First Anniversary of Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement held

A CEREMONY to celebrate the first anniversary of signing the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement was held in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The ceremony was opened with an address by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Chairperson of the National Reconciliation and Peace Centre and State Counsellor, greetings of Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and Saw Mutu Saek Poe, Chairman of KNU, on behalf of the signatories to the NCA.

Following the addresses, Chairman of the Peace Commission Dr Tin Myo Win and General Secretary of the KNU Pad Po Saw Kwe Htoo Win read out the summary of the NCA.

The following are salient points from the speech delivered by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, the State Counsellor and chairman of NRPC, at the first anniversary of the NCA.

I BELIEVE progress has been made over the past year. I would like to appreciate and honour the previous government led by former president U Thein Sein for their (important) contribution to the signing of this NCA.

As known to all, the first step is the most important step when treading on a path. And this step has already been taken to move forward. We are all aware that those who we would like to participate and those who are worth participating are not yet included. All inclusiveness is very important to our country. Peace is a treasure which cannot be exchanged for whatsoever thing. Reflecting in the wording NCA, the notion of fire struck my mind. Should we want peace and ceasefire, we had better start with extinguishing of anger and prejudice which are likened to fire burning inside our heart and soul. So, only when all the individuals and organizations involved can subdue their fire-like anger and prejudice, will we be able to achieve the genuine peace.

And only when these fire-like mindsets can be calmed down within our organizations, will the worries of the (entire) people can be relieved to naught. So, ceasefire should be meant for extinguishing the fiery concerns of our people. All organizations are wanted to reflect on this very notion of the two semantic components of cease and fire. We have our own opinion, we can’t deny. But I’m confident we are all able to overcome these bitter experiences. What we ought to compete is who the most forgiving individuals and/or organizations are. We are not to compete in our firing power. We need to vie with one another for our fire-extinguishing power. The whole country is watching us with great expectation.

There is a world famous saying: Many can be deceived for a while, some, forever but all cannot be done so forever. People will know in the long run. What appeals to me more is an advice by a senior monk from Inle region in around 1988.
Saw Mutu Sae Poe, Chairman of KNU, extends greetings at the first anniversary of signing NCA

Following are the excerpts of the greetings of Saw Mutu Sae Poe

THE NCA is essential for the correct path to maintain all-round stability in Myanmar, which is important for the peace and prosperity geopolitically. We are proud and glad to be able to participate with EAOs to restore genuine peace and to find a political solution to the problems based on the NCA. It is necessary for all of us to envision a democratic federal union. The NCA and the peace process also serve as an important pillar for international support and lifting of sanctions we are now enjoying. Although the international community is supporting us, everything depends on the NCA, including how much effort we can exert to bring about positive development, how serious we are on national reconciliation, and which tasks and mechanisms we will develop.

It is necessary to avoid the use of force in our attempts to adopt and exercise the new political culture of the NCA and in finding political solutions through political means. I would like to call for a continued effort to develop precise reform policies to enable us to escape from the influence of the past experiences and lessons. For instance, it is necessary for the on-going armed conflicts in northern Myanmar. Will the inclusive reform path be clear only when the public is allowed to take part in the genuine reform. Only then, can success be achieved.

It is necessary for various levels of all signatories to the NCA to understand and seek the essence of the agreement such as equality, cooperation and negotiation to implement the agreement without derailment from the essences at any situation. Although incidents are understandable, intentional attacks are not acceptable. Leaders from both sides are responsible to reach an agreement on interpretation of the NCA. I would like to call for all to continue to negotiate with all seriousness some parts of the NCA that have yet to be implemented for various reasons.

Though, Myanmar is enjoying the diplomatic progress and international recognition for commencing political dialogues within the one-year’s period of the NCA and holding the Union Peace Conference — 21st Century Panglong, it should also be remembered that there are still weaknesses in implementing the NCA.

Although efforts are being made to hold political dialogues to rebuild the nation in accordance with the provision of the NCA, I would like to call for continued strengthening of dialogue space among NCA signatories. In spite of the fact that joint committees are dialogue spaces for leaders of both sides, I would like to point out that it is important to hold meaningful political discussions.

Although dialogues spaces exist to some extent at the union level, there are weaknesses to create dialogue spaces for region and state levels. Therefore, it is necessary to move from what seems to be elite peace process to inclusive peace process.

National reconciliations is of utmost importance for the success of the peace process. Therefore, on behalf of NCA signatories, I would like to call for the government and the Tatmadaw with all seriousness to ease policies and suspend the use of force in order to pave way for non-signatories to sign the NCA. It is also necessary for both sides to negotiate and make bargains in political dialogues to build enduring peace desired by the people through the process of respect, recognition and joint implementation of the NCA among the government, the Tatmadaw and ethnic armed groups.

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate at the first anniversary of the NCA to pursue the political solution through political means without resorting to the use of force and call on all to build together a new, stable, harmonious and peaceful democratic federal union that will enable Myanmar to enjoy its previous prestige not only in Asia but also in the world. (An unofficial translation)

Statement of the First Anniversary of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement 15th October, 2016

1. The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and ethnic armed groups signed the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement which guarantees equal rights for every individual. In doing so, it agrees to include all persons who are worth participating in political dialogues, based on needs and wishes of all national races.

2. This agreement, that includes 7 chapters and 33 paragraphs, has strengthened and further improved the previous agreements signed by the government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and ethnic armed groups.

3. This agreement, along with the aim of non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of the national solidarity and the perpetuation of sovereignty, is targeted to build a federal democratic state endowed with rights to social equality, freedom and self determination, that is the essence of Panglong Spirit, based on the results of the political dialogues.

4. Besides, parties agree to set up a political culture to deal with any political issues by political means, void of the use of military forces so that we can achieve eternal peace and tranquility which guarantees equal rights for every individua.

5. By respecting the provisions of the NCA and finding political solutions through political dialogues peacefully, further steps will be taken to move forwards on the way to build a union based on federalism. It has also been agreed not just to implement the ceasefire but also to continue it.

6. In addition, parties made guarantees for political dialogues. As provisions of the NCA are foundations for peace agreed upon by all parties, implementation of the provisions will be an important step towards the future union. By jointly implementing tasks included in the NCA, a lasting new peace process aiming at resolving conflicts will be developed and a union on the basis of democracy and federalism can be built in accordance with the outcomes of the union peace process.

(KNU Chairman Saw Mutu Sae Poe.)

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7. A political road map has been approved in order to be able to accomplish the whole peace process. We agree to form a joint committee for national peace dialogue, consisting of all persons, worth participating for successful implementation, and to compile a framework on political dialogue and hold dialogue at all levels hereafter.

8. The government had erased the illegal organizations that signed in the agreement from the barlist so as to build the trust in the peace process as agreed initially.

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Let bygones be bygones

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He gave me two case studies of U Poe Sein, a great theatrical artist of his days, and Sein Bayda, the leader of a famous Myanmar orchestra. The former is noted for his skills in negotiation of steps whereas the latter is a world famous performer. Our reverend monk said that although Poe Sein, the great, is highly skillful in negotiations of steps, the audience know when he misses one movement in performance. Similarly, although the audience cannot perform as good as Sein Bayda, they know when he misses a beat. The message he would like to give to me is to never think lowly of my supporters, followers and fans.
So, I’d like to advise you all not to underestimate the reasoning power of our people. So, I want you all to take steps forward with the popular support. In this regard, we need to be courageous enough to tread on the path of change. Naturally, we are more convenient with our daily routine activities. But to start something new, we need courage, (correct) thinking, qualification. I believe we are all possessed with this ability. It is sorrowful to learn that there are still some organizations who have not signed NCA yet. What I’d like to say is who harbours greater magnanimity—the government, the Tatmadaw or the indigenous organizations? Who are more forgiving? Who are living in the present, forgetting the past? Instead of competing with one another in firing power, we’d better vie in fire-fighting power.
Then the state counsellor talked about the seven-point roadmap (separately reported on the front page).
Concerning the democratic federal union, I’ve repeatedly explained what democracy means. But I don’t think it is still not enough. So, I’d like to reiterate that democracy has both rights and responsibilities. The rule by people is a system of governance under which each individual is responsible. So, I’d like all those involved in this peace process to bring the responsibilities to the fore, leaving the rights behind. Let bygones be bygones.
Nothing is permanent, it is said. So, we’d better ponder over what kind of heritage we’ll leave to the country when we leave (this earth). I’d like you all to leave legacy that will have a historical value. It’s easier said than done. It’s really difficult (to admonish oneself), to extinguish the internal fire. As known to you all, the flames of war are raging rather wildly in Rakhine State which we need to put out.
The external fire can be extinguished in no time but the anger and hatred burning in our heart and soul will be rather difficult to bring under control. So, subduing these evil feelings is incumbent upon each and everybody. We’re all responsible to avoid talking hate speech, putting the fuel into the fire, fans the flame, saying the frost is fire. We are brave enough to take drastic, legal action within the framework of law. I’m confident we’ll be supported by our people.
So, who want the genuine peace? Who don’t want it? These people will know soon. And the people will be watching closely. As we’re treading on the path to democracy, we’d lay emphasis on public opinion, public idea and public view. I don’t say our people are always right. They may stay on a wrong path for some period of time. But they will not always be in wrong direction. If there are things they don’t understand, it is our duty to clarify things. As long as people understand (the situation) well enough, they are believed to support the peace process in a correct manner.
May I conclude by saying that I understand you brethren may have harboured some bitter feelings. I request you not to look back at the past, just draw lessons from it. Just think of our future generations in a manner in which they will not suffer the woes and sorrows we have felt in our past. Leave the best heritage to your nation i.e. peace. To achieve it, put out the fire burning in your heart and soul. This is my request.
I thank you. (An unofficial translation)

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(The summary of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement is covered separately.)
The ceremony is attended by President U Htin Kyaw, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Vice Presidents U Myint Swe and U Henry Van Thoo, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Win Myint, Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw Mahn Win Khaiing Thun, Union Chief Justice U Htun Htun Oo, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal U Myo Nyunt, Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Hla Thein, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice Senior General Soe Win, leaders from eight signatory groups to the NCA, Union ministers, chairmen and members of the parliamentary committees, members of the Union Peace Working Committee, members of the Peace Commission and supporting committees, MPs, military representatives, representatives of the political parties, diplomats and NCA witnesses and officials. —Myanmar News Agency

Peace Commission, DPN hold 2nd meeting

PEACE Commission and the Delegation for Political Dialogues held their second meeting in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.
At the meeting, Chairman Dr Tin Myo Win called for finding common solution for achieving peace in the country, stressing the need to hold meetings frequently between the two sides to achieve success as the peace making process is on the right path. U Khu Oo Rae, Leader of DPN also called for holding the negotiation with mutual understanding.
The meeting was attended by members of the Peace Commission, chairman and members of the advisory committee and members of the DPN. Representatives of the signatories to NCA including the Restoration Council of Shan State-RCSS, Karen National Union-KNU, the All Burma Students’ Democratic Front and the Pa-O National Liberation Organization-PNLO were also present at the meeting as observers.
The meeting focused on proposals of the United Nationalities Federal Council-UNFC. —Myanmar News Agency

Four violent attackers captured in Maungtaw

SECURITY forces captured four violent attackers including Corfamuita, Commarluhuda, Na-duhuda and Habutahsem near Rida village in Maungtaw yesterday. They were transferred to the Kyaiyangchung Police Station. Meanwhile, violent attackers ambushed U Thant Tun and U Khang Thway from Kanthaya (Upper) Village, at about 10 am yesterday. They were on their way to cut bamboo in the forest while they were attacked and U Thant Tun was injured in his stomach. Security forces were combing the area to find the violent attackers. Meanwhile, Security forces had to shoot to capture three violent attackers in Lakeang Village in Maungtaw Township yesterday.
While they were conducted area clearance operation in the village, the three violent attackers including one man and two woman attacked Police Corporal Thaung Nyo and Police Privates Htet Zaw Oo and Khin Soe with swords and tried to flee. The security forces had shot them. No police were injured in the incident. —Myawady

President U Htin Kyaw and State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, two vice presidents and Senior General Min Aung Hlaing arrive to attend the ceremony to celebrate first anniversary of signing the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement.
PHOTO: MNA
Meeting held to implement peace, stability, development in Rakhine State

CENTRAL Committee on Implementation of Peace, Stability and Development of Rakhine State held its meeting at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

At the meeting, union ministers, who toured Rakhine State, clarified recent deadly attacks in the state and discussed their experiences of the mission and suggestions for stability of the state with participants of the meeting including State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

Present at the meeting were Union Ministers Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, Lt-Gen Sein Win, Li-Gen Ye Aung, Dr Pe Myint, Thura U Aung Ko, U Thein Swe, Dr Win Myat Aye and U Kyaw Tint Swe, Union Attorney-General U Htin Htun Oo, Deputy Ministers U Kyaw Tin, Maj-Gen Aung Soe, Maj-Gen Than Htut, U Khin Maung Tin, Chief of Myanmar Police Force and departmental officials.— Myanmar News Agency

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Blacklist for entrepreneurs who fail to pay jetty taxes

MANDALAY Region authorities will blacklist entrepreneurs who fail to pay their jetty taxes within a specified time frame, says U Toe Aung Lin, Director of the Department of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems in Mandalay.

According to the official figures released by the department, there are about 30 entrepreneurs who failed to pay their taxes on businesses which used the Mandalay Jetty, Shwekyetjetty Jetty and Nyaung U Jetty during the last two fiscal years.

U Toe Aung Lin said authorities plan to place these businesses on the blacklist as allowed in current law, adding that no blacklisted persons can operate their business on any jetty within the region.

The department collects three different types of jetty tax from local entrepreneurs. The revenues are used to fund development projects by regional government. The department received around 120 applicants wishing to operate in those three jetties for the year 2016-2017. Priorities will be given to those who are can reduce negative environmental impacts.—Aung Thant Khaing

Media invited to press conference on Rakhine State

PRESS conference on the tour of the delegation led by Union Ministers Dr Pe Myint, to Rakhine State will be held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw on 17 October.

Local and foreign media are invited to the press conference.

Tatmadaw helicopter evacuate 42 more people in Maungtaw

THE Tatmadaw is evacuating government staff and local people to safe places with helicopters and motor vehicles due to violent attacks in Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State.

Yesterday, Tatmadaw helicopters evacuated 42 people from Ywetnyotaw Village including teachers to Maungtaw. Tatmadaw helicopters also transported manee noodles, soft drinks, biscuits, tins donated by the families of the Defence Service (Army, Navy and Air Force) and the food was delivered to Taungpyow, Thayet and Ywetnyotaw Villages by officers.— Myawady

Ferry capsizes in Chindwin River, several feared dead

A crowded passenger ferry capsized in the Chindwin River in Kanni, Sagaing Region, after hitting a rock, killing several people and leaving at least a dozen missing, according to local people.

The ferry was reportedly carrying about 300 passengers, and so far 155 survivors have been pulled from the river after the ferry capsized. Four were confirmed dead, according to local authorities.

The private ferry left from Homelin to Monywa, Sagaing Region. Search-and-rescue operation is still being carried out in the river.

Local philanthropic organizations are also participating in the search-and-rescue operations being closely supervised by the Sagaing Region Government.— Thi Thi Min

Search and rescue operation in the Chindwin River.

Photo: Min Thant Naing
Greetings of Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the first anniversary of the NCA

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing. Photo: MNA

TODAY the Nationwide Ceasefire—NCA reached its first anniversary. The NCA was signed by the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Government authorities and armed ethnic groups with the aim of restoring a durable eternal peace through all-inclusive political dialogues. I felt honoured to have the opportunity to extend greetings on this auspicious occasion. At the same time, I wish all the participants and the entire national brethren peace and tranquility.

Our country faced bitter experiences of the colonial administrative machinery, and when we regained independence the country was in chaos alongside the internal disagreements which indeed was the evil legacy of colonialism. Of the peace processes carried out all along the successful periods since the regaining of independence, the NCA, which marks the first anniversary ceremony at present, in fact is the first ever accord signed by a greater number of multiple organizations and forces and international representatives. I would like to thank the organizations to carefully abide by and implement the NCA which was hardly signed. It is visible that the process of the NCA has successfully accomplished without any difficulties due to solving the misunderstanding cases at the basic level. I would like to suggest we need to carry on the tasks to have better situation.

The most basic and the principle requirement for the durability and usefulness of people-agreed multiparty democracy we are exercising at present is peace and stability. The previous Tatmadaw government in laying sound foundations for multiparty democracy also prioritized the work of ending armed conflicts. Motivated by the conviction that the internal peace and stability is the most basic and the principle requirement for the durable and stable nation, the Tatmadaw and the NCA paved the way for building true, permanent peace. This peace would be stable and secure only when it is implemented systematically and step by step. Polities is the Art of Possible, but not about wishes. In implementing the peace process, only when we focus on the possible and pragmatic things rather our wishes, will we be able to achieve permanent peace which we eye for in certain period of time. Peace and stability is preciseness for establishing a genuine democracy. For our country to obtain peace and stability, ethnic armed conflicts must be ended. It needs to carry out the processes to bring ethnic armed conflicts to an end in line with the international procedures. The NCA (Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement) is the initial step of processes. The meetings and negotiations without the ceasefire would be for sure filled with mistrust, bristles and the tendency to take arms again in the face of some small difficulties. As we built trust in making peace processes based on honesty of ethnic minorities, it is important for further cementing the process and maintaining the pledge. Therefore, if we accept democracy, we need to abandon the obsession to the armed struggle line which is the opposition of democracy. For this to happen, we have the NCA which has been agreed by the respective forces. The NCA clearly states ceasefire process and future plans.

Therefore, the Tatmadaw has adopted and upholds six-point peace policy and urges the ethnic armed groups to sign the NCA. Signing the NCA will bring many advantages to our country. Such as the political and economic situations of our country will be brightened, and peace has prevailed in the regions of signatories and local people can earn their livelihood safely as well as the state will be able to transcend the forces of two sides. Therefore, I would like to urge the non-signatories to follow the good example. In marching toward multiparty democracy which people aspire, it is important that we take steps in line with democratic practices. Peace-building process of the respective organizations must be found through dialogue and negotiation. And the door has been kept open for this. Turning a blind eye to ethnic armed groups about the demands out of a gun barrel is just the reverse of democracy. These demands cause damage to the peace which is the basis of our country. The strength of the nation lies within. And it could also present the fundamental principle that peace and stability. It needs a long time for implement the peace processes, people will face loss of life and property as well as the state will be behind development. As such, it needs to complete the Peace Conference through signing the NCA as quickly as possible by serving the interest of the State and the ethnicities.

In conclusion, the NCA is not a demand of the government or the Tatmadaw alone or of a particular ethnic armed group, but it is the outcome of the negotiations between the government and ethnic armed groups about the State’s demands. It should not try for heading towards the national level meetings beyond the NCA issues without signing the NCA. History will witness what we did, which policy we upheld and how peace was built. I would like to conclude here by calling for joining in the process of the NCA. We cannot let the first anniversary of the NCA to set an example to future generations as the persons who had built peaceful and strong Union. Thank you! (From Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Facebook)
Two new Zika cases occur in Viet Nam, raising total number to seven

HO CHI MINH CITY — Two women from Viet Nam’s Ho Chi Minh City have been tested positive to Zika virus, raising the total number of Zika patients in the country to seven, the city’s District 2 and a 43-year-old woman from District 12; both of them have recovered.

Among the seven Zika cases, four are from Ho Chi Minh City, and one from southern Binh Duong Province, and the two central provinces of Khanh Hoa and Phu Yen each. Viet Nam’s Health Minis-

tery has urged health departments and localities nationwide to keep surveillance on suspected cases, take samples for testing, kill mosquitoes and larvae, and pay due attention to pregn-

ant women and those who plan to conceive.—Xinhua

Two Polish men arrested in A$145 million Australian MDMA bust

SYDNEY — Australian Federal Police said on Saturday they had arrested two Polish men in connection with the seizure of 1.2 tonnes of crystal MDMA, the main chemical used in ecstasy pills.

A raid on a storage facility in Sydney’s north on Thursday uncovered the drugs — Australia’s largest seizure this year — in a consignment of aluminium rollers imported from the Czech Republic, police said. The haul equates to more than 4.1 million ecstasy tablets, with an estimated street value of $145 million.

“Not only is it the largest drug seizure we’ve seen in 2016, it’s the fourth-largest MDMA haul in Australian history,” AFP Deputy Commissioner of Operations Justine Saum-

ders said at press confer-

ence.—Reuters

India, Russia agree missile sales, joint venture for helicopters

GOA, (India) — India and Russia on Saturday an-

nounced plans to set up a joint venture to build land-

based missile systems in India, which will also buy surface-to-air missile systems from its former Cold War ally, as the two tighten their military relationship.

The pacts were signed after summit talks be-

tween Russian President Vladimir Putin and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in India’s western resort state of Goa, where leaders from the BRICS group of emerging nations are meeting.

Indian military offi-


cials have said the plan is for the joint venture to build at least 200 Kamov helicopters required by the country’s defence forc-


es, and is part of Modi’s drive to build a defence industrial base in the south Asian nation.

The S-400 surface-

to-air missiles are meant to strengthen In-

dia’s defences along its borders with China and Pakistan, Indian mili-

tary officials have said. —Reuters

Regent to stand in as grieving Thailand awaits new king

BANGKOK — The head of Thailand’s royal advisory council will stand in as regent while the country grieves over the death of King Bhumibol Adulyadej and awaits for his son to formally succeed him, the government said.

Mourners lit candles and recited prayers before dawn on Saturday outside Bangko

kg’s riverside Grand Palace, where the remains of the king will lie for months before a traditional royal cremation, and thou-


sand people lined the streets.

“I didn’t ever want to

qualifier against Australia with Russian President Vladimir Putin during a photo opportunity ahead of India-Russia Annual Summit in Benaulim, in the western state of Goa, India, on 15 October 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

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The government has said Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn wants to grieve with the people and leave the formal succession until later, when parliament will invite him to ascend the throne.

Deputy Prime Min-

ister Wissanu Krea-ngam said in an interview broad-

cast on state television late on Friday that there was no uncertainty about the suc-

cession but, in the interim, the head of the powerful Privy Council would have
to step in as regent.

“There must be a re-

gent for the time being in order not to create a gap,” Wissanu said.

“Such a situation will not be used for long,” he added, without mentioning by name Privy Council head 96-year-old Prem Tinsu-

lanonda, a former army chief and prime minister.

Prince Vajiralong-

korn does not enjoy the same adoration his father earned over a lifetime on the throne. He has married and divorced three times, and has spent much of his life outside Thailand, often in Germany.

The king’s remains were taken in a convoy on Friday through Bangkok’s ancient quarter to the Grand Palace, where thousands of Thais dressed in black, many of them holding aloft portraits of a mon-

arch who was revered as a father figure.

Buddhist monks chant-

ed prayers before his coffin on Saturday as Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn came to pay her respects.

“I didn’t ever want to hear this news although it couldn’t be avoided. All we can do now is hope that he will rest in peace,” said Sakphon Sondee from the eastern province of Surin, one of thousands who gath-

ered outside the Grand Pal-

ace during the 32 Celsiuss (90 Fahrenheit) tempera-

ture and humidity.

General Sansern Kaewkamnerd, a spokes-

man for the prime min-

ister’s office, said 30 bus routes and some canal boat services would be free to take people to Sanam Luang, an open area near the Grand Palace.

The king had been in poor health the past several years and his death plunged the South-

east Asian nation of 67 mil-

lion people into grief.

Most Thais have known no other monarch and King Bhumibol’s pic-

ture is hung in almost every

house, school and office.

People in the capital and in towns across the country dressed in black.

Shopping malls were open on Saturday and the government said bars could continue doing business, but it decreed that no entertainment events and festivities should be held outside for 30 days, the first month of one year of official mourning. A num-

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Floods kill 11 people in central Viet Nam, storm approaching

HANOI — Floods in Viet Nam’s four central provinces have killed at least 11 people and displaced thousands, with a storm in the South China Sea approaching the central coast.

Flooding from very heavy rainfall brought by a tropical low pressure system since Wednesday have cut food supplies to thousands of people and blocked north-south traffic, the government said in a statement on Saturday.

Seven people drowned or were electrocuted in Quang Binh province; four others were killed in three nearby provinces, and at least 30,000 homes were submerged, state-run Viet Nam Television (VTV) said, citing government reports.

“It is our priority now to save people’s lives,” Chairman Nguyen Hau Hoa of the provincial People’s Committee in Quang Binh said on a VTV bulletin.

Dozens of foreign tourists were among passengers stranded on 22 trains in the affected region, prompting provincial authorities to provide food and water, while many flights to the region were canceled, VTV said.

Tropical storm Sarika, now in the Philippines, is moving toward Viet Nam’s central region, and could bring more rain to the affected areas, the website Tropical Storm Risk and VTV said.—Reuters

Stampede kills 19 pilgrims in ancient Indian city

NEW DELHI — At least 19 people died in a stampede in the ancient northern Indian city of Varanasi on Saturday, officials said.

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The reactor is currently the sole unit in operation in Japan running on plutonium-uranium mixed oxide fuel, which contains plutonium extracted from reprocessing spent fuel.—Kyodo News

Suicide bombing, shootouts kill around 55 in Iraq: police

BAGHDAD — Around 55 people were killed in Iraq in attacks on Saturday that targeted a Shi’ite Muslim gathering, a police checkpoint and the family of a Sunni paramilitary leader opposed to Islamic State, according to security and medical sources.

The escalation comes as Iraqi forces are getting ready to launch an offensive to take back Mosul, the last Iraqi city still under control of Islamic State, in northern Iraq.

The heaviest toll was caused by a suicide bomber who detonated an explosive vest in the middle of a Shi’ite gathering in Baghdad, killing at least 41 people and wounding 33.

The explosion went off inside a tent filled with people taking part in Shi’ite Ashura rituals, which mark the killing of Prophet Muhammad’s grandson Hussein in the 7th century.

Islamic State claimed the attack in an online statement.

Some people were also in the tent to mourn the death of a local resident, authorities said. The tent was set up in a crowded market in the city’s northern al-Shaab district.

Gunmen believed to belong to Islamic State, a Sunni group, earlier in the day staged two attacks north of Baghdad, one targeting a police check-point and the other the house of a Sunni militia chief who supports the government, police sources said.

Eight policemen were killed and 11 others wounded in the first attack which took place Mithaqa, south of the city of the city of Tikrit, while the militants had three dead in their ranks.

In the second, the wife and three children of Numan al-Mujaime, the leader of the Ishaq Mobilization militia, were killed when gunmen stormed his house in the town of Ishaq in his absence.

People gather at the site of a suicide bomb attack in the city’s northern al-Shaab district in Baghdad, Iraq, on 15 October 2016. Photo: Reuters

The assailants fled, chased by security forces, and later killed themselves by detonating explosive belts, police said.

Islamic State has intensified bomb attacks in government-held areas this year as it loses territory to US-backed Iraqi government forces and Iranian-backed Shi’ite militias.

The group claimed a truck bombing in July that killed at least 324 people in the Karrada shopping area of Baghdad - the dead- last single attack in Iraq since the US-led invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein in 2003.—Reuters

Industrie minister Seko inspects Ikata nuclear plant

MATSUYAMA, (Japan) — Economy, Trade and Industry Minister Hiroshige Seko on Saturday inspected a recently restarted reactor at the Ikata nuclear power plant in western Japan to assess the safety measures there.

Seko visited an observation deck that overlooks the entire complex of Shikoku Electric Power Co.’s plant in Ehime Prefecture, as well as a facility to store spent nuclear fuel in the radiation-controlled area and other locations.

Seko was briefed on a system to provide electricity in the event of earthquakes and other emergencies by Seizo Masuda, the chief of the plant, and expressed satisfaction at the multiple backups available.

The No. 3 reactor at the Ikata plant was reactivated on 12 August, having cleared a set of safety requirements imposed in the wake of the 2011 Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant disaster. Photo: Kyodo News

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People fish on a flooded street in Quang Binh province, Viet Nam, on 15 October 2016. Heavy rain have cut food supplies to thousands of people and blocked north-south traffic, the government said in a statement on Saturday.

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“Rumors about the bridge collapse led to chaos after a man fell down in a crowd,” said police officer Javeed Ahmad.

Millions of Hindus go to Varanasi every year to pray and wash away their sins by taking a dip in the sacred river Ganges.

Modi, who was hosting a meeting of BRICS nations in Goa, expressed his condolences to the victims’ families and promised help. Two police officers at the scene of the stampede said about 50 people were injured and that officials were now struggling to deter pilgrims from entering a religious site near the bridge. “We are deploying over 100 police officers to control the crowd. People are in a state of panic,” said Ravi Tyagi, a police officer.—Reuters
Sufficient corrective mechanisms needed to enforce the rule of law

Maha Saddhammya Jotika Dhita Sithu

T AKE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi once said at a seminar on the rule of law in her capacity as Chairperson of the commission for the rule of law that she would like the people to be mindful of the difference between the rule of law and law as explained by what the UN General Assembly has said should be the difference between law and legal system. “One must be the source of the other, that is the rule of law is the ground of legal systems and legal systems are the rule of law”, he said.

In fact, the rule of law implies that every citizen is subject to the law irrespective of his or her socio-economic level, status, or position. It is the principle that law should prevail over the will of any individual or group. The rule of law is the fundamental principle of the rule of governance. It is the recognition of the will of the people and of the law as expressed by its legislative authority. The rule of law is the basis for the development of modern society and the rule of law is the foundation of the rule of law.

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Scotland could control its own migration after Brexit, says Scots minister

GLASGOW, (Scotland) — Scotland may try to wrest control over migration as part of a new enhanced devolution deal once Britain leaves the European Union, Scotland’s minister for EU negotiations said on Friday.

Britain’s vote in June to quit the EU has put strain on the 309-year union between England and Scotland, barely two years after a referendum in which Scots rejected independence.

Scotland voted in the June 23 referendum to stay in the EU, while England voted to leave, partly due to concerns over large-scale immigration from other EU countries.

British Prime Minister Theresa May has promised to launch the two-year legal process of Brexit by the end of March 2017.

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Let’s Practice Spoken English: Present Continuous Tense Vs Simple Present Tense

Have a look at the example conversation.

A: That’s strange! Do you usually __________ in the blanks.
B: No. I never __________.
A: That’s strange! Do you usually __________ today.
B: Because __________.
A: I’m sorry to hear that.

Exercises: Say aloud putting the following phrases in the blanks.
A: What are you doing?
B: I’m __________.
A: That’s strange! Do you usually __________?

Targeted Reader: Lower-PreIntermediate level
Targeted Skill: Speaking Practice

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS SCHEDULE

VANDOP TO BANGKOR

Flight no. Dep Avv Days
TG-2302 15:00 16.55 Daily
TG-2303 13:15 14:10 Daily

BANGKOR TO VANDOP

Flight no. Dep Avv Days
TG-2304 07:50 08:45 Daily
TG-2305 05:15 06:45 Daily

RGN TO RGN

Flight no. Dep Avv Days
PG-702 07:30 08:30 Daily
PG-703 08:20 09:15 Daily
PG-710 09:30 10:55 Daily

RGN TO BNGK

Flight no. Dep Avv Days
PG-724 12:00 13:50 Daily

BNGK TO RGN

Flight no. Dep Avv Days
PG-725 14:00 16:00 Daily

RGN TO CNAP

Flight no. Dep Avv Days
CM-711 20:30 01:00+1 Daily
CM-3056 11:25 16:15 3,6
CM-3057 17:30 23:35 1,5

RGN TO SIN

Flight no. Dep Avv Days
SM-231 12:10 13:00 Daily
SQ-907 13:15 14:10 Daily
MI-515 11:15 12:00 4,7

RGN TO NRT

Flight no. Dep Avv Days
NH-814 15:15 16:00 Daily

RGN TO DAC

Flight no. Dep Avv Days
BS-561 16:15 18:00 1,3,8

PLANETS

Flight no. Dep Avv Days
CM-716 16:45 18:45 Daily

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| NH | All Nippon Airways |
| SQ | Singapore Airlines |
| PG | Bangkok Airways |
| UB | Myanmar National Airlines |
| VN | Vietnam Airlines |
| 3K | Jet Star |
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| AI | Air India |
| CI | China Airlines |
| DD | Nok Air |
| KA | Dragonair |
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| TG | Thai Airways |

DAY
4 = Thursday
1 = Monday
2 = Tuesday
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5 = Friday
6 = Saturday
7 = Sunday
Argentina demands UK halt military exercise in disputed Falklands

BUENOS AIRES — Argentina demanded on Friday that Britain halt planned military exercises in the Falkland Islands, a disputed British overseas territory, which it called the “third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.”

Argentina’s foreign ministry said in a statement that it had sent a letter to the British embassy in Buenos Aires calling it a “routine exercise” that takes place about twice a year.

Argentina’s Foreign Minister Susana Malcorra later walked back the remarks after Britain denied that the issue of sovereignty had come up.

In Friday’s statement, the foreign ministry said it had learned of the planned military exercises on Thursday. It said the exercises “contradict the principle of peaceful resolution” and called the Falklands “Argentina territory illegitimately occupied by the United Kingdom.”

In last month’s agreement, the two sides also agreed to establish additional flights between the Falklands, located about 435 miles off the coast of southern Argentina, and third countries in South America.

The last bout of serious tension over the Falklands occurred in June last year when an Argentine federal judge ordered the seizure of millions of dollars in assets owned by oil drillers operating in the area.—Reuters

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV ASIATIC CLOUD VOY. NO ( )

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ASIATIC CLOUD VOY. NO ( ) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 16.10.2016 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim’s Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: MS WAN HAI LINES PTE LTD
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Some Calais migrants accept resettlement before bulldozers clear ‘Jungle’

CALAIS, (France) — In thick fog, Nasir helped load his young family’s scant possessions into a van and turned his back on the beaten-up caravan that has been home for the past nine months in a migrant camp known as the “Jungle” in northern France.

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Trump — Sexual-assault accusers ‘want to stop our movement’

CHARLOTTE, (N.C.) / LOS ANGELES — Republican US presidential candidate Donald Trump on Friday charged that the women accusing him of sexual misconduct fabricated their stories to damage his campaign after two more women came forward with allegations that he had groped them.

The new accusations were made by a contestant on his reality TV show “The Apprentice,” who cited a 2007 incident, and by a woman who described an incident from the early 1990s.

With the allegations against Trump dominating the campaign, opinion polls show Trump trailing Democratic rival Hillary Clinton. A Reuters/Ipsos opinion poll taken 7-13 October and released on Friday showed Trump behind Clinton by 7 percentage points among likely voters in the US November election.

Trump has spent more and more time at his rallies denying allegations of groping since a video from 2005 became public a week ago showing him bragging about groping and making unwanted sexual advances.

On Friday, in addition to his denials, he suggested that he never would have found two women who have made allegations attractive.

Summer Zervos, a former contestant on the TV show The Apprentice, is embraced by lawyer Gloria Allred (L) while speaking about allegations of sexual misconduct against Donald Trump during a news conference in Los Angeles, California, US, on 14 October 2016. Photo: Reuters

Trump was going to take her to dinner to discuss a job, but the meeting took place in a hotel room at the Beverly Hills Hotel. “Wished that the sexual behaviour was some kind of test and whether or not I had passed,” by rejecting it, she said, but Trump later offered her a job at a golf course for half the salary she had requested. —Reuters

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Famine fears rise after hurricane wrecks Haiti’s bread-basket

Les Cayes — Hurricane Matthew tore up large tracts of food crops as well as mature coffee and cocoa plantations when it ravaged Haiti’s fertile south last week, with a UN official expressing concern about possible famine in the poorest nation in the Americas.

The destruction of crops like rice, corn and beans in the area puts more than 100,000 children at risk of acute malnutrition, the United Nations said on Friday, in a Caribbean country where half the population already was underfed before the powerful hurricane hit.

While about half of Haiti’s food supply is imported, much of what it does produce is grown in the south.

As well as tearing up food staples and filling fields with sea water and trash, the storm uprooted crops that are exported and plantations of cocoa, coffee and fruit trees, cash crops that are exported and that experts said will take at least five years to grow back.

“This is devastating, and it basically could mean that we have a famine in six months,” said Yvonne Helle, Haiti’s senior country director for the United Nations Development Programme.

Helle said preliminary figures indicated 60 to 80 percent of crops in the affected area had been lost to the storm. “Not only has the harvest been lost, there also has been tremendous damage to fruit trees,” Helle added, mentioning the mango, one of Haiti’s primary exports. Paul Joseph Maxel, a 75-year-old farmer based in the town of Saint-Jean-du-Sud, said he lost all but one of his 20 mango trees on a 15-acre (6-hectare) property he manages. He said coconut palms and avocado trees also were lost to the hurricane.

In front of a tent that his children, who live in Haiti’s capital Port-au-Prince, bought and set up for him beside his hurricane-damaged house, Maxel said he hoped for aid to rebuilding the farm.

“Our worries are about how to begin planting trees again,” he said.

The path to the farm, located on the side of a rolling hill and accessible only by foot, was littered with cracked coconuts and spoiled mangoes from up-rooted trees.

On the other side of the hill, Augustine Donnay, a 30-year-old agronomy student, sat outside his family’s damaged house.

It was the only structure standing remotely intact on the property, although it was missing most of its roof. Fallen trees covered the land, and two other buildings were reduced to wooden frames.—Reuters

Nearly 200 nations agree binding deal to cut greenhouse gases

US Secretary of State John Kerry arrives during visit to Kigali Genocide Memorial centre in Rwanda’s capital Kigali, on 14 October 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

KIGALI — Nearly 200 nations hammered out a legally binding deal to cut back on greenhouse gases used in refrigerators and air conditioners, a Rwandan minister announced to loud cheers on Saturday, in a major step against climate change.

The deal, which includes the world’s two biggest economies, the United States and China, divides countries into three groups with different deadlines to reduce the use of factory-made hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) gases, which can be 10,000 times more powerful than carbon dioxide as greenhouse gases.

“It’s a monumental step forward,” US Secretary of State John Kerry said as he left the talks in the Rwandan capital of Ki-
gali late on Friday.

As Rwanda’s Minister for Natural Resources, Vincent Biruta, began spelling out the terms of the deal shortly after sunrise on Sat-

day, applause from negotiators who had been up all night drowned out his words.

Under the pact, de-

veloped nations, including the United States, commit to re-
ducing their use of the gases incrementally, starting with a 10 percent cut by 2019 and reaching 85 percent by 2036.

Many wealthier na-

tions have already begun to reduce their use of HFCs.

Two groups of develop-

ing countries will freeze their use of the gases by ei-
	her 2024 or 2028, and then gradually reduce their use.

India, Iran, Iraq, Pakistan and the Gulf countries will meet the later deadline. They needed more time because they have fast-expanding middle classes and hot climates, and because India feared damaging its growing indus-

tries.

“Last year in Paris, we promised to keep the world safe from the worst effects of climate change. Today, we are following through on that promise,” said UN environment chief Erik Solheim in a statement.

“The deal binding 197 nations crows a wave of measures to help fight climate change in this year’s landmark climate agreement, the Kigali deal.

The agreement, the Kigali deal, is legally binding, has very specific timetables and has an agreement by rich countries to help poor countries adapt their technology.

The United Nations says phasing out HFCs will cost billions of dol-

ars.—Reuters

Wildfire burns 22 homes in Nevada

CARSON CITY (Nevada) — A wildfire fanned by high winds destroyed 22 homes in a wooded area of northern Nevada on Friday, among them a mountain property belonging to the owner of a famous brothel in the state.

Dennis Hof, the owner of the Moonlite Bunny Ranch in the Carson City area, revealed in a message on his Twitter page that one of his houses was destroyed by the blaze, which fire officials said had scorched 2,000 acres (809 hectares) in the area of Washoe Valley just south of Reno.

Hof, who is profiled along with workers at his legal brothel in the televi-

sion series “Cathouse” on cable channel HBO, posted a photo of the house reduced to rubble. More than 360 firefighters were battling the blaze, which has been dubbed the “Little Valley Fire” and has destroyed 22 homes and 17 outbuildings, officials said on the fire tracking website InciWeb.

The cause of the fire, which was first spotted early on Friday, being investigat-

ed, they added. The blaze, located near the border with California and northeast of Lake Tahoe, has spread er-

ratically because of the high winds driving it, and com-

plicated firefighters’ efforts to contain it, officials said.

—Reuters

THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR

Ministry of Electricity and Energy

Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise

Invitation for Open Tender

(Invitation for Open Tender)

(13 / 2016)

Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in United States Dollars and Myanmar Kyats.

Sr.No

Tender No

Description

Remark

US$.

(1) IFB-059(16-17)

Spares for SAFE Daughter Compressor, 3st & 4th Stage SAFE Compressor (170) Items

US$.

(2) IFB-060(16-17)

Spares for HDD Rig (13) Items

US$.

(3) IFB-061(16-17)

Spares for BF 8M 1015SCP & BF 6M 1015 CP Deutz Engine EX HDD Rig (18) Items

US$.

(4) IFB-062(16-17)

Spares for BF 4L 2011 Deutz Engine EX HDD Rig (28) Items

US$.

(5) IFB-063(16-17)

Spares for UD Quester Tractor (41) Items

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(6) DMP/L-012(16-17)

Assorted Kinds of Engineering Hand Tools (3) Groups

US$.

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Assorted Kinds of Engineering Workshop Tools (3) Groups

US$.

Tender Closing Date & Time

10-11-2016, 16:30 Hr

Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 12th October, 2016 at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar. Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise Ph: +95 67 - 411097 / 41206
Kangana Ranaut injured during shoot of ‘Simran’

MUMBAI — Actress Kangana Ranaut suffered a minor injury while shooting for “Simran” in the US.

According to sources, a minor accident happened yesterday in Atlanta while the 29-year-old actress was shooting.

The actress has got a small cut near her eyebrows.

“While shooting one of the scenes she got a small injury. Nothing major though, luckily it is just a small cut near her eyebrows but she is fine now and will resume back shooting,” sources close to Kangana said in a statement.

In Hansal Mehta’s direct-ed film “Simran” the National Award-winning actress will play Praful Patel, a 30-year-old divorcée. Kangana will next be seen in Vishal Bhardwaj’s period drama “Rangoon” alongside Saif Ali Khan and Shahid Kapoor.—PTI

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LONDON — French actress Marion Cotillard said society is becoming more isolated, as she discussed her latest film “It’s Only the End of the World” on Friday at the London Film Festival.

The film, directed by Canadian filmmaker Xavier Dolan and based on the French play “Juste la fin du monde,” features love and communication as major themes as it follows a terminally ill writer who returns home to tell his family he is dying.

“The solitude in our society is a real problem and the fact that we don’t know how to commu-nicate our feelings is obviously something that is very interesting,” Cotillard told Reuters on the red carpet.

“We’re like people who just run into each other without noticing, so obviously it causes a lack of communication and even within a family,” she added. The film, which also stars Lea Seydoux, Vincent Cassel and Gaspard Ulliel, won the Grand Prix at this year’s Cannes Film Festival and is Canada’s official entry for the Oscars. It debuted in France and Quebec last month but is yet to garner theatrical distribution in the United States.—Reuters

Natalie Portman gets Oscar buzz for Jacqueline Kennedy role

NEW YORK — Natalie Portman is drumming up Oscar buzz in her latest role as the iconic Jacqueline Kennedy in the new movie “Jack- ie” which was shown as part of the New York Film Festival this week.

Portman, 35, already a best actress Oscar winner for the 2010 ballet film “Black Swan,” plays Kennedy in the days immediately after the 1963 assassination of her husband, US President John F. Kennedy.

Battling conflicting emotions of grief, anger and loss of faith, Portman’s performance is seen by awards watchers as a leading con-tender in the Hollywood awards season that ends with the annual Oscar ceremony in February.

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Marion Cotillard on social disconnect in ‘The End of the World’

LONDON — French actress Marion Cotillard said society is becoming more isolated, as she discussed her latest film “It’s Only the End of the World” on Friday at the London Film Festival.

The film, directed by Cana-dian filmmaker Xavier Dolan and based on the French play “Juste la fin du monde,” features love and communication as major themes as it follows a terminally ill writer who returns home to tell his family he is dying.

“The solitude in our society is a real problem and the fact that we don’t know how to commu-nicate our feelings is obviously something that is very interesting,” Cotillard told Reuters on the red carpet.

“We’re like people who just run into each other without noticing, so obviously it causes a lack of communication and even within a family,” she added. The film, which also stars Lea Seydoux, Vincent Cassel and Gaspard Ulliel, won the Grand Prix at this year’s Cannes Film Festival and is Canada’s official entry for the Oscars. It debuted in France and Quebec last month but is yet to garner theatrical distribution in the United States.—Reuters

Natalie Portman gets Oscar buzz for Jacqueline Kennedy role

NEW YORK — Natalie Portman is drumming up Oscar buzz in her latest role as the iconic Jacqueline Kennedy in the new movie “Jack- ie” which was shown as part of the New York Film Festival this week.

Portman, 35, already a best actress Oscar winner for the 2010 ballet film “Black Swan,” plays Kennedy in the days immediately after the 1963 assassination of her husband, US President John F. Kennedy.

Battling conflicting emotions of grief, anger and loss of faith, Portman’s performance is seen by awards watchers as a leading con-tender in the Hollywood awards season that ends with the annual Oscar ceremony in February.

“It’s just a small cut near her eyebrows but she is fine now and will resume back shooting,” sources close to Kangana said in a statement.

In Hansal Mehta’s direct-ed film “Simran” the National Award-winning actress will play Praful Patel, a 30-year-old divorcée. Kangana will next be seen in Vishal Bhardwaj’s period drama “Rangoon” alongside Saif Ali Khan and Shahid Kapoor.—PTI
Flemish altarpiece masterwork part-restored to former glory

GHENT, Belgium — Scientists and art historians in Belgium on Wednesday finished the first restoration stage of one of the most important pieces of early Renaissance art: the Van Eyck brothers’ altarpiece in Ghent. Completed in 1432, the “Adoration of the Mystic Lamb” is a complex painting some four and a half meters (14.75 ft) wide by three and a half meters tall, consisting of 12 panels, eight of them painted on both sides to enable the whole work to be opened and closed up.

The first stage of the restoration took four years to complete and focused on the outside panels, which depict the Annunciation — the angel Gabriel telling Mary she will give birth to Jesus — as well as showing prophets and two portraits of the praying donors of the painting. “This is not about Belgium or the Low Countries, this is world heritage,” said Sven Gutz, minister of culture for Belgium’s Flanders region.

The painting has had a tumultuous history, surviving not only the destruction of religious images which swept through the Low Countries in the summer of 1566. It was also taken as loot by invading French and German forces in different wars, ending up in an Austrian salt mine at the end of World War II.

The painting has undergone several restoration attempts over the past 600 years, which is why difficult decisions on which layers to remove and which layers to amplify needed to be taken. It was not always clear which strokes were made by Hubert Van Eyck, which by his younger and better-known brother Jan and which by others, requiring an international team of scientists to assess the painting meticulously. The result is a much brighter image with much more depth, shedding a yellow hue that had built up, said Anne van Grevenstein, an emeritus professor at the University of Amsterdam who advised on the project. “We now see what Van Eyck did,” she said, referring to Jan, who completed the work after his brother died. The project has gone into the second phase of restoring the inner sections, with the central panels scheduled to be finished in 2018 and the outer panels to be completed in time for a year of exhibitions in 2020 centered on Jan Van Eyck.—Reuters

Chiba mayor kick-starts 2020 Games prep campaign in London

LONDON — Chiba Mayor Toshihito Kumagai on Friday got off to an early start in his preparations for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics, travelling to London to learn from the experience of the previous host city.

Kumagai reconfirmed the need for “coexistence in society” after meeting with Simon Cooper, head of sport at the Greater London Authority, and others who took part in delivering London’s successful Olympics in 2012.

Chiba Prefecture will host three Olympic sports — fencing, wrestling and taekwondo — and four Paralympic sports wheelchair fencing, taekwondo, goalball and sitting volleyball — in 2020, with the majority of events taking place in Tokyo.

The town of Ichinomiya in Chiba Prefecture has also been selected as a candidate venue for surfing, one of five new sports added to the Olympic programme in August.

Kumagai, who has expressed his hope to turn the city east of Tokyo into “the sacred site of wheelchair competitions,” also visited Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, which incorporated himing the athletes’ village and several sporting venues for the 2012 Games.

“In an ideal society there will be an environment where those with disabilities and those without play sports together. We have to consider the Olympics and Paralympics as a package, and try to leave a legacy as the host of both events,” Kumagai said.

During his inspection tour the 38-year-old, who became Japan’s youngest mayor when he was elected in 2009, pointed out that changing the minds of the general public is far more important than creating barrier-free facilities.

Chiba Prefecture, less than an hour away from central Tokyo and site of Narita International Airport, announced in May that the US athletics team will set up pre-Olympic training camp in the prefecture.—Kyodo News

Japanese Pianist Tsujii performs at Australia’s parliament

CANBERRA — Japanese pianist Nobuyuki Tsujii performed at Parliament House on Friday in celebration of the 40th anniversary of a friendship and cooperation treaty between Japan and Australia.

Tsujii, 28, played Claude Debussy’s “Ara- besque No. 1,” Frederic Chopin’s “Heroic Pol onaise” and his original “Still We Live,” a work he composed after the massive 2011 earthquake and tsunami in northeast Japan, in front of an audience of about 200.

After the performance, Tsujii, who is blind, said he was “highly honored as a Japanese citizen to have played in a grand parliament building.”

Tsujii won first prize at the 13th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition in Texas in 2009.

He has since been performing in Japan and other countries.—Kyodo News

Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull (L) meets with Japanese pianist Nobuyuki Tsujii on 14 October 2016, in Canberra. Tsujii, who is blind, performed at Parliament House the same day to celebrate the 40th anniversary of a friendship and cooperation treaty between Japan and Australia. Photo: Kyodo News

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Chelsea hammer
Leicester in battle of last two champions

LONDON — Chelsea demolished the team that succeeded them as Premier League winners when champions Leicester City succumbed tamely 3-0 at Stamford Bridge on Saturday.

Goals from the Premier League’s leading marksmen Diego Costa, Eden Hazard and Victor Moses ensured Leicester boss Claudio Ranieri’s visit to his old club was a far cry from five months ago when the Foxes received a guard of honour for their title triumph.

The unmarked Costa’s seventh-minute strike was his seventh goal of the season, before Chelsea’s dominance was further rewarded, following more comedy defending, by Hazard’s expertly-taken second.

Moses finished a brilliant one-two 10 minutes from time to leave Leicester as the first English top-flight champions since Blackburn Rovers 21 years ago to lose their opening four away games of the season.

Leicester’s 2015-16 fairytale always looked an impossible act to follow but the tame nature of their fourth defeat in eight games was alarming for their fans who witnessed just three league losses over the whole of last season.

The visitors, who seemed to have half an eye on Tuesday’s Champions League clash with FC Copenhagen as Riyad Mahrez was rested, were largely outclassed, leaving Ranieri perturbed.

“Yes, I didn’t recognise them (his players) and I must speak to them about why (this happened),” the Italian said.

“Copenhagen is a well-organised team and if we do not react, it will be a very bad match on Tuesday.”

Leicester faltered quickly. A low corner from Hazard was flicked on by Nemanja Matic through to Costa, who had all the time and room in the world to hammer home with his left foot.

After David Luiz had hit the post with one of his searing free kick specials, Chelsea’s supremacy was further aided by Robert Huth and Luis Hernandez getting in each other’s way when trying to cut out a Mata pass.

The ball bobbled off Hazard’s head and into his predatory path with the Belgian nipping around the oozing Kasper Schmeichel before slotting home.

Leicester, now possessing the worst defensive record away from home in the league, showed more resolve after the break and came close to narrowing the gap when Luiz deflected a Marc Albrighton cross against his own post.

Chelsea’s mastery was almost underlined by a goal for former Leicester hero, man of the match N’Golo Kanté, but his goal-bound strike was kept out by Wes Morgan. “We miss him,” Ranieri said of his French international midfielder.

For under-pressure Chelsea manager Antonio Conte — several British bookmakers had in the week suspended betting on him being the next Premier League manager to lose his job — there was welcome relief with the Italian hauling the performance as his side’s best of the season. —Reuters

Bolt sets last race in Jamaica for June

KINGSTON, (Jamaica) — Jamaica’s Olympic sprint champion Usain Bolt will run his last race on home soil at June’s Racers Grand Prix before retiring from competition two months later, he said on Friday. The 30-year-old, who won the 100 metres at this year’s Racers Grand Prix, has already said he plans to retire from the sport after the 5-13 August world championships in London having won nine Olympic gold medals.

“The Racers Grand Prix will be my last race in Jamaica people, it will be the last time I run in Jamaica,” Bolt told Television Jamaica’s “Smile Jamaica” morning programme. The Racers Grand Prix will be held on 10 June.

The Jamaican, who drew down the curtain on his Olympic career in August by securing a sweep of the sprint titles for a third successive Games, will resume training next month.

Bolt has wild card entries for both the 100 and 200 metres at the worlds but remains undecided on whether he will run one or both events, saying only it will be his last competition.

“Yes I am definitely going to retire after the world championships in London, that will be my last one,” said Bolt.—Reuters

Djokovic stunned by Bautista Agut in Shanghai semi-finals

SHANGHAI — World number one Novak Djokovic suffered a shock 6-4, 6-4 loss to Spaniard Roberto Bautista Agut in the Shanghai Masters semi-finals on Saturday.

Serbian Djokovic, 12-times grand slam champion, made 29 unforced errors against the 15th seed and converted just two of nine break points.

He saved three match points before Bautista Agut broke his serve for the fourth time to wrap up victory in one hour 48 minutes.

Bautista Agut, who beat Djokovic for the first time in six attempts, will face world number two, Frenchman’s Gilles Simon in the final on Sunday.—Reuters

Europe can only bid for 2026 World Cup as standby — FIFA

ZURICH — European countries will be able to bid to host the 2026 World Cup only if none of the eligible candidates are good enough, soccer’s governing body said on Friday.

In a further boost to a possible joint bid from the United States, Mexico and Canada in 2026, FIFA said that co-hosting would be permitted and there would be no restriction on the number of countries in a given bid.

The FIFA Council agreed to the “general principle that member associations from confederations of the last two hosts of the FIFA World Cup will be ineligible to host the 2026 FIFA World Cup,” FIFA said. As Russia and Qatar will host the 2018 and 2022 World Cups respectively, the decision means that neither European nor Asian countries will be eligible to stage the tournament in 2026.

“It limits the numbers of confederations that are bidding,” Sunil Gulati, president of the United States Football Federation, told reporters.

“We will look at it, we have got great relationships with Canada and Mexico, we also have a country with 320 million people that has hosted a World Cup with a lot of terrific stadiums and great infrastructure.” However, no bid will be formally made until the process has been finalised.

“We won’t make a decision until hosting until we know what the rules are,” he said. “We now know some of those rules, about the eligibility, we don’t know the size of the tournament and until we see those and there is a lot of clarity...in the process, then we’ll make a decision about it.”

The US hosted the 1994 World Cup and made an unsuccessful bid for the 2022 tournament. Mexico hosted the 1970 and 1986 World Cups. The only World Cup to have co-hosted was in 2002 when Japan and South Korea shared it.—Reuters