President U Thein Sein receives Vietnamese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 19 March — Vietnam Communist Party Politburo member and Chairman of the Vietnam Fatherland Front Mr Nguyen Thien Nhan paid a courtesy call on President U Thein Sein in Nay Pyi Taw on Thursday.

Their discussions focused on promoting friendship between the two countries, Vietnamese investment, and the promotion of cooperation in the agriculture, finished-wood manufacturing, communications and transport sectors.

Also in attendance were Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Soe Thane, U Myint Hlaing, U Zeya Aung, Dr Kan Zaw, U Ye Htut and officials. The Vietnamese ambassador accompanied the Vietnamese delegation.—MNA

Agreement reached on most differences over NCA

YANGON, 19 March — Agreement has been reached between the Union Peacemaking Working Committee and the Nationwide Ceasefire Coordination Team on terms and conditions on armed forces of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement, according to sources.

Both sides continued their negotiations for the third day of the seventh meeting in Yangon on Thursday.

The single text of the ceasefire agreement includes seven chapters and negotiations for the first three chapters has been completed so far.

Both sides agreed to accept the term “revolution”, according to one of the representatives of national races who considered that the recognition of the revolution of national races is a big step forwards.

The negotiations will continue tomorrow. —MNA

Solar Impulse-2 arrives in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 19 March — After flying 15 hours from Varanasi in India, Solar Impulse-2 arrived in Mandalay, cultural capital of Myanmar, at 8:30 pm on Thursday.

The pilots of the aircraft, Bertrand Piccard and Andre Borschberg, were greeted aboard by Union Minister U Soe Thane, Chief Minister of Mandalay Region U Ye Myint, Deputy Minister for Transport U Zin Yaw and the ambassador of Switzerland to Myanmar while traditional dance troups of national races, bands and media welcomed the aircraft at the airport.

A dinner was hosted at Mandalay International Airport for the aircraft, attended by the union minister, the chief minister, Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Soe Htut, the deputy minister, members of region government, the ambassador and the officials.—MNA

Left or right? India, Myanmar, Thailand must pick side before highway can proceed

By Ye Myint

YANGON, 19 March — A trilateral highway linking India, Myanmar and Thailand promises major economic gains for the three countries, but the project must first negotiate a significant traffic barrier — the question of which side of the road vehicles will use.

In India and Thailand, traffic travels on the left, but Myanmar, where the bulk of the highway will be laid, drives on the right.

Deciding which side of the highway to use is one of the challenges for the trilateral project, said Ameising Luikham, Secretary of North Eastern Council of the Government of India.

The three-nation highway project is part of India’s efforts to improve transport links with ASEAN, its fourth-largest trading partner.

The Kaladan Multimodal Transport Project in Myanmar is also one of key connectivity projects between the two sides.

“The (trilateral highway) project is slated for completion in 2017,” an NEC member told the Global New Light of Myanmar, adding the three-nation highway would be a vast improvement on existing road connections that have hindered India’s trade with ASEAN.

Following the decision by India and ASEAN nations in 2013 on further extension of the India-Myanmar-Thai trilateral highway to other member countries, the highway is also planned to expand to Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam, where cars also drive on the right.

The highway is set to start from Manipur’s Moreh on the Indian side and reach Mae Sot in Thailand after passing through Myanmar, where the it will traverse Tamu in the northwest and Mandalay in the country’s centre.

ASEAN is India’s fourth-largest trade partner, with a GDP of more than $2.2 trillion and a population of 620 million people. India and ASEAN had a combined GDP of $2.4 trillion, with bilateral trade valued at US$74 billion in 2013-2014.

India, the world’s largest democracy and second-most populous nation, is aiming to increase bilateral trade with the ASEAN community to $100 billion by 2015 and $200 billion by 2020.—GNLM
**U Khin Aung Myint receives New Zealand Professor**

Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint receives New Zealand delegation led by Pro-Vice Chancellor Professor Nigel Hemmington of Auckland University.—MNA

**NAY PYI TAW, 19 March —** Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint received a New Zealand delegation led by Pro-Vice Chancellor Professor Nigel Hemmington of Auckland University at the Hluttaw complex on Thursday. Also present together with the speaker were Hluttaw representatives U Ne Win Tun, chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw Vietnam-Myanmar Parliaments Friendship Association and who is also member of Minerals and Environment Conservation Committee; Daw Nan Ni Ni Aye, Secretary of the Hluttaw Rights Committee; U Tin Shian, member of Government’s Guarantees, Pledges, Undertakings Vetting Committee; U Kan Nyunt, member of Education, Health, Women and Children Affairs Committee; and officials of Amyotha Hluttaw office.—MNA

**UEC issues rules for election monitoring teams**

**NAY PYI TAW, 19 March —** The Union Election Commission on Thursday issued Notification No.2/2015 of its requirement to address public concerns.

Members of the teams are required to respect the sovereignty of Myanmar, the fundamental rights of citizens and the authority of the UEC, sub-commissions and staff of voting booths.

In addition, they must also abide by the instructions of the UEC and police forces of states and regions, security personnel and authorities.

Furthermore, members of monitoring teams are prohibited from having bias toward state authorities, political parties, candidates and election issues and cannot support or oppose a political party or candidate.

**Pyithu Hluttaw**

Pyithu Hluttaw urged to create global market for local rubber

**NAY PYI TAW, 19 March —** The Pyithu Hluttaw on Thursday was urged to build a suspension bridge in the township of Thantaungyi, Kayin State, with Deputy Minister U Kyaw Kyaw Win responding that soil tests are under way ahead of its construction. The suspension bridge will have two lanes, he said.

An MP proposed compensation for farmlands destroyed by seawater in some parts of Rakhine State, with the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation saying farmland management committees will examine the damage in the affected areas and report to the central government for recompense, pledging technical assistance.

The parliament has agreed to discuss two proposals concerning its election amendment bill and a bill calling for the central government to form a commission to investigate the recent shipwreck in Myepon, a township in Rakhine State, and compensate the victims for their losses.—MNA

**Communications Ministry seeks to allay mobile phone health fears**

**YANGON, 19 March —** Mobile phone antennas in Myanmar pose no health risk to the community, while all of the country’s network providers are operating within international safety standards, the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology has said Wednesday at a workshop to address public concerns.

“The Myanmar public and the environment are not being exposed to any harmful electromagnetic radiation,” Deputy Minister U Thaung Tin said.

Spot inspections of Myanmar mobile operators’ networks have confirmed that all equipment is in compliance with international technical and safety standards, he said.

The measurements in public areas in Yangon and Mandalay were conducted by the ministry in cooperation with experts from global GSM Association (GSMA) and Ericsson Research in late 2014. They found levels of electromagnetic fields (EMF) were below the limits regarded as harmful to health by the World Health Organization.

Dr Jack Rowley, the GSM Association’s Senior Director of Research and Sustainability, said there are “no established health risks from the low-level radio signals used by the mobile phone and antenna sites.”

“Therefore there is no need to be worried about living near antennas or using a mobile phone,” he said. Mobile operators in Myanmar are using the same technologies employed in Europe, North America and Asia, he added. Currently, there are three mobile providers—Myanmar Posts & Telecommunications (MPT), Ooredoo and Telenor—operating in Myanmar.

Dr Rowley told the workshop, “Risk communications skills are needed where concern is high and the level of trust is low.”

To reduce public anxiety, the Health Ministry and the Ministry of Science and Technology have developed easy-to-read pamphlets about radio communication stations and public health to provide accurate information about antennas.

**By Khai Thanda Lwin**

**Global New Light of Myanmar**
Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives Israeli Ambassador

NAY PI TAW, 19 March — Command­er-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received Ambassador of the State of Israel to Myanmar Mr Daniel Zonshine at Zeyar Thiri Hall in Nay Pyi Taw on Thursday.

Promoting and further strengthening relations between the two armed forces, and exchanging study tour of delegations and goodwill delegations of both countries were at the top of the agenda at the meeting.—Myawady

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Myanmar, Japan sign funding agreement for port, water projects

NAY PI TAW, 19 March — Japan on Thursday agreed to provide some 6.38 billion yen (K54.68 billion) for a port modernization project and the upgrading of water systems in Yangon and Mandalay.

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Army captures strategic hill in Laukkai area

NAY PI TAW, 19 March — Fierce fighting broke out Thursday be­tween the Myanmar Army and Kokang insurgents for control of a hilly zone in the Laukkai region, with government forces seizing the strategically important point.

After taking Point 1479, army columns con­tinued their attacks on Point 1564 to the east of Point 1479. Army battal­ions also confronted the enemy at a hill located to the north of Shin Khot and government forces seized Point 1564 to the east of Point 1479. Army battal­ions also confronted the enemy at a hill located to the north of Shin Khot

Indian navy vessel makes call at Thilawa port

YANGON, 19 March — An Indian Navy hydro­graphic survey ship docked Thursday at My­an­mar International Term­inals Thilawa.

On a friendly vis­it from 19 to 22 March, the INS Darshak arrived in Myanmar under the command of Cdr Amal Gopal Merwade togeth­er with 20 officers and 200 other crew. They were welcomed at the port by Commodore Min Thein. —Ko Ko Zaw (MNA)

UEC issues codes of practice for election observers

NAY PI TAW, 19 March — The Union Elec­tion Commission has is­sued the codes of practice for domestic observers in general elections, under Notification No. 1/2015 dated 19 March 2015.

The announcement requires observers to re­spect the sovereignty of the country, the birthrights of the citizens and the cultures and traditions of ethnic groups, while fol­lowing the country’s ex­isting laws and the UEC’s rules, regulations and in­structions. Observers are to maintain an unbiased attitude to candidates and political parties and avoid wearing or using any sym­bols that represent a particu­lar candidate or party.

They are not allowed to ask voters for whom they voted, especially in polling booth­ as­signed three exchanges of notes — 1.72 billion yen (K54.68 billion) agreed to provide some 6.38 billion yen (K54.68 billion) between the two armed forces, and exchanging study tour of delegations and goodwill delegations of both countries were at the top of the agenda at the meeting.—Myawady

and Economic Development Dr Daw Lei Lei Thein and Japanese Ambassador to Myan­mar Mr Tatsushi Higuchi in the presence of Union Min­ister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw, and the direc­tors general of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Fi­nance, Union Attorney Gen­eral’s Office, and Yangon and Mandalay City Develop­ment Committees.—MNA

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An Indian Navy hydro­graphic survey ship docks at Myanmar International Terminals Thilawa.—MYAWADY

Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw witnesses signing of funding agreement between Myanmar and Japan.—SNA

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The exchange of notes were signed by Deputy Min­ister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw and the direc­tors general of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Fi­nance, Union Attorney Gen­eral Office, and Yangon and Mandalay City Develop­ment Committees.—MNA

Bangladesh army village overlooking the road leading to Border Post No. 132.

In the morning Kokang troops attacked Point 1468 hill which is under the control of the army. Tatmadawmen bravely repelled the en­emy. The Myanmar Air Force also attacked insur­gents, taking a stronghold near villages to the north of Kongyan town. One army soldier died and 30 others were wounded in the fighting. —Myawady

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Medical team gives free treatment, health talks to villagers

YAMETHIN, (Mandalay Region) 19, March — Specialists, assistant surgeons and nurses gave health talks and provided free treatment to residents of Indaing village near the foot of a mountain east of Yamethin town, Mandalay Region on 16 March.

The team led by District Medical Officer Dr Moh Myint Win and nurses treated some 250 patients. The team was assisted by Region Maternal and Child Welfare Association Supervisory Committee chairperson Daw Su Su Lwin and others.

After treating patients, the physicians shared knowledge with villagers on human trafficking, malaria and diseases common in women. They also demonstrated making snacks as one of the ways to generate income. At a respect-paying ceremony, the team honoured 11 elders in the village.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Thayet-Kanma-Pyay route boosts local commerce

KANMA, 19 March — With paving now complete on the 50-mile long Thayet-Kanma-Pyay Road in central Myanmar, people and goods can move more freely on the west bank of the River Ayeyawady.

In the past, people living in the area had to rely mostly on water transport. The flow of goods in the region was therefore slow, causing it to lag behind in development. Thanks to the completion of the road, commerce has improved with the faster movement of commodities.

Kyaw Zeya Win

South Okkalarpah branch of Tun Foundation Bank in service

SOUTH OKKALARPA branch of Tun Foundation Bank was opened in South Okkalarpah Township, Yangon Region, on 18 March. Tun Foundation Bank was established in 1994 and has since then engaged in philanthropic activities such as building a non-profit hospital, opening monastic education schools and founding libraries, according to senior general manager of the bank Daw Moe Marlar.

Aung Thura

Police seize stimulant tablets in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 19 March — Police seized 300 stimulant tablets after ambushing two suspects recently in Mandalay.

Acting on a tipoff, the police from Mandalay Anti-Drug Squad No. 18 lay in wait at a teashop on 78th Street on 15 March. They searched suspects Yan Kyaw Chin and Kan Tun after they arrived at the shop by bike and found 300 stimulant tablets on the former, the police said. Kan Tun was helping Yan Kyaw Chin in return for a share of the profits from selling the tablets, the police said. Police have charged the pair.

Maung Pyithu (Mandalay)
Mya Ceti stone inscriptions, Popa Lady, 37 Nat spirits attract tourists

Bagan, 19 March – For the growing number of tourists visiting Myanmar, the most popular attractions include the Mya Ceti stone inscriptions in Bagan Archaeological Region, as well as the Popa Lady and 37 Nat spirits in Popa, according to tourist guide Ko Thiha.

The Mya Ceti stone inscriptions are in four languages — Pyu, Myanmar, Mon and Pali — and provide an important connection to Bagan history. “We need to learn more about our history because tourists are very knowledgeable and interested in Myanmar history, and they have learnt the history before visiting Bagan” Ko Thiha said.

A recent visitor from the United States said he was “very interested in Myanmar history.” “I have visited Bagan three times and the Mya Ceti Stone Inscriptions attract my attention most, because they are inscribed in four languages,” said US tourist Mr Robert. “In Popa I visited the Nat shrine at the foot of the mountain.”

Foreign tourists visiting Bagan are most commonly from the United States, Germany, France, Australia, China, Japan and South Korea.

Min Htet Aung (Mdy Sub-printing House)

Summer paddy thriveS in nay pyi taw

CounCil area:

Farmer U Aye Myint from Bawdigone village, Lewe Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area put 12 acres of land under summer paddy using Palethwe strains of hybrid paddy seed. Now he has seen outcome of his efforts. Ko Paik (Okkasay)

Library multiplier training course opened

Tatkon, 19 March — To increase the efficiency of staff, a library multiplier training course was opened in Tatkon, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 18 March.

At the opening ceremony, a Tatkon Township official urged the trainees to keep open the libraries in rural areas, because cultivating reading habits among youths will surely bring prosperity to nation. Fifty librarians in the township attended the three-day course which covers various library subjects.—Tin Soe Lwin

Women of MMCWA and MWAO combat human trafficking


A female doctor of the team explained about prenatal care. Before the talks, MWAO and MMCWA uniforms were provided to members. The members also demonstrated making soap and aloe juice to local women. They also presented cash and kind to elders from nearby villages.

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Clean water key to closing rural development gap

YANGON, 19 March—A nationwide project for economic development in rural communities through improved access to clean water will soon be in full swing across the country, the Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development said.

The Rural Water Supply project for the 2015-2016 fiscal year will soon be implemented in every region and state, the ministry said, with the goal of narrowing the development gap between urban and rural areas.

“We mostly improved ponds in central dry zones and delta regions that can get good rainfall density, and widely used gravity flow system in mountainous areas,” said Dr Win Min Oo.

Funded by the government, the project has been implemented since 2011. Upon completion of the five-year plan, over 5 million people from 8,310 villages will have access to rural water facilities.

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Tokyo, 19 March — Japan and China agreed on Thursday to speed up work for early implementation of a communication mechanism between the two countries’ defence authorities to avoid unintended and accidental clashes at sea and in the air.

In the first bilateral security dialogue since January 2011, foreign affairs and defence officials from the two countries shared the view that it is desirable that the two sides hold such talks “once a year” as part of efforts to ease tensions over a group of Japanese-administered, Chinese-claimed islets in the East China Sea, according to a Japanese Foreign Ministry official.

“Both Japan and China expressed the view that it is important that they increase efforts to achieve early implementation of a maritime and aviation communication mechanism,” the official told reporters after the meeting in Tokyo.

But the two sides did not discuss specifics as when to launch the envisaged mechanism, the official said, requesting anonymity. Japan urged China to boost transparency in its defence policy including the double-digit annual growth in the defence budget for a quarter of a century, except in 2010, the official said.

Earlier this month, Beijing unveiled a 10.1 per cent jump in its defence outlays for this year.

Thursday’s meeting came as China Coast Guard vessels continue to intrude into Japanese territorial waters around the Senkaku Islands even after the first meeting between Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Chinese President Xi Jinping last November in Beijing. Japan demanded that China stop sending ships into the areas in Thursday’s talks, the Foreign Ministry official said.

Speaking at the meeting, Japanese Deputy Foreign Minister Shinsuke Sugiyama said, “It can be said that Japan-China relations appear to be advancing gradually through events such as the summit” between Abe and Xi, but that “it is a fact that Japan and China have concern about their respective security policies. We take it that (the two countries) will significantly promote communications in the security and defence fields.” Sugiyama told the meeting, the start of which was open to the media.

Chinese Assistant Foreign Minister Liu Jianchao said it is meaningful for the two countries to strengthen communications on their foreign and defence policies for improvement and development of bilateral ties, as well as peace and stability in the region.

The hiatus in security talks came after China voiced opposition to Japan’s purchase of a major part of the Senkaku Islands from a private Japanese owner in 2012. The Senkakus, a group of uninhabited islets, are claimed by China and Taiwan. Beijing calls them Diaoyou and Taipei refers to them as Tiaoyutai.

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Japanese Deputy Foreign Minister Shinsuke Sugiyama (L) shakes hands with Chinese Assistant Foreign Minister Liu Jianchao ahead of talks between defence and foreign officials from the two countries in Tokyo on 19 March, 2015.— Kyodo News

Thai court accepts Yingluck’s rice case

sets hearing for 19 May

BANGKOK, 19 March — Former Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra will go on trial after the Supreme Court on Thursday decided to accept a case relating to a controversial rice subsidy program and set a date of 19 May for the first hearing, according to a court release.

Prosecutor Surasak Sritrattanakul said in a press conference that a court will and case files will be brought to the defendant within seven days and on the day of the first hearing Yingluck must appear before court to hear the charge and to testify.

“On 19 May, the defendant must come to hear the charge in court and the judge will consider whether to free her on bail or to detain her, so it will be a big day,” said the state attorney. Asked if Yingluck could travel abroad from now on, Surasak said any decision on that would rest with the court.

The former prime minister and Thailand’s first female ruler has been accused of mismanaging a government rice policy, under which farmers could pledge their crops in return for payment.

Critics say the plan was riddled with corruption and that the government ran up huge bills when farmers were paid overly high rates for their rice.

Yingluck faces accusations of dereliction of duty and negligence. If the court finds her guilty she could face up to 10 years in jail.

In response to the court move, Yingluck protested her innocence via her Facebook page, saying as prime minister she had done her job honestly in accordance with law and regulation for the benefit of people, especially for agriculturalists.

“I’m confident in my innocence...I did nothing wrong and hope to reach the real justice in the Supreme Court,” she said in a statement released on the social media site.—Kyodo News

Malaysia’s internet speed below world’s average

BEIJING, 19 March — Malaysia’s internet connection speed was 4.1 Mbps in the third quarter of 2014, still below the world’s average, according to Statista’s article as quoted by Malaysian media.

According to the statistic, the German statistics office in July agreed on Thursday to speed the envisaged mechanism, the first with 25.3 Mbps, which was 5.6 times of the average global connection speed (4.5 Mbps) in the third quarter last year.

The speed ranking of countries and regions in the Asia Pacific for the quarter is as follows: South Korea, Hong Kong (China), Japan, Singapore, Taiwan (China), Australia, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, the Philippines and India.—Xinhua

Indonesian court delays decision on Australian death row convicts

JAKARTA, 19 March — Two Australian drug convicts on death row in Indonesia will not be executed this month after a court on Thursday postponed their appeal hearing against the rejection of a request for presidential clemency.

Indonesian President couple on death row, Myuran Sukumaran, 34, and Andrew Chan, 31, are serving 15 years in prison for their roles in the “Bali Nine” drug ring. Others in the group include citizens of France, Brazil, the Philippines, Ghana, Nigeria and Indonesia.

At least half of the convicts have ongoing legal challenges.

Sukumaran and Chan were arrested in 2005 as the ringleaders of a plot to smuggle heroin out of Indonesia. The attorney general has said it would not set a date for the executions unless all legal processes are completed for all 10 on death row.

Judge Ujang Abdul said final arguments would be heard on 1 April and a verdict would be announced soon afterward.

It also stated that any party, that wins one or more parliamentary seats in the election but boycotts the parliament when the king convenes, will be deemed to have abandoned seats.

Xinhua

Cambodian parliament passes two new election laws

Pnom Penh, 19 March — The National Assembly of Cambodia on Thursday unanimously adopted two new election laws, which aim to govern free and fair elections and to prevent post-election impasse.

All 103 lawmakers in attendance, including Prime Minister Hun Sen and Sam Rainsy, president of the opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP), passed the election law and the law on the formation of a National Election Committee (NEC). The laws were drafted following a July agreement reached between Hun Sen and Sam Rainsy that ended the opposition’s 10-month boycott of parliament.

They will be sent to the senate for a final review before submitting to the Consti-
tutional Council and then, King Norodom Sihamoni for promulgation. “The laws aim at ensuring free and fair elections in the future,” CPP’s lawmaker Bin Chhin said during the session. Under the election law, in the next elections in 2018, the number of parliamentary seats will be increased to 125 from 123. The electoral campaign will be reduced from 30 days to 21 days, and civil society groups and foreigners will not be allowed to round up votes for any political parties.

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US first lady highlights cooperation with Japan on girls’ education

US first lady Michelle Obama (C) shakes hands with participants after a meeting on strengthening assistance for girls’ education in developing countries at the Foreign Ministry’s Ikikura Guest House in Tokyo on 19 March, 2015.

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Tokyo, 19 March — US first lady Michelle Obama and Japanese first lady Akie Abe on Thursday reaffirmed bilateral cooperation in helping girls around the world to complete their education and fulfill their potential.

Akie Abe on Thursday reaffirmed bilateral cooperation in helping girls around the world to complete their education and fulfill their potential.

During her first visit to Japan as US first lady, Obama was present as the two countries announced a new partnership to support girls’ education globally, involving closer collaboration between the US voluntary organization Peace Corps and its equivalent, the Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers.

The Japanese government has pledged to launch a five-year “Let Girls Learn” campaign to facilitate girls’ education in developing countries by supporting the Asian University for Women in Bangladesh, a liberal arts college providing high-quality English education to young women from across Asia, and school building in Myanmar.

Later in the day, Michelle Obama is scheduled to meet with Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko, as well as Shinzo Abe. On Friday, she will tour the ancient capital city of Kyoto, including the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Kiyomizu temple, before leaving for Cambodia.

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Global population growth threatens to outstrip fresh water supply

Rome, 19 March — Global demand for fresh water is set to outstrip supply as a result of population growth by the middle of this century if current levels of consumption continue, a study said.

Fears of water shortages could intensify although this is not the first time in history that demand is poised to outpace supply, Tony Parolari, the study’s lead author, said on Wednesday.

“Global water consumption per capita has been declining since 1980 which means efficiency is increasing,” Parolari, a researcher at Duke University, told the Thomson Reuters Foundation.

“But if population growth trends continue, water use will have to decline more substantially.”

The world’s population is expected to hit 9.6 billion by 2050 from more than 7 billion now, according to UN estimates.

Whether humans can adapt to declining water supplies depends on what new technologies for finding water are developed, and whether population growth levels off, the study said.

The paper, published in the journal WIREs Water, analysed historical information on water consumption and demographics with the help of mathematical models to chart changes over time.

Shortages are already affecting millions in Sao Paulo, Brazil, where residents have been hoarding water in their apartments following a severe drought, and the US state of California which is entering its fourth year of drought.

In past eras of water scarcity, during the expansion of European cities such as London and Paris in the 19th and early 20th century, technological solutions to the problem were developed — such as expanding pipeline networks to pump in water from further afield.

Current pressures could be solved or at least mitigated with new expertise, including improved ways of removing salt from ocean water to produce fresh drinking water, Parolari said.

Reuters

S Korea still mulling whether to join China-led development bank

Seoul, 19 March — South Korea is still reviewing whether to join a China-led development bank, South Korea’s Foreign Ministry spokesman said on Thursday.

“Our financial authorities are mulling the issue in a careful and comprehensive manner with an emphasis on what substantial national interests could be gained (by joining),” Noh Kwang Il told reporters.

His comment was made when asked to confirm news reports claiming South Korea has decided to participate in the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank and has informed the United States about it.

The United States, as well as Japan, has been cautious about taking part in the bank that has China as the largest shareholder, citing concerns about its ability to screen projects before lending money to make sure that its loans do not result in corruption and overdevelopment. Seeing the ADB as a rival to the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank, the United States is pressuring allies to stay away from joining. In a blow to the United States, Britain, Germany, France and Italy announced their decision to join the bank in recent days.

China and 20 other countries, including Thailand, India, Kuwait and Kazakhstan, agreed last year to launch the $50 billion development bank by the end of 2015. The number of countries has since grown while China has said it will regard nations announcing participation by the end of this month as the founding members of the bank.

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US central bank hints possible rate hike after April

Washington, 19 March — The US Federal Reserve hinted on Wednesday it could exit from the multiyear monetary easing policy if economic conditions permit.

The Federal Open Market Committee, the central bank’s policy-setting panel, said in a statement following a two-day meeting that it “judges that an increase in the target range for the federal funds rate remains unlikely at the April FOMC statement.”

But around the Fed said it could be “patient” about starting to hike rates but the language disappeared in the latest statement.

Fed chairwoman Janet Yellen earlier indicated an interest rate hike would not take place at least until after two policy-setting meetings ahead as long as the committee uses the word in an FOMC statement. The Fed held its next two policy meetings in April and June.

On Wednesday, Yellen told reporters, “This change does not mean that an increase will necessarily occur in June, although we cannot rule that out.”

“The decision to raise the target range will depend on our assessment of realized and expected progress toward our objectives of maximum employment and 2 percent inflation,” Yellen said.

The Fed retained its policy of ultralow short-term interest rates at zero to 0.25 percent on Wednesday.

“Economic growth has moderated somewhat,” the Fed said in reference to the overall economic assessment.

The Fed revised downward the outlook for the overall US growth in 2015, measured by gross domestic product, to 2.3 to 2.7 percent from 2.6 to 3.0 percent in a earlier projection in December.

The unemployment rate for 2015 will stay at “5.0 to 5.2” percent compared with “5.2 to 5.3” percent in the Fed’s earlier estimate.

For 2016 the Fed expected economic growth to range between 1.7 percent and 2.1 percent from the earlier forecast of “2.5 to 3.0” and estimated jobless rate in the year is 4.9 to 5.1 percent, better than “5.0 to 5.2” percent in the previous estimate.

The Fed set the target range of short-term interest rates at almost zero in 2008 in a bid to deal with the global financial crisis.

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**Time to leave old, bad habits**

By Myint Win Thein

When a person has difficulty dropping an old, bad habit and starting a new, good one, we tend to say, “You can’t teach an old dog new tricks.” It is an old English adage which means it is difficult for a person with life-long bad habits to abandon them easily. However, it is important that such habits are dropped as soon as possible, since they are of no benefit.

With ongoing democratic transition after decades of a one-party political system and military rule, people in Myanmar need to adopt good practices in every sector in keeping with the international community. At the same time, it is also necessary for them to leave behind bad practices of the past.

While the international community has been encouraging Myanmar to adopt good practices, we should also reap the benefits of abandoning those that have been detrimental to the interests of the people.

If the people cannot adopt good practices and instead maintain the old, bad ones, they are sure to disappoint the international community by proving the aforementioned adage true. It is time to leave behind the old, bad habits of the past.

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**Nanyang Technological University of Singapore: Vital aspect of Technology in Education.**

**By Sayar Mya**

Why students should be using technology in their education can be a complex issue, and there are many small points to be made in this article about the value of learning, understanding and using technology. It can be compared to science in general. Science is responsible for almost all of our advances around the world. It is difficult to think of any current tools, information and discoveries that are not the direct result of science. From the paint used in any art or commercial product to the coveries that are not the direct result of science. From the point used in any art or commercial product to the coveries that are not the direct result of science. From the point used in any art or commercial product to the coveries that are not the direct result of science. From the point used in any art or commercial product to the coveries that are not the direct result of science. From the point used in any art or commercial product to the coveries that are not the direct result of science. From the point used in any art or commercial product to the coveries that are not the direct result of science. From the point used in any art or commercial product to the coveries that are not the direct result of science. From the point used in any art or commercial product to the coveries that are not the direct result of science. From the point used in any art or commercial product to the coveries that are not the direct result of science. From the point used in any art or commercial product to the coveries that are not the direct result of science. From the point used in any art or commercial product to the coveries that are not the

**We are too nice to one another**

By U Hla Maung

Myanmar people are always “ar nar de”, which means we are always unwilling to upset anyone or make anyone feel bad. We ask someone, “Do you like it?”, and the response will be “Yes, it’s good.” A psychiatrist will probably tell this is due to deep seated fears and longings, but, for the short term anyway, it leaves everyone feeling happy.

I believe however that it is rooted in our culture. We are taught from a very early age, as soon as we have our first academic words in fact, to pay respect to our parents, grandparents, and of course, to the Sangha or Order of Monks. “Oo daw”, meaning “bow in respect”, is one of the first phrases we learn to respond to as babies, and all babies learn to bow down to monks and grandparents before they learn anything else.

When we are a little older and off to primary school, we stand up with folded arms when teacher walks in and bow down as loudly as possible, “Good morning, teacher and you” without understanding any word. Rote learning starts early. No thinking is required. One is just expected to do what is asked. “Law”, and anyone who thinks passing laws will solve the problems of rote-learning in schools is in for a surprise. It is our culture of respect for teachers. “Fold your arms and bow your heads when you pass before teachers.”

For a tiny minority of children who go to expensive private schools, the roles may be somewhat reversed. In these private schools, the kids rule the classrooms. Perceptive kids know their parents are paying high fees and expect to be pampered. The teachers are careful not to upset the kids. They know the kids’ parents are paying their salaries. Habits learned early are hard to change. For most children, respect for teachers continues into high school and university, and later into respect for authority. We become habituated into responding with “Yes Sayar” and “Very good Sayar”. It please everyone and requires no thinking on our part. Government officials too are a product of this culture, and expect compliance and agreement from one another. But clearly, if we are to learn and grow in knowledge as individuals, and to prosper as a nation, we need to be more honest with one another.

Strange though it may sound, it is not always good to be so nice to one another. Sometimes, we need to make an effort to think carefully, and to speak honestly. In the long run, it will prove better for everyone.

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**The Peace Process**

Following the Nationwide elections of late twenty ten The new Government was formed, in early twenty eleven.

A major goal of the new Government has been to undertake the process for attainment of peace with the various armed groups of Myanmar that for decades past, have tried, in vain to achieve their Agenda.

Recently at last, there’s a glimmer of hope for peace for the new Government nearing the end of its lease. The armed groups have come to the peace talks with positive attitude and a desire for the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement to conclude, followed by political talks, for all to live in harmony in the Golden Land of Myanmar till eternity. The layman’s fervent prayer, is for the peace process, to be eventually crowned with success.

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The new 20-storey Clinical Sciences Building (CSB) is expected to be completed in 2016, and is expected to facilitate the LKC medicine students’ seamless integration into clinical settings by providing state-of-the-art future classrooms, including a learning studio, alcove clusters, clinical skills and communication centre, which boosts its own four-bed mock ward as well as several consultation rooms, so that students can practice their skills in a realistic and safe environment. The CSB will also be home to LKC Medicine researchers, with the laboratories interconnected through collaborative spaces.

Colleges, Schools and Institutes

NTU is organized into several colleges and schools, each corresponding to different fields of study. The various engineering schools, which were consolidated to form the College of Engineering in 2001, together with Nan- yang Business School, the Lee Kong Chian School of Communication and Information and the National Institute of Education have been part of NTU from its inception. More recently, NTU has established additional schools for the Biological Sciences (2001), Humanities and Social Sciences (2004), Physical and Mathematical Sciences (2005), and Art, Design and Media (2009). In 2013, NTU and Imperial College London jointly established a medical school, the Lee Koon Chi- an School of Medicine, which is based in the Nove- na campus.

Nanyang Business School (College of Business)

Nanyang Business School (NBS) is consistently ranked as the top business school in Singapore. NBS currently has more than 3,000 undergraduates and over 470 postgraduates from Singapore and around the world and offers undergraduate degrees in Accountancy, Economics as well as one of the world’s top MBA programmes and other post-graduate degrees. It is the only business school in Singapore and one of only three in Asia to be awarded both the EQ-IUS (European Quality Improvement System) and AACSB (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) accreditations – international hallmarks of quality.

College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences

The College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences consists of three schools:

• The Lee Koon Wee School of Communication and Information is a school of communication studies and offers courses in Journalism, Broadcast, Advertising, Communication Policy and Information Studies. It originally established in 1992 and it was named after Singapore’s former president Lee Koon Wee in 1995.

• The School of Art, Design and Media is Singapore’s first professional art school and offers an undergraduate programme in Art, Design, and Media, as well as graduate degrees in arts research. Its building, which features a sloping grassy roof surrounding a central courtyard, is frequently featured in NTU’s promotional materials.

• The School of Humanities and Social Sciences offers programmes in a wide variety of fields including Chinese, Economics, English Literature, History, Linguistics, Philosophy, Psychology, Public Policy and Sociology.

College of Engineering

The College of Engineering is NTU’s largest subdivision. It claims to be the world’s largest engineering college, with a student population of more than 10,000 undergraduates and 3,500 graduates. It consists of six schools focused on technology and innovation.

• School of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering

• School of Civil and Environmental Engineering

• School of Computer Engineering

• School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering

• School of Materials Science and Engineering

• School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

College of Science

The College of Science in NTU is a young and dynamic institution that has grown phenomenally in its relatively short history. Today, the college consists of two schools and is home to about 150 faculty members (more than 15 of which are Singapore National Research Foundation Fellows), 340 research staff, and 110 administrative and technical staff, 3700 undergraduate and 540 graduate students.

• The School of Biological Sciences was established in 2002 and offers a variety of programmes in the Biological Sciences and also a unique and innovative “East meets West” double degree programme in Biomedical Sciences and Traditional Chinese Medicine with the Beijing University of Chinese Medicine in China.

• The School of Physical and Mathematical Sciences was established in 2005 and offers various disciplines in Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, as well as Earth Sciences. In collaboration with the Earth Observatory of Singapore, Lee Koon Chian School of Medicine

The Lee Koon Chian School of Medicine was established in 2013 in collaboration with Imperial College London. Prior to its opening in 2013, the school received record donations of Singapore $400 million, including Singapore $150 million from the Lee Foundation. The School’s primary clinical partner is the National Healthcare Group, a leader in public healthcare recognized for the quality of its medical expertise, facilities and teaching. Interdisciplinary Graduate School

“The Interdisciplinary Graduate School (IGS)” focuses on the key research areas within NTU’s Peaks of Excellence in Sustainable Earth, New Media and Future Healthcare. The research project in these areas has span across different disciplines beyond the conventional school-based programmes, IGS leverages on professors from all the schools and colleges in NTU to undertake interdisciplinary research and to act as advisors for IGS PhD students. With this approach, IGS aims to train a new generation of PhD students, who are exposed to an intensive seminar culture with ample interaction opportunities. Autonomous Institutes

NTU hosts a number of autonomous research and educational institutes.

• The National Institute of Education (NIE), occupying 16 hectares in the western part of NTU’s Yunnan Garden campus, is Singapore’s main teaching college and is run in close collaboration with Singapore’s Ministry of Education. Full-time teachers in Singapore’s public schools are typically required to complete a post-graduate diploma course at NIE, sponsored by Singapore’s Ministry of Education. NIE is also internationally acclaimed and provides educational consultancy to countries from Indonesia to UAE.

• The S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), named after Singapore’s former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, offers graduate programmes in international relations and is an autonomous graduate institute of NTU. The school has the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies—long recognized as a world authority on strategic studies and terrorism. RSIS was ranked second among university-affiliated think tanks in Asia in the 2011 Global Go-To Think Tank Rankings.

• The Singapore Centre on Environment Life Sciences Engineering (SCELSE) is a unique interdisciplinary Research Centre of Excellence (RCE), funded by National Research Foundation, Singapore Ministry of Education, Nanyang Technological University and National University of Singapore. The Earth Observation Centre of Excellence (EOC) is an autonomous research institute specializing in Earth Sciences and conducts fundamental research on earthquakes, volcanoes, tsunamis & climate change in and around Southeast Asia, towards safer and more sustainable societies.
Rousseff declares war on corruption in midst of Petrobras scandal

Brasilia, 19 March — Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff launched an anti-corruption offensive on Wednesday to counter rising discontent over a kickback scandal engulfing state-run oil company Petrobras that has implicated her allies and undermined her popularity.

Her anti-corruption proposals, contained in bills submitted to Congress, include the criminalization of slush funds — known in Portuguese as “Caixa 2” — that are widely used by Brazil’s political parties to finance their campaigns.

Other steps would hasten the seizure of assets from people convicted of corruption and from government officials who accumulate wealth out of proportion with their income.

As part of the anti-corruption drive, Rousseff also signed a decree implementing an anti-bribery law passed more than a year ago that stiffens fines for companies but has not been applied for a lack of finalised rules.

Rousseff said she would not brush the latest corruption scandal under the carpet and sought to divert criticism.

“I’m sure all Brazilians of good faith, even those who did not vote for me, know that corruption in Brazil was not invented recently,” she said in a speech.

Many Brazilians, however, hold her responsible. On Sunday, about 1 million people took to the streets of Brazil’s largest cities in anti-government protests triggered by the Petrobras scandal and discontent over economic stagnation.

Some demonstrators called for her impeachment. Rousseff was chairwoman of Petrobras during the years when most of the corruption took place.

She has denied knowing about a multimillion-dollar scheme in which kickbacks on overpriced contracts with some of Brazil’s top engineering and construction firms were paid to politicians and Petrobras executives.

Opinion polls show most Brazilians believe she knew.

Less than three months into her second term, Rousseff’s popularity has sunk to the lowest for a Brazilian leader since 1992, shortly before President Fernando Collor was impeached for corruption, according to a new poll published on Wednesday.

The year-old investigation has so far led to the indictment of 103 people on racketeering, bribery and money laundering charges, including three former Petrobras senior managers and executives from six leading builders.

Forty-seven politicians, mostly from Rousseff’s coalition, are under investigation too.

Opposition leaders have said impeachment is unlikely since Rousseff solicited donations from executives accused of funneling money from the oil company. — Reuters

EU’s Tusk discussing Russia sanctions idea with Merkel, Hollande

BRUSSELS, 19 March — European Council President Donald Tusk is discussing a proposal with Germany and France to link European Union sanctions on Russia to full implementation of a Ukraine ceasefire, a senior EU official said on Wednesday.

Tusk is working with German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Francois Hollande on a compromise proposal on the nature of EU sanctions that he believes all 28 EU leaders would support at a summit on Thursday.

The direction of that proposal will go into building very strong links between full implementation of Minsk and sanctions that are already in place being in place until full implementation of Minsk, the official told reporters on condition of anonymity.

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German Chancellor Angela Merkel (L) and French President Francois Hollande arrive to attend a joint news conference after talks at the Elysee Palace in Paris on 20 Feb, 2015. — Reuters

Multiple deaths after restaurant shooting in Sweden

STOCKHOLM, 19 March — Several people were killed in a restaurant shooting in the Swedish city of Gothenburg on Wednesday in what police said was likely to be a gang-related shooting. Police said there was no indication that the shooting in Sweden’s second biggest city was terror-related.

“There’s absolutely nothing suggesting this would have anything to do with terrorism,” police spokeswoman Ulla Brehm said.

Police said there were multiple deaths in the shooting in which automatic weapons were used, but would not say how many, adding the death toll was likely to rise.

Brehm said the area on Hisingen, an island off Gothenburg, had seen a lot of gang violence and that was a likely explanation for the shooting.

“You have had a targeted police operation in this area because we have gang crime here. There has been shootings in the past,” Brehm said.

Dutch ruling parties pledge to continue despite Senate loss

Netherlands’ Prime Minister Mark Rutte

AMSTERDAM, 19 March — Leaders of the Dutch ruling coalition pledged to remain in government on Thursday despite losing provincial elections that will leave them scrambling to command a majority in the country’s Senate.

The local ballot determines the composition of the upper house because the winners get to choose new senators in May. According to a forecast made after more than 97 percent of votes had been counted, the Liberal party of Prime Minister Mark Rutte and its Labour coalition partner together will lose almost a third of their seats in the 75-member upper house.

Even before the result, the two parties did not hold an absolute Senate majority, but were able to pass laws with the support of three “constructive opposition” parties. Now, Rutte’s government lacks a majority even with their support, meaning it will have to do deals with different parties if it wants to proceed with an ambitious reform of the tax system or pass a budget later this year. — Reuters
19 killed in Tunisia museum attack, including at least three Japanese

CARO/TOKYO, 19 March — Tunisian Prime Minister Habib Essaid said on Wednesday 17 foreign tourists, including five Japanese, and two Tunisians were killed after gunmen stormed a museum in Tunis, state media reported.

In Tokyo, a government official said on Thursday morning three Japanese were killed and another three injured, saying the report of five Japanese killed was incorrect.

“We will never tolerate despicable acts of terror and firmly denounce terrorism,” Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida told reporters. “We will continue the fight against terrorism in cooperation with the international community.”

Visitors from Italy, Germany, Poland and Spain were also among the dead in the assault on the Bardo National Museum, which left dozens of people injured, according to the Tunisian government and media reports.

In what the interior ministry called a terror attack, two of the assailants were killed by security forces, reports said. Essaid said a manhunt was under way for two or three other gunmen. The attackers’ affiliation remains unknown.

“All Tunisians should be united after this attack which was aimed at destroying the Tunisian economy,” Essaid quoted by Reuters as saying in a national address.

The attack on the high-profile tourist destination is likely to be a serious blow to the North African country, whose economy largely depends on tourism. It has avoided major upheavals since the 2011 antigovernment rallies that ousted former President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali.

US likely to delay planned closure of two Afghanistan bases

WASHINGTON, 19 March — The US military bases in Kandahar and Jalalabad are likely to remain open beyond the end of 2015, a senior US official said on Thursday, as Washington considers slowing its military pull-out from Afghanistan to help the new government fight the Taleban.

The anticipated policy reversal reflects the US embrace of Afghanistan’s new and more cooperative president, Ashraf Ghani, and a desire to avoid the kind of collapse of local security forces that occurred in Iraq after the US pull-out there.

It coincides with new efforts backed by Pakistan and China for peace talks between the Afghan government and the Taleban. Washington has welcomed greater engagement by China, which has helped create a diplomatic opening for reconciliation talks.

The US official said conditions had changed since May when President Barack Obama announced that by the end of 2015 the US force would be roughly halved from the current total of about 10,000 and would operate only from bases in Kabul and Bagram.

The White House had no immediate comment on the possibility of maintaining the Kandahar and Jalalabad bases into next year.

Obama is decided to deplete the next few days whether to slow the pace of the US troop withdrawal, possibly by next week when Ghani and Afghan Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah travel to Washington. US officials hope the visit will garner American public support for a longer military mission and display a contrast to their prickly dealings with former president Hamid Karzai. Ghani is getting a warm welcome. He meets the secretaries of state, defense and treasury at the Camp David presidential retreat on Monday, lunches with Obama at the White House on Tuesday, and speaks to a joint session of Congress on Wednesday.

A woman (l), believed to be a Japanese national, receives treatment at a hospital in Tunis on 18 March, 2015, after gunmen stormed a museum in the Tunisian capital. Nineteen people — 17 foreign tourists and two Tunisians — were killed in the attack.—KYODO NEWS

Fighting between Yemeni president supporters and opponents halts Aden flights

ADEN, 19 March — Clashes broke out between militia loyal to Yemeni President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi and rival security forces on Thursday near the airport in the southern city of Aden, bringing air traffic to a halt, local officials said.

They said both sides used medium and light weapons in the fighting near a base that is used by special forces loyal to former President Ali Abdullah Saleh, an ally of the Shi’ite Muslim Houthi movement that controls northern Yemen. The fighting around the base in the Khor Makar district of Aden spread to residential districts and prompted roads to the airport to be closed.

There were no details on casualties in the clashes. Airport authorities could not immediately be reached for comment.

The rise to power of the Iran-backed Houthis since September has deepened divisions in Yemen’s complex web of political and religious allegiances, and left the country increasingly cut off from the outside world.

Tensions have been heightened in Aden since Hadi fled there in February after escaping a month of house arrest in Sanaa by Houthi forces who seized the capital in September.

2014. Hadi has been trying to consolidate his control over Aden since he fled there, ordering the sacking of the commander of the city’s garrison, General Abdel-Hafiz al-Saqqaf, and replacing him with one of his officers.

Saqqaf, however, has refused to hand over command of the force, estimated between 1,500-2,000 troops culminating in a standoff.—Reuters

Islamiic State militants kill 10 pro-Tripoli fighters in central Libya

TRIPOLI/MISRATA, (Libya), 19 March — Ten fighters loyal to the self-proclaimed government that controls Tripoli were killed by Islamic State militants in central Libya on Wednesday, as the Islamists spread their reach in the divided country.

Islamist militias in Libya who have allied themselves to the Islamic State group that controls parts of Iraq and Syria had until recently been mostly inactive in the east, where the internationally recognized government is now based.

But in recent weeks they have expanded westwards to the city of Sirte, taking government buildings, a hospital and the university, posing a challenge to the Tripoli-based government and its allied factions which have engaged them in battle.

“A number of our hero army members were assassinated this morning by the Islamic State in the Nafaliyah area,” said Osama Abu Naij, a senior official in the Tripoli-based government, referring to a town southeast of Sirte.

“The victims were assassinated, it was not a confrontation,” he told reporters, without elaborating.

Anticipating more clashes, Sirte residents were seen leaving in a column of cars on the main highway to Misrata, a Reuters reporter said.

In the evening, more than 1,000 people, some weeping, gathered in the centre of Misrata, some 200 km (120 miles) west of Sirte, for the dead fighters’ funeral.—Reuters

Central, West African leaders to meet over Boko Haram in April

ACCRA, 19 March — Central and West African states will hold a summit next month to agree a common strategy to combat the Boko Haram insurgency, their leaders said on Wednesday.

Armed forces from Nigeria, Cameroon, Chad and Niger have launched an offensive to end the Islamic militant group’s six-year campaign, which has killed thousands in northern Nigeria and spilled over into Cameroon and Niger.

Ghana’s president John Dramani Mahama and his Chadian counterpart Idriss Deby told reporters in Accra that the 7-8 April summit, for which the host country has yet to be chosen, was needed to sustain the regional offensive.

Mahama chairs the West African regional bloc Ecowas, while Deby heads the Economic Community of Central African States (Eccas).

“Single-handedly, no country can overcome this threat and therefore through pooling our resources together ... we are going to overcome this challenge,” Deby told reporters.—Reuters

Chadian soldiers walk in front of a building that Boko Haram insurgents used as their base before being driven out by the Chadian military in Dikwa on 2 March, 2015.—REUTERS
New UN framework seen as insufficient to combat disaster

Psychotherapist links disaster-affected children around the world

Sendaï, 19 March — New York-based clinical psychologist Judy Kuriansky, a specialist in helping children traumatized by disasters, says the same techniques work for stricken kids wherever they are and that making them feel connected with their counterparts abroad is part of the healing process.

“We’ve used the same exercises and games for children who suffered the disasters in Japan and Haiti, and for children suffering the effects of Ebola in Sierra Leone. It can also apply to non-biological disasters such as the nuclear crisis in Fukushima,” Kuriansky said in an interview.

Both Japan and Haiti have suffered major natural disasters in recent years. In Japan’s case, a massive earthquake and tsunami struck northeastern areas in March 2011, triggering meltdowns at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant. Haiti was struck by a massive quake in 2010.

Kuriansky, who is chairwoman of the Psychology Coalition at the United Nations, was invited to speak at the Children and Youth Forum, which was held as part of the UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction that ended on Thursday in the northeastern Japanese city of Sendaï.

The forum focused on how to empower youth in reducing disaster risks.

Founder of the Global Kids Connect Project, Kuriansky said she was happy to see the issue of ensuring the mental health of survivors mentioned in an action plan on the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction that was adopted at the UN conference.

The 68-year-old psychologist first visited Japan’s northeast in 2012, a year after the calamity, and held healing workshops with the Recovery Assistance Centre of Miyagi, a nongovernmental organization, for disaster-affected Japanese schoolchildren.

She said she was surprised at how actively engaged the students were during her workshops and observed how open the Japanese students were about sharing their feelings.

In one exercise, children who caught a ball thrown to them had to share their dreams. “One boy said he wants to be a president, another boy said he wanted to be rich, while a girl said she wanted to live happily with her family,” Kuriansky said.

One of her workshops also had children offer each other reassuring words, saying “I’m safe,” “You are safe” and “We are safe.”

“They think they are playing a game but it’s actually doing something significant,” she said, adding the simple techniques worked for children in Haiti as well as in Sierra Leone, one of the West African countries worst affected by the deadly Ebola virus.

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‘The people survived’: Vanuatu says death toll won’t jump

PORT VILA, 19 March — The death toll from the devastating storm that pummeled Vanuatu last weekend will not rise significantly, the prime minister of the South Pacific island nation said on Thursday.

“The important thing is that the people survived,” Prime Minister Joe Natuman told Reuters in an interview in the capital Port Vila.

“If the people survived, we can rebuild.”

Cyclone Pam roared across the island chain last Friday and Saturday, bringing winds of up to 300 kph (185 mph), torrential rain and massive storm surges. But almost a week later, the officially reported death toll is still a remarkably low 11 people.

“It’s not going to rise dramatically,” the prime minister’s private secretary Bakoa Kaltongga said of the toll.

With widespread destruction in Port Vila and across nearby islands, relief workers had feared the number of dead could rise significantly once they were able to more thoroughly inspect the outer islands of the scattered archipelago.

Aid workers and residents described how people buried food and fresh water under one of the strongest storms on record bore down on them, fleeing to churches, schools and even coconut drying kilns as winds and massive seas ripped their flimsy houses to the ground.

Reuters

A worker chops up fallen trees next to a destroyed boat at a resident’s compound days after Cyclone Pam in Port Vila, capital city of the Pacific island nation of Vanuatu on 19 March, 2015. —REUTERS

Speaking from outside his office a hill overlooking the hard-hit capital, Natuman said the storm was the strongest in Vanuatu’s history. “This one, Cyclone Pam, the whole group was affected right from the north down to the south,” he said.

“Hurricanes or cyclones are not a new thing, since people have been living on these islands maybe about 5000 years, ago this type of event occurs every year. We have learned to adapt to the situation.”

However, the severity of storms appears to be increasing and global action is needed to combat the effects of climate change, thought to contribute to more powerful cyclones, he said.

“Maybe this is something to do with the climate change matter and I hope that the world will come together at COP21 in Paris and make some concrete decisions on the way forward,” he said, referring to the United Nations Climate Change Conference scheduled for later this year in France.

“As far as we are concerned we are going to sign a more legally comprehensive and legally binding document to lessen the emission of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere... I hope the whole world can take an example — Vanuatu has been damaged by a severe category 5 storm and we should do something to prevent this happening.” —Reuters
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The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Electric Power Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The Services are expected to be carried out over a period of twelve months, possible starting in May 2015.

The Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise (MEPE) now invites eligible individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The minimum qualifications requirements are:

1. At least a bachelor degree in accounting, finance or relevant field and holding IFAC recognized accounting professional qualification.
2. At least 10 years of professional experience in accounting and/or other relevant field
3. Previous experience in conducting similar engagement within the region or other regions
4. Experience in FM capacity development and training
5. Experience in assessing IT user requirements and specification for an FMIS system
6. Experience working with the World Bank financed projects or other major donors is an advantage
7. Good PC/systems literacy, including strong Excel skills and accounting software applications
8. Excellent interpersonal skills and result oriented
9. Reliability, independent and dynamic worker with high social competence and good team spirit
10. Willing and able to travel to remote areas in Myanmar

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank’s Guidelines: Selection and Employment Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers dated January 2011 (“Consultant Guidelines”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained from the address below during 10:00 to 15:00 hours on working days.

Expressions of Interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by April 7, 2015.

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV THAI BINH 68 VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 20.3.2015 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.I.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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US working with Japan in wake of threats to ambassador

WASHINGTON, 19 March — A State Department official said on Wednesday the US government has been working with the Japanese government following reported death threats against Ambassador Caroline Kennedy.

“We are working with the Japanese government to ensure the necessary measures are in place,” Jen Psaki, a spokeswoman for the department, said in a statement.

The move came after investigative sources in Japan said the US Embassy in Tokyo received several calls in February threatening to kill Kennedy. There have also been calls threatening to kill the US Consul General in Naha, Okinawa Prefecture, Alfred Magley.

“We take any threats to US diplomats seriously. We take every step possible to protect our personnel,” Psaki said. But Psaki said, “We will not comment on the specific details of any threats or the steps we take to address them.”

The reports on death threats against the American diplomats in Japan drew attention in the United States following an incident in South Korea earlier this month in which US Ambassador Mark Lippert was assaulted and injured by a blade-wielding man.—Kyodo News

WEATHER REPORT

BAY INERENCE: Weather is generally fair in the Andaman Sea and Southwest Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL EVENING OF THE 20TH March, 2015:
Light rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in the Upper Sagain Region and Kachin State, weather will be partly cloudy in the Mandalay, Magway and Taninthayi Regions, Northern Shan and Chin States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:
Likelihood of isolated light rain in the Northern Myanmar Area.

Employees present garments made of waste metal buckets during a garment show held by a company in Chongqing, southwest China on 19 March, 2015. More than 1,000 employees took part in the show and displayed the creative garments made of waste materials.—Xinhua
Paul McCartney to induct Ringo Starr into rock Hall of Fame

NEW YORK, 19 March — Paul McCartney will induct his former Beatles band mate Ringo Starr into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame next month at a ceremony in Cleveland, organizers said on Wednesday.

Starr, who was selected in the music excellence category, is among the 2015 music greats who will join the Hall of Fame at a ceremony on 18 April that will mark 30 years of inductions.

He was inducted as a member of the Beatles in 1988 but this year marks his entry as the last member of the group to enter as a solo artist. John Lennon was inducted in 1994, followed by McCartney in 1999 and George Harrison in 2004.

The late rocker Lou Reed, whose work with the Velvet Underground made them one of the most influential groups in rock, along with punk group Green Day, “A New Sunrise” singer Bill Withers and the Paul Butterfield Blues Band will also be inducted.

Other 2015 inductees include rockers Joan Jett & the Blackhearts, who sang the rock classic “I Love Rock’n Roll,” rhythm and blues band the “S” Royales, who performed from 1945 to 1965, and the late blues guitarist Stevie Ray Vaughan and the band Double Trouble.

Singer Stevie Wonder will be on hand to welcome Withers, Patti Smith will induct Reed and John Mayer will usher in Vaughan.

Performers at the show, which will debut on the premium TV cable network HBO on 30 May, include singer Beck, rock musician Dave Grohl and Oscar-winning songwriter/singer John Legend.

More than 700 artists, music industry professionals and historians help to decide who will be inducted in the Hall of Fame, which was established in 1983.

Artists are eligible for induction 25 years after the release of their first record. — Reuters

‘Goodfellas’ to close Tribeca Film Festival with cast reunion

NEW YORK, 19 March — Actor Robert De Niro and director Martin Scorsese will reunite with the cast of “Goodfellas” for a special screening to mark the 25th anniversary of the gangster film that will close the Tribeca Film Festival next month.

Organizers of the festival said on Wednesday that Joe Pesci, Ray Liotta, Lorraine Bracco and Paul Sorvino will discuss the 1990 Oscar-nominated film with comedian Jon Stewart after the screening on 15 April at the Beacon Theatre.

Scorsese, who won the best-director Academy Award in 2007 for “The Departed,” said he was moved to learn that the film based on the best-selling book “Wiseguy” by Nicholas Pileggi will be closing the festival.

“We wanted to make a movie that was true to Nick Pileggi’s book and to the life of (gangster) Henry Hill and his friends, which means we broke some rules and took some risks,” Scorsese said in a statement.

Nearly 100 feature-length films from 31 countries will be screened during the 14th Tribeca Film Festival. The world premiere of “Live from New York!” about the NBC late-night comedy sketch show “Saturday Night Live,” will open the festival on 15 April.

‘Empire’ soundtrack eclipses Madonna for Billboard No 1 album

LOS ANGELES, 19 March — “Empire,” the Fox television hip-hop drama that became a hit in its first season, made its mark with music fans as the show’s soundtrack debuted at No 1 and beat Madonna for the top slot in the weekly US Billboard 200 album chart on Wednesday.

The soundtrack scored 130,000 sales units, ahead of 121,000 units for Madonna’s 13th studio album, the brand new “Rebel Heart,” for the week ended 15 March, according to figures from Nielsen SoundScan.

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The buzz around the 11th century building, one of the oldest in London, centred on how far season five would stray from the books of George RR Martin after the author suggested it might not be as faithful as in seasons past.

“Like every season there are a lot of shocks but there will probably be even more, particularly for the book readers,” said Michael McElhatton, who plays Roose Bolton in the cut-throat, blood-soaked drama about warring kingdoms.

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Iwan Rheon who plays the psychopathic Ramsay Snow, did allow that religion and spirituality bring a new dynamic to the show.

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OSAKA, 19 March — The chief executive officer of the operator of Universal Studios Japan said on Wednesday it plans to open a new theme park in Okinawa, one of the most popular tourist destinations in Japan, to expand its entertainment business in Asia.

USJ CEO Glenn Gumpel said that the company will build a large-scale theme park, though it will not be as big as the Universal Studios in Osaka. It will be a park that fits the ambience of Okinawa, not based on movies or television programmes, he told reporters in Osaka. The CEO stopped short of commenting on where and when it will be built. Nago in the northern part of the prefecture is considered as a potential location as the company has conducted a feasibility study several times.

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Japan’s top government spokesman Yoshihide Suga welcomed the decision, saying that the new park will “have an extremely big impact on the promotion of Okinawa.”

USJ has been considering relying on the Tokyo Stock Exchange to raise funds needed to build the new theme park, sources close to the matter have said. The CEO said only that his company has yet to form up such a plan.

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**Japanese Culture
daguerreotypes**

LONDON, 19 March — Early daguerreotype photos of Venice that were auctioned off as an odd lot belonged to John Ruskin, and provide new insight into the Victorian art critic’s work, the authors of a book about the images said on Thursday.

The Venice scenes, taken around 1850 and purchased at an auction in the northern English Lake District in 2006, coincide with Ruskin’s work on his epic three-volume treatise “The Stones of Venice” about Venetian art and architecture.

They are being reproduced, along with other images taken or owned by Ruskin, in “Carrying Off Ruskin: Venice and the Piazza in Venice are seen in this handout photograph of a daguerreotype circa 1845, released on London on 18 March, 2015. Reuters

“Ruskin’s daguerreotypes would be a sensational new revelation in the history of photography even if we were completely unknown,” the authors said in a statement. It said the images’ provenance was determined after years of research. Perhaps the most dramatic proof is that the numbers on the reverse of some of the daguerreotypes are the same, and in Ruskin’s own hand, as those on Ruskin’s manuscript at the Ruskin Library at Lancaster University. The research also shows how Ruskin’s use of the photographs influenced the style of his watercolors, the publishers said.

“We feel that the quality and unorthodox style of many of Ruskin’s daguerreotypes will come as a major surprise to both photographic historians and those in the field of Ruskin scholarship,” the authors said in a statement.

**Halep finishes the court pretty well with the Reed**

The sea is likely to rise steadily up to a level well above normal tide, with damaging waves and flooding of some low-lying but g areas, which could also extend some way inland,” the Bureau of Meteorology said.

Emergency officials said hundreds of residents, along with workers at a silica mine and the Lizard Island resort on the Great Barrier Reef had been evacuated.

Queensland Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk said up to 9,000 people could be directly in the path of the cyclone by the time it builds to category four strength, the second highest level.

“A category four crossing is very serious,” she told reporters. “To be safe, you must stay in your homes.” Queensland Fire and Emergency Services regional director Wayne Courts said residents had limited time to prepare and people should be ready for a loss of power and water.
City exit leaves English giants in Champions League cold

**Manchester City’s Joe Hart saves from Barcelona’s Lionel Messi during their UEFA Champions League Second Round Second Leg at The Nou Camp, Barcelona, Spain on 18 March, 2015.** — Reuters

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