented cooperation involving Japan, China and South Korea, saying he will try to ensure that a trilateral foreign ministerial meeting, which he said he hopes to hold at an early date, will lead to a trilateral summit among the leaders of the three countries.
Japan to fulfill humanitarian role against terrorism: Abe

Tokyo, 12 Feb — Prime Minister Shinzo Abe vowed on Thursday to make Japan fulfill its responsibility as a humanitarian aid donor in the international fight against terrorism.

The pledge came during his policy speech in a House of Representatives plenary session after the Islamic State militant group’s recent murder of two Japanese hostages.

Abe went on to talk about his reform plans for Japan’s agriculture, medical services, social security programme, education and overall economy and security legislation.

“We feel profound grief for the victims of terrorism,” Abe said, referring to the tragic consequences of the Islamic State hostage crisis. The prime minister then condemned the group’s “cruel” acts, reiterating that he said in a January speech that the Japanese people have to have been beheaded: Japan will never give in to terrorism.

“We will continue to provide humanitarian assistance such as food and medical aid,” Abe said. “Japan will fulfill that responsibility in the international fight against terrorism.” Abe has denied Islamic State’s allegation that Japan has donated money to kill the extremist group’s people and expressed his intention of stepping up nonmilitary, humanitarian assistance.

Also in the speech, Abe urged Japanese citizens to debate amending the Constitution, which no prime minister has ever done. Abe has voiced his intention of amending the supreme law while in office, calling it his Liberal Democratic Party’s long-held goal since its founding in 1955. The war-renouncing Constitution was drafted under Allied occupation of Japan after World War II ended in 1945. Japan will continue its path as a pacifist nation and will try to be trusted by the world by making proactive contributions to global peace and stability, Abe said. Abe also pledged to implement his reform plans, calling them the most drastic for Japan in the postwar era and thus tough to achieve.

“A message we received from the general election is we should move forward on the road to reform even more strongly under a stable political environment,” Abe said.

The LDP won a two-thirds majority with its junior coalition partner Komei party in the December lower house election. Kyodo News

Foiled Australia attackers vowed to ‘strike necks and kidneys’ of victims

Sydney, 12 Feb — Two men behind what Australian police called a foiled attack linked to Islamic State referred in a seized video to “stabbing the kidneys and striking the necks” of their intended victims, Prime Minister Tony Abbott said on Thursday.

Austalian counter-terrorism police on Wednesday said they had thwarted an imminent attack after arresting two men in Sydney and seizing knives, a video and a flag associated with the militant group.

Police said the men, aged 24 and 25, were arrested after a raid on a home in a western Sydney suburb on Tuesday and had been charged with planning a terrorist act.

Abbott, who said he was shown the video by Australian Federal Police, gave the most detailed account of the video’s content outlining what appeared to be a plot to stab or behead Australian citizens.

“...Kneeling before the death cult flag with a knife in his hand and a machete before him one of those arrested said this: ‘I swear to almighty Allah, we will carry out the first implementation for the soldiers of the caliphate in Australia.’” Abbott told parliament.

“He went on to say... ‘I swear to almighty Allah, blond people, there is no room for blame between you and us. We only are...stabbing the kidneys and striking the necks.’”

Australia, a staunch ally of the United States and its action against the Islamic State group in Syria and Iraq, has been on heightened alert for attacks by home-grown Islamist radicals since last year. It raised its national threat level to “high” for the first time in September, when hundreds of police conducted raids after receiving information that IS supporters planned to conduct a public beheading.

Australian intelligence believes at least 70 of its citizens are fighting with the Islamic State group in Syria and Iraq, backed by about 100 Australia-based “facilitators”. Abbott last year committed Australian aircraft and special forces to assist in the battle against IS in Iraq, introduced tough new laws on foreign fighters and gave security forces enhanced powers.

In December, two hostages were killed when police stormed a central Sydney cafe to end a 17-hour siege. The gunman, Man Haron Monis, a self-styled sheik with grievancses against the Australian government who sought to align himself with the Islamic State group, was also killed. — Reuters

Philippine military leadership denies move to oust Aquino

MANILA, 12 Feb — The Philippine military leadership denied on Thursday any coup plot against President Benigno S Aquino III, whose leadership is being rocked by the tragic death of 44 police commandos on the hands of alleged Muslim rebel group whose his administration is currently engaged in a peace process.

Harold Cabunoc, public information chief of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), said that based on initial consultation with ground commanders, “we have not received any feedback confirming the reports which were spread by some quarters.” He also said that the AFP leadership has established an “excellent” monitoring system where troop movements and suspicious activities were directly reported to the leaders along the military’s chain of command.

“The AFP has brought to bear so much lessons learned from previous experiences both good and bad that matured the AFP into what it is now, a highly professional organization dedicated to its mandated constitutional duty where coup plotters and recruitment will find no place,” Cabunoc said.—Xinhua

UN starts preliminary talks on Security Council reform

New York, 12 Feb — The UN General Assembly on Wednesday held a meeting on Security Council reform, thought to be preliminary consultations before intergovernmental negotiations set to begin shortly.

Noting this year marks the 70th anniversary since the Security Council took on its primary role of maintaining peace and security, General Assembly President Sam Kutesa said it is now time to move the process forward. “This is a historic opportunity for the Security Council to adapt to the new realities and constructs of our world,” Kutesa said.

Japan has been advocating reform jointly with Brazil, India and Germany, forming the so-called Group of Four. Representing the G-4, Japanese Ambassador to the United Nations Motohide Yoshikawa reiterated the group’s position that both the permanent and nonpermanent members should be increased in the most powerful body of the organization. “This model will lead to general convergence on increased representation of developing countries in both categories,” he said.

“We also see nearly all member states, except for a few, supporting an expansion of the council to a number in the mid-20s” from the current 15 — five permanent and ten nonpermanent seats. Another group, called UNITA for Consensus, including countries such as Italy, Pakistan, South Korea, is against expanding permanent members with veto powers. Italian Ambassador Sebastiano Cardi said on behalf of this group, “We are convinced that accountability and inclusiveness would make the Security Council work better. This is why the UFC cannot accept a reform that would exacerbate the already exclusive nature of the Security Council by further limiting access to the council and the sharing of its work.” Preliminary talks are scheduled to continue through Thursday with representatives from more than 80 countries speaking. Kyodo News
Natural resources mean nothing without human resources

By Kyaw Thura

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S has often been mentioned in mass media throughout successive governments. Nature does favour our country when it comes to natural resources. On the one hand it is encouraging that our country is rich in natural resources, but on the other it is discouraging that the country is short of human resources.

It stands to reason that developing human resources is central to economic, social and educational development. It is therefore appropriate to define the development of human resources as enabling people to sharpen their latent talent and dormant caliber for the betterment of their social status, thereby contributing to their own communities and the nation as a whole.

We still lag far behind many of other countries in the region and the world in investing in the development of human resources. This might have resulted from failure to address structural challenges deeply rooted in national policies which are yet to increase employment, expertise, productivity, and income.

To turn the tide, we should make conscious efforts to help the private sector contribute to national infrastructure development while making best use of public-private partnerships. It is widely believed that infrastructural development will offer opportunities to people, including marginalised groups.

Reliable socio-economic policies and strategies will foster human resources and human capacities as well. Only then will we be able to guarantee the well-being of individuals and realise sustainable, inclusive, equitable development at the national level.

The point is that development strategies for human resources should be part of national development planning on all fronts. A country, no matter how rich in natural resources, will no doubt remain poor as long as it turns a blind eye to the development of human resources.

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COMPELLING PASSION

Compelling means: Rousing strong interest, extremely interesting or exciting. A passion means: Strong feeling or emotion; anger; sexual love; strong enthusiasm.

So, compelling passion means a strong drive, force, impelling urge. It all means we should have a compelling passion to be successful, happy and peaceful in our lives. It means we should be hot or cold, but never be lukewarm. We must lead a fervent, effervescent life.

INITIATIVE

Initiative means: (1) Ability to originate, set going, admit, introduce; enterprise; first step; lead. (2) First or introductory step or move; capacity to see what needs to be done and enterprise enough to do it. Successful people usually have a few but strong attributes in common, such as initiative, resourcefulness, decisiveness, common sense, courage and character. In terms of personal development, all people usually have initiative, intent, integrity, indomitability, and iron will. They take the first step, they lead and they inspire. They also improve themselves continually.

SEEING THROUGH

Seeing through means seeing the truth, the reality, things as they objectively are the potential and the ultimate. Seeing through means seeing in one’s mind’s eye the destination of the journey, the summit of the mountain. People of decisive dimension or caliber see the ultimate blue, clear sky through clouds. Such decisive people strategically see the ultimate victory through all obstacles and difficulties.

INSPIRATION

Inspiration means: (1) A sudden good idea about what you should do or say. (2) The state of being given encouragement or good ideas about what you should do. (3) A person, experience or place etc., that you get inspiration from. (4) To be inspirational to somebody, to make someone feel encouraged to be as good, successful etc., as possible.

When a person is inspired or encouraged, he or she can be decisive to be or not to be, or do or not do something. If there is little or no inspiration or incentive, one is liable to be doubtful, wavering, skeptic or indecisive. It means that self-motivated persons are more decisive in making a decision. Knowledge, information, experience or exposure are helpful to be decisive. Single-minded people are usually more decisive than people of unfocused mind. It means focus or concentration of mind is conducive to be decisive. And inspired people are more focused or better concentrated people with better motivation.

VISION & VALUES

Vision is what you see yourself to be in the future. Vision is what you believe you could become in the future. It is your whole inspiration. It is the meaning of your life. In that vision, you (must) live and move and have your being.

Values mean beliefs and ideals that you hold highest in your life. Your core values are the beliefs that you deem most precious in your life such as HONESTY, HONOUR, HIGH THINKING, HIGH ACHIEVEMENT, AND HIGH CARING & SHARING.

NOT GOING FORWARD IS TO TURN BACK

St. John said: “Not to go forward is to turn back, and not to be gaining is to be losing”.

In the Bible it is said: “This one thing I do. Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press towards the MARK”.

Keep on keeping on no matter how hard the going may be!

ENDERAVOUR

Actions are ours; consequences belong to heaven”; someone had said. A Jewish proverb says: “The wisdom of life is to endure what we must and to change what we can”. One of the best examples of endeavour is:

“The Buddha-To-Be

Let me be dead; but let there be all skins, let me be dead; but I’ll not rise until I attain full Enlightenment”.

- The Buddha-To-Be

(Prince Siddhaththa, The Recluse)

STRENGTHS

There are FIVE KINDS OF PERSONAL STRENGTHS, viz.:

- Physical Strength (PS/PQ), Health & Fitness Body
- Mental Strength (MS/IQ), Vision & Strategy Head
- Emotional Strength (ESEJ), Passion & Values Heart
- Spiritual Strength (SS/SQ), Service & Selflessness Soul
- Achievement Strength (AS/AQ), Character & Competence Life

Organizational Strengths are:

- Human Resource
- Financial Resource
- Technological Resource
- Material Resource
- Information Resource

STRATEGY

Strategy means STRATEGOS (in Greek) which means: The Art of the General. The Art of the General, in turn, means:

- Out-Generalizing the (Enemy) General
- Out-Thinking the (Enemy) General
- Out-Writing the (Enemy) General
- Out-Planning the (Enemy) General
- Out-Preparing the (Enemy) General
- Out-Performing the (Enemy) General
- Out-Organizing the (Enemy) General
- Out-Renewing the (Enemy) General
- Out-Reinventing the (Enemy) General

A strategy is carried out with a meticulous Plan of Action.

CONCLUSION

TO BE OR NOT TO BE

Ref: Oxford Dictionary

Kyi Mun

Decisiveness means: (1) Having a decided or definite outcome or result; e.g. A decisive battle (deciding which side wins the war). (2) Showing decision. Definitely, conclusively or positively. (3) The ability to make decisions quickly with confidence and determination.

Since it is very important to be decisive in some cases, kindly let me analyze the meaning of DECISIVENESS in the following way:

D for Definite Purpose
E for Energy
C for Compelling Passion
I for Initiative
S for Seeing Through
I for Inspiration
V for Vision & Values
E for Earnest Will
N for Not Going Forward Is To Turn Back
E for Endeavour
S for Strengths
S for Strategy

DEFINITE PURPOSE

Definite means determine, distinct, precise, clear, not doubtful or uncertain. And purpose means: Object to be attained; thing intended, intention to act, resolution, determination. Purpose also means: That which one means to do, get, be etc; aim; plan; design; intention.

If we are to amount to something, some attainment or some achievement, we must have a definite purpose. That means we have got to have a vivid and clear-cut determination. Purpose also means: That which one feels encouraged to be as good, successful etc., as possible.

INSPIRATION

Inspiration means: (1) Ability to originate, set going, admit, introduce; enterprise; first step; lead. (2) First or introductory step or move; capacity to see what needs to be done and enterprise enough to do it. Successful people usually have a few but strong attributes in common, such as initiative, resourcefulness, decisiveness, common sense, courage and character. In terms of personal development, all people usually have initiative, intent, integrity, indomitability, and iron will. They take the first step, they lead and they inspire. They also improve themselves continually.

SEEING THROUGH

Seeing through means seeing the truth, the reality, things as they objectively are the potential and the ultimate. Seeing through means seeing in one’s mind’s eye the destination of the journey, the summit of the mountain. People of decisive dimension or caliber see the ultimate blue, clear sky through clouds. Such decisive people strategically see the ultimate victory through all obstacles and difficulties.

INSPIRATION

Inspiration means: (1) A sudden good idea about what you should do or say. (2) The state of being given encouragement or good ideas about what you should do. (3) A person, experience or place etc., that you get inspiration from. (4) To be inspirational to somebody, to make somebody feel encouraged to be as good, successful etc., as possible.

When a person is inspired or encouraged, he or she can be decisive to be or not to be, or do or not do something. If there is little or no inspiration or incentive, one is liable to be doubtful, wavering, skeptic or indecisive. It means that self-motivated persons are more decisive in making a decision. Knowledge, information, experience or exposure are helpful to be decisive. Single-minded people are usually more decisive than people of unfocused mind. It means focus or concentration of mind is conducive to be decisive. And inspired people are more focused or better concentrated people with better motivation.

VISION & VALUES

Vision is what you see yourself to be in the future. Vision is what you believe you could become in the future. It is your whole inspiration. It is the meaning of your life. In that vision, you (must) live and move and have your being.

Values mean beliefs and ideals that you hold highest in your life. Your core values are the beliefs that you deem most precious in your life such as HONESTY, HONOUR, HIGH THINKING, HIGH ACHIEVEMENT, AND HIGH CARING & SHARING.
President U Thein Sein hosts Union Day commemorative reception and dinner in capital city

MoU signed for implementation of Namli and Hunban hydropower projects

Governance troops make efforts to bring stability to Laukkai

A map shows clashes between Myanmar Tatmadaw and Kokang renegade troops

Cultural dance troupes of national races entertained the president and dignitaries with a variety of traditional dances, following the dinner.

The president and wife also cordially greeted the cultural dance troupes.

MoU signed for implementation of Namli and Hunban hydropower projects

The government troops make efforts to safeguard the security and interest of the country. Members of the defence services are shouldering their tasks of warding off any threats to public safety at considerable risk to their own lives.

A map shows clashes between Myanmar Tatmadaw and Kokang renegade troops

The Kokang renegade groups were found to be good at military maneuvering with the use of scores of heavy weapons including anti-aircraft machine guns.

According to reports, Myanmar has informed China of the incidents that occurred on the border.

The local government of Shan State has imposed a curfew, but the current situation in Laukkai has returned to normal thanks to the joint efforts of the government troops and police forces.

—Myawady
Ceasefire agreed for eastern Ukraine after Minsk summit

BRUSSELS, 12 Feb — European Union leaders are set to call on Thursday for stricter checks on travellers entering the passport-free Schengen area and increased information-sharing as part of a revamped counter-terrorism strategy following the Paris attacks.

EU leaders meeting in Brussels later on Thursday will say that more can be done under the existing rules to strengthen checks on travellers entering or leaving the Schengen zone without changing the agreement or undermining the right to free movement within the passport-free area, which covers western Europe.

“We agree to proceed without delay to systematic and coordinated checks on individuals enjoying the right of free movement against databases relevant to the fight against terrorism,” the leaders will say in a statement, according to a draft copy seen by Reuters.

EU governments have been searching for ways to stop Europeans going to fight with Islamic State militants in Syria and Iraq.

Concern has risen since a Frenchman believed to have returned recently from fighting with rebels in Syria was arrested in May over the killing of four people at the Jewish Museum in Brussels.

The 28 heads of state or government will also urge the European Parliament urgently to adopt a plan for countries to share airline passenger data.

Lawkmakers have resisted endorsing the system for sharing data, known as the Passenger Name Record (PNR), on the grounds it would infringe people’s privacy. Under pressure to drop their opposition in the wake of the Paris attacks, members of the European Parliament pledged in a resolution on Wednesday to aim to finish work on the PNR law by the end of this year.

The leaders will call for police to step up information sharing and closer cooperation between EU members’ security services and in the fight against arms trafficking.

They will also urge EU governments to quickly implement stronger rules to prevent money-laundering and terrorist financing and to effectively freeze assets used for financing terrorism.

They will call for “adequate measures to be taken, in accordance with national constitutions, to detect and remove internet content promoting terrorism or extremism.” — Reuters

UN Secretary-General’s Message on World Radio Day

13 February 2015

On World Radio Day, we celebrate a medium that captures the imagination and brings people together.

Every year, United Nations Radio broadcasts over 1,200 documentaries, news items and editorials over the airwaves.

This year’s observance of World Radio Day highlights the importance of radio to the world’s 1.8 billion young women and men.

Radio matters for youth across the world.

Three dead, 10 injured in blast at Petrobras platform in Brazil

Rio de Janeiro, 12 Feb — At least three people were killed, 10 injured and six missing in an explosion at a platform of Brazil’s state oil giant Petrobras in the southeast of the country, the company said on Wednesday.

According to a Petrobras statement, the blast occurred on Wednesday afternoon and was caused by a gas leak at FPSO Sao Mateus, located 120 km off the coast of Aracruz in Espirito Santo state. The company said the injured have been sent to hospitals in Vitória, capital of Espirito Santo state, for treatment.

A total of 74 people were on board the platform, which has a capacity to produce 2.2 million cubic meters of natural gas per day.

A Navy ship and two aircraft have headed to the site to help with the rescue, and an investigation to find out the circumstances of the accident will be launched.

Russia has high assessment of relations with North Korea — ambassador

Pyongyang, 12 Feb — Several celebrations and events are planned for 2015 in the framework of the Year of Friendship between Russia and North Korea, Russian Ambassador to the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) Alexander Matsegora told TASS on Thursday.

The 70th anniversary of Victory in the Great Patriotic War (1941-1945) and National Liberation of Korea will also be celebrated in 2015.

Matsegora said Russia had a rather high assessment of the development of relations with North Korea.

“An active political dialogue is maintained at the highest and high level. The leaders of the two countries regularly exchange messages. In November 2014, Russian President Vladimir Putin welcomed in Moscow North Korean leader Kim Jong-un’s special envoy, a high-ranking member of the ruling Workers’ Party Choe Ryong-hae. It was the main event in the bilateral relations in 2014,” the ambassador said.

Messages on World Radio Day

On World Radio Day, we celebrate a medium that

— captures the imagination and brings people together.
— matters for youth across the world.

We are already seeing how radio is promoting peace and harmony in our societies, says UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

Radio can inform, empower and make a difference to millions of lives. On World Radio Day, we pay tribute to radio as a powerful medium which reaches the world’s youngest and most vulnerable groups.

Radio is relevant everywhere. It helps build bridges across cultures, reaching those who may be more difficult to reach.

Radio is a medium that speaks to those who need to hear messages of hope, of peace and unity.

Radio is a powerful tool for change in the world, for the better. It brings people together all over the world.”
**WORLD**

**Al-Qaeda linked group says seized army base in south Yemen**

ASSAN, (Yemen) 12 Feb — Fighters from the al-Qaeda affiliated Ansar al-Sharia militant group have taken control of an army base housing a brigade in southern Yemen, the group said on its Twitter account on Thursday. There was no official comment from the government or the military on the claim. Residents and local news sites reported that the base in the southern province of Shabwa fell in heavy clashes after a siege lasting several hours.

Shabwa is a stronghold of al-Qaeda and like-minded militants. Ansar al-Sharia in previous years took advantage of Yemen’s political chaos and unrest to seize entire districts and towns before being pushed back by the army.

**Canad a ‘inclined’ to extend mandate of forces in Iraq**

Ottawa, 12 Feb — Canada is inclined to extend the six-month mandate of its military mission in Iraq, which comprises special forces on the ground as well as fighter bombers, Defence Minister Jason Kenney said on Wednesday.

Kenney said the right-of-centre Conservative government had not yet taken a formal decision to keep the forces in Iraq beyond the end of March. But his comments were the clearest indication yet from a cabinet minister that Ottawa was likely to do so.

“Our government believes that Canada has a role in fighting the so-called Islamic State terrorist, stopping their campaign of genocide, and we are inclined to continue with that fight,” he told CTV television.

Canada has six fighter bombers taking part in US-led air strikes against Islamic State attacks as well as around 70 special forces members in northern Iraq.

US President Barack Obama on Wednesday sent Congress a request to authorize military force against the militants over the next three years. Separately, Kenney told the Canadian Broadcasting Corp that Canada would not be committing ground troops to a combat mission in Iraq.

Yemen has long been at the forefront of the US-led war against al-Qaeda, but the US mission there has been largely focused on helping the Yemeni government fight the Houthi group, a Shi'ite Muslim militia which is an arch enemy of Yemen's Sunni Islamist militants, consolidate their grip on power after sidelining the central government.

**Widow of Paris gunman in Islamic State territory — IS magazine**

BEIRUT, 12 Feb — A magazine run by the Islamic State militant organization has published an interview with the French widow of a Paris hostage taker, its first official claim that Hayat Boumeddiene is in their territory, which spans parts of Syria and Iraq.

France launched a search for the 26-year-old after police stormed a Jewish supermarket where her partner Amedy Coulibaly had taken hostages, four of whom were killed along with Coulibaly. Authorities described her as armed and dangerous.

Turkish officials said last month that Boumediene had been in Turkey five days before the shootout, and crossed into Syria on 8 January.

Wednesday’s edition of Islamic State’s online French-language magazine, Dar al-Islam, ran an edition on the attacks in Paris and included an interview with a woman it said was Coulibaly’s wife, although her name was not given. Reuters could not immediately verify the authenticity of the interview, which provided no photos or videos of Boumeddiene.

Asked how she felt when she entered the ‘caliphate’, the term Islamic State uses for the territory it controls, she was quoted as saying: “I did not encounter any difficulties (getting here), it is good to live in the land that is governed by the laws of God.”

She also said her husband had been an Islamic State supporter; Coulibaly himself had said he was carrying out the attack in the name of Islamic State.

Seventeen people, including journalists and police officers, were killed in three days of violence that began with the storming of the satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo on Wednesday, 7 January, and ended with the hostage-taking at a kosher supermarket.

**Thousands protest against Houthi rule in Yemen after embassies close**

SANA’A, 12 Feb — Yemenis in the capital Sana’a and the central city of Taiz held the largest protests yet against a takeover by a Shia Muslim militia group on Wednesday after the United States, Britain and France shut their embassies over security fears.

Hundreds massed in the capital against the Houthi fighters, who manned checkpoints and guarded government buildings they control. The militants, be-seated in tribal robes and automatic rifles, shot in the air and thrust daggers at the crowds during their rule.

Tens of thousands of people also carried banners and chanted anti-Houthi slogans in Taiz, which the militants have not taken.

The Iranian-backed Houthi movement has called its seizure of power a revolution and says it wants to rid the country of corruption and economic peril — though Yemen’s rich Sunni Muslim Gulf Arab neighbours say it is a coup.

Yemen had long been at the forefront of the US-led war against al-Qaeda, but the long-standing alliance between Washington and Sana’a appears to have ended for now. The US ambassador and diplomatic staff left the embassy on Wednesday, local workers said, a day after Washington announced it was closing the mission.

Embassy workers had already destroyed weapons, computers and documents, they added. “Recent unilateral actions disrupted the political transition process in Yemen, creating the risk that renewed violence would threaten Yemen and the diplomatic community in Sana’a,” US State Department spokesperson Jen Psaki said.

Despite the embassy shutdown, White House Spokesman Josh Earnest told reporters on Wednesday that the United States was continuing to carry out counter-terrorism operations in Yemen in cooperation with Yemeni officials.

“There is no change,” he continued. US Department of Defence personnel on the ground in Yemen that are coordinating with their counterparts in Yemen, he said. — Reuters
**World**

**Japan-N Korea unofficial abduction talks held in late January**

**Tokyo**, 12 Feb — Japan and North Korea held unofficial talks in late January in Shanghai, China, on Pyongyang’s ongoing investigation into the fate of Japanese nationals abducted decades ago, diplomatic sources said on Thursday.

Japan repeated its request for North Korea to report its findings promptly and honestly, following Pyongyang’s launch of a new round of investigation last July in return for Japan’s easing of sanctions.

Junichi Ibara, director general of the Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau of the Japanese Foreign Ministry, attended the talks, according to the sources.

In the Shanghai talks, Japan also appeared to explain that pro-Pyongyang Koreans are now expected to be able to continue using the Tokyo headquarters building of the General Association of Korean Residents, the de facto North Korean embassy in Japan without diplomatic ties, according to the sources.

The fate of the property has been a major issue for North Korea.

Japan and North Korea previously held an official meeting late October in Pyongyang.

They agreed in July in Beijing that the first report on the abduction probe would be released sometime between late summer and early fall last year, but North Korea has not released it.

There is general consensus between the two sides that the investigation will be completed in a year — around

**Costa Concordia captain sentenced to 16 years for 2012 shipwreck**

GROSTETO, Italy, 12 Feb — The former captain of the Costa Concordia cruise liner was sentenced to 16 years in prison on Wednesday for his role in the 2012 shipwreck, which killed 32 people off the Tuscan holiday island of Giglio.

Francesco Schettino was commanding the vessel, a floating hotel as long as three football pitches, when it hit rocks off the island, tearing a hole in its side. A court in the town of Grosseto found him guilty of multiple manslaughter, causing a shipwreck and abandoning his passengers in one of the highest-profile shipping disasters in recent years. However, the judges rejected a request that Schettino begin his sentence immediately. They instead ordered him not to go to prison until the appeals process is completed, which can take years.

The rebels' chief negotiator Mohagher Iqbal said when asked if the rebels would assist in the hunt for Usman. — Reuters

**Philippine rebels promise help on militants as peace bid stalls**

MANILA, 12 Feb — Muslim rebels in the Philippines promised the government on Thursday they would help track down a wanted militant in a bid to save a peace process thrown into doubt by a clash in which 44 policemen were killed.

Efforts to end the decades-old insurgency by rebels from the minority Muslim community in the largely Catholic country have stalled since the Jan. 25 fighting on the southern island of Mindanao in which the 44 policemen and 18 rebels were killed. Legislators drawing up a law to give Muslims in the area autonomy, the next step of the peace process, have suspended their work, demanding an investigation into the bloodshed.

The rebels' chief negotiator Mohagher Iqbal, told a Senate inquiry his group was willing to detain a militant bomb-maker, Abdul Basit Usman, and others hiding in their territory. “Yes, we will help,” Iqbal said when asked if the rebels would assist in the hunt for Usman. — Reuters

**China Sky Ex-CEO to pay 2.5 million SG dollars civil penalty**

SINGAPORE, 12 Feb — Huang Zhengxuan, the former chief executive officer (CEO) of China Sky Chemical Fibre Co. Ltd (China Sky), has agreed to pay a civil penalty of 2.5 million Singapore dollars (1.88 million US dollars) for making misleading statements and failing to disclose material information to the market thereby contravening the Securities and Futures Act (SFA), the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) said in a Press release on Thursday.

Under the settlement agreement with the MAS, Huang will also make an offer to surrender 10 percent of his sharehold- ing in China Sky, equivalent to 15,416,121 shares. Huang can not assume the role of a company director or be involved in the management of any entity listed on the Singapore Exchange (SGX) for three years.

The Commercial Affairs Department (CAD) of Singapore commenced investigations in February 2012 and subsequently in consultation with MAS and the Attorney General’s Chambers, agreed to discharge criminal in- charges that would have been filed to the civil penalty settlement could take place.

During the investigation, Huang admitted that he made misleading statements relating to the market relating to China Sky’s purchase and subsequent return of a plot of land in south- east China’s Fujian Province, which is in contravention of Section 1996c of the Securities and Futures Act (SFA).

The statements include misleading disclosures relating to the use of the Fujian Land, incorrectly depicting the transaction counterparty as an independent third party, and providing a false reason for the delay in the transfer of the land use rights to China Sky’s subsidiary.

Huang has also admitted to contravening Section 203 of the SFA relating to China Sky’s failure to make prompt and proper disclo- sure to the market in relation to the Fujian Land acquisition.

“MAS takes a strong stance against market misconduct and spares no effort in investigating possible transgressions,” Said MAS’ Assistant Managing Di- rector (Capital Markets), Lee Boon Ngap. “We will continue to work closely with other stat- utory agencies to enforce the law against those who commit offences in our securities mar- kets, whether they are based in Singapore or overseas.” — Xinhua
OFFICE SPACE REQUIRED
State Bank of India requires 60 to 80 Square meters(net) space for use as its Representative Office in A Class building around Downtown area with lease period upto 3 years with option to vacate with 3 Month prior notice, interested parties may send their offers in English through email at sbi.yangon@gmail.com (a copy to be marked to bankyang@gmail.com)

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Swedish tourist dies of suspected swine flu in western India

New Delhi, 12 Feb — A 70-year-old Swedish tourist on Thursday died of suspected swine flu in the western Indian state of Rajasthan, a health official said.

“The woman tourist, Ann Marie, died at a hospital in the state’s Jodhpur town where she was brought to from the town of Jaisalmer on Wednesday. But her condition worsened and she was put on life-support. She died earlier in the morning,” the official said, on condition of anonymity.

Over 100 people have died of swine flu in the state this year alone and this is the first case of a foreign national succumbing to the condition.—Xinhua

Three killed, dozens injured in train-bus collision in Bangladesh

Dhaka, 12 Feb — At least three people were killed and dozens of others injured on Thursday morning when a train struck a bus in Bangladesh’s seaport city Chittagong, a police officer said.

The officer of Chittagong Metropolitan Police who did not like to be named said the collision occurred at about 11:20 am local time.

He said “One man died on the spot while two others succumbed to their injuries at a hospital.”

The cause of the accident was not immediately known.—Xinhua

Campaigners express opposition to resuming operation of two idled reactors on 12 Feb, 2015, in front of the Nuclear Regulation Authority’s Tokyo office. The regulator approved a report concluding that the Nos 3 and 4 units of Kansai Electric Power Co’s Takahama nuclear power plant comply with new safety requirements.—Kyodo News

Police in Washington state fatally shoot man who threw rocks at them

Washington, 12 Feb — Police in Washington state shot a man to death who threw rocks at them, officials said on Wednesday, as a video published online appearing to show the incident drew criticism of the officers' actions.

The police shooting in Pasco, Washington comes amid heightened tension across the country in the wake of high-profile police killings of unarmed minorities, particularly in Ferguson, Missouri and New York.

Officers Ryan Flanagan, Adam Wright, and Adrian Alaniz arrived at the parking lot of a Fiesta Foods grocery store around 5 pm local time on Tuesday, where suspect Antonio Zambrano-Montes threw rocks at them, Pasco Police Chief Bob Metzger said in a statement.

The officers attempted to use a stun gun to incapacitate Zambrano-Montes after he would not obey commands to surrender, before they opened fire and killed him, the statement said.

A video of the incident posted on YouTube and cited by local media showed the man running away from the three officers before he was killed. In the 22-second video, the man moves across the street from the pursuing policemen. He turns to face them briefly, lifting his right arm as if to throw another object, when they open fire, according to the video.

Pasco Police Captain Ken Roske said when reached by Reuters on Wednesday night that the department had reviewed videos of the incident, but could not confirm their authenticity.

“They certainly look like the right interactions,” he said, adding that the Tri-City Special Investigation Unit would conduct a full probe into the shooting.

The Seattle Times, which linked to the video on its website, reported that a few dozen people gathered outside Pasco City Hall in protest of the shooting on Wednesday.

In addition, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Washington called the incident “very disturbing,” the paper said.—Reuters
Black Widow’s past has sadness, says Scarlett Johansson

LOS ANGELES, 12 Feb — Scarlett Johansson has revealed that Black Widow’s sad past will be revealed in the upcoming movie ‘Avengers: Age of Ultron’.

In an interview with The Hollywood Reporter, she said, “I think you learn more about the sadness in her past. Talking about how she landed the role, Johansson said, “People were surprised that I wanted to play a comic book heroine. But I loved ‘Iron Man’, and I met with Marvel to see what was possible. ‘I had done my research, and the Black Widow character resonated with me. She is dark and has faced death so many times that she has a deep perspective on the value of life.’ ‘Avengers: Age of Ultron’ is set for release on 1 May in the US.—PTI

I was broken post ‘After Earth’: Will Smith

Superstar Will Smith

LOS ANGELES, 12 Feb — Superstar Will Smith says he is positive for his upcoming film ‘Focus’ though the failure of ‘After Earth’ made him sad.

Smith, 46, said he hopes the new film will mark a transition in his life and emotionally and in my career.

After the failure of ‘After Earth’, a thing got broken in my heart. I was like, ‘Oh, wow. I’m still alive. Oh, wow. Actually, I still am me, even though the movie didn’t open number one. Wait. I can still get hired on another movie.’ ‘I realized that I still was a good person. So when I went into Focus, I completely released the concept of goal orientation and got into path orientation.

This moment, this second, these people, this interaction... It is a huge relief for me to not care whether or not Focus is number one or number 10 at the box office,” he said. ‘Focus’ is expected to hit theatres on 27 February.—PTI

Beyonce, Ed Sheeran pay homage to Stevie Wonder

Taylor Swift’s ‘1989’ ties her previous record atop Billboard

LOS ANGELES, 12 Feb — Taylor Swift walked away empty-handed from the Grammys last weekend, but her consolation prize was yet another week with the best-selling album.

The pop star’s ‘1989’ notched its 11th week atop the weekly Billboard 200 album chart, tying her record for weeks at No. 1 from her second studio album ‘Fearless’. Billboard said on Wednesday.

‘1989’ tallied 108,000 sales units, including 77,000 albums and 308,000 songDownloads, according to figures from Nielsen SoundScan for the week ended on 8 February, and has occupied the top two spots in the 15 weeks since its release.

Only her hit single “Shake It Off” competed at the Grammys since “1989” was released too late in the year for consideration. The reformulated Billboard 200 considers album sales, song downloads and online streaming to compile an album’s total sales units, but Swift does not give her work to streaming services.

In the category “What I Call Music compilation,” “Now 53,” debuted at No. 2, coming in ahead of albums from British singers Ed Sheeran and Sam Smith, the big winner at Sunday’s Grammy Awards. Grammy winners and performers will likely see a bump in sales that will be reflected in next week’s chart.

“Now 53” was on Swift’s heels with 99,000 sales units — only albums since it has no song sales and no streaming activity.

Another newcomer to the top ten of the Billboard 200 was girl group “Fifth Harmony,” debuting at No 5 with 80,500 units sold, including a heavy streaming component.

Singer Bruno Mars and producer Mark Ronson’s hit “Uptown Funk!” was the top downloaded song for the sixth consecutive week with 319,000 in sales, a 12 percent decline from last week.—Reuters

Jennifer Aniston, Sienna Miller, David Oyelowo to present at Oscars

LOS ANGELES, 12 Feb — Jennifer Aniston, Sienna Miller, David Oyelowo will air on Sunday, February 22, coming in ahead of albums from Britain’s Sam Smith, the big winner at Sunday’s Grammy Awards. Grammy winners and performers will likely see a bump in sales that will be reflected in next week’s chart.

Aniston missed out on a chance to get nominated for her role in ‘Cake’ while Miller co-stars in best picture nominee ‘American Sniper’ and ‘Foxcatcher’.—PTI

LOS ANGELES, 12 Feb — Jennifer Aniston, Sienna Miller, David Oyelowo, Chris Pratt, John Travolta and Kerry Washington will present at this year’s Oscars. The show, hosted by Neil Patrick Harris, will air on Sunday, February 22.—PTI

Aniston missed out on a chance to get nominated for her role in ‘Cake’ while Miller co-stars in best picture nominee ‘American Sniper’ and ‘Foxcatcher’.

Oyelowo portrayed Martin Luther King Jr in this year’s Best Picture nominee ‘Selma’ though the Academy was criticised for not excluding his name in the best actor category.

Pitt starred in ‘Guardians of the Galaxy’ and ‘The Lego Movie’. Travolta is a two-time Oscar nominee, for his leading roles in ‘Pulp Fiction’ and ‘Saturday Night Fever’. Washington is the star of the hit television drama ‘Scandal’ and received two Emmy nominations for her role.—PTI

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Beyonce and Sheeran pay homage to Stevie Wonder

LOS ANGELES, 12 Feb — Singers Beyonce and Ed Sheeran performed an energetic duet to pay homage to veteran musician Stevie Wonder at the official after-party of the Grammy Awards.

The event ‘Stevie Wonder: Songs In The Key of Life—An All-Star Grammy Salute’, at the Nokia Theatre on 10 February, saw the bigwigs of music industry paying tribute to the 64-year-old winner of 25 Grammys, reported Us magazine.

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Pharrell and Jennifer Hudson also honoured Wonder with their performances.

“I cannot leave this stage, this building, this planet without letting you all know that I love you,” Wonder said, addressing the crowd, before being joined on stage by all his famous fans for a finale performance of his number ‘Happy Birthday’.—PTI

Actress Angelababy attends fashion activity in Singapore, on 10 Feb, 2015.—Xinhua

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Tiger Woods will not compete in golf until ‘tournament-ready’

LA Jolla, CA, 12 Feb — Tiger Woods does not plan to return to the PGA Tour until he feels his game is “tournament-ready,” the American former world number one said on Wednesday.

The 14-times major champion, who had back surgery last year, withdrew from last week’s Farmers Insurance Open at Torrey Pines, his second start of the season, after just 11 holes because of tightness in his back. Based on his usual tournament schedule, Woods, 39, would be expected to compete next at the 26 February-1 March Honda Classic at Palm Beach Gardens in Florida.

“Right now, I need a lot of work on my game, and to still spend time with the people that are important to me,” Woods said on his website. “I’d like to play the Honda Classic — it’s a tournament in my home-town and it’s important to me — but I won’t be there unless my game is tournament-ready. That’s not fair to anyone.

“I do, however, expect to be playing again very soon,” Woods has struggled badly in his first two events this year.

He posted the worst score of his professional career, with his short game in complete disarray, as he carded a mind-boggling 11-over-par 82 to miss the cut at the Phoenix Open last month.

He looked no better last week at Torrey Pines where he was two over par after 11 holes on the North course when he decided to pull out, his third withdrawal in his last nine tournaments.

“The last two weeks have been very disappointing to me, especially Torrey, because I never want to withdraw,” said Woods. “Unfortunately, lately injuries have made that happen too often.

“This latest injury is not related to my previous surgery. I am having daily physical therapy and I am feeling better every day.”

“My play, and scores, are not acceptable for tournament golf.”

Woods, who has not won a major title since the 2008 US Open, is still adapting to the fifth swing change of his career, this time with new consultant Chris Como.

The four majors have all always been the top priority for Woods, who has a burning desire to eclipse the record 18 titles won by Jack Nicklaus. However, he will need to improve his game markedly if he is to be ready for the year’s opening major, the 9-12 April Masters at Augusta National where he is a four-times former champion.—Reuters

Govt’s panels call for flight increase at Haneda, Narita airports

TOKYO, 12 Feb — Two transport ministry panels on Thursday proposed measures to strengthen transport and social infrastructure through the 2020 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games including an increase in international flights at Tokyo’s Haneda and Narita airports.

The proposals were submitted to Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Minister Akihiro Ota and the Cabinet is expected to approve them soon.

The proposed steps have been discussed since last April to improve Japan’s air travel services, increase disaster resilience and strengthen social infrastructure. The panels propose that flights from the Japanese airports be connected to more foreign cities, increasing them from 88 cities in 2013 to around 140, the level seen at major airports in Asia such as Hong Kong International Airport and South Korea’s Incheon and Gimpo airports.

Angry Birds fly into Singapore to teach preschoolers

SINGAPORE, 12 Feb — A for Angry, B for Birds. The heroes of an addictive mobile game dishing out revenge on evil pigs have landed in a classroom in Singapore to prep kindergarten children the Angry Birds way.

Finland’s Rovio, the company behind the game franchise, has partnered with local preschool Dreamkids Kindergarten to launch an Angry Birds Playground in the city-state, the fourth globally after openings in the UK, USA and China last year.

A giant indoor tree house takes center stage in a classroom dotted with stuffed Angry Bird toys and matching wallpaper, while a large wall-mounted touch screen plays educational games.

The preschool programme, aimed at children aged between three and six, is based on the Finnish National Curriculum, widely considered one of the world’s best education systems.

“Behind the Angry Bird Playground educational concept is a belief that fun and play are at the very center of effective learning,” Rovio said in a statement.

The programme was developed with the University of Helsinki along with partners such as US space agency NASA, National Geographic and CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research.

Dreamkids Kindergarten principal Dawn Choy shows how the Smart Board is used for educational games in class as teachers plan their lessons in an Angry Birds-inspired classroom environment in Singapore on 11 Feb, 2015.—Reuters

The programme has matched the popularity of the original Angry Birds, the most downloaded paid app of all time.

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An animated Angry Birds feature film, a joint venture between Sony Pictures Entertainment and Rovio, is slated for release in July 2016.—Reuters

Tiger Woods hits his drive on the 12th during the first round of the Farmers Insurance Open golf tournament at Torrey Pines Municipal Golf Course in La Jolla, CA, USA on 5 Feb, 2015. —Reuters

DREAMKIDS KINDERGARTEN

Dawn Choy, Principal of Dreamkids Kindergarten talks about the Angry Birds-Inspired Classroom Environment.

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Last-gasp William strike keeps Chelsea in the clear

Willian (L) of Chelsea celebrates scoring against Everton during their English Premier League soccer match at Stamford Bridge, London on 11 Feb, 2015. —Reuters

Chelsea were frustrated before Brazilian Willian struck from 20 metres in the 89th minute to break the resistance of Everton whose midfielder Gareth Barry had been sent off just before the goal.

“It’s beautiful to win in the last minute, and it’s so sad (for Everton) to lose,” Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho told BT Sport.

“They have to be very disappointed, they gave us a very difficult match. We are very, very happy and we think we deserve it. We risked a lot to try to win.”

City kept pace with the leaders as striker Sergio Aguero scored twice, his first goals in over two months, to help the champions to five league wins in their first leg at Bilbao.

“I have more confidence in my game if he was going to win somehow,” Nishikori said. “I have more confidence from the second set. The fifth-ranked Nishikori could only convert three of 11 break points for the match and land just 52 percent of his first serves. He admitted he would have to pick up his game if he was going to win a third consecutive title.

“I got a feel for the tension of my racket but still managed to win somehow,” Nishikori said, after laboring through the match in one hour, 56 minutes. “I was able to play closer to the net from the second set onward, and pick up the points as I adjusted.”

Two weeks after advancing to the last eight at the Australian Open, Nishikori lost the first set to lose,” Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho told BT Sport.

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“It was a good win but we have to be very wary. The last one goal of the league’s top goalscorer Diego Costa, who was serving the last game of a three-match suspen-
sion for stamping, in the face of a stout Everton defence.

Barcelona’s Luis Suarez and Lionel Messi (R) celebrate a goal against Villarreal during their King’s Cup semi-final first leg soccer match at Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona on 11 Feb, 2015. —Reuters

Mumbai United’s Robin van Persie (R) scores his team’s third goal from a penalty during their English Premier League soccer match against Burnley at Old Trafford in Manchester, northern England on 11 Feb, 2015. —Reuters

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Bloody took the Madrigal is a tough stadium to play at and we still have to win the tie,” added the Spaniard international. “We are playing with a lot of confidence at the moment and that means we can react quickly when we concede.”

“Suarez shines in Barca Cup win over Villarreal

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