BUILDING RAKHINE STATE

Rakhine State needs pragmatic action to ensure peace, stability and development

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi called for pragmatic action to bring peace, stability and development to Rakhine State at a work coordination meeting in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The State Counsellor, who is also the chairperson of the central committee for the implementation of peace, stability and development in Rakhine State, stressed the need for the government to gain public trust including from those involved in the process of scrutinising citizenship and all local people.

At the meeting the State Counsellor welcomed frank and open discussions on the challenges of implementing undertakings related to peace, stability and development in the state.

Next, Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Ye Aung, vice chairman of the central committee, elaborated on ongoing works and progress in developmental undertakings for towns in Rakhine State and work plans set to be implemented by ministries concerned.

Then, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu who is also the vice chairman of the central committee, explained relief and resettlement works and spoke on the sectors needing to be fulfilled in order to achieve the committee’s goals. He also spoke on progress being made regarding the issuance of national verification cards, related difficulties and current matters.

In his address, Union Minister Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, chairman of the working committee on security, peace and stability and the rule of law, stressed the need for job creation in order to build mutual trust to ensure that the NVC program will be fully implemented.

Union Minister U Thein Swe, chairman of the immigration and national verification working committee, gave a presentation on the issuance of 1,919 identity cards for national verification and ongoing works.

Next, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement reported on the construction of storm-resilient shelters in Myebon and Taunggup, arrangements being made for more shelters in other townships and measures being taken for rehabilitation and socio-economic development works.

Then, Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe, chairman of working committee on coordination with UN agencies and international organisations, explained works being carried out in cooperation with the international community and matters related to the provision of international aid.

Following discussions on the sectors, future work programmes were laid down at the meeting.

In her concluding remarks the State Counsellor highlighted the importance of cooperation and collaboration between the ministries concerned and the State government in implementing the work programmes.

Survey reveals over 1,700 plots of vacant land within Yangon’s industrial zones

A COMPILED list of over 1,700 plots of vacant land from within industrial zones of the greater Yangon Region will be presented to regional government tomorrow, according to the Directorate of Industrial Supervision and Inspection for Yangon Region.

The majority of vacant plots from among Yangon’s 29 industrial zones are reportedly located within the Myaung Takar Industry Zone.

“Of course, these plots have been fenced off. They’re completely void of any enterprise implementation; they’re all left sitting idle. Some industrial zones feature only a few vacant plots, while some use just two or three plots for the storage of raw materials. It looks as though their using up a great deal of land with one form of enterprise. The land is used up for warehouses, offices and housing. In actual fact, their [factories] only take up two-thirds of their space,” said U Tin Oo, head of the Directorate of Industrial Supervision and Inspection for Yangon Region.

Work began on compiling a list of vacant plots of land within all of Yangon Region’s industrial zones on 19 May this year, which has revealed many instances of land for the construction of factories being used in lieu for storage, offices and staff accommodation.

Photo: MNA

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi chairs meeting of the central committee for the implementation of peace, stability and development in Rakhine State.

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**Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe receives Councilor of US State Department**

VICE President U Henry Van Thio, chairman of the National Natural Disaster Management Committee, held talks with members of the regional government and departmental officials on relief and resettlement works to aid flood victims in Rakhine State at the regional government building in Sittwe yesterday.

In his address at a donation ceremony for flood victims, the Vice President stressed the need for public participation for the success of democratic administration as only the people can shape the future of the country, pledging to strive to build a people-oriented government.

Next, the Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye elaborated on disaster preparedness measures and pointed out that peace and stability are key to socio-economic development in Rakhine State.

In his address, the Union President noted the Tatmadaw’s involvement in relief and rehabilitation operations.

Then, members of the regional government and departmental officials reported on situations in flooded areas, the provision of relief supplies to flood victims, requirements for rehabilitation efforts and works to be done for flood prevention.

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The Union Election Commission’s electoral tribunal has handed down its verdicts on the complaints of election frauds filed by two candidates in Kayin State and Kachin State.

U Naing Maung Maung Lwin of the Kayin State constituency, who contested last year’s elections representing the Union Solidarity and Development Party, complained to the Union Election Commission on 23 December last year that his opposite running mate U Saw Thanh of the National League for Democracy committed voter fraud during the election.

After hearing the case, the tribunal pronounced the election of the NLD representative as eligible, ordering the plaintiff to pay K30,000 in fine as lawyer’s expense.

The USDP candidate U Chan Gyiung Huar filed a complaint against NLD’s representative-elect U Dein Khan Phon of Putao constituency in Kachin State on 11 December last year. The tribunal returned a verdict that the election of the defendant was eligible. The plaintiff was ordered to pay K200,000 to the defendant as court expense.

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**Swollen Chindwin River threatens people living near it with floods.**

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Union Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor U Kyaw Tint Swe met with Adviser to the United States Secretary of State Ambassador Kristie Kenney at the President’s Office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the call the counselling officer of the US State Department said that her visit is aimed at highlighting the US’s special attention to Myanmar.

The Union minister elaborated on the ongoing internal peace and national reconciliation process of the country. Also present were Deputy Minister U Khin Maung Tin and officials.—Myanmar News Agency

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President U Htin Kyaw tours Incheon Free Economic Zone in Republic of Korea

PRESIDENT U Htin Kyaw, en route to Mongolia to attend the 11th ASEM Summit, dropped in at the Incheon Free Economic Zone of the Republic of Korea yesterday morning.

The President and party visited the 33-story Songdo G-Tower within the zone’s Songdo International Business City.

The 490-foot-tall Songdo G-Tower was started to build in 2010 and opened in 2013. The building has a park on its 29th floor and a free economic zone centre which is located on the 33rd. An observation deck on the top of the G-Tower provides views of Incheon Bridge and Songdo New City below.

The President then went to the U-City Centre of the G-Tower where officials gave a brief account of the Songdo Business City and U-City Centre.

Following this the President visited the Memorial Hall for the Incheon Landing Operation and watched documentary video clips on the Korean War.

Afterwards, Myanmar Ambassador to the RoK Thura U Thet Oo Maung hosted the President for a luncheon at a Korean traditional food restaurant in the city.

The President and party left for Mongolia in the afternoon and arrived at Chinggis Khaan International Airport in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia in the evening.—Myanmar News Agency

Dr Pe Myint meets US ambassadors to discuss media reform

INFORMATION Union Minister Dr Pe Myint met Advisor to the US Secretary of State Ambassador Kristie Kenney and US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Scot Marciel at his office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

The trio discussed the transformation of village libraries into community centres, the improvement of the Myanmar Translation Society (now Sarpay Beikman), preparatory measures to shift Myanmar Radio and Television from being state-owned to becoming a public service and the training for ministerial spokespersons.

The group also sought ways for the United States to aid media reform.—Myanmar News Agency

Landslide kills four in Phakant

FOUR migrant miners died in a landslide in Hpakant that occurred on 12 July.

The landslide happened at a mountain of dumped soil from jade mines in the evening when seven migrant workers were searching for a jade among dumped soil.

Local authorities stopped searching for the bodies at night, due to possibility of landslide again.

To prevent landslides, local authorities have suggested that migrant miners squatting around at-risk areas be relocated to safer areas and that mining companies dump their waste soil in accordance with technical safety rules.

When miners began using heavy machinery to extract jade from mines in Myanmar in 2005, migrant workers across the country flowed into the area to scavenge small jade stones from the discarded mine soil.—GNLM

Yangon gov’t prepares to bring e-Yangon payment system online within six months

Ye Khaung Nyunt

THE Yangon regional government is preparing to launch the ‘e-Yangon’ system, a money transfer medium, within six months and the public will be able to access information by calling a phone number (ph 1881) upon completion of the project, said Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein at a meeting involving officials from a one-stop service centre in the Thilawa Special Economic Zone in the second week of this month.

“We are striving to make the e-Yangon system available within six months”, said the Chief Minister, adding that the system must be undertaken to make Yangon corruption free.

The e-Yangon project will be implemented based on progress of the one stop service in the Thilawa SEZ and the regional government is preparing the service to be available in 44 townships of Yangon, except Kokoyun Township.

Yangon Region Minister for Kayin National Race Naw Pann Thinzar Myo expressed her view that transparency will be boosted and corruption can be diminished thanks to the e-Yangon system.

Public awareness of the system will be made via the media following the launch of the system, added the regional minister.

According to sources, e-payment is being used in the Thilawa SEZ where applying for permits can be completed at the one stop service centre and an online system is available for industrial applications.

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In order to mitigate any grievances among industrial zone owners during conducting of the vacant plots survey, the data collection was reportedly carried out systematically by a team made up of the Urban Housing Department, Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC), representatives of industrial zones concerned, together with members of the township level General Administration Department.

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President U Htin Kyaw observing the G-Tower in Republic of Korea.

President U Htin Kyaw visits memorial place for Incheon Landing Operation.

Panoramic view of Incheon Free Economic Zone.
Landslide dam burst confirmed by ID

THE Irrigation Department confirmed yesterday that a natural landslide dam burst on 3 July in Tunzan township, Chin State. Deputy Director U Maw Naing of the Irrigation Department quoted an inspection team saying that the burst of the landslide dam presented no threat to local residents. The department constructed a passage to channel the flow of the water from the dam to a safe place. Regarding the dam or lake cause by the landslide on the border between Sagaing Region and Chin State, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation dealt with possible risks of the lake before the rainy season.—Min Thit

Tourism ministry approves 16 new hotels nationwide

THE MINISTRY of Hotels and Tourism has released figures showing it granted permission for the construction of 16 new hotels over the past six months. Between January and the second week of July, the ministry received 36 proposals to develop new hotels across the country. Of those, planning permissions to build 16 new hotels have been granted by the authorities after making inspections, including assessments on environmental impacts.

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Since 2011, the ministry has removed some restrictions to granting operating licences to both local and foreign investors in the hospitality industry in a bid to improve tourism services for international visitors. Investors from Myanmar and abroad wishing to operate in the service industry have increased month by month.

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Crime NEWS

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Central Bank encourages foreign banks to proceed in seeking licenses

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) has called on foreign banks to start preparing to seek licenses to operate in accordance with its rules and regulations.

A total of 13 foreign banks have sought permission to launch branches in Myanmar. Among them, Bank for Investment and Development of Vietnam (BIDV), E. Sun Commercial Bank from China (Taipei), Shinhan bank from South Korea and State Bank of India have been selected tentatively.

Among these four banks, BIDV is the first to be permitted to launch its banking services in Myanmar. According to the rules and regulations laid down by CBM, foreign banks can only open one branch in Myanmar, with minimum capital of US$75 million. Over half of the bank’s capital has to be deposited in the CBM. The CBM allows the foreign companies to cooperate only with the local banks and to operate wholesale banking.

Foreign banks are also allowed to lend money to foreign investment companies and local banks. The interest of the loan is fixed between 10 and 13 per cent per annum. If the loan is taken out in foreign currency, the rate of the interest will be the one both sides agree to.

BIDV kicked off its banking operation on 1st July, with capital of US$85 million. BIDV will open its official bank branch on 31st July at Hno-nang Ahi Gu Lai Myanmar Center Tower, which is situated at No. 192, Kaba Aye Road, Bahan Township, Yangon...—200

Induced breeding of climbing perch tested in cooperation with World Fish Myanmar

INDUCED breeding businesses of climbing perch (anabas testudineus), which is a native species of Myanmar, is being tested in cooperation with World Fish Myanmar according to an announcement of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation last Friday.

According to the agreement to effectuate the fishery development between World Fish Myanmar and the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, the induced breeding of the climbing perch and research related to fish farming methods has been conducted.

Now, these experimental breeding businesses in Pantanaw hatchery in Ayeyawady have shown fruitful results.

Climbing perch breeding study has been conducted under a series of processes: preparation of the lake, maintaining of fish species, reduced breeding, feedstuffs and the observation of growth.

Preparation of the lake includes water treatment, filling the lake, cleansing the lake, the maintaining of a stable artificial environment and the installation of Hapa.

Climbing perch have been collected from natural lakes and ponds in order to maintain the fish species sector. Aquatic feedstuffs is introduced into the lake twice a day.

In the breeding stage the birds are chosen and then injected with single dose of hormone which comes from the pituitary gland of rohu. Seven or nine milligrams of hormone dose are used for female climbing perch while four or five milligrams of hormone are used for male climbing perch. The growth of the birds is monitored once a week, according to the ministry.—City News

Farmers to receive advanced loan under advanced purchase system

GROWERS of crops, who in some circles are referred to as ‘farmers’, will receive advanced loans depending on their crops under an advanced purchase system, the renowned Win Star variegated vegetables trading business in Tatkon has reported.

The advanced purchase is offered for both mixed cropping and multiple cropping. All the brokers do not offer advanced purchase. Some brokers offer the advanced purchase only with the close farmers. If they have to give loans to strangers, they need to be guaranteed by a respected person.

Advanced purchase has risks because there is a possibility of losses. However, the price of advanced purchase is always lower than the market price at a harvest time, at which time the loans will be repaid. The farmers do not need to pay interest, said U Maung Maung Win, the proprietor of the Win Star variegated vegetables trading business.

An advanced payment of between Ks50,000 and Ks500,000 will be provided for various things such as sunflowers, groundnuts, green grams, pigeon peas and mung beans in the coming growing season.

“The growers of paddy, chili, tomatoes and onion can also ask for loan. Almost all the growers take payments from the advanced purchase system. We do not need to give the interest but we are faced with the price manipulation,” said U Win Naung Tun, a grower form Tatkon Township. Local seeds merchants also make the advanced purchase. Myanmar’s seed industry suffered from heavy losses because of advanced purchase system in 2008. The government had to intervene to save the farmers, and the advanced purchase lost its popularity.—Zar Zar

Petrol price need to be aligned with world price

THE Ministry of Electricity and Energy will call upon petrol distributors to keep the price of petrol in Myanmar equal to international prices according to U Myint Zaw, managing director of the Myanmar Petroleum Products Enterprise (MPPE), in order to allow vehicle owners to avoid suffering from higher petrol prices than necessary.

Myanmar’s petrol market is dependent on the price of Singapore’s crude oil. Therefore, there is a small gap between Myanmar’s petrol price and that of the countries in the Middle East.

The ministry is taking a closer look at petrol prices by forming an exclusive team. The Ministry of Electricity and Energy has granted licences to a total of 1,759 petrol stations...—200
Japan emperor abdication debate could stir discussion on female succession

PESHAWAR (Pakistan) — The alleged mastermind of the 2014 attack on a school in Pakistan in which at least 132 children, nine staff and seven male adults were killed, has been killed in an American drone strike in Afghanistan, the Pakistan military and sources in the Pakistani Taliban said.

General Asim Bajwa, director general of the Pakistani army’s media division, reported the death of Umar Nara, also known as Khalifa Umar Mansoor or Khalid Khurasan, in a message on Twitter.

US Defence Department spokesman Peter Cook confirmed that US forces carried out an air strike in Afghanistan’s eastern Nangarhar province on 9 July, killing Umar Khalfia and four other militants. Cook said Khalifa, a leader of the Taliban’s姜adar Ghar Group, was killed in a strike that targeted members of Islamic State-Khorasan Province. Pakistan had put the Taliban Ghar Group, a faction linked to the Pakistan Taliban, on its list of “Specially Designated Global Terrorists” in May. The Pakistani Taliban made no official comment. One senior member of the group said the movement had decided not to comment on the death until a successor had been chosen. “It’s a huge loss to the small but most effective Taliban faction of Khalifa Umar Mansoor,” the commander said. There was no such prominent figure of his stature to run his organisation.”

The strike was the second in the space of two months against a senior insurgent leader close to the frontier between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

In May, Mullah Mohammad Akhtar Mansour, leader of the Afghan Taliban, was killed by a drone on the Pakistani side of the border. The Pakistani Taliban is waging war against the Pakistani state and is separate from the Afghan Taliban. It claimed responsibility for the attack on the Army Public School in Peshawar, in northwest Pakistan in December 2014, in which at least 132 children, nine staff and several attackers were killed. —Reuters

Japan’s Emperor Akhito (L), flanked by Empress Michiko (2nd L), leads his royal family members, Crown Prince Naruhito (4th R), Crown Princess Masako (R), Prince Akishino (behind Naruhito), Princess Kiko (behind Masako) and their daughter Princess Mako to greet guests during the annual spring garden party at the Akasaka Palace imperial garden in Tokyo, Japan, on 27 April 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

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TOKYO — Reports that Japanese Emperor Akihito intends to abdicate within a few years could re-open debate about female succession, but any such move is likely to provoke strong opposition within the current conservative ruling party.

The 82-year-old monarch, who has had heart surgery and been treated for prostate cancer in recent years, expressed his intention to abdicate in a few years to the Imperial Household Agency, public broadcaster NHK said on Wednesday.

No reason was cited and agency officials later denied the earlier reports.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and other officials on Thursday declined to comment, but Akihito has been cutting back on official duties recently.

His place has been taken by his heir, 56-year-old Crown Prince Naruhito. But Naruhito has only one daughter, so since only males can inherit the Chrysanthemum Throne, the throne after Naruhito would pass to nine-year-old nephew Hisahito.

No Japanese emperor has abdicated since 1817 and the Imperial Household Law governing the royal family system would have to be revised to allow this, a process requiring parliamentary debate that could take years and might spill over into other areas, such as female succession.

“This is something that has needed to be fixed,” said Kenneth Ruoff, head of the Center of Japanese Studies at Portland State University, of his laws on abdication.

“When they open up the debate they will have to debate all kinds of things.”

Before Hisahito, no male had been born into the imperial family for more than four decades. This prompted discussion of equal inheritance for women, a move opposed by traditionalists eager to preserve a male line they believe goes back more than 2,000 years. Most Japanese backed the proposed change and advisors to then Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi recommended that women be given equal rights to inherit, but debate was shelved when Hisahito was born the next year. In March, Japanese officials including Prime Minister Shinzo Abe protested when a UN committee said it intended to criticise male-only inheritance as discriminatory. They said the UN move was “totally inappropriate” and disregarded Japanese history. The committee withdrew its criticism. Key parts of Abe’s political base want him to steer the nation back towards a traditional ethos including pride in the ancient imperial line. Given that Hisahito is the only male of his generation and women in the imperial family leave it upon marriage, long-term succession remains far from assured. Proposed solutions include allowing women to remain and set up branch families, but debate has languished. —Reuters

Malaysia, Singapore to sign MoU on high speed rail

KUALA LUMPUR — Malaysia and Singapore will sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on the long anticipated high speed rail linking the two countries, local media reported on Thursday.

The signing will be witnessed by Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak and his Singaporean counterpart Lee Hsien Loong, according to a report by The New Straits Times.

The newspaper reported that the MoU will be followed by detailed negotiations, on areas such as planning, development, execution of the project and future operations, targeting a formal bilateral agreement by the end of the year.

The New Straits Times reported earlier that the project is expected to start in 2018. The proposed high speed rail is expected to cut the traveling time between the Malaysian capital and the city state to 90 minutes. —Reuters

In this file image taken from a video recording, Omar Khalid Khorasani (C), a top Pakistan Taliban commander, gives an interview in Pakistan’s Mohmand tribal region on 2 June 2011. PHOTO: REUTERS

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PHNOM PENH — Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Techo Hun Sen flew to Mongolia on Thursday for the 11th Asia-Europe summit on the topic “Soft security, food security, water management, energy security, human trafficking, and counter-terrorism, migration, human rights, interreligious relations and cooperation.”

The summit is very important to enhance relations and cooperation between Asia and Europe for common development and prosperity, he told reporters at Phnom Penh international airport before the departure.

He said the summit will also touch on climate change, sustainable development and multi-lateral trading systems, disaster risk reduction and management, energy security, food security, water management, and regional and international issues.

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Economic growth through more privatisation

**Opinion**

**Kyaw Thura**

FAVoured by a great wealth of untapped natural resources, our country has much to gain in inclusive growth and sustainable development by implementing fundamental reforms in the privatisation of services in transport and electricity just as in telecommunications.

The government has vowed at every opportunity to incentivise the private sector as a means to propel sustainable economic growth. The simplest thing for the government to encourage the private sector starts with the reduction in the number of state-owned services which can better thrive under private ownership. In this respect, encouragement should be given to open and competitive markets.

Economic researchers are unanimous in the phenomenon that private sector development is central to the success of economic reform, but they warn that its benefits should not be limited to the business people only. An importing thing to note is that market competition does not necessarily mean market monopolisation. It is, therefore, incumbent on the government to protect the end-users from being overcharged for essential consumer goods by adopting development strategies that will guarantee consumer welfare.

In addition, the government should implement effective competition policies that will enable private industries to become more competitive home and abroad and willing to provide the best deals for customers. With this end in view, many countries and regional blocs are busy with the adoption of effective competition laws and frameworks designed to empower the poor section of society, thereby ensuring social mobility.

All things considered, the government’s commitment to political reform will be judged ineffective as long as the grass roots of society remain to be hit the hardest in an outbreak of political turmoil.

**Freedom of other religions (Christianity, Hinduism, Islamism, Animism and others) in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar**

Ba Sein (Religious Affairs)

Christianity

About 10 per cent of the entire population of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar takes faith in Christianity. There are many Christian churches and worship centers throughout the country. The Christian people have lived peacefully and harmoniously with other national races of different religions in the Republic of Union of Myanmar since years ago. There are four Christian religious organizations mainly recognized by the Government of the Republic of Myanmar, and Christian religious leaders and other Christian personnel are allowed to go abroad to attend their religious meetings, conferences, seminars and trainings. Congratulatory messages of the Ministry of Religious Affairs are sent to their religious centers all over the country. There are mainly recognized by the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to promote and flourish their religion in the country. Besides, books, magazines and journals on Christianity are published and distributed. Some of leaders of Islamic Religious Organizations are issued traveling free pass to tour the whole country in order to carry out their religious matters and affairs.

Islamism

About 4 per cent of the entire population of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar takes faith in Islamism, and many Islamic mosques, worship centers and religious schools are situated throughout the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. Altogether 5 Islamic Religious Organizations are mainly recognized by the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and all these organizations are able to perform freely and carry out their religious affairs in accordance with the existing laws and orders of the country. Many leaders of the Islamic Religious Organizations and other Islamic personnel are occasionally allowed to go abroad to attend their religious meetings, seminars, conferences and trainings. Congratulatory messages of the Ministry of Religious Affairs are sent to the ceremonies of their holy days and other religious festivals such as the Prophet Mohammed Birth-day, Idulfiti day, Iduladwaha day and other significant religious days. Many books, magazines and journals on Islamism are freely published and distributed and financial grant is provided by the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to promote and flourish their religion in the country. The Haj Pilgrims from the Republic of Union of Myanmar are yearly sent by the arrangements of Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to fulfill their religious duties there in accordance with five pillars of Islamic faith. Animal and other religions of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Hindu Religious Organizations to promote and flourish their religion in the country. Besides, books, magazines and journals on Hinduism are freely published and distributed. Congratulatory messages of the Ministry of Religious Affairs are sent to their religious ceremonies such as Sivaratri day and other festivals. Some of leaders of Hindu Religious Organizations are issued traveling free pass to tour throughout the country in order to carry out their religious matters and affairs.

Animism and others

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From time immemorial, all Myanmar nationalities of different religions in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar extending and attaching great importance to each other, have lived through thick and thin regardless of colour, caste and religion.

**Regional Wushu competition seeks fresh blood**

WITH the aim of turning out new talented athletes from states and regions, a regional-level Wushu competition is scheduled to take place in September, according to the Myanmar Wushu Federation.

Organised by the Myanmar Wushu Federation, events for under the 12-year-olds and amateur level events will be held during this year’s contest. The amateur level contest will include ten categories.

The organising body prohibits selected national athletes from participating the upcoming tournament as the event only allows young players, said U Khin Soe, joint secretary of the federation.

“We plan to offer over 40 awards to the winners this year,” he added. As Wushu originated in China, traditional wushu practices have developed and spread across the world.—200
SSMNC’s 47-member plenary session concludes

THE State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee held the second day of its 47-member plenary session at the Wizaya Mingala Dhamma Hall on Thiri Mingala Kaba Aye Hill yesterday.

The number of passengers taking Yangon circular trains has increased by 1500 a day, MR reports.

“Previously, the train fare was K200 for all distances but now, the shorter distances cost K100 while the longer ones cost K200. This is appealing as most passengers travel shorter distances” said U Kyaw Soe Lin, traffic manager of Division 7 of Myanmar Railway. There are over 71,000 passengers who rely on the circular trains during rainy season. Passengers no longer need to bother with finding the correct coaches and can spend less” said U Kyaw Soe Lin. — Soe Soe Ya

Circular train passenger numbers on the rise

MYANMA Railways is suffering financial losses despite an increase in the number of passengers after reducing train fares for circular trains according to an official from Division 7 of Mayana Railways. The number of passengers taking Yangon circular trains from the purchase of new train carriages, installation of automatic railroad crossing gates will be carried out” he added.

According to Myanmar Railways, Yangon’s circular rail line upgrading project is set to be implemented during the 2017-2018 FY to ensure better services for the convenience of train travelers. New fleets of railway service are set to be used on Yangon circle line and other lines.

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ASEAN senior officials meet for energy issues in Nay Pyi Taw

ASEAN senior officials meeting on energy being held in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

THE ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Energy took place in Nay Pyi Taw, attracting senior officials from Australia, China, India, Japan, South Korea, New Zealand, Russia and the United States.

The four-day meeting was chaired by U Hein Lwin, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Electricity and Energy.

The meeting focused on future action plans for further cooperation in the energy sector, with its chairman describing the development of energy as crucial to the ASEAN region and its partners as well.

An agreement has been reached between the ASEAN countries to use energy in a clean manner in a bid to be more sustainable and sufficient. The outcomes of the meeting will be brought before the 34th ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting scheduled for September for approval.

Myanmar hosted the 27th ministerial meeting in 2009. — Myanmar News Agency

Myanmar to invest $206m in new fleets for rail transportation sector

MYANMA Railways is planning to spend US$206 million on the purchase of 66 train carriages from Japan in 2018 according to MR’s General Manager U Tun Aung Thin.

The new train carriages are a type of diesel-electric multiple unit, said the general manager, adding that the purchase of 66 train carriages will be made through an ODA loan.

Myanmar Railways has short-term, mid-term and long-term plans for the country’s rail transportation sector. Apart from the purchase of new train carriages, installation of automatic railroad crossing gates will be carried out” he added.

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ORGANISED by the Department of Rural Area Development at the Htantabin Township and Taungoo Vocational Training School, the closing ceremony of a basic tailoring course (2/2016) was held on Tuesday.

At the ceremony, an official of the Taungoo District Rural Area Development Department delivered the opening speech. In his speech, those who completed the course, will be professional in their career, he said.

“I am delighted to have attended the sewing course. I will strive to find an opportunity to work in a garment factory or as a female attendee.”

U Zaw Win, a Member of Parliament, presented prizes to outstanding attendees and officials gave out certificates.”— Shwe Win (Pyay)

Rate of felonies rising in Bago

BAGO region has seen an increase in the number of felonies committed such as murder and rape this year. Most of the murder cases occurred in Thayawady district whereas rape cases occurred in Bago district, according to local police from Bago region.

The period from January to June has witnessed 18 murder cases and 11 rape cases in Bago district, according to local police from Bago region.

The period from January to June has witnessed 18 murder cases and 6 rape cases in Taungoo district, 15 murder cases and 4 rape cases in Pyay district and 17 murder cases and 6 rape case in Thayawady district in Bago region.

“Most of the murder cases occurred due to domestic disputes like between father and son while the police focus on cases of gambling, drugs and alcohol for reduction of the crime rate. The rapists mostly happened to be under 16” said Inspector of police Min Zaw from Bago region.

There have been 78 murder cases, one burglary case, 24 rape cases, 144 theft cases and 3,359 other cases Bago region as of June.”— City News
EU proposes new asylum rules to stop migrants crossing Europe

BRUSSELS — The European Commission proposed more unified EU asylum rules on Wednesday, in a bid to stop people waiting for refugee status moving around the bloc and disrupting its passport-free zone.

In an unprecedented wave of migration last year, 1.3 million people reached the EU and most ignored legal restrictions, trekking from the Mediterranean coast to apply for asylum in wealthy Germany, prompting some EU countries to suspend the Schengen Area system that allows free passage between most EU states.

“At the same time, we set clear obligations and duties for asylum seekers to prevent secondary movements and abuse of procedures,” the United Nations refugee agency UNHCR said it had concerns about the new rules and said the new system must not lower standards of protection and asylum.

The proposal would standardise refugee reception facilities across the bloc and unify the level of state support they can get, setting common rules on residence permits, travel papers, access to jobs, schools, social welfare and healthcare.

It would grant prospective refugees swifter rights to work, but also put more obligations on them, meaning that if they do not cooperate with the authorities or head to an EU state of their choice rather than staying put, their asylum application could be jeopardised.

The five-year waiting period after which refugees are eligible for long-term residence would be restarted if they move from their designated country, the Commission said.

UNHCR spokesman William Spindler said people should be dissuaded from such movements, not punished.

The proposal also spells out more cases in which asylum seekers could be detained, something Jean Lambert, a British Green Party member of the European Parliament, said showed the EU was taking the wrong attitude to people seeking sanctuary.—Reuters

Two died in expressway pileup in western Japan

KOBE — Two people were killed Thursday morning when two cars, a trailer and a truck were involved in a pileup on an expressway in Hyogo Prefecture, western Japan, police said.

Akira Nakase, 44, and Daisuke Yokota, 36, both company employees, were confirmed dead after the accident that occurred in Ashiya on the Hanshin Expressway around 9am. The victims were in different cars. The accident happened when the truck, driven by a 61-year-old man, slammed into a stationary car in a traffic jam, and then another car and a large trailer ahead were also hit, the police said, adding the truck driver sustained slight injuries.—Kyodo News

One missing as torrential rain hits southern Kyushu

FUKUOKA — A woman in her 80s has gone missing after torrential rain hit southern Kyushu in southwestern Japan on Thursday, with the Japan Meteorological Agency warning of landslides, floods and swollen rivers. Police and firefighters are searching for the woman after a resident in the town of Misato in Kumamoto Prefecture reported her missing. “I saw an old woman near a riverbank but she disappeared later,” the resident was quoted as saying.

About 77 millimeters of rain were recorded in one hour in Minamiakatsura, Kumamoto Prefecture, and 54 mm in Kirishima, Kagoshima Prefecture, while authorities in Aira, Kagoshima, issued an evacuation advisory to 6,653 residents on Thursday morning.

Rainfall of 43 mm was also registered in the city of Miyazaki in southern Kyushu. Up to 120 mm of rainfall is forecast over a 24-hour period until Friday noon in some parts of southern Kyushu.—Kyodo News

Sole Japanese survivor of Dhaka attack says he hid in garden

YOKOHAMA — Tamaoki Watanabe, the sole survivor among the eight Japanese caught in a 1 July terrorist attack at a restaurant in Bangladesh, told Japanese police that he managed to hide from attackers in the establishment’s garden, investigative sources said Wednesday.

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UK’s new finance minister: We will do whatever is necessary after Brexit

LONDON — Britain’s new finance minister, Philip Hammond, said on Thursday that he would do whatever is necessary to steady the economy and restore confidence after the Brexit vote.

Hammond, 60, was appointed by Britain’s new Prime Minister Theresa May to run the world’s fifth largest economy. He was previously Foreign Secretary.

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Afghan forces kill eight militants

FAIZABAD — Eight Taliban insurgents have been killed and a few others injured as clashes erupted in Darayam district of the northern Afghan province of Badakshan on Thursday, an army spokesman Nazratullah Jamshidi said.

The clashes flared up after the militants targeted security checkpoints in some villages, according to the official, adding security forces retaliated, forcing militants to flee after leaving behind eight bodies on the battle ground.

However, the official avoided commenting on the possible casualties of security forces.

Taliban militants have yet to make comment on the situation in the said district.—Xinhua

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump (R) and Indiana Governor Mike Pence (L) wave to the crowd before addressing the crowd during a campaign stop at the Grand Park Events Centre in Westfield, Indiana, on 12 July 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS
Kerry seeks Russian cooperation despite deep misgivings within US administration

WASHINGTON — US Secretary of State John Kerry headed to Moscow on Thursday to again seek deeper Russian cooperation in the war against Islamic State in Syria, but he faces strong opposition from defence and intelligence officials who argue that Washington and Moscow have diametrically opposite objectives in the country.

Kerry’s trip, which State Department officials say is his second to the Russian capital this year and his third in 12 months, takes place as US-Russian relations have worsened with tit-for-tat diplomatic expulsions, aggressive Russian maneuvers towards US aircraft and vessels, and a disregard for a cessation of hostilities in Syria, where Russia has bombarded US-backed rebels.

Relations between Moscow and Washington also remain strained over the Ukraine crisis and what the Kremlin considers the US’s unjustified activities along its borders, raising fears that disagreements could escalate into confrontations, either accidental in Syria or the result of miscalculations in the air and naval encounters from the Baltics to the Black Sea.

Yet Kerry, it seems, still hopes for closer collaboration with Russia, to the disbelief of many officials who say Washington has no strategy on how to deal with the challenges Russia poses in Europe and Syria.

“It isn’t clear why the secretary of state thinks he can enlist the Russians to support the administration’s goals in Syria,” said one US intelligence official.

“He’s ignoring the fact that the Russians and their Syrian allies have made no distinction between bombing ISIS and killing members of the moderate opposition, including some people that we’ve trained,” the official said, using an acronym for the militant group.

“Why would we share intelligence and targeting information with people who’ve been doing that?”

US intelligence officers are incensed by the administration’s continued overtures to Russia, in part because they say the Russians knew that two rebel camps they bombed this week were far from any Islamic State fighters and housed US-backed rebels or their families.

The first attack, on Monday, killed at least 123 people and injured scores more, many of them CIA-trained rebels and military or intelligence officers from allied Arab countries, said three US intelligence officials. The second, on Tuesday, killed at least 12 rebel fighters at a nearby base, they said.

The camps, the officials said, are in a no-man’s-land on Syria’s border with Jordan devoid of any Syrian troops or Islamic State fighters, and the Russians attacked it deliberately, the officials said. It was not immediately possible to seek comment from officials in Moscow. Other officials argue it is naive to think that because the Russians say they, too, are seeking a negotiated end to Syria’s civil war — which, according to the United Nations, has claimed some 400,000 lives -- Moscow’s goal is compatible with that of the United States and its Arab and European allies.

“The Russians want a settlement that would keep Syrian President Bashar al-Assad or some replacement acceptable to them in power,” said a defence official, who like others who discussed the schism in the admission agreed to do so only on condition of anonymity.

“The president has said that Assad has got to go, and our allies, especially the Saudis, hold that view very strongly. In fact, they keep asking us why we’re cozying up to Moscow,” — Reuters

France to deploy aircraft carrier against Islamic State

PARIS — France will deploy its Charles de Gaulle aircraft carrier to the Middle East in the autumn to participate in operations against Islamic State militants, President Francois Hollande said on Wednesday.

“The battle group, which includes the Charles de Gaulle, will again be deployed to operation Chammal… because we have to strike back at those who attacked us here in January and November 2015,” Hollande said during a speech ahead of the French national day military parade on 14 July." — Reuters

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Britain’s new PM May gives Johnson big job, says needs time before Brexit talks

LONDON—Theresa May became Britain’s prime minister on Wednesday with the task of leading it out of the European Union, and quickly named leading ‘Brexit’ supporter Boris Johnson to key positions in her new government.

The former Conservative interior minister, 59, said after being appointed by Queen Elizabeth that she would champion social justice and carve out a bright new future for Britain after last month’s shock referendum vote to quit the EU.

“We will rise to the challenge. As we leave the European Union we will forge a bold new positive role for ourselves in the world, and we will make Britain a country that works not for a privileged few, but for every one of us,” she said outside 10 Downing Street, vacated hours earlier by David Cameron.

Cameron stepped down after Britons rejected his entreaties to stay in the EU, a decision that has set back European efforts to forge greater unity and created huge uncertainty in Britain and across the 28-nation bloc.

May faced immediate pressure from EU leaders to serve formal notice of Britain’s withdrawal and set the clock ticking on a two-year countdown to its final departure.

In phone calls with German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Francois Hollande, May said she needed time.

“On all the phone calls, the prime minister emphasised his commitment to delivering the will of the British people to leave the European Union,” a spokeswoman for May said.

“The prime minister explained that we would need some time to prepare for these negotiations and spoke of her hope that these could be conducted in a constructive and positive spirit.”

Just over an hour after entering her new office, she started naming ministers, appointing the steady and experienced foreign minister Philip Hammond to take charge of the finance ministry. He replaces George Osborne, whose determination to balance Britain’s books made him synonymous with austerity.

In a major surprise, May named Johnson, a leading eurosceptic who had until recently been seen as her main rival for the prime minister’s job, to take over as foreign secretary.

Another prominent ‘Leave’ campaigners were also rewarded. One, David Davis, took the key role of Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union. Another, Liam Fox, was named to head a new international trade department.

May herself had sided with Cameron in trying to keep Britain inside the EU, so needed to reach out to the winning Leave side in order to heal divisions in the ruling party and show her commitment to respecting the popular vote.

“Brexit means Brexit” has quickly become her new mantra.

By awarding such a senior job to Johnson, she also showed a conciliatory side. The two had clashed over policing in London while Johnson was serving as mayor. And since last month’s vote, for which he campaigned vigorously, Johnson had suffered widespread criticism and ridicule for failing to present a clear Brexit plan and swiftly dropping out of the leadership race.

With his unkempt blonde hair, bumbling humour and penchant for Latin quotations, the man known to Britons simply as ‘Boris’ will be the government’s most colourful figure, but a controversial choice for conducting sensitive diplomacy with world leaders.

As asked by a reporter whether he would apologise to US President Barack Obama for controversially saying the “part-Kenyan” president was biased against Britain because of “an ancestral dislike of the British empire”, Johnson said: “The United States of America will be in the front of the queue.”

The quip was a reference to a comment by Obama during Britain’s EU referendum campaign that the country would be at the back of the queue for trade deals if it voted to leave the bloc. Among other appointments, rising star Amber Rudd switched from the energy ministry to take May’s old job as Home Secretary.—Reuters

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Cameroon is abusing rights in its fight against Boko Haram — Amnesty

YAOUNDE — Authorities in Cameroon have arbitrarily arrested more than 1,000 people as part of their fight against Islamist militant group Boko Haram and dozens have died of disease or been tortured to death, Amnesty International said on Thursday.

Up to eight people are dying each month in Mora Prison in the capital of Far North region and prisoners are kept in inhumane, overcrowded and unsanitary conditions, Amnesty said in a report. “Cameroon is pursuing the right objective, but in arbitrarily arresting, torturing and subjecting people to enforced disappearances the authorities are using the wrong means,” said Alioune Tine, regional director for the human rights group.

Amnesty called on the government to implement measures to prevent abuses including an end to arbitrary arrests and torture and said the government should ensure detainees have access to their families and to lawyers. The government is yet to comment on the report, which was based on interviews starting last October with more than 200 people in the Far North region that borders Nigeria and Chad.

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Ranking shows rich
nations is not leading
way to end poverty,
inequality

NEW YORK — Most of
the world’s richest coun-
tries failed to earn top
marks on their progress
toward reaching the Uni-
eted Nations’ goals to end
poverty and inequality,
with only Germany and
the United Kingdom in
the top ten, according to a
list published on Thursday.
The United States ranked
25th on the index
of 149 countries, scor-
ning poorly on promoting
green energy and fighting
inequality and climate
change, said the ranking
by the UN Sustainable
Development Solutions
Network and Bertelsmann
Stiftung, a German social
responsibility foundation.
UN member states agreed
in 2015 to 17 ambitious goals
to tackle the world’s most
troubling problems such as
inequality, poverty and
climate change.
The agenda is to be
implemented over the next
15 years, with a big push
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DALLAS — Thousands
of police officers joined
ordinary citizens attended
funerals on Wednesday for
of the nine killed in this
week’s shooting. The
funerals came a
day after President Barack
Obama praised the slain of-
ficers’ heroism, condemned
the deaths as an “act not just
of dumb violence but of
terror” and made an
impassioned plea for national
unity.

The first funerals were
held in Dallas, while the
funerals will be
held in Baton Rouge.

“I feel that people in general,
experts warned that some
countries might be re-
flect in, speak of,
address certain
issues such as climate
change and gender equal-
ity.

A study by Bertels-
mann Stiftung last year
predicted that the United
States would be among
nations least likely to meet
goal of no new
international
theft
by
2020.

Despite repayment to the
company of the above-
mentioned cash amount, it has
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15 July 2016

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Hollywood stands behind Jennifer Aniston’s take on media sexism

Calvin Harris takes to social media to criticise Taylor Swift

Leonardo DiCaprio’s foundation grants USD 15.7m to stop climate change

Amber Heard meets ex-girlfriend amid legal battle with Depp
Israeli athletes pay tribute to Munich Games victims ahead of Rio

TEL AVIV — Athletes and officials representing Israel at the Olympics in Rio next month held a memorial service on Wednesday for the 11 Israelis killed by Palestinian gunmen during the 1972 Munich Games.

Two members of the Israeli team — gymnast Neta Rivkin, who will be Israel’s flag bearer at the opening ceremony, and windsurfer Shahar Tzuberi — laid a wreath at a memorial monument during the ceremony in Tel Aviv that was also attended by relatives of those killed.

On 5 September 1972, Israeli Olympic team members were taken hostage at the athletes’ village by Palestinian gunmen from the Black September group.

Within 24 hours, 11 Israelis, five Palestinians and a German policeman were dead after a standoff and subsequent rescue effort erupted into gunfire.

— Reuters

Hollande’s haircuts set French social media alight

PARIS — French social media was abuzz with suggestions of novel haircuts for Francois Hollande on Wednesday after it emerged that the French president’s receding hairline was maintained by a costly, round-the-clock hairdresser.

Satirical newspaper L Canard Enchaîné triggered the fuss with a report, later confirmed by the government, that the 61-year-old was paying nearly 10,000 euros a month to keep his hair in shape.

“Everyone gets haircuts,” government spokesman Stephane Le Foll said. “This hairdresser had to abandon his salon and he’s on tap 24 hours a day.”

le Foll confirmed the report that Hollande’s hairdresser was paid 9,985 euros ($8,342 pounds) per month, but stressed that the operational budget of the presidential Elysee Palace was cut by 15 to 20 per cent after Hollande took over from Nicolas Sarkozy in 2012.

Twitter fans made fun of it all with altered photographs and videos, showing Hollande with rock-and-roll or punk haircuts, and in various other guises as the Queen of England, former Paris Saint-Germain soccer star Zlatan Ibrahimovic, and the president’s ex-partner Valerie Trierweiller.

— Reuters

Fashion forward flight attendants hit the runway at Russia airport

MOSCOW — Flights attendants from various international airlines hit the runway at Moscow’s Domodedovo airport on Tuesday — but on a catwalk to showcase how fashion influences their uniforms.

Cabin crew members strutted down in their outfits to highlight the care that goes into selecting the design, colour and style of the uniforms flight attendants wear.

with traditional costumes sometimes providing inspiration.

Tuesday’s fashion show was timed to mark Flight Attendant Day celebrated in Russia on 12 July.

— Reuters
Sunderland confirm manager Allardyce in England talks

LONDON — Sunderland have given permission to the Football Association (FA) to speak to manager Sam Allardyce about the vacant England post, the Premier League club said on Wednesday.

Allardyce, 61, is one of the favourites to succeed Roy Hodgson, who resigned last month after England’s humiliating exit from the European Championship at the hands of Iceland.

Sunderland said the ongoing speculation over the future of Allardyce, who, according to British media, has already been interviewed by a three-man FA panel, was “extremely damaging” to the club.

“Sam is very much key to our plans,” the club, which narrowly escaped relegation last season, said in a statement.

“After what was an extremely challenging season, we are keen to see a period of stability, both on and off the field, and we want him to remain as manager of our football club.”

Sunderland said it allowed the FA to contact Allardyce at the manager’s request but sought a quick end to the uncertainty.

“...we urge the FA to respect the disruption that this process is causing and bring about a swift resolution to the matter,” the club added.

Bournemouth manager Eddie Howe, former England coach Glenn Hoddle, Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger and United States manager Jurgen Klinsmann have also been linked with the post by the local media.—Reuters

Ghost of victories past return to haunt Korean champions

SEOUL — As the rest of the world’s top women golfers were playing for millions of dollars in prize money at the US Open last week, South Korea’s Ko Jin-young was half a world away dreaming of what might have been.

One of the brightest young talents in women’s golf, Ko made her mark on the world stage by finishing second at last year’s British Open and has risen to 33rd in the world despite playing outside the US circuit, where events offer far more money and world ranking points than the domestic Korean Tour.

While Ko received an invitation to the US Open, the most prestigious tournament in women’s golf, and one she dearly wanted to play, there was one thing holding her back — the threat of a $100,000 fine from the KLPGA.

The 21-year-old, who won the 2015 Chojung Spar-kling-Yongpyong Resort Open with SBS, was a victim of the KLPGA’s “Defending Champion” rule, which demands golfers repay all the prize money from a tournament they win if they do not come back the following year.

Aimed at discouraging players from taking up invitations to foreign tournaments when there is a clash with Korean events, the KLPGA told Reuters “Regulation 14-2” helped the Tour flourish by giving sponsors value for money and bringing in more fans.

“It is a player’s duty to defend their title,” the KLPGA told Reuters by telephone. “The regulation is a promise to fans that the champion will be back next year. It also makes sponsors happy to have the champion come back.”

“Appearing in a tournament as a defending champion is an honour for a player.”

That honour can sometimes become a burden, however. Players have had to turn down invites to high-profile foreign tournaments including the US Open because of the KLPGA’s ruling.

With domestic tours around the world losing many of their top players to the lucrative US and European circuits, the KLPGA is not alone in threatening financial sanctions on those who do not defend their titles.—Reuters

Murray to miss Britain’s Davis Cup quarter-final

LONDON — Wimbledon champion Andy Murray will miss Britain’s Davis Cup quarter-final clash against Serbia with captain Leon Smith naming Kyle Edmund and James Ward as his two singles players on Wednesday.

Murray was instrumental in helping Britain to their first Davis Cup victory for 79 years last November, but had suggested it was unlikely he would feature against Serbia, who are also missing their world No. 1 Novak Djokovic.

In the doubles, Andy’s brother Jamie, ranked fifth in the world, will partner doubles specialist Dominic Inglot.

“This date is a real nightmare for everybody, not just for him (Andy Murray), because it’s not easy to change surface again,” Smith told reporters.

“I was hopeful last week that he would play but then he goes and wins Wimbledon and has Olympics and US Open coming up and I hope he does well there also. As a team we are all delighted for him”

“I hope he comes out Thursday or Friday to support the team.”

World number 73 Daniel Evans, who was named in the initial squad, also missed out due to personal issues and a shoulder injury.

Murray has committed to playing at the 2016 Rio Olympics, where he looks to defend his title.

The quarter-finals will take place between 15-17 July at the Tasmajdan Stadium in Belgrade.—Reuters

Barcelona sign France defender Digne from Paris St Germain

MADRID — Barcelona have signed France international Lucas Digne from Paris St Germain on a five-year contract for an initial fee of 16.5 million euros (£13.8 million), the Spanish champions said on Wednesday.

The 22-year-old left back spent last season on loan at AS Roma, where he scored once in 32 Serie A appearances as the Italian club finished third in the table.

“FC Barcelona have reached an agreement with Paris Saint-Germain FC to sign the 22-year-old French player Lucas Digne for the next five seasons,” the club said on their website (www.fcbarcelona.com). “Barca have paid an initial 16.5 million euros plus another (four million) possible according to individual and team results.”

Digne’s buy-out clause is 60 million euros.

Digne, who also had a spell with French club Lille, was in his country’s squad at the European Championship, where they lost in the final to Portugal in extra time. He has 13 caps.—Reuters