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Nationwide electoral registers to be publicized in September

YANGON, 23 Aug — The nationwide electoral registers will be released only in September, according to the Union Election Commission.

The commission had initially planned to publicize the voting lists nationwide from 23 August to 6 September, but the country’s devastating floods in 12 states and regions have caused the announcement of the lists to postpone.

“People across the country are engaged in the rehabilitation process, so they are unable to check whether their names are on the electorate register,” UEC’s director U Thaung Hlaing said.

The voters will have 14 days to verify their legitimacy to vote. According to the initial announcement made by UEC, there are 32 million eligible voters across the country. Candidates will start campaigning for support in their constituencies from 8 September to 6 November.

The General Election 2015 has been scheduled for 8 November.—Ye Khaung Nyunt

People check voter list at West Sawyapaing Ward in Ahlon Township.—Po Htaung

WEATHER NEWS
Typhoons Goni, Atsani show signs of abating

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Aug—Typhoons Goni and Atsani in the Pacific Ocean, both having wind speeds of 80 miles per hour, are showing signs of abating, according to the Emergency Operation Centre of the Relief and Resettlement Department on Sunday.

Typhoon Goni is likely to move northward with a wind speed of 95 mph within the next 24 hours, according to the centre.

Typhoon Atsani is likely to move northeastward within the next 24 hours, it added.—MNA

National library law aims to ensure permanent preservation of country’s literary heritage

By Khaing Thanda Lwin

YANGON, 23 Aug — A draft law on promoting the role of the National Library of Myanmar is close to completion, its director, Daw Mya Oo, said Sunday.

The National Library Law that is being drafted by the Culture Ministry will help meet the NL’s goal of becoming a major center that collects and preserves all the country’s publications to safeguard the national literary heritage, she added.

“The draft law includes a provision that publishers shall have to provide the NL with five copies of every publication. It would help the NL in conserving two copies of every publication permanently,” she said.

After enactment of the law, the publishers will get a Cataloguing-in-Publication (CIP) service offered by the National Library before making publication, she told The Global New Light of Myanmar.

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Experts discuss Myanmar’s environment

**Mandalay, 23 Aug**

— A talk entitled “past, present and future environmental conservation in Myanmar” was staged at the hotel in Mahasangmye Township, here, on 22 August.

Patron of Myanmar Forestry Association U Ohn Lwin and Chairman U Soe Win Hlaing extended greetings.

Speakers of the talks gave lectures on deforestation, conservation of bio-diversity and environmental changes.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)

Forestry experts holding talks on environmental conservation in Myanmar with past, present and future prospects.—Tin Maung (Mandalay)

Myanmar, China showcase books in various subjects

**Mandalay, 23 Aug**— As a gesture of honouring the 65th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Myanmar and China, a book show was opened at the city hall on 22 August.

Mandalay Region Minister for Finance Dr Myint Kyu, Consul-General of China Mr Wang Yu and officials opened the book show and Myanmar-China translated book publishing forum. Mr Liang Zong Hua of Information Department from Yunnan Province presented books on State administration and politics of Xi Jinping to Head of Mandalay Region Information and Public Relations Department U Kyaw Than Tun.

The book show and publishing forum are aimed at introducing beautiful insights and nature of Myanmar to China and the world as well as cementing friendly ties between Myanmar and China.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Talks focus on preservation of Myanmar traditional culture

**Mandalay, 23 Aug**

— Mandalay University’s Literature and Culture Committee organized a talk on Myanmar culture at the Inwa Hall of the University on 21 August, with Rector Dr Maung Thin, pro-rectors, faculty members and students in attendance.

The master of ceremonies introduced speaker Shwe Nann Tin to the audience. Sithu Shwe Nann Tin, Vice Chairman of Myanmar Theatrical Drama Organization, gave talks on preservation of Myanmar traditional culture.

After the talks, Rector Dr Maung Thin presented gifts to the speaker.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Flash flooding in Kyaukme returns to normalcy

**Kyaukme, 23 Aug**— The flash overflow of Nam-saungngaung creek inundated residences in Ward 6 and a basic education primary school in Ward 5 in Kyaukme, Shan State on 22 August.

As the water level of the creek ebbed on 23 August, local people cleared debris at the flood-affected areas. Firefighters cleaned silt on the floor of No 1 BEPS and sprayed there in the afternoon.

There was no casualty in the sudden flooding in the township, according to an official.

Myint Aung (KaMa)

Retired director U Tun Paw Oo of Forest Department spoke about environmental conservation for all, while writer Hsu Hgnet explained Yadanabon Mandalay and environment.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Tin Maung (Mandalay)

Engineers reopen Kanbalu-Htangon railroad section with repairing derailment of train

**Kanbalu, 23 Aug**

— The 42-down Mandalay-Myitkyina train driven by U Aung Nyunt derailed between mile posts 485/6 and 485/4 on Kanbalu-Htangon railroad section in Kanbalu about 11.30 p.m. on 22 August.

Engineers and skilled workers from Myanmar Railways repaired the wheels of train and rail tracks.

Due to blocking of the 42-down train on the railroad section, the 56-down express train stopped over at Kanbalu station as of 3 a.m. on 23 August.

As engineers finished repairing of railroads in the heavy rain at 7 p.m. on 23 August, the 56-down train departed Kanbalu station at 7.55 a.m. after 42-down Mandalay-Myitkyina train had resumed its runs.

Shwe Lin Pyae Sone

Shwe Nann Tin to the audience. Sithu Shwe Nann Tin, Vice Chairman of Myanmar Theatrical Drama Organization, gave talks on preservation of Myanmar traditional culture.

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President U Thein Sein sends messages of felicitations to Ukraine

NAW PYI TAW, 23 Aug — U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent messages of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Petro Poroshenko, President of Ukraine, and His Excellency Mr. Arseniy Yatsenyuk, Prime Minister of Ukraine, on the occasion of the Independence Day of Ukraine which falls on 24 August 2015.—MNA

President meets locals in Kalay

NAW PYI TAW, 23 Aug — President U Thein Sein spoke about people’s suffering from flesh flooding in all regions and states except one region and two states as of mid-July 2015, at a meeting with local residents to rehabilitate the Kalay region at the city hall in Kalay on Sunday.

The president explained the assistance being provided by the government for rehabilitation of the flood victims and plans to cover the basic needs of flood victims in Kalay district.

Chief Minister of Sagaing Region U Tha Aye reported on plans to carry out rehabilitation of flood victims and flood-affected areas as well as prevention of natural disasters in the region.

The president presented 36 items of relief and rehabilitation equipment for Cikon village, basic foodstuffs and clothes for HsediaU village, instant foods for Htoma village and working equipment for Natchaung village as well as K2.5 million cash assistance for staff of Kalay University through officials.

The chief minister accepted JCB heavy machinery, computers, printers, science lab equipment, library materials and band equipment donated by Alliance Star Group Company and MPRL.

New school building under construction in Ngazun Tsp

MYINGYAN, 23 Aug—Chairman of Myingyan district construction Scrutiny Committee district’s deputy commissioner U Myint Thin Aung and party inspected construction of Basic Education Middle School in Myotha (West), Ngazun Township, Mandalay Region recently.

After the inspection, the chairman instructed tender winner Myanna Sandaku Company to give priority to safety of workers, to ensure that the department concerned after seeking advices from legal experts.

The National Library was established in Yangon in 1952, and is now located on Kaba-Aye Pagoda Road in Yankin Township. Numerous rare publications and ancient manuscripts, palm-leaf and folded paper books are kept in the library.

National library law aims to ensure . . .

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Daw Mya Oo said, “The ministry has been drafting the law for around two years, based on the international library laws, with a plan to forward it to the department concerned after seeking advices from legal experts.”

They also visited a recreation island called Umihotaru through the Tokyo Bay Aqua Line, which is a bridge-tunnel combination facility built across Tokyo Bay. The recreation centre is located at the bridge-tunnel crossover point.

The audiences enjoyed the traditional dances of Myanmar and Indonesia.

Myanmar, Indonesian artists perform entertainments at joint cultural show

YANGON, 23 Aug — The Indonesia-Myanmar Joint Cultural Show 2015 was staged at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street, here, on 22 August.

Indonesian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr Ito Sumardi extended greetings and presented gifts to Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu.

The audiences enjoyed the traditional dances of Myanmar and Indonesia.

After the show, the union minister and the ambassador presented gifts to artists from both countries.—MNA

Dy C-in-C visits places of interest in Tokyo

NAW PYI TAW, 23 Aug — Vice Senior General Soe Win, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and also Commander-in-Chief (Army), visited places of interest in Tokyo, Japan, on Saturday.

The Myanmar delegation led by the deputy command-in-chief visited Tokyo Skytree, which is a broadcasting and observation tower with 634 metres in height.

Vice-Senior General Soe Win and his entourage went to the Great Buddha of Kamakura in Kamakura, a city located in the south of Tokyo.

They also visited a recreation island called Umihotaru through the Tokyo Bay Aqua Line, which is a bridge-tunnel combination facility built across Tokyo Bay. The recreation centre is located at the bridge-tunnel crossover point.

The president cordially greeted the attendees at the meeting.

MNA
North, South Korea on alert as talks resume in bid to end standoff

SEUL, 23 Aug — Top aides to the leaders of North and South Korea resumed talks on Sunday after negotiating through the night in a bid to ease tensions involving an exchange of artillery fire that brought the peninsula to the brink of armed conflict.

The meeting at the Panmunjom truce village inside the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) began on Saturday evening, with both sides on military alert, shortly after North Korea’s deadline for Seoul to halt anti-Pyongyang propaganda broadcasts or face military action. It broke up before dawn on Sunday.

The envoys, shown on TV exchanging handshakes and tight smiles at the start of their meeting, discussed ways to resolve tensions and improve ties, South Korea’s presidential Blue House said in a brief statement.

“Both sides are under big pressure to get something out of this,” said Jeon Young-sun, professor at the Institute of the Humanities for Unification at Konkuk University in Seoul, who said the length of the high-level meeting may be unprecedented.

The talks took place in South Korea’s Peace House, just south of Panmunjom’s often-photographed sky-blue huts, and the same venue where lower-level talks between the bitter rivals took place in February 2014, without ending in agreement.

The negotiations were interrupted with breaks for both sides to consult with their respective governments, and for snacks, the South’s Yonhap News Agency reported.

“North Korea wants to stop broadcasts, while South Korea can’t do it without achieving anything back,” Jeon said.

North Korea and South Korea have remained technically in a state of war since their 1950-53 conflict ended in a truce, not a peace treaty, and inter-Korean relations have been in a deep freeze since the deadly 2010 sinking of a South Korean warship. Pyongyang denied responsibility.—Reuters

ASEAN to “upgrade” FTAs with Japan, China and S. Korea by year-end

KUALA LUMPUR, 23 Aug — Free trade agreements that a grouping of Southeast Asian countries has with China, Japan, and South Korea will be “upgraded” by year-end to boost services and investments sectors, Malaysian trade minister Mustapa Mohamad said Sunday.

Trade ministers from the 10 member countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations on Sunday held talks with the grouping’s three dialogue partners China, Japan and South Korea separately and later, jointly.

Mustapa said they discussed “upgrading” their FTAs to make them more “comprehensive.”

ASEAN and Japan in 2008 concluded their FTA, which covers only trade in goods. Negotiations are ongoing on the services and investments chapters.

The grouping’s FTA with South Korea was concluded in 2006 and also covers only trade in goods, while the one with China, which covers goods, services and investments, is being fine-tuned. “We will try to reach an agreement so that by the November summit, we will have some achievements to report to our leaders,” Mustapa told reporters. The FTAs will help ASEAN and the three countries reach the trade targets they have set to achieve by 2020, which is $1 trillion with China, and $200 billion with each of Japan and South Korea.

ASEAN also has concluded FTAs with Australia and New Zealand. It is in discussions with India on the ratification and entry into force of trade in services and investments agreements. ASEAN groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.—Kyodo News

Thai police bemoan lack of equipment nearly a week after blast

BANGKOK, 23 Aug — Nearly a week after a bomb in Thailand killed 20 people, authorities appear no closer to identifying suspects or a motive, with police saying on Sunday a lack of modern equipment was hampering their investigation.

The blast last Monday at one of the capital’s most famous shrines, packed with Asian visitors, will inevitably dent the tourist industry, one of the economy’s few bright spots.

Economic woes could undermine the military government as it steers the country towards an election next year under a new constitution critics say will not end a decade of turbulent politics.

The strongest evidence appears to be grainy CCTV footage of a young man who left a backpack at the Erawan Shrine before the explosion. He disappeared into the night, on a motorcycle taxi.

Authorities have issued confusing and at times contradictory statements about the suspect’s appearance, the number of accomplices he might have had and the likelihood of foreign involvement.

National police chief Sompol Pumpanmuang said progress was being made but a lack of equipment was a problem.

“We don’t have modern tools to support our work ... we have difficulties with technology and data,” he told reporters, without elaborating. “We have to wait for cooperation from abroad, to come and help with this equipment.”

Police are also investigating another piece of CCTV footage that could provide clues to who was responsible for a small blast on Tuesday at a river pier that caused no injuries.

Police said they were investigating the footage of a man who appeared to push a bag off a walkway into the river. They have not confirmed the blasts were linked.

The Erawan Shrine, dedicated to a Hindu deity, is hugely popular with tourists from China and seven of the 14 foreigners among the dead were from mainland China and Hong Kong.

Police initially speculated Muslim ethnic Uighurs from western China might have been responsible but officials later cast doubt on an international link and said China was not targeted.

Muslims waging a low-level insurgency in southern Thailand have never been known to carry out such an attack and neither have activists from a decade-long struggle for power between the establishment and populist former premier Thaksin Shinawatra.

The government has offered $85,000 for information leading to the arrest of the bomber and the family of the blast’s most prominent victim, a Thai National Assembly deputy, had offered $200,000.

As the hunt for the bomber went on, authorities said two people had been arrested for spreading “confusing information” on social media.

Reuters
India-Pakistan peace talks collapse, deadlock sours relations

New Delhi has for years accused Pakistan of backing separatist Muslim rebels in India’s part of Kashmir. Pakistan denies the allegations and blames India for fomenting unrest inside Pakistan.

In the now-canceled talks, India has repeatedly linked terrorism-related issues and objected to Pakistan’s intentions of meeting separatists from Kashmir. Pakistan wanted a wider agenda.

Pakistan National Defence University professor Pervaiz Iqbal Cheema told the country’s Express Tribune newspaper calling off the talks was not good for regional peace, and that Kashmir will always be on the agenda of any India-Pakistan talks.

Aakar Patel, a long-time Pakistan observer and the new secretary as Pakistan wanted to only discuss terrorism-related issues and objections. Such as the visit of a foreign head of the state, there are normally 151 honor guards from the army, navy and air force at the

One killed, nine injured in east China chemical plant blast

JINAN, Aug. 23 — One person was killed and nine others were injured after a blast ripped through a chemical plant in east China’s Shandong Province on Saturday night, local authorities said on Sunday morning.

The explosion occurred at Shandong Runxing Chemical Technology Co. Ltd at 8:56 p.m. in Dongfu Village, Huantai County after a separator in the plant caught fire, according to the county government’s publicity office. The fire was put out at around 1:50 a.m. on Sunday. The victim was identified as a worker at the plant.

The environmental protection departments of both Zibo City and Huantai County said they have not detected any contamination after the blast.

The cause of the fire is still being investigated.

With a registered capital of 200 million yuan (31.3 million U.S. dollars), the Shandong Runxing Chemical Technology Co. Ltd is a subsidiary of Shandong’s Runxing Group.

The privately-owned company was set up in 2012. The plant was during the phase of triennial production after the construction work of it was completed in July.

It produces chemicals, mainly adiponitrile, a colorless liquid that can give off toxic fumes after exposure to heat. The factory’s annual production capacity of adiponitrile is 100,000 tonnes. The blast came 10 days after the warehouse explosions in north China’s Tianjin Municipalities that have left 123 people dead and 50 missing.

China’s female honor guards to appear in V-Day parade

BEIJING, Aug. 23 — China’s female guards of honor will for the first time attend a military parade to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II on Sept. 3 in Beijing.

A total of 51 servicewomen from the Army, Navy and Air Force will march alongside with 156 male honor guards, 17 in each line, said a military source.

In average, they are 20 years old and 1.78 meters in height.

The servicewomen are the first females in the 63-year history of the People’s Liberation Army (PLA) honor guards. They have been in active service since last May. In the Sept. 3 parade, the PLA will dispatch the largest ever honor guard formation.

For the most formal occasions, such as the visit of a foreign head of the state, there are normally 151 honor guards from the army, navy and air force at the

China hails Chinese firm for helping develop telecom industry

Pном Pном, Aug. 23 — Cambodia Minister of Posts and Telecommunications Prak Sokhonn on Sunday praised Chinese-owned Southeast Asia Telecom (Cambodia), or SEATEL, for investing a huge amount of capital in the development of 4G services in Cambodia.

Speaking at the official launch of a SEATEL 4G network here, the minister said the launch of advanced mobile Internet technology would enable Cambodia to narrow the digital gap and improve the efficiency of communications.

“SEATEL’s strategic investment on the expansion of network and coverage area to 17 provinces and cities in Cambodia is a timely response to this growing demand and will also bring further benefits to the Cambodian people,” he said.

“I’d like to thank all telecommunication companies, including SEATEL, for their commitment to Cambodia’s social progress, economic development and livelihood improvement.”

SEATEL’s general manager Han Hanchou said the company’s total investment is about 400 million U.S. dollars, of which 100 million U.S. dollars has been invested so far.

Han said in response to China’s One Belt, One Road initiative, SEATEL has built the Southeast Asia Chamber of Commerce (Seac) website, offering website design, resource and operation support to local companies of commerce and companies free of charge.

Tan Qingsheng, political counselor of the Chinese embassy to Cambodia, said SEATEL will make great contributions to the progress of Cambodian telecom industry and play an active role in connecting information and people across Cambodia.
France train gunman identified as Islamist militant

PARIS/MADRID, (France), 23 Aug — Fingerprint evidence shows that the gunman overpowered by passengers on a train in France is a Moroccan known to European authorities as a suspected Islamist militant, according to sources familiar with the case.

Two people were wounded in the struggle to subdue the Kalashnikov-toting attacker aboard the high-speed train from Amsterdam to Paris on Friday. Three young Americans, one of whom suffered knife wounds, were among the passengers who stopped the gunman.

French Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve told reporters the gunman, identified as Ayoub el Khazzam and said he was believed to have flown from Tunisia to Istanbul on May 10 this year, was a national with connections to Islamic militants.

Cazeneuve did not give a name, but the source named him as Ayoub el Khazzam and said he was believed to have flown from Tunisia to Istanbul on May 10 this year. Turkey is a preferred flight destination for would-be jihadists heading for Syria.

According to a Spanish counter-terrorism source, Spanish authorities had a suspect they identified as Khazzam under surveillance before he left Spain for France in 2014, traveled to Syria, and then came back to France.

In Spain, he lived in Madrid between 2007 and 2010 before moving to the southern port of Algeciras. He was arrested in Spain for drug trafficking in April 2012 and was released from a hospital on August 22, 2015. — Reuters

Obama hails Americans who took down gunman on train in France

ABRAS, (France), 23 Aug — President Barack Obama called two U.S. servicemen and their civilian friend on Saturday to congratulate them for overpowering a gun-wielding suspected Islamist militant on a train in France.

Obama telephoned lifelong friends Airmen First Class Spencer Stone of Sacramento, California, National Guardsman Alek Skarlatos, 22, of Roseburg, Oregon, and Anthony Sadler, 23, a student from Sacramento, in France to commend them for their heroics against the attacker, who had a Kalashnikov rifle, a handgun and box cutters.

Stone, 23, who was the first to take on the gunman, was cut in the incident but was expected to be released from a hospital on Saturday.

"The president expressed his gratitude to these three individuals for their heroic actions forestalling an even greater tragedy," White House spokesman Eric Schultz said in a statement.

French Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve said the gunman’s identity had not been confirmed but that if he was telling the truth to his interrogators, he was a 26-year-old of Moroccan national with connections to Islamist militants. — Reuters

Military pressure on Ukraine will last decades, president says

KIEV, 23 Aug — Military pressure on Ukraine from Russia and the separatists that Moscow supports is likely to last decades and future generations will have to undergo military training, President Petro Poroshenko said on Saturday.

Poroshenko made one of his gloomiest predictions on prospects for peace in his country days before he meets German and French leaders in Berlin for a summit he called to urge them to put pressure on Russia to comply with a six-month-old peace plan strained by ceasefire violations and shelling.

"The president wished Airman Stone a full and speedy recovery and expressed how proud all Americans are of their extraordinary bravery," Obama said in a statement.

The three men had been on vacation, partly to celebrate Skarlatos’ return from a tour of duty in Afghanistan. “Airman Stone and Specialist Alex Skarlatos are two reasons why — on duty and off — ours is the finest fighting force the world has ever known,” U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter said in a statement.

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"It’s miraculous." — Reuters

Britain reopen embassy in Tehran — Reuters witness

TEHRAN, 23 Aug — Britain reopened its embassy in Tehran on Sunday, a historic step in the thawing of relations between the Islamic state and Western powers, a Reuters witness said.

British Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond declared the embassy open and raised the Union Jack flag in the garden of the nineteen-century residence in the Iranian capital that was stormed by protesters nearly four years ago. — Reuters

The convoy of British Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond enters the British Embassy in Tehran August 23, 2015. — Reuters

in response to the overthrow of a pro-Moscow president in Kiev by street protests a month earlier. Kiev and Western governments, which have imposed sanctions on Russia, say there is irrefutable evidence of Russian involvement in the separatist resistance. Moscow denies it is providing arms or military support.

Ukrainian authorities have mobilized huge numbers of police and interior ministry troops to reinforce security for independence celebrations on Sunday and Monday which will include a march in Kiev of soldiers serving on the front line.

After attending celebrations on Monday, Poroshenko is due to fly to Beijing to meet German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Francois Hollande. — Reuters
Over 50 people killed in Syrian missile strikes at rebel areas near Damascus

At least 50 bodies were recovered from buildings levelled to the ground after Syrian army missiles hit residential areas in the rebel-held northeast of Damascus on Saturday, rescue workers said.

They said more bodies were believed to be under the rubble of buildings occupied by dozens of families in the city of Douma, about 15 km (10 miles) northeast of Damascus, with dozens of victims taken to field hospitals, many seriously wounded.

Rescue workers said 20 bodies were identified. A further 32 victims remained unidentified and the toll was expected to rise as civilian defence workers step up the search amid the rubble of the four multi-storey buildings that were directly hit.

"There are entire families still under the rubble. We couldn't reach them yet, because as you know the process of removing debris must be done with extreme caution," said Majid, an official from the Syrian civil defence corps, a group which operates in rebel-held areas.

The latest casualties follow last Sunday's air strike on a bustling market place in the same area which killed at least 100 people.

Sunday's attack on Douma was one of the bloodiest in the four-year-long war that has killed an estimated quarter of a million people and driven 10 million from their homes. The conflict, which grew out of protests against President Bashar al-Assad in 2011 which were put down with force, has been exacerbated by the rise of hard-line Islamist rule 14 years after they took control of a western district of Yemen's Aden, once one of the world's busiest ports and the most secular and secure part of an otherwise restive country, would be one of its biggest gains yet.

"Dozens of Al Qaeda militants were patrolling the streets with their weapons in total freedom in a number of areas in Tawahi. At the same time, others raised the Al Qaeda black flag above government buildings, including the administrative building of the port," a resident told Reuters.

The hostage, earlier identified by a Yemeni police source as an oil worker abducted in February last year, was taken to the Emirati capital Abu Dhabi on a military plane on Saturday night, the agency said.

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"The United States remains committed to assisting our Afghan partners in their efforts to ensure a peaceful future," it said Sunday.

Al Qaeda deploy in Yemen's Aden, British hostage freed

NATO contractors killed by Kabul car bomb identified as U.S. citizens

Afghan security personnel (L) keeps watch next to a damaged car belonging to foreigners, after a bomb blast in Kabul, Afghanistan August 22, 2015. — Reuters

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The end justifies the means

By Kyaw Thura

With a view to increasing public understanding of politics, it should be made clear at the outset that “government of the people, by the people and for the people” has long been accepted as the underlying assumption of what democracy is. Common sense tells us that genuine concern for the welfare of the people is at the core of democratic norms.

Just as voters elect representatives to make decisions on their behalf in parliament, they should preserve the right to oust elected representatives through a petition by securing sufficient signatures.

On the one hand, the right to recall members of parliament is not without flaws. Political analysts point out that using majority power will undermine minority rights. Their anxiety is justified on the grounds that many people find it challenging to understand the complexities of constitutional rights.

But on the other, the people of today’s Myanmar are much better informed of changes and developments in the global political arena than three decades ago, given the broad availability of professional literature on voter education and campaign information. It is therefore safe to assume that the people will be able to make informed decisions by weighing up the pros and cons of the issue concerned. Sometimes, we are to undergo a seemingly unfair situation as long as positive outcomes for our actions are guaranteed.

Getting down to the real nitty-gritty or cruix related to the drug trafficking issue

By Tommy Paung

The out-break of opium wars in China in the 19th century has given an unforgettable lesson to the global people. In this 21st century, the neo-opium war makes the entire world people suffer the horrendous effects. The neo-opium war is transformed into drug trafficking in the form of secret trade which enables the culprits or perpetrators to earn a great deal of money and a large profit. Drug abuse among youngsters is a great threat to the energy of human posterity and communities around the world. Drug trafficking is an illegal trade which is highly lucrative for the traffickers and producers or processor of narcotic drugs or poppy growers. Initially, poppy growers sell the poppy as raw material to the illicit drug producers. Then the drugs are chemically produced in secret place. Psychotropic substances or drugs are also produced. Evidently, opium poppy fields can still be seen on the enormous lands or plots on earth. The largest opium poppy cultivation areas can be found in Afghanistan, golden triangle (borders of Myanmar-Thailand-Laos). This situation is one of the important parts of issue. All the illegal poppy fields must be destroyed and growers must be given harsh punishment as well. Every nation has enacted the law for the elimination of Drug Trafficking. The scourge of drug abuse and its related menace to humans are much more severe than the power of nuclear weapons in the world. Illegal drugs are available at the secret market for those who want to buy them for taking pleasure. According to the law, buying, selling and possessing illegal drugs are criminal offences.

Even if the drug traffickers or dealers or distributors are caught, they can keep a secret of illegal drug distribution network. The drug addicts hardly ever disclose the illegal market place or dealers or distributors. Godfathers or the opium war lords are so powerful that they can influence or dominate on some corrupt public higher officials or some corrupt personnel of drug trafficking network, godfathers or their family. It is difficult to track the drug ring and its mastermind. Under these circumstances, it is hard to eliminate the drug trafficking and prevent from consequent disasters in human society.

In fact, Junkies or drug addicts destroy the society or their lives under the influence of narcotic drug abuse. Nevertheless, they are merely the victims of the drug traffickers and illicit drugs. First, they buy or take illicit drugs to use for their pleasure sake or senson or enjoyment. The successive use of narcotic drugs turns the users to become drug addicts. We, ordinary people are aware of the behaviors of drug addicts—the obsessive dependency on narcotic drugs. We do not particularly know the main sources, market and tracks of drug trafficking yet. As the international law enforcements and Interpol cannot crack down the notorious opium rings or gangs or transnational crime groups across the world, the following questions are raised by the global community.

Who are the godfathers of this illegal trade? Who are the latest opium war lords? Where are the huge areas of poppy cultivation and illegal markets in the world? How do the smugglers handle or operate this illegal drug transaction or trade in the world? Why is drug trafficking still persistently thriving in the world?

Occasional arrests on some world notorious opium ring leaders do not inhibit drug trafficking and constant illicit drug dealing goes on in the world. Normally, the crack heads know where the crack house is. The crack heads or junkies buy narcotic drugs such as heroin, cocaine, morphine, marijuana and cannabis and use them in the crack houses. The psychotropic substances are also sold illegally to the drug addicts or crack heads. How come this illegal market is alive or existent in metropolis or in cities? We ought to seriously find the secret track of the drug trafficking transaction or trade. Despite the presence of tight or loose drug enforcements, this illegal business penetrates deep into big cities and towns. Such situation is awfully astonishing and incredible. We need to uncover or investigate those who are involved in this illegal business effectively. We must support and help those who take responsibilities for cracking down or annihilating the drug trafficking actively.

Nowadays, all international airports, seaports, border lines are equipped with heightened security guards. They examine the incoming and outgoing travelers for security reason and searching the persons in possession of narcotics. Even then the drug traffickers are using different techniques to smuggle the drugs out and smuggle the drugs into the country. Even if the drug traffickers are apprehended, their mastermind or the ring leaders are at large. The purging or elimination of drug trafficking is the global concern. Indeed. The solution of the drug trafficking issue has been probed for some decades and the strict or punitive laws have been enacted in almost every nation in the world. However, the drug traffickers disdainfully challenge against the drug laws and even their illegal business is still thriving secretly and lucratively. They even use weapons to protect or attack in case they are spotted by law enforcements. The challenge and threat of opium warlords must be combated with the Interpol and international law enforcements vigorously. This sort of illegal business is appallingly dangerous to entire human race because the consumers buy and use lethal drugs which harm to their health gradually and the users get addicted to the effects. As a result, they become drug addicts and lose or deteriorate their body, mind and health or are destroyed by drug addiction. The majority of drug addicts or junkies are in youthful life, but they cannot contribute to their society concerned due to lack of normal human energy caused by drug addiction. Thus, a certain society with a great number of drug addicts can have no human capital to establish its socio-economic development and defense services. The worst-case scenario would be for that society to be ruined as the majority of youths are being drug addicts. The governments concerned must tackle the problem with concerted efforts.

Unless we get down to the real nitty-gritty or the cruix of the drug trafficking issue seriously, we would encounter menace in our society. The drug traffickers are common enemies of all human beings in the world. The world communities must eliminate the sources of drug trafficking network, godfathers, and ring-leaders. The removal of the corrupt public officials or some corrupt personnel of law-enforcement is essential so that elimination of drug trafficking task can be smooth and successful. All those involved in this criminal circle must be penalized with the most punitive penalty— death sentence without any appeal regardless of nationalities, gender and social position. They are found guilty of two counts; homicide and crime against humanity. Narcotic drug abuse triggered the utter devastation of human and communities. The world leaders cooperate to combat the drug trafficking as a global task by using effective strategy and tactics, the culprits of drug trafficking must not be able to escape any longer. We might face the difficulties in investigating and detecting the drug gang leaders or mastermind because they bribe the corrupt higher rank authorities to protect them from arrest in some societies. The trouble is that modern humans perceive money as God and some make money dishonestly. In this way, some poor people or persons get involved in illegal drug trafficking and they are considered as accomplices. They are well-paid to completely carry out drug trafficking secretly. The criminal mastermind behind the drug trafficking become millionaire. They live in safe haven with modern luxuries. They possess a great deal of money known as narco-dollars or narco-buck and sophisticated weapons. It is also known as black money. They usually execute some gangsters who betray them in this illegal trade. Also the markets are usually killed by the ring leaders. It is difficult for an undercover operation to find the information about the main source or distributor of illicit drugs to the various dealers and their routine activities in the world. Another challenge is that the gang leaders usually organize the ignorant or poor people to join their illegal organization or gangs with incentives and handsome payment.
Main canal of Taungtha diversion weir under maintenance

TAUNGTHA, 23 Aug—Irrigation Department dredged the main canal of Taungtha diversion weir in Taungtha, Mandalay Region, on 22 August.

Skilled workers from the department dredged the 4.5-mile-long main canal while improving the embankment along the canal.

Myingyan District’s deputy commissioner U Myint Thin Aung, Assistant Director U Maung Lwin of District Irrigation Department, Township Administrator U Aung Kyaw Nyunt and officials inspected progress of maintaining the main canal.—Zaw Min Naing (Myingyan)

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Lt-Col Thant Zin
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Lt-Col Zaw Myint
Lt-Col Kyaw Naing Tinn

(2) BC 27439
Brig-Gen Kyaw Oo Lwin
Brig-Gen Aung Kyaw
Major Soe Moe
By order.

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(2) BC 27929
Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Soe

(3) BC 33130
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Getting down to the ... (from page 8)

The world most notorious drug trafficking gangs base their secret organizations in Italy and in Mexico. The ring leaders manipulate their members into doing the business successfully and secretly. They operate illegal drug cartels and compete with similar illegal organizations. They use to infiltrate into other drug trafficking gangs to get the information secretly. Sometimes, the power struggle occurs among the different gangs.

Among them, the Mafia gang is the most powerful and the leaders or bosses are cruel, wicked and smart. The Mafia gang has been in existence for several years, but no government can crush it completely. Even though some lower rank ring leaders and Mafia bosses are eradicated or imprisoned, the illegal business is still booming worldwide. Rarely, the gang leaders are caught in the world and they always escape from justice and law. The Mafia’s bases are in Sicily islands, Italy, America and Mexico. Since the drug trafficking business is lucrative, the gang can buy sophisticated weapons, land vehicles, expensive houses. To many aircraft. By observing these difficult and important circumstances carefully, we must get down to real gritty-gritty or crux related to drug trafficking issue across the world. The ordinary people, all governments, law enforcements, Interpol, the United Nations have to find out and arrest the practical and effective solutions to eliminate the drug trafficking. The international extradition treaty of drug traffickers is signed by most of the member states as well as further direction of FEALAC.

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Beijing kids get fatter: survey

BEIJING, 23 Aug — The waistslines of Beijing’s children and teens are expanding at alarming high rates, a new survey indicated.

Obesity among students at the capital’s primary and middle schools hit 15.6 percent in 2014, up 2.6 percent from 2013, according to data released by Beijing’s public health watchdog on Thursday.

Among those chubby kids, over 60 percent suffered from increased blood glucose, one third had raised blood pressure, and 16 percent were diagnosed with fatty liver, the survey showed.

Bad eating habits and inadequate physical activities were blamed for the super-sizing of children and adolescents in Beijing, the public health watchdog said. According to another survey tracking the health of 36,962 college and high school students in Beijing, about 40 percent of them did not get enough exercise, 42.1 percent spent more than two hours in front of the computer, and 37.4 percent regularly skipped breakfast.

Public health authorities believed that the results may shed some light on prime culprits in the obesity epidemic.

Authorities also said they are rolling out programs to promote healthier eating and allocate more time for physical activities in schools to prevent kids from becoming overweight. — Xinhua

Gold industry analysts expect price boost from currency war fears

MUMBAI, 23 Aug — Japane

se auto major Toyota, which clocked a net profit Rs 529-crore in FY15 after being in the red for 2014, told PTI here in an interaction.

“We have a long-term relationship with Kirloskar and we are happy with the present arrangement. Neither we are planning to increase our stake to 100 per cent nor they are looking at exiting the partnership,” Toyota Kirloskar Motor managing director Naomi Ishii, who turned around the company after taking over in January 2014, told PTI here in an interaction.

Toyota entered the country in October 1997 as a joint venture with the Kirloskar Group that owns 11 per cent in the joint venture.

“If we have discussions in the future, we will see where we can help them to increase it. For us, the most important aspect is that the joint venture, as both the partners are happy with the way the joint venture is functioning,” Ishii added.

When asked what is failing the company as its market share (around 5.7 per cent now) is not going up despite having world-class products, Ishii said the company is not chasing market share or sales numbers here but focusing on ensuring that it retains its 1 million customers. “We are not chasing any numbers here, though growing profitably is a call for us. But my priority is to ensure that Toyota retains 100 per cent of its customers,” Ishii said, adding, however, India is one of the eight focus countries for the world’s second largest automaker. — PTI

A man exercises in downtown Los Angeles, California, March 9, 2015. — Reuters

For seniors, any exercise may be better than none

Older women showed an even greater benefit from exercise than men, with their mortality risk decreasing by 32 percent compared to men’s 14 percent in the low-METS category. One reason could be that women underestimated their exercise level and men overestimated theirs, the authors said.

The researchers recommend 15 minutes per day of exercise based on these results, but Hupin said it’s not a goal everyone will meet that goal would benefit by merely moving around more on a consistent basis.

“Scientific evidence is now emerging to show that there may be health benefits from light physical activity and from replacing sedentary activities with light activities, such as walking briskly, bicycling and swimming or gymnastics, he agreed that even increasing exercise in small bouts could help. “For each individual, they would have to be tailored depending on their physical abilities,” Buford said by email.

Reuter
Berlin, 23 Aug — One of Europe’s biggest start-ups, Germany’s Delivery Hero, the online food takeaway service, has ruled out a stock market listing for this year but could be ready by next year, its chief executive said in an interview.

“At the moment, there are other things which we want to concentrate on. We will have created the preconditions for a listing by the end of the year so that we can decide quickly at any time in the course of next year,” Niklas Ostberg said.

Ostberg said it had also not been decided on which exchange - most likely Frankfurt or New York - the company would list. The company, which has built up a delivery network for more than 200,000 restaurants in 34 countries, raised new funding in June from two undisclosed U.S. public company investors that valued the company at 2.8 billion euros ($3.2 billion).

German ecommerce investor Rocket Internet, which first bought into Delivery Hero in February and holds a 38.5 percent stake through its Global Online Takeaway Group, is reportedly more keen to push ahead more quickly with a listing.

But Ostberg, who founded the company in 2011, wants to assert his independence.

“Rocket is very experienced in evaluating data. In this area, we are working closely together with them. Concerning the development of the company and its culture, we are completely going our own way,” he said.

“We have many investors and one of them is Rocket. We can learn something from them due to their know-how but we will continue to lead our own company autonomously.”

Ostberg said Delivery Hero was focused on sustaining its rapid growth, which it has previously said was around 70 percent on a compound annual basis, rather than on profitability.

Rocket Internet, which some investors see as a launchpad for future stock market listings of everything from online fashion to personal finance firms, listed in Frankfurt last October, but has seen its shares fall almost 50 percent this year. Another Rocket-backed company, home furnishings retailer Westwing, has pulled back on plans to list this year. Reuters reported earlier this month, citing sources familiar with the plans.

Rocket-backed meal preparation company Hello Fresh and classified advertising service Scout24 have signaled they are likely to pursue stock market listings in the autumn.

Syrian orphans attend training on electronic projects

Syrian orphans attend a training course on designing simple electronic projects at a summer camp in Damascus, capital of Syria, on Aug, 22, 2015. The course was held by the Syrian government in cooperation with local charities to help develop the skills of children who lost their parents during the conflict in Syria.—Xinhua

Swatch CEO signals plans to add to smartwatch range: Swiss paper

Zurich, 23 Aug — Swatch plans to add to its new smartwatch range, the Swiss watchmaker’s chief executive told a newspaper in an interview published on Saturday.

The Biel, Switzerland-based company is competing with Apple and other watchmakers in the budding smartwatch market.

“Our product is called Touch Zero One and that gives enough room for Zero Five, Zero Nine,” Nick Hayek was quoted as saying by Switzerland’s Tages-Anzeiger newspaper. “The Touch Zero One is not the end of the progression.”

Hayek told the paper Swatch would launch Touch Zero Two at next year’s Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro.

The Swiss company’s strategy appears primarily to revolve around including individual tech features in different models rather than going head to head with Apple to create all-in-one smartwatches combining many functions.

On top of its Touch Zero One, which can track the distance the wearer travels and help beach volleyball players measure the power of their hits, Swatch is planning to launch watches with an embedded “near field communication” chip this year.—Reuters

Japan’s Sharp in LCD tie-up talks with Taiwan’s Hon Hai: sources

Tokyo, 23 Aug — Japan’s Sharp Corp is in talks with Taiwan’s Hon Hai Precision Industry Co for a tie-up in its struggling flat-panel display business, sources reported earlier this month.

Under the proposed plan, Sharp would spin off its display business into a separate unit ahead of investment from Hon Hai and possible cash injections from other entities, including the state-directed Innovation Network Corporation of Japan, the sources said.

The talks come after Sharp’s chief executive, Kozo Takahashi, last month said he was open to major restructuring of Sharp’s liquid crystal display (LCD) and consumer electronics businesses as investors and analysts clamored for an overhaul.

Earlier tie-up talks between Hon Hai and Sharp fell through in 2012 after the Japanese company balked at demands that it said would have given the Taiwanese firm too much control.

The two corporations, nonetheless, remained in contact and jointly operate an plant in Osaka Western Japan that makes large LCD panels.

Users will get their notifications and alarms when their phones are inside the charger as it has unique acoustic outlets.

The device, which costs USD 59.95, is compatible with all iPhones. It takes four minutes to completely sanitise the phone, and a blue indicator on the front will let the user know when the sanitising is complete.

Previous studies have found that a cellphone carries more germs than a toilet seat. A recent study at the University of Surrey found that most of the bacteria on cellphones are harmless but some disease carrying bacteria such as Staphylococcus aureus can also occasionally be found.

PTI

A man sitting on a sofa looks at a Sharp Corp’s Aquos TV at an electronics retailer in Tokyo, Japan, June 23, 2015. Reuters
Refugees tear through police lines at Macedonian border

A jet aircraft crashed into cars on a busy road near an airshow in southern England on Saturday, killing at least seven people, police said.

The vintage Hawker Hunter fighter jet crashed onto the A27 road near Shoreham in Sussex, west of London, where the airshow was taking place, near the south coast city of Brighton.

All those who died were on the road at the time of the crash, police said, adding that it was possible more bodies might be found overnight and on Sunday.

The pilot is in a serious condition in hospital. The ambulance service said 14 people were treated at the scene, with four taken to hospital.

Video footage posted online showed the plane in the process of executing an aerobatic loop before it hit the ground, causing an explosion which appeared to engulf some cars. — Reuters

Storm Kilo to strengthen in Pacific, Danny to weaken in Atlantic

KALUA-KONA, Hawaii, 23 Aug — Weather system Kilo weakened into a depression by early Saturday but is expected to become a hurricane as it travels across the central Pacific towards the Hawaiian islands over the next several days, the National Weather Service said.

Kilo, with sustained winds of up to 30 miles per hour (48 kilometers per hour), was centered roughly 520 miles (840 km) south of Honolulu by Saturday at 5 a.m. (1500 GMT), moving west-northwest at about 17 mph (28 kph), the NWS said.

Kilo is expected to strengthen and slow over the weekend, as it begins to turn northwest. Because it is tracking over warm water, south of the islands, it will likely avoid a wind shear that weakened two hurricanes earlier this month. Forecasters say Kilo will not make a direct hit on any of the islands but Kauai appears to be the most vulnerable.

Flash-flood warnings are in effect for Maui and Hawaii’s Big Island through Monday morning. Danny is expected to produce 2 (5 cm) inches to 4 inches (10 cm) of rain over the Leeward Islands through Monday.

The French government has issued a tropical storm watch for Caribbean islands including Guadeloupe, St. Barthelemy and St. Martin. Hurricanes can bring destructive high winds, torrential rain and big waves, the National Weather Service said. — Reuters

Seven killed as jet crashes into cars at UK airshow

LONDON, 23 Aug — A jet aircraft plunged into several cars on a busy road near an airshow in southern England on Saturday, killing at least seven people, police said.

The vintage Hawker Hunter fighter jet crashed onto the A27 road, close to an airport in Shoreham where the airshow was taking place, near the south coast city of Brighton. All those who died were on the road at the time of the crash, police said, adding that it declared a state of emergency and sealed its borders to migrants, many of them refugees from war in Syria and other conflicts in the Middle East.

By nightfall on Saturday, thousands had crossed the frontier, milling around the border town of Gevgelija where the migrants had converged from all over the country and trains left in quick succession to take them north to the next leg of their journey through Serbia.

There was no official word from the government, but the level of organisation suggested authorities had opted to move the migrants as quickly as possibly, having tried and failed to keep them out with razor wire, teargas and stun grenades.

“The government is organising additional trains. I don’t know who is organising the busses,” said Alexandra Krause, a senior protection officer with the United Nations refugee agency, UNHCR.

No-man’s land, where men, women and children had slept in squalor under open skies appeared largely empty, though more people are certain to make their way from Greece.

“In this Europe, animals are sleeping in beds and we sleep in the rain,” said 23-year-old Syrian woman Fatima Hamido on entering Macedonia. “I was freezing for four days in the rain, with nothing to eat.”

Thirty-two-year-old Saeed from Syria said of the blocked border: “We know this was not Macedonia and the Macedonian police. This was the European Union. Please tell Brussels we are coming, no matter what.”

Migrants had been pouring across the border into Macedonia at a rate of some 2,000 per day, en route to Serbia then Hungary and Europe’s borderless Schengen zone. Some 50,000 arrived on Greek shores in July alone by boat from Turkey. — Reuters

Biden meets liberal leader Warren while mulling White House run

EDGARTOWN, Mass., 23 Aug — U.S. Vice President Joe Biden met on Saturday with Senator Elizabeth Warren, a popular progressive leader with a big support base among Democrats, as he mulls whether to run for president, according to a source familiar with the meeting.

Biden has been hedging with senior advisers to evaluate options for taking on former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, the Democratic front-runner who has struggled to overcome fallout from her use of a private email server while working as the nation’s top diplomat.

His meeting with Warren is further evidence of how seriously the vice president is considering a run for the party’s nomination. Warren has a lot of support from liberal-leaning groups that would be critical to winning in early voting states.

She has said she does not plan to run for president herself, but she has not endorsed Clinton or any other Democratic candidate.

The vice president’s office declined to comment other than to say Biden had left his home in Delaware to come to Washington.

“The vice president traveled last minute to Washington, DC, for a private meeting and will be returning to Delaware,” a White House official said.

Biden’s entry into the race would upend the primary process. He has a long history of supporting policies to boost the middle class, an issue that is important to Warren and that Clinton has made one of the signature issues of her campaign.

But his late entry into the race and Clinton’s formidable lead in infrastructure and fundraising would put him at a disadvantage.

“He has a resume second to none. He’s been an extraordinary partner to this president. And economic viability of the middle class has been his focus and concern throughout his career,” said David Axelrod, Obama’s chief strategist in his 2008 and 2012 campaigns.

“That said, he’s well behind the front-runner in polling, money and organization ... Unless the picture changes dramatically, it would be a heavy lift.”

Though the vice president does not have a formal campaign structure, an outsider political “Super PAC” called Draft Biden is laying the groundwork if he decides to jump into the race.

“All of a sudden the vice president’s exceptionally serious,” said Draft Biden adviser Steve Schale, a top strategist for Florida’s Obama’s campaigns in 2008 and 2012.

“One is to make sure that if he makes the decision to run ... there’s a little bit of infrastructure in place for him to hit the ground.” — Reuters

No migrants make their way through a police line to cross Greece’s border into Macedonia near Gevgelija, Macedonia, August 22, 2015.—Reuters

Migrants make their way through a police line to cross Greece’s border into Macedonia near Gevgelija, Macedonia, August 22, 2015.—Reuters
1. Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise (MPE), a State-owned Enterprise of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar under the Ministry of Energy announces Invitation Tenders for Consultancy and advisory services from local or foreign consultant firms for the following five Joint Venture Projects:

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2. Each tender document can be purchased by 50,000 Kyats (Fifty thousand Kyats) at the Finance Department, MPE during office hours commencing from 25th Aug, 2015.

3. Applicants shall submit the proposals in accordance with the specifications set forth in the Tender Documents to the following address not later than 24th Sept, 2015 at 12:00 noon.

4. Submission of proposals from an applicant shall not be allowed for more than two out of five joint venture projects. If the proposals submitted are more than two projects from an applicant, all proposals shall not be considered.

5. For more information, please contact the following address:
   Managing Director
   Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise
   Building No. 44, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
dlnpe@energy.gov.mm, mpeict@gmail.com
   Fax: +95 67 411124, +95 67 411126

6. Late inquiry or inquiries via telephone will not be answered.

“Blue train” ends last run in Japan after nearly 60 yrs of service

Tokyo, 23 Aug — An era came to an end Sunday when Japan’s last “blue train” long-distance sleeper train in service completed its final run nearly 60 years after the train’s debut in 1958.

The “Hokutosei” express left Sapporo Station in Hokkaido, northernmost Japan, at 4:12 p.m. Saturday, arriving at Ueno Station in Tokyo at 9:25 a.m. Sunday. It was a last run, with the cheers of some 2,500 train enthusiasts and onlookers.

Takahiro Gofuku, a 43-year-old Tokyo resident who, accompanied by his five-year-old daughter, was among the lucky passengers on the very last run, said, “I took the Hokutosei around 30 times. I’m really going to miss it.”

Tetsutomo Koike, a 36-year-old from Saitama, said he had ridden blue trains many times since his childhood. “An era has definitely ended.”

The coveted tickets for the last run were snatched up immediately after going on sale in late July. The Hokutosei express, which has individual cabins and a luxurious dining car, ended regular operations in March and has been operating an occasional service between Ueno and Sapporo.

Blue trains used to provide popular overnight long-distance sleeper services in Japan, connecting urban areas and the countryside, but the number of passengers declined as shinkansen bullet trains became faster and with the growth of domestic air routes and highway express bus services.

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WEATHER REPORT

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL EVENING OF THE 24th August, 2015: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Mandalay and Magway Regions, fairly widespread in Lower Sagaing Region and Shan State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavy falls in Upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States. Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) m.p.h.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Strong monsoon.

FORECAST FOR NAPPYITAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 24th August, 2015: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 24th August, 2015: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 24th August, 2015: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).
‘Straight Outta Compton’ sequel in works

LONDON, 23 Aug — Fans have long argued that the Three Brothers from ‘Deathly Hallows’ is an allegory to actual ‘Harry Potter’ characters with Dumbledore representing Death and now JK Rowling has given her approval to it.

The upcoming film is expected to focus on Snoop Dogg, the late Tupac Shakur, Nate Dogg, Kurupt, Daz, Warren G, and other West Coast rappers who reached stardom in the wake of N.W.A.’s fame. Death Row Records’ founder Suge Knight will also be included in the story. Although it’s a ‘Straight Outta Compton’ follow-up story, it won’t likely star the same actors.

Dre and Ice Cube won’t be producing either but Cube has reportedly given his approval and Dre’s son, Curtis Young, is eyed for a role.

Directed by F Gary Gray, “Straight Outta Compton” stars O’Shea Jackson, Jr as his own father Ice Cube, Corey Hawkins as Dr Dre, and Jason Mitchell as Eazy-E.

It earned over USD 60 million on the debut weekend and has so far garnered more than USD 80 million against a budget of USD 29 million. — PTI

J K Rowling likes fan theory about Dumbledore as death

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The collection will be going to the Harry Ransom Center at the University of Texas, a research library that is a major collector of manuscripts and original source material. The university paid just over $1 million to acquire the material, a library spokeswoman said.

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These include early drafts of chapters, rejected pages, scraps of paper with scribbled thoughts and repeated attempts at the same paragraph, he added.

Also in the collection will be unpublished works and notes for stories, screenplays and songs, including a track called “Shingles” written by a young Ishiguro who had tried to land a contract with a major record label.

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Novelist Ishiguro’s notes and works head to Texas library

AUSTIN, (Texas), 23 Aug — The sweeping archives of award-winning novelist Kazuo Ishiguro will be heading to a University of Texas research library, including a discarded opening chapter for his best-known book, “The Remains of the Day,” the university said.

The novelist, who was born in Nagasaki, Japan, in 1954 and has lived in Britain since he was a child, has kept extensive notes of his novels and multiple drafts of his works that include “Never Let Me Go” and “The Buried Giant.”

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Spaniard Lopez beats Wang for walk gold

BEIJING, 23 Aug — Spanish Miguel Angel Lopez hauled in Wang Zhen to win the men’s 20 kilometre race walk on Sunday and deny China their first world athletics championships.

The 27-year-old European champion hung tough as a group of five Chinese walkers, led by Wang, tried to stretch the pace from the start but the group splintered under the strain and Lopez had enough stamina to pull the front in the closing stages.

He passed Wang at the 18-km mark and pumped his fist in delight as he crossed the line in a personal best time of one hour 19 minutes 14 seconds, 15 seconds ahead of the Chinese, to become the first Spanish winner since Valenti Massana in 1993.

“This is the best moment of my life,” Lopez told reporters. “The course was complicated plus the heat. It was a tactical race but I kept my calm. My last 200 metres was an incredible sensation.

“I hoped the people of Spain watched me at three in the morning. They should see this unique moment of my life.”

Wang, 23, bronze medallist at the London Olympics three years ago, refused to be disappointed at his near miss.

He and a quartet of team mates had controlled the early fast pace but he opted to make a solo break at the 13-km mark, opening up a sizeable lead that looked to be enough for gold.

But a steely Lopez closed the gap at the 17km mark before overtaking an exhausted and grimacing Wang shortly after, powering home to the Bird’s Nest with the Chinese athlete unable to match the pace.

“It became tough towards the end as the race started to get rushed,” Wang said.

“I was not nervous but I felt some pressure as this competition takes place in China.

Canada’s Ben Thorne took bronze, 43 seconds behind Lopez, while Ukraine’s Igor Glavan was fourth in a season’s best time of 1:20:29.

Cai Zelin, who had been part of the early Chinese front running group, was fifth despite stopping at the three quarter mark clutching his stomach and looking close to vomiting.

Olympic champion Ding Chen, another of the Chinese pace-setters, had to settle for ninth.

World record holder Yusuke Suzuki of Japan quit just after halfway through in ever-increasing heat in the Chinese capital.

Reuters

Labrinth gets engaged?

LONDON, 23 Aug — British singer Labrinth has reportedly got engaged to his girlfriend Muz.

The 26-year-old “Beneath Your Beautiful” hitmaker proposed to his partner Muz whilst on stage at V Festival by Hylands Park in Chelmsford, reported the Daily Mirror.

“He talked about loyalty before proposing and how his girlfriend had been with him since the start of his career and stood by him,” a source said.

Apparently, when she said ‘yes’, the crowd cheered and applauded.

Fans have also offered their congratulations to the couple on social media.

One wrote, “Congratulations to @Labrinth1st and @its_Muzzy on getting engaged! x (sic)”

While another said, “Congratulations @Labrinth on your engagement!! #VFestival #TweetTheFest (sic)”

“Nah @Labrinth1st proposing to his girl on stage was to much #VFestival2015 (sic),” a fan posted.—PTI

Champions Chelsea swoop for Brazilian teenager Kenedy

LONDON, 23 Aug — Premier League champions Chelsea continued to strengthen their squad by signing 19-year-old Brazilian winger Kenedy from Flamminense on Saturday.

The under-20 international played in the London club’s pre-season tour match against Barcelona in the United States having been granted permanentmission by his Brazilian team.

“I am very happy to complete my transfer,” Kenedy told the club’s official website. “It is an exciting time for me to join ... and I hope I can become an important player for the club.

“I very much enjoyed my time with the squad during pre-season,” added the teenager who can play on either flank or down the centre.

Kenedy’s acquisition could signal the departure of Nigeria winger Victor Moses or Colombia wide man Juan Cuadrado.

Chelsea also bought Spain forward Pedro from Barcelona earlier this week and signed goalkeeper Asmir Begovic and striker Radamel Falcao in the close-season.

Jose Mourinho’s team, who have taken one point from their opening two league fixtures, visit West Bromwich Albion on Sunday.—Reuters

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Substitute Chit Naing nails winner for Myanmar

VIENNA, 23 Aug — Ten minutes after coming on, substitute striker Kaung Chit Naing netted the winner against Singapore in a tough AFF Under-19 Championship Group B match played out in blistering conditions here at the National Sports Complex this afternoon.

Chit Naing, who came on for Zar Nay Ya Thu in the 66th minute, was lurking on the right of the box when he found himself right in the path of a cross. He rushed in and headed in the first goal which would later turn out to be the winner.

As this is the opening match for Group B, Myanmar leads the standings, but that could all change after the second match between Malaysia and Timor Leste later tonight.

The 4pm kick-off is clearly not a favourite with the teams. So it was hardly surprising when the players needed some time to adjust to the blistering conditions. After the first ten minutes or so, the action began to heat up.

Myanmar started plotting their way through the defence and before long managed to make it through only for their forwards to miss their shots. Aung Kaung Mann and Zar Nay Ya Thu had a few looks but were unable to convert their chances.

At the end of a tough 45 minutes, the score was level as both teams gleefully headed to the dressing rooms for a much deserved break.

Pedro scores as Chelsea kickstart stuttering campaign

LONDON, 23 Aug — Pedro scored a debut goal as champions Chelsea got their stuttering Premier League campaign off the ground with an entertaining 3–2 victory against West Bromwich Albion at the Hawthorns on Sunday.

Chelsea — who had taken one point from their opening two matches — were indebted to Thiago Silva for mopping up for former Blues loanee Timothee Chadrac.

Diego Costa converted Pedro’s shot in the 30th minute, Morrison atoned for his earlier penalty miss to pull a goal back just five minutes later before Cesar Azpilicueta restored Chelsea’s two-goal cushion in the 42nd minute.

John Terry, who was substituted for the first time ever under Jose Mourinho during last week’s loss to Manchester City, was dismissed for bringing down Salomon Rondon and though Morrison added his second, Chelsea held on to register their first victory of the season.

Later on Sunday Manchester City take their 100 percent record to Goodison Park to face Everton while Southampton visit promoted Watford.

Real not targeting another striker, Benitez says

MADRID, 23 Aug — Real Madrid are not planning to bring in another striker before the transfer window closes at the end of the month and have full confidence in France forward Karim Benzema, coach Rafa Benitez said on Saturday.

Real began their latest La Liga campaign on Sunday at promoted Sporting Gijon, although Benzema is still recovering from injury and will miss the clash at the Molinon.

Benitez, who took over from the sacked Carlo Ancelotti at the end of last season, has set the Frenchman a target of 25 goals for the season, something he has not achieved since 2011.

The 27-year-old, who joined from Olympique Lyon in 2009, only managed 14 last term partly due to injury and has regularly been targeted with whistles by some disgruntled Real fans.

Real have plenty of cover for Benzema, including Portugal forward and top scorer Cristiano Ronaldo, Jese and B team teenager Borja Mayoral, Benitez said at a news conference.

“I have said many times that I am convinced Benzema is a great forward,” added the coach in the youth academy.

Real have brought in a number of new players in the close season, including Croatia midfielder Mateo Kovacic, Brazilian fullback Danilo and goalkeeper Kiko Casilla.

Spain keeper David De Gea is widely expected to join from Manchester United but Benitez declined to confirm whether a deal would happen.

“I think I have a great team and a great squad and as Real Madrid coach I am completely satisfied,” he said when asked if the world’s richest club by income planned any more business in the transfer market.

“We have to work with the players we have here to improve them a little more if possible and I am not planning anything beyond that. “