Economic development is equal to progress

State Counsellor meets with Central Body for Myanmar Special Economic Zone

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi has called for success of the economic zones in Myanmar, as they are politically and economically subtle.

In her speech at the meeting with members of the Central Body for the Myanmar Special Economic Zone in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday, the State Counsellor stressed the need to win trust from international communities that the country has the stability and development upon which the success of international investors in the special economic zones is built.

“The progress of the economic zones is of great importance to achieving the United Nation’s Sustainable development goals. Creating job opportunities are currently being implemented as the short term plan. Unemployment may cause moral bankruptcy, which begets blockage in building a nation. Strengthened finance is important for a country to provide the public with sufficient subvention for the development in education and health sectors. In a short period of time, we need to make our projects a success for our people to be able to live in sufficiency”, she said.

Personnel are obliged to openly submit their difficulties encountered in implementing projects, she said, expressing her concerns that dereliction of our duty, fear of being hated or a deficiency of skills may lead to loss of people’s wealth and resources.

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35 suspects in violent attacks arrested in Maungtaw

DOZENS of suspected terrorists were rounded up and arrested by the authorities over the weekend in the northern Rakhine State, where the 9th October attack killed nine border guard policemen.

In an area clearance operation by the combined forces of the government troops and the border guard police at Wetpyin village in Maungtaw Township at 3:21pm on 12th November, 4 suspects, including Nur Bobby, were arrested.

Another suspect, Mammud Karsi from Thechaung village, was detained earlier at about 11:30 pm in the village of Aung Mingalar. Thirty more suspects, who had fled from other villages, including Khwela, were arrested during the clearing in Yetwinkyun village at about 3pm.

Arrangements are now under way to interrogate the suspects according to the laws.—Myawady
Public meeting to build a fuel reservoir in Amarapura township held

REGIONAL authorities held a public information session on Monday on the subject of construction of a fuel reservoir at Lay Myetnarm school, Bonedaw Naing Nga village, Amarapura township, Mandalay region.

At the meeting, officials explained environmental conservation and the purpose of the project. A total of 127 farmers from eight villages and officials from the project were in attendance.

“This is the first time to meet with the residents. We need to implement the project in cooperation with the local people. We will take responsibility if there are some problems with the project,” said U Thant Tun, project manager from Myanmar Energy Sector Development Public company.

“We asked an official from the company how we will be protected if there are problems with the project. They answered that they have already discussed this with an official from the government department,” said U Nain from Ta-Da-U township. — Myitmawka News Agency

Free dental treatment at Sitagu eye special hospital

DENTAL surgeons from England will provide free medical care to local people from 16 to 20 November at Sitagu Eye Special Hospital, Kalay Town, Sagaing region, said an official from Sitagu hospital administrative office.

The dentists will give treatment to patients from Kalay, Chin Hill and Gangaw. Previously, an eye specialist from a foreign country provided free eye care services to patients with eye diseases at Sitagu Eye Hospital.

Sitagu sayadaw inaugurated Sitagu Eye Special Hospital on 25 December, 2009. A total of 7,200 eye examinations have been given so far at the hospital and 1,860 patients have undergone eye surgery at Sitagu Eye Hospital. — 200

Air KBZ to operate international flights to Chiang Mai

AIR KBZ plans to launch its first international route on 2 December, when it will begin thrice-weekly flights from Yangon to Chiang Mai, Thailand, said Assistant General Manager Daw Aye Aye Thar.

The Myanmar airline planned to begin the new flight in November, but could not do so because of negotiations with Thailand authorities.

A round trip ticket for the new Air KBZ flight will cost US$99 per person. The Yangon–Chiang Mai flight is planned to operate every Sunday morning and Wednesday and Friday evenings.

Air KBZ has previously offered only domestic flights, operating 15 domestic routes using eight airplanes. The airline currently offers commercial flights to Mandalay, Nay Pyi Taw, Myitkyina, Nyaung-U, Kalay, Heho, Lashio, Taileik, Dawei, Myeik, Kawthaung, Thandwe, Sittway and Loikaw. — 200

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Crime NEWS

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The driver of the Hyundai apparently fell asleep at the wheel, authorities said.

In another accident, a Probox hit the road divider and turned over between milepost 138/1 and 138/2 of the same expressway, injuring three people. A puncture of one of the tires led to the accident, authorities said.

Action has been taken against the two drivers. — Than Oo (Lemyathna)

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OVERHEATING of a breaker in an electrical main sparked a fire yesterday afternoon in a furniture and consumer goods shop on the ground floor of a three-storey building in Mayangon Township, Yangon.

The fire caused over Ks27 million in damage, according to Yangon Region Fire Services Department.

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The fire is the thirteenth in the month of November in the Yangon Region. — Myanmar News Agency

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THE 1st Myanmar-US Partnership meeting between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar and the State Department of the United States of America was held in the Ayeyawady Hall of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The meeting was attended by the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Tin, Permanent Secretaries, Directors-General and senior officials from various ministries on the Myanmar side while U.S. Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Scot Marciel, US Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Southeast Asia, Mr Patrick Murphy and responsible officials on the US side.

During the meeting, both sides discussed matters on the promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation between Myanmar and the US including cooperation in trade and investment sector, health and education sector, tourism sector, combating drugs and human trafficking and capacity building for government officials.— Myanmar News Agency

Maungtaw hospital opens to all around the clock

MAUNGTAW—Hospital has been providing healthcare services to local residents around the clock but field trips to patients in rural areas have been hampered by security situation at present, according to a surgeon at the hospital.

“I am a surgeon and medical superintendent of the hospital and we have a physician, an anesthetist, four assistant surgeons and 18 nurses. Doctors are providing services to patients around the clock. We are on call and thus are always available any time they call us,” said Dr Soe Aung Than, from the hospital.

The government provides medicines and other needs of the hospital. “Medicines and equipment are provided by the Ministry of Health. We are treating all patients regardless of their race or religion,” he added, saying that the hospital is always open to all, even during the violent attacks on 9th October. However, we sometimes have to tell patients’ families to buy some medicines that we do not have. That rarely happens as we are trying to provide healthcare services as much as we can by ourselves,” the surgeon said.

Common diseases in the area include tuberculosis and hypertension. Children often suffer from respiratory infections. However, the hospital has had to provide care for bullet and knife wounds recently, according to the surgeon.

In addition to providing medical care at the hospital, it also refers patients who are in critical condition to hospitals in Sittwe and Yangon.

The hospital has also set up points for rural areas such as Aletankhayw, Ngakhyuwa, Thayetoke, Tamantha and Taungpyoletwe Villages where health assistants, nurses and midwives are stationed to provide healthcare services.

However, the health staff are sent to such points only when security is ensured. “We also give the same treatment to injured people who are accused of crimes,” the surgeon added.

The medical staff of the hospital hope to deliver medical care to rural areas as soon as security in the region has been restored.— Ye Khant Nyunt and Team

Economic development equals progress

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The State Counsellor stressed the importance of economic development, because it plays an important role for all national ethnic groups and the whole populace to live in peace and stability.

Material progress cannot be achieved without economic development, and neither can intellectual nor artistic development. For the peace and stability of the nation, its people need to be endowed with enough physical development. Hence, we must take the important role of capacity of supply into consideration in building economic zones”, said Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

Afterward, U Henry Van Thio, VP and chairman of central committee of MSEEZ said, “SEZs are directly related to a nation’s development, so we urge management committee members of Thalawa, Dawei and Kyaukphyu SEZs to try hard as much as possible with concerted effort.”

Union Minister Dr Than Myint, Chairman of Myanmar SEZ central working committee, Dr Htet Aung, Dr Htin Naing, Dr Soe Win and Tanninthei Region Chief Minister, Dr Le Le Maw clarified situations under implementation and future plans respectively. Union Ministers U Kyaw Tint Swe, U Pe Zin Tun, U Thein Swe, Dr Than Myint, U Win Khang and Union Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo also made suggestions. The State Counsellor discussed submitted cases and gave necessary advice.— Myanmar News Agency

Violent attackers torched houses in Kykhutchaung Village, Maungtaw

GOVERNMENT troops extinguished the arson fires on Monday set by the violent attackers, which caused in 17 houses destroyed, officials said.

While inspecting villages burnt down by the violent attackers, the government helicopter spotted a suspicious fire in Kykhutchaung Village, Maungtaw Township around 3 pm on 14th November, and informed the government troops. Violent attackers have also set fire to houses in villages in order to cause misunderstandings about the security forces that are conducting the clearance operations in the township, authorities said. Fabricated stories made in collusion with the media have been written in an attempt to receive assistance from the international community, officials said.—Myawady

Rakhine State’s Advisory Commission members to study ground situation in violence affected villages

SEVEN members of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State held talks with representatives of both communities in Sittwe in Rakhine State yesterday.

The delegation comprising members of the commission U Win Mra, Dr Thar Hla Shwe, Ms Laetitia van den Assum, U Aye Lwin, Dr Mya Thida, U Khin Maung Lay and Daw Khin Saw Tint arrived Sittwe yesterday.

Before meeting with representatives of the two communities, the delegation held a meeting with the authorities comprising cabinet members of the Rakhine State Government, Rakhine State Advocate-General and the secretary of the Rakhine State Government.

At 3.45 pm, the delegation held talks with a nine-member representative group of a local community led by U Maung Thar Sein and a five-member representative group of the other community led by U Kyaw Hla Aung.

The members of the advisory commission will visit villages affected by the violent attacks and camps for displaced peoples in Maungtaw Township and will meet with townsenders there.— Tin Tun (Sittwe District Information and Public Relations Department)
Dollar price hits record high on 14th November

The dollar price hit record high on 14th November, reaching over Ks1,306 per dollar, according to the black market.

In the global market, the US dollar index was 99.52, which is 0.5 per cent higher when compared to that on 12th November. The dollar rallied against other hard currencies. The euro paused its decline against the dollar and rose to a session high of US$1.0770, after having reached US$1.0708 on Monday. Meanwhile, the pound reached an early session high of US$1.2528 before sliding to US$1.2463. The yen price is US$107.78 per dollar in Tuesday.

The US exchange rate in the market slipped to Ks1,285 per dollar on 9th November and rose to Ks1,288 per dollar. The dollar price has been on the rise since 10th November. Exchange rates for a dollar were Ks1,293 on 10th November, Ks1,299 on 11th November, Ks1,302 on 12th and 13th November and Ks1,306 on 14th November, it is learnt from the currency exchange black market.

Nonetheless, the Central Bank of Myanmar set USD exchange rate at Ks1,285 on 15th November. Global gold prices hit a five-month low of US$1,211.38 an ounce on Monday. The domestic gold price has dropped back to over Ks55,000 per tical in keeping with the fall in global gold price. The global gold price rose to US$1,337 per ounce on 9th November. The global gold prices per ounce were over US$1,280 on 10th November, over US$1,250 on 11th November and over US$1,220 on 12th and 13th November.—Mon Mon

Second-hand industrial machinery from China in high demand

The import market of used industrial machinery from China is growing rapidly in the local market, according to the importers. Industrial machinery used in many projects often does not receive a permit for reuse in China. Therefore, local businessmen who trade in jade mining businesses in Phakant and other construction sites, said a businessman who trades in industrial machines from Yunnan, China.—200

68 companies approved to invest in Thilawa SEZ

A total of 68 companies have been approved to invest in the Thilawa Special Economic Zone (SEZ), according to an announcement released by Thilawa SEZ Management Committee.

The granting of a permit to work in the areas of a first-phase project on 400 acres of land in Thilawa SEZ was issued during the second week of November. The permitted companies are from 17 countries, mostly from Hong Kong, Japan and China. The first phase of Thilawa SEZ was launched in September, 2015. The land is leased at US$80 per square meter. Foreign investors are attracted to this zone with its cheaper price and 50-year leases, it is learnt.

There are a total of 79 companies from 17 countries which have entered into agreements to work in Thilawa. A Thilawa Zone B project was planned to start at the end of this year on 101 acres of land. But the project was suspended because locals and authorities are still in discussion.—Ko Htet

Number of Taxpayers reaches over 300,000 in this FY

The number of taxpayers reached over 300,000 as of the end of October in the 2016-2017 fiscal year, allowing the nation to increase tax revenues, said U Myint Thaung, Yangon Region minister for planning and finance.

Over Ks2,005,895 million have been received from a total of 363,266 taxpayers from April to the end of October in this fiscal year. The General Administration Department under the Ministry of Home Affairs levies land taxes, water taxes, Embankment taxes, mineral extraction taxes and excise duty. Taxes on fisheries are levied by the Fishery Department under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation. The Forest Department collects taxes on extraction of forest products and on rubber. Licence fees on imported goods are imposed by the Ministry of Commerce, whereas taxes on transport are levied by the Department of Road Transport Administration. Income taxes, commercial taxes, special goods taxes, the state lottery tax and stamp duties are levied by the Internal Revenue Department under the Ministry of Planning and Finance.

Customs duties are imposed by the Customs Department. Additionally, the Pearl Oyster Tissue Implant Tax, the mineral tax and the gemstones tax are imposed by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation. The Hotels and Tourism ministry collects licenses fees while the Ministry of Transport and Communications collects taxes for telecommunication services. Taxes are levied on the extraction of oil and natural gas and also on generation of electric power by the Ministry of Electricity and Energy, it is learnt.

The Government collects taxes and duties not only to cover government expenditure but also to implement the following fiscal and monetary policies: to steady the budgeting system and to regulate money circulation and inflation, to stabilise domestic consumption, investment and saving, to stabilise commodity prices, to balance distribution of wealth and to facilitate economic development, according to the Internal Revenue Department. —Ko Htet

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New Zealand evacuates quake-hit town, fears of Wellington building collapse

WELLINGTON — New Zealand emergency services and defence personnel evacuated hundreds of tourists and residents from a small South Island town amid more strong aftershocks on Tuesday, a day after a powerful earthquake killed two people.

The 7.8-magnitude tremor struck just after midnight on Sunday, destroying homes and businesses, closing roads and carpeting streets in Wellington and evacuate several buildings due to fears one of them might collapse. Wellington Mayor Justin Lester said the vacant building appeared to have suffered structural damage when the land it was on subsided in the quake. A fire service official said a major structural beam had snapped like a bone.”

The town was flown out on Tuesday, including 12 people with a variety of injuries, officials said.

The Red Cross, which has tourism and fisheries businesses around Kaikoura, said it is the first time that SDF troops have given a mandate to carry out their expanded roles under Japan’s new security legislation that came into force in March. The new duty is in line with broadened criteria covering their use of weapons. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe’s government has said the legislation will lead Japan to more actively contribute to regional security and international peace-building efforts, but critics fear the changes could erode the pacifist Constitution and embroil Japan’s new security forces in more conflicts abroad.

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SEOUL — South Korean President Park Geun-hye has retained a lawyer ahead of questioning by prosecutors investigating a favors scandal engulfing her administration, her office said on Tuesday, as she tries to ride out the biggest crisis of her presidency.

The government has been rocked by allegations that a friend used her ties to Park to meddle in state affairs and wield improper influence, triggering calls for Park to be impeached or resign. The first sitting president to be questioned by prosecutors in a criminal case, Park’s lawyer, Yoo Yeong-ha, a former member of the government’s National Human Rights Commission, will discuss arrangements with prosecutors for her questioning, an official at the presidential Blue House said. The lawyer told reporters that questioning should be kept to a minimum and that he needed time to look into the allegations against her.

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Bangkok bomb trial of Chinese Uighurs begins after delays

BANGKOK — The trial of two Chinese ethnic Uighur men suspected of carrying out a deadly bomb attack in Bangkok in 2015 began on Tuesday after three postponements due to defence lawyers being unable to find suitable interpreters for their clients.

Fourteen foreigners were among 20 people killed in a 2015, bombing at Bangkok’s Erawan Shrine, the worst attack of its kind on Thai soil. Yusufu Mieraili and Adem Karadag, also known as Bilal Mohammed, appeared at a military court in Bangkok dressed in brown prison uniforms. They face 10 charges, including murder and illegal possession of explosives.

Police say both men confessed to their roles in the blast. The pair deny the charges against them and have said they were coerced into confessing.

“The Chinese embassy in Bangkok provided interpreters for the pair on Tuesday. However, both men rejected the interpreters in protest against Chinese treatment of Uighurs.

Uighurs, who are mostly Muslim, say they flee China’s western Xinjiang region due to persecution. Beijing rejests the claims. Mieraili and Karadag stood at the dock to object to the appointment of the two interpreters, according to a Reuters reporter in the courtroom.

“I don’t need an interpreter from China because China does not respect Uighurs,” Mieraili told the court in English.

The court ruled the trial would proceed regardless.

“The court thinks these two interpreters are appropriate because they speak the Uighur language,” one of three judges overseeing the trial said.

“Today I will appoint both as interpreters and cross-examination will begin,” he said. The judges’ names were not made public for security reasons.

Analysts believe the bombing was in retaliation for the Thai junta’s forcible repatriation of 109 Uighurs to China weeks before the attack. Thai police say the bombing was revenge for a crackdown on human trafficking networks.

Choochart Kanpai, a lawyer for Karadag, said the trial would proceed even though his client was concerned about the interpreters. “The defendants worry a bit because they are from Xinjiang and have friction with mainland China. But the interpreters seem okay,” Choochart told reporters, adding that he expects the trial to end in early 2018.”— Reuters

Bounty announced

DHAKA — Bangladesh on Monday announced a cash reward of 100,000 taka (1,265 US dollars) to anyone giving information leading to the arrest of culprits who attacked on Hindu minority people and their properties in the country’s Brahmanbaria district, 109 km northeast of Dhaka last month.

Police in Brahmanbaria said the announcement was made through loudspeakers in the violence-ridden Hindu main areas of the district.

A violent mob vandalized dozens of Hindu temples and homes over an alleged blasphemy on the court.

Senior North Korean diplomat likely to meet US experts in Geneva

BEIJING — A senior North Korean diplomat arrived in Beijing on Tuesday, possibly en route to Geneva to meet with US experts to discuss nuclear and other issues for the first time since Donald Trump was elected to be the next president of the United States.

The arrival of Choe Son Hui, head of the North Korean Foreign Ministry’s US affairs bureau, from Pyongyang was confirmed by Kyodo News at a Beijing airport, with a source familiar with the situation saying she will be holding informal talks with US researchers on North Korean affairs in the Swiss city.

Choe’s upcoming discussions are North Korea’s first known major contact with people from the United States since Trump won the US presidential election last week.

Her trip is apparently aimed at looking for information on the new US government.

At the airport, when asked about North Korea’s approach toward Trump’s incoming administration, Choe suggested that Pyongyang will adopt a wait-and-see attitude for the time being, saying the kind of policy it will adopt is paramount.

Choe, who was recently promoted to the top post from being vice head of the bureau, said she will “attend a meeting and meet with my old friends.”

South Korea’s Foreign Ministry spokesman, Cho June Hyuck, confirmed her trip during a press briefing, saying similar talks have been held in the past.

South Korea does not attach any special meaning to such meetings, he said, adding that Seoul and Washington maintain “the clear position (that) any indirect attempt to hold dialogue with North Korea while it is not showing the slightest bit of intention toward denuclearization would only justify its wrong behaviour.”

Unlike many other countries, North Korea has not given any official reaction to the outcome of the US election.— Kyodo News
Trump win, Democratic setbacks cloud Pelosi’s future as leader

WASHINGTON — Nancy Pelosi may face a challenge to her 14-year-old role as the leading Democrat in the US House of Representatives now that Republicans have captured the White House and maintained their grip on Congress.

Representative Tim Ryan, 43, of Ohio, is weighing a run against Pelosi, 76, who is the House minority leader and former speaker of the House, said Ryan’s spokesman Michael Zetts. The party vote for minority leader is scheduled for Thursday.

“He is concerned that if changes aren’t made we will be in the political wilderness for many years to come,” Zetts said. It was unclear how much support Ryan might have. He has been in the House since 2003.

Voters who elected Republican Donald Trump over Democrat Hillary Clinton on 8 November also gave Democrats a few more seats in the 435-member US House of Representatives and the 100-member Senate, but Republicans held on to their majorities in both. Democrats had expected to do much better; some had predicted double-digit wins in the House.

Pelosi, of California, faced calls from Representative Seth Moulton and other Democrats, dismayed by the election results, to postpone the party’s leadership election until later in November while a reassessment is made.

House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, a Republican, may have given some ammunition to Pelosi’s detractors on Monday when he said, “I kind of like Pelosi staying around. As long as she’s there, I think we stay in the majority.”

The new Congress convenes on 3 January Trump will succeed President Barack Obama, a Democrat, on 20 January. In the US Senate, New York’s Chuck Schumer is expected to replace the retiring fellow Democrat Harry Reid as minority leader.

In the Republican party, no one is challenging Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, and House Republicans are expected on Tuesday to nominate Paul Ryan to remain House speaker.

Ryan would face an election in January, when all members of the new House, both Democrats and Republicans, vote on a new speaker. Before Trump’s win, some Republican conservatives angered by Ryan’s tepid support for Trump were talking about trying to block his re-election. Those threats have subsided but not vanished. An aide to New York Republican Representative Chris Collins said, “Congressman Collins fully believes Speaker Ryan is a slam dunk to be re-elected as speaker, and looks forward to working with him in the next Congress.” Collins was Trump’s first supporter in the House.

Some conservative Republicans still have doubts. “Presently Speaker Ryan does not have my vote, but I will listen to his message tomorrow,” Representative Tom Massie of Kentucky said in a statement.—Reuters

Trump will get wake-up call when he takes office, Obama says

WASHINGTON — President-elect Donald Trump is in for a quick wake-up call and will have to adjust his temperament when he confronts the realities of his new job on 20 January, President Barack Obama said on Monday.

In a news conference at the White House, Obama said the freewheeling Trump could not be as outspoken as he was during the long and bitter campaign that ended last week with the Republican’s surprise win over Democrat Hillary Clinton.

Subdued and carefully choosing his words, Obama gave what appeared to be dispassionate advice to his successor free of much of the partisan rancor that marked the election campaign.

“This office has a way of waking you up,” Obama said. “Those aspects of his positions or predispositions that don’t match up with reality, he will find shaken up pretty quick because reality has a way of asserting itself.”

The two men met in the Oval Office last week to begin the transition of power. Obama said on Monday he believed Trump would be pragmatic in office and not approach the country’s problems from an ideological perspective. “There are going to be certain elements of his temperament that will not serve him well, unless he recognises them and corrects them,” Obama said.

“Because when you’re a candidate and you say something that is inaccurate or controversial it has less impact than it does when you’re president of the United States. Everyday around the world is paying attention. Markets move,” he said.—Reuters

Police raid mosques, flats across Germany as government bans Islamist group

BERLIN — German police launched dawn raids on mosques, apartments and offices in ten German states on Tuesday, and the government banned a group it accused of trying to recruit fighters for Islamic State, the interior ministry said.

A spokesman for the ministry described the DWR ‘True Religion’ organisation as a mobilising network for Islamic State, though she said there was no indication it was planning attacks itself. Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere believed the group breached Germany’s constitution and incited hatred, she added. He was due to make a statement on the arrests and the ban later on Tuesday. There was no immediate statement from the group.—Reuters

Merkel urges Germans to stay ‘open-minded’

BERLIN — Chancellor Angela Merkel on Monday urged Germans to stand up for an “open-minded” country, warning that the US election victory of Donald Trump could inflame Germany’s refugee debate.

Trump has denounced as “insane” Merkel’s decision to allow more than a million migrants into Germany and claimed it had increased crime.

“We all are called upon now to put our cards on the table and nail our colours to the mast for an open-minded Germany,” Merkel told reporters when asked about the impact of Trump’s election victory on the migration debate in Germany.

“The dignity of every human being is inviolable — regardless of religion, origin, sexual orientation and other characteristics, for example gender,” Merkel said. “This is what guides us. This is what we also stand up for.”—Reuters

Russia says MiG-29 jet fighter crashed in Mediterranean: agencies

MOSCOW — A Russian MiG-29 fighter jet from the Admiral Kuznetsov aircraft carrier has crashed into the Mediterranean Sea, news agencies cited a defence ministry statement as saying on Tuesday.

The accident took place at 9:10 pm (local time) Monday night when the ship, carrying about 70 domestic tourists, returned from a training flight, a few kilometres (miles) from the aircraft carrier, due to a technical fault.—Reuters

Cruise ship runs aground near Cambodia seashore, leaving four dead

PHNOM PENH — A small cruise ship hit a sandbank near the seashore in southern Cambodia’s Kampot province, leaving four persons dead, a local police chief confirmed Tuesday.

The accident took place at 9:10 pm (local time) Monday night when the ship, carrying about 70 domestic tourists, returned from watching fireflies along the sea and ran aground in the distance of about 30 metres from the seashore, said Gen. Mao Chamnathirth, police chief of Kampot province. “The ship hit the sandbank, throwing several passengers off it,” he told Xinhua. “Also, some other passengers panicked and jumped into the water because they confusingly thought that the cruise boat was sinking.”—Xinhua
Respect rights of those nearby who wish to live in peace

A Dutch tourist was sentenced to three months recently for interfering with a religious observance by unplugging an amplifier that was blaring out a late-night Buddhist sermon near his hotel in the city of Mandalay, a rare incident taking place in a country whose culture is heavily influenced by Buddhism.

Klaas Haytema, 30, was arrested after an angry crowd gathered around his hotel in protest. The protesters at a nearby religious hall were turned off. Local media reported Haytema said he was unaware that the loudspeakers were broadcasting religious content. His lawyer told a court that Haytema disconnected the loudspeakers because they were disturbing his sleep. Whatever the reason, the incident has drawn both sarcasm and praise from individuals and remains a contested issue, which has provoked widespread concerns and raised questions about the government’s commitment to democracy.

Haytema’s actions at a public gathering were likely to cause offence. Regardless of whether it was a religious ceremony, his actions could spark a wave of intolerance among local Buddhists. However, equal punishment should be given to foreigners who commit the same offence, regardless of their country of origin such as China or Netherlands to make sure that there is no bias in the administration of the justice.

Contrary to what is accepted in contemporary society, the Buddhist community shows loving-kindness (metta) and compassion (karuna) to their utmost, but some of legal proceedings in the country remain a conundrum.

Now that the Rain Retreat for Buddhist monks is over, there will be a number of public events and ceremonies to mark the days of religious significance, which often require the use of loudspeakers at night. As the misuse of high-powered sound systems in public areas is a problem, the organisers should consider the affect of their actions on others around them and respect the right of those in the vicinity to live in peace. Otherwise, it will be a great trouble if his state-ment is to be taken to the media council if a media man is considered to breach re-sponsibility and ethic acquired in the news media law cannot be said as usual whenever an offense happens to them, in spite of existence of News Media Council & the promulgated News Media Law. In Section 21 of the News Media Law, it is prescribed that the aggrieved can complain first-ly to the media council if a media man is considered to breach responsibility and ethic acquired in the law. Discussions were made based on pessimistic views for suing those breaching the law in courts instead of complaining to the council.

The other day I read a conclusion by a veteran journalist in a newspaper in which it said the government itself failed to abide by the news media law. Perhaps it may be connected with the above-said suits. During the conference, I had no chance to take part in the discussions. Now that I cannot flinch an inch to explain to the public noteworthy facts, I decided to write down this article. Failing that, his opinions and statements may be taken to be completely true.

I am not a legal expert. So I fail to know thoroughly laws. Yet, I feel that I am responsible for explaining the media, as far as I know, as I took part in compiling the law while serving as a departmental head. Some wrong assumptions found in the article made me write this.

In the 5th conference, one journalist disclosed that they discussed the news media law in the parliament, but Hluttaw forced the law to be enacted as desired, neglecting their submissions. It will be a great trouble if his state-ments were assumed to be true in people’s mind. In fact, it was totally wrong.

There were frequent meet-ings between the Information Ministry and media council (temporary) to compile the news media law. The final draft was submitted to the Amyotha Hlut-taw on 23 August 2013 by U Phone Myint Aung, the parlia-mentarian.

The News Media Law (Draft) underwent the process of approval in the presence of Hluttaw Drafting Committees at dif-ferent levels. Responsible offi-cials from the ministry, Office of the Union Attorney General, the then media council took active part in the discussion, modifying it with addition, deletion, substitu-tion of suitable words. Just af-ter many discussions and argu-ments, the committee took a final decision.

In this way, the Hluttaw passed it into the law. What I mean is that it is the promulgated law which can mediate between legal bodies controlling the law & media men responsible to fol-low the law.

Any laws including the ex-isting media law cannot be said to be totally unique. There may be some weak points. Here I want to point out a fact that we amended a wording proposed by the then media council in section 21 of the News Media Law. “The aggrieved must firstly com-plain to the media council.” As regards this, we discussed for long before the Hluttaw Drafting Committee. Parliamentarians in the committee mostly discussed that “Is required,” the word is not suitable as it brings about the matter of fulfilling the opportunity and perfunctory or-der, thus the desire of the aggrieved should be prioritized as well. Depending upon the information did not force the Hluttaw to enact the law.

“The aggrieved” includes ranging from individuals to groups and associations, plus governmental organizations. It is not fair to favor the media with one-sided views. Consideration for the aggrieved should be taken according to their damage and rules. Ultimately the Hluttaw de-cided to choose the word “Can complain” for “Is required to complain”, assuming that it was more appropriate. Suffice it that Parliament promulgated the law with the majority of votes in the democratic way. The ministry of information did not force the Hluttaw to enact the law.

After the promulgation, the above-said prescription no longer include in it. This is an exempla-ry background for those who would like to find fault with the government to keep in their minds.

Hence, it is just and fair for the aggrieved to sue their offend-er under the existing law, to the extent of fulfillment of his desire. Didn’t media men sue their fellow media men, apart from the cases sued by the government and the aggrieved? Didn’t the government discuss with the media council to control the weak-ness of media? According to my personal experience, I had encountered such events very of-ten.

While I am at it, I want to explain one point in connection with the causes of such prob-lems. Rights of media men are prescribed in sections 4.5,6.7 and 8 of the news media law with 9 facts of duties and ethics in sec- tion 21 of the News Media Law. For as the aggrieved, he can sue the offender under the law he likes assumed to be more effec-tive for him, without applying the news media law. This is his right. In section 25 of the bill submitted by U Phone Myint Aung, it was included “Any cases violating norms and ethics of media men working for multi-media established in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar are required to be sued under the prescription of the law.” We should consider it deeply wheth-er rights of every individual of the citizens need restricting like this. For this, parliamentarians took it into consideration in Amyotha Hluttaw, its origin and it cancelled the first prescription. After the promulgation, the above-said prescription no longer include in it. This is an exempla-ry background for those who would like to find fault with the government to keep in their minds.

Sorry to interrupt! I want you to convince yourself of the truth
Japan grants US$316,302 for two Schools in Ayeyawady Region

The handover ceremonies of the projects took place in Hinthada Township on 9th November 2016 respectively. Mr. Yoshimasa Kasai, Second Secretary of the Embassy of Japan, U Htay Oo, Member of Central Leading Committee of Union Solidarity and Development Party, U Kyaw Soe, Hluttaw Representative for Hinthada Constituency, U Ambro, Deputy Director of Ayeyarwady Region Education Department, Committee Chairpersons, committee members of the construction projects, and local residents attended the ceremonies.

As the existing school building at Inn Win Basic Education Primary School built in 1968 was extremely outdated and had numerous holes and gaps on its roof, the students had been exposed to rain over the years, which seriously had negatively affected their study. Furthermore, the school couldn’t afford to have enough classrooms to accommodate all students although the number of students has kept on increasing. To address this problem, the Japanese Government, under its GGP scheme, provided funding for construction of a 132’x30’ two-storey Reinforced Concrete Construction (R.C.C) building with lavatories and full furniture. The project will benefit 293 students of the school.

Ywa Oo Basic Education Branch High School had been facing a difficulty in accommodating the increasing number of students since the school had no sufficient classrooms as well as school furniture and lavatories. Under such circumstances, the Japanese Government, under its GGP scheme, provided funding for construction of a 120’x30’, 60’x30’ one-storey (L-shape) R.C.C building with lavatories and full furniture. The project will benefit 431 students of the school.

The Government of Japan has assisted 778 various grass-roots projects in Myanmar under the GGP scheme since 1993: the number consisting of 370 education projects, 196 healthcare projects, 138 public welfare and environment projects, 39 infrastructure projects and 35 other projects. It is anticipated that these assistances will further strengthen the existing friendly relations between Japan and Myanmar. —GNLM

Statement by Kofi Annan, Chair of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State on the recent violence in Rakhine State, Myanmar

As Chair of the Rakhine Advisory Commission, I wish to express my deep concern over the recent violence in northern Rakhine State, which is plunging the State into renewed instability and creating new displacement. All communities must renounce violence and I urge the security services to act in full compliance with the rule of law.

The Advisory Commission is mandated to provide recommendations to the Myanmar government on measures for resolving the complex challenges facing Rakhine State, which are holding back the State’s economic and social development. Recent events have reinforced the urgency of tackling these challenges in order to find viable solutions in the interest of all the people of the State.

Violence will not create an environment conducive to peace and inter-communal cohesion, which is a prerequisite for economic progress and prosperity. The interest of the people of Rakhine is best served through inclusive dialogue, by the promotion of mutual respect and cooperation and by providing local communities with opportunities to live their lives in dignity and to achieve their legitimate aspirations.

The Commission continues its work. We are grateful for the support we have already received and we encourage all communities to engage constructively with the Commission.

Tender for construction of monopole in Mandalay to be sold out

According to U Zaw Win, in-charge of building and warehouse of Mandalay City Development Committee, tender application forms for construction of monopole in Mandalay municipal area for the betterment of communication website commenced to be sold out beginning from of November 15.

It was the joint venture between MCDC and tender winning company and the latter will have to invest 100 per cent in the project.

The existing amount of monopoles is not sufficient for the current need as online service linking with international operators require more. On completion of building, connection will be better. Anyone with telecommunication can apply. Tender forms will be sold from November 15 to 18. The deadline is 30th November, addressed to building and warehouse. Tender opening date will be announced.

U Khin Maung Nyunt, branch officer of building and warehouse, said that some shops of Zegyo and other high-rise buildings have poor internet connection. These locations will be granted to build monopoles if demanded.

Monopoles are targeted to promptly send information to the public and help imminent BRT system ply along their routes. Daw Ni Ni, whole sale distributor of clothing in Mandalay Zegyo, supported the plan. — Aung Thant Khaing

Over 200 emergency patients come to MGH on Full Moon of Tazaungmon

According to U Thein Hla Tun, a senior male nurse of the emergency unit, Mandalay General Hospital, there were 202 patients who arrived the emergency unit for injuries from accidents. They were said to be so overjoyed with their revolts on such a merrymaking occasion.

He added, “They came here from injuries caused by drunk driving and altercation. As soon as they arrived emergency unit, plan to rescue life of the victim has to be prioritized, followed by dressing and other processes. Doctors give necessary treatment afterward.”

Out of the patients, 110 males and 23 females from accidents, 60 males and 9 females from injuries in altercation came to the hospital. Among them, 24 had their brain operated, one had its jaw operated and 43 were patients from injuries.

He went on saying, “Victims of this year outnumbered that of last year. They came from Pyin Oo Lwin and Sagaing. — Aung Thant Khaing

Photo: MNA

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In Iraq, Syrian Kurds long to return home to fight Islamic State

BASHIQA, (Iraq) — Days after helping to capture the Iraqi town of Bashiqa northeast of Mosul, Syrian Kurdish fighters walk proudly past the corpses of Islamic State combatants still lying in the ruins.

As they inspect the devastated streets where militants had in ditches under metal sheets, members of the 3,300-strong Rojava Brigade exude confidence.

Fighting alongside Iraqi troops, Shi'ite militias and Iraqi Kurdish peshmerga fighters, they believe they can win the battle for Mosul, the jihadists’ last big city stronghold in Iraq.

They are also confident of defeating Islamic State in the civil war back home in Syria, where they hope to return to protect their fellow Kurds.

But, in a situation that illustrates the complexities of the fight against the world’s most dangerous militant group, rivalries between Kurdish groups are being played out across borders and preventing the Rojava Brigade fighting in Syria.

“We want to protect our land and our people. We can defeat the jihadists at home,” Brigadier General Mohamed Rashed, the leader of the Rojava Brigade, told Reuters in Bashiqa.

But, speaking regretfully of the situation in Syria, he said: “We made several attempts to go back.”

Like about 20 per cent of the men under his command, Rashed once served in the Syrian army. After an uprising broke out, he fled to Iraq, leaving behind his parents and dreams of creating an independent Kurdish state.—Reuters

Guerrilla group claims responsibility for attack at French embassy in Athens

ATHENS — A Greek left-wing urban guerrilla group on Monday claimed responsibility for an attack with a hand grenade on the French embassy in Athens last week, which wounded one guard.

The attackers were riding a motorcycle when they threw the hand grenade outside the building opposite parliament, in one of Athens’s best-guarded areas. The attack occurred less than a week before a planned visit by US President Barack Obama on 15-November.

16 November. In a statement uploaded on Athens Indymedia website, the Revolutionary Self-defence Group described the attack saying it was in protest at France’s foreign policy and its treatment of refugees. The group has also claimed responsibility for an attack on the headquarters of the Socialist PASOK party in Athens in 2014 and an attack against the Mexican embassy in August.

“The political aim of the Revolutionary Self-defence Group in all three armed interventions was clear: attacking the state oligarchy, the dictatorship of the capital and its armed guards,” the group said, warning of more attacks against police.—Reuters

Air strike hits third Syrian hospital in 24 hours: monitor

BEIRUT — An air strike hit a hospital in the rebel-held Syrian village of Awaajel, west of Aleppo killing at least one person in the early hours of Tuesday, a day after attacks on two other hospitals in the region, a war monitor said.

Jets hit Awaajel’s Baghdad hospital with rockets, injuring medical staff and patients, including some who had just moved there from a hospital hit in nearby Kafrnaha on Monday, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said.

The attack put the hospital in Awaajel out of service, it added.

The Observatory is a Britain-based monitor of Syria’s five-and-a-half-year civil war that publishes reports based on its network of contacts across Syria.

An air campaign by Russia’s military backed by Austria’s air force has intensified in the villages and small towns of Aleppo and Idlib provinces in recent days, the Observatory reported, after a foiled rebel offensive in the west of the city.—Reuters

Syrian Kurdish fighters ride a military vehicle in the town of Bashiqa, after it was recaptured from the Islamic State, east of Mosul, Iraq, on 12 November, 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

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**Diabetes ranks 3rd biggest cause of death in Brunei: senior health official**

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN — Diabetes continues to be one of the leading causes of death in Brunei, after cancer and heart disease, said Haji Zulkarnain, the country’s Minister of Health.

“About 12.4 per cent of adults in Brunei Darussalam have diabetes. Research carried out by the Ministry of Health shows that worryingly, 44 per cent of diabetes cases in the country are undiagnosed. This means that more than 20,000 people in Brunei are living with diabetes, but have not yet presented to the health services and therefore, do not even know that they have the condition,” the minister was quoted as saying on Monday.

“Brunei Darussalam together with other countries and the World Health Organisation (WHO) commemorate World Diabetes Day on 14 November to raise awareness on the disease, encourage those battling the challenges and complexity of living with it and to give assurance to those affected by diabetes, both patients and families, that they are not alone in the fight,” the minister added in his World Diabetes Day message.

According to the minister, nearly 50,000 of people in Brunei are living with diabetes and the number is growing. If untreated, diabetes can cause diabetic comas.

The impact of diabetes goes beyond just high sugar in the blood. Among adults in Brunei, diabetes is the leading cause of blindness, kidney disease, and amputations. Further, people with diabetes are also two to four times more likely to experience heart attacks and strokes, the minister said in his message.

“This is why, in the fight against diabetes, the Ministry of Health focuses in particular on the prevention and early detection of the disease, in line with the theme of this year’s World Diabetes Day 2016, ‘Eyes on Diabetes’.

“The focus is on promoting the importance of screening to ensure early diagnosis of type 2 diabetes and prompt treatment to reduce the risk of serious complications,” the minister added.— Xinhua

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**Satellite centre to support New Zealand’s nascent space industry**

WELLINGTON — The New Zealand government Tuesday announced it was backing a satellite development centre as another key stepping stone in building a national space economy.

The Centre for Space Science Technology (CSST) would establish an international satellite data exchange and collaborate with leading researchers and businesses, in New Zealand and abroad, to design, build and launch New Zealand’s first fleet of cube satellites, said Science and Innovation Minister Steven Joyce.

The CSST would be based in Alexandra, in the South Island’s Otago region and undertake research to explore the use of space-based measurements and satellite imagery unique to New Zealand to meet the specific needs of regional industries, Joyce said in a statement.

The government would provide funding of up to 14.7 million NZ dollars (10.46 million US dollars) over four years for the new institute with additional funding from industry, and it would operate as a private, independently governed organisation.

It would support the development and growth of New Zealand’s space economy by filling critical gaps in the collection and processing of New Zealand’s satellite data, he said.

In September, Joyce opened New Zealand’s first space launch site, the privately run Rocket Lab Launch Complex at the Mahia Peninsula on the North Island’s east coast.

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Rocket Lab plans to begin space launches from New Zealand this year and is expected to start taking commercial payloads next year.— Xinhua

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**Mexico declares public health emergency over obesity, diabetes**

MEXICO CITY — Mexico on Monday marked World Diabetes Day by declaring a public health emergency over the rapid rise in obesity and diabetes.

“The decision was made after the National Institute of Statistics and Geography confirmed that between 2014 and 2015 the number of people who died of diabetes rose by more than 4,000,” the daily La Jornada reported.

In that period, diabetes-related deaths increased from 19,000 to 23,000, with the number of people who died of the disease rising from 4,000 to 5,000, the paper said.

Health Minister Jose Narro, who was on a working visit to the western city of Guadalajara, blamed a change in the Mexican lifestyle of people living in a developing country.

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**Chinese scientist Zhao Dongyuan wins TWAS-Lenovo Prize**

KIGALI — Chinese scientist Zhao Dongyuan scooped the 2016 TWAS-Lenovo Science Prize for his works on nano materials.

The award, one of the most prestigious honours given to scientists in the developing world, was announced Monday at the ongoing 27th The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) general meeting in the Rwandan capital Kigali.

Zhao is credited for developing innovative nano-sized materials that can be used to clean water, deliver medicine and improve batteries.

The chemistry professor at Fudan University in Shanghai, China, focuses on mesoporous materials — structures that feature tiny, microscopic holes.

The annual prize including 100,000 US dollars is provided by China’s largest computer maker Lenovo.

The TWAS-Lenovo Prize focuses on recognising outstanding work in basic sciences, with the subject area changing each year — Physics and Astronomy in 2013, Biological Sciences in 2014, Mathematics in 2015 and Chemical Sciences in 2016.

Each year the Academy also awards individual prizes of 15,000 dollars to scientists who have been working and living in a developing country for at least 10 years.—Xinhua

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**Israel reports H5N8 bird flu at farm: OIE**

PARIS — Israel has reported an outbreak of highly contagious H5N8 bird flu virus on a farm, a case likely due to contact with wild birds migrating from Europe, international animal health body OIE said on Monday.

The outbreak occurred in Hezfa-Bah in the northern district of Hazafon and killed 1,500 birds out of 34,300 on the farm, the OIE said, citing information from the Israeli authorities. “Israel is on the migration route of wild birds coming from Europe to Africa. The migration is ongoing and this virus strain probably arrived from Europe with migrating birds,” the OIE said.

Several European countries have reported cases of H5N8 strain of bird flu and some have ordered that poultry flocks be kept indoors to avoid the disease spreading.— Reuters

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**File image of poultry is seen in a cage in the Israeli village of Aviel in 2008.**

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Dakota Access pipeline protests planned across United States

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2. National Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist (Ref # SC-13)
3. National Environmental Safeguards Specialist (Ref # SC-11)

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Agricultural Development Support Project (ADSP)

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar is in the process of receiving funds from the World Bank toward the cost of preparing and implementing the Agricultural Development Support Project (ADSP) in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation (MoALI) is implementing the Project and has formed a Project Management Unit (PMU) for the purpose of receiving funds from the World Bank toward the cost of preparing and implementing the Project.

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1. National Finance Officer (Ref # SC-15)
2. National Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist (Ref # SC-13)
3. National Environmental Safeguards Specialist (Ref # SC-11)

The Services are expected to be carried out over a period of 12 months with the possibility of extension depending on the performance. The location of work will be the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank’s Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under Inter-Bank (IBRD) Loans and International Development Association (IDA) Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers dated July 2014 (“Consultant Guidelines”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with procedures set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information and a copy of the detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) can be obtained at the address below during working days from 10:00 to 15:00 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail, or by Fax) not later than November 30, 2016.

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Austria doesn’t need emergency cap on refugees now: minister

LUCERNE, (Switzerland) — Austria does not need to implement an emergency cap on asylum seekers at the moment because the number of refugees entering the country has waned, Interior Minister Wolfgang Sobotka said on Monday.

Sobotka was a vocal champion of the introduction this year of a cap of 37,500 asylum seekers coming into Austria, which was one of the main recipients of a mass wave of migrants last year.

“At the moment we have a declining (number of people) springing up and being detained so we don’t see the need at the moment to put the emergency decree into gear,” he told a Swiss panel discussion on labor markets and immigration.

“We just wanted to have foreseen negotiating it. You don’t buy a fire engine when the blaze has broken out,” he added.

The flow of migrants into Austria has slowed since last year’s surge, in which hundreds of thousands of people, many fleeing war and poverty in the Middle East, headed through the Balkans and toward Germany.

Neighbouring Hungary has since built a fence along its border with Serbia, and Balkan countries have introduced border restrictions of their own, in coordination with Austria, largely shutting down that route into the heart of Europe.

After last year’s influx, in which Austria took in about 90,000 asylum seekers, more than 1 per cent of its population, the government said it would only let 37,500 people apply for asylum this year.

Around 30,000 applications had been filed so far. Austria built a 4 km barrier with a managed entry point on its border with Slovenia when the flow of migrants shifted toward that frontier, and it has said it will erect one at the Brenner crossing with Italy if needed.— Reuters

Poland re-examines remains of president killed in 2010 plane crash

KRAKOW, (Poland) — Polish prosecutors on Monday began the exhumation of President Lech Kaczynski, who died in a plane crash in Russia in 2010, to examine his remains as part of an investigation into the tragedy likely to rock political divisions in Poland.

The crash near Smolensk in western Russia, which killed 96 people including Kaczynski’s wife, top army brass and the central bank governor, has become one of the most fraught public issues in Poland, with some claiming foul play. An inquiry by Poland’s previous, centrist government ruled pilot error caused the government’s Soviet-made Tu-154 to crash into the ground in heavy fog during an attempt to land.

But Kaczynski’s twin brother, Jaroslaw, whose nationalist-minded Law and Justice party (PiS) unseated the centrists in an election last year, has said an onboard explosion could have caused the crash.

Prosecutors want to determine whether there was no mix-up of remains during burial, as well as whether damage to the bodies had been described correctly in previous inquiries, arguing that Russia has not been able to return the plane’s wreckage was a critical obstacle.

“The crucial evidence remains unexamined. We don’t expect to have access to it any time soon,” Marek Pasionek, a deputy prosecutor general, was quoted saying by Rzeczpospolita daily last week.

“We need to have the wreckage in order to reconstruct the flight. “And however brutal this may sound, the bodies are practically the only piece of evidence which we can have access to, through exhumations,”

Russia has said the wreckage cannot be returned until its own criminal inquiry is concluded.

Kaczynski, who was buried in his crypt in the Wavel cathedral in Krakow in southern Poland after it closed for tour- ists at 6 p.m. local time (12 p.m. ET). Other exhumations will follow in coming months.— Reuters

EIA submitted for drilling program in offshore Block A-6

Woodside Energy (Myanmar) Pte Ltd (Woodside) proposes to undertake a drilling program in Block A-6, located offshore Ayeyarwady Region, Myanmar. This is scheduled to commence in early 2017 using a dynamically positioned Mobile Offshore Drilling Unit. The area in which the wells will be drilled is located at least 21 miles from the nearest coastline.

Under the Environmental Conservation Law and Environmental Conservation Rules of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Woodside is required to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the proposed activity. An EIA study has been conducted by Environmental Resources Management (ERM) and E Guard Environmental Services (E Guard), on behalf of Woodside, in accordance with the Myanmar EIA Procedure (2015).

Associated stakeholder engagement has been undertaken at the national and local levels in Yangon, Naypyidaw and Ayeyarwady Region.

More information about the proposed activity and a copy of the EIA report can be found on Woodside’s webpage woodside.com.au/myanmar-consultation. Any queries, comments or suggestions on the Project on the report can be provided in writing to feedback@woodside.com.au or info@eguardservices.com.
The Rock’ talks a future in politics, including potential White House run

LOS ANGELES — After parlaying a professional wrestling career as “The Rock” into leading roles in Hollywood, Dwayne Johnson is entertaining the idea of jumping into the political ring, including perhaps even a run for the White House someday.

Johnson, 44, who stars in the upcoming Disney animated film “Moana” as the voice of demigod Maui, told Reuters the excitement surrounding last week’s presidential election had renewed public interest in him running for office.

“I love my country, I’m extremely patriotic and I also feel, especially now, leadership is so important, great leadership is so important, respected leadership is so important,” said Johnson, star of “The Fast and the Furious” franchise. Asked specifically about a potential White House run, Johnson replied: “If I felt like I could be an effective leader for us, and surround myself with really high-quality leaders, then sure, I would.”

It is not the first time Johnson’s name has been mentioned in political circles.

Earlier this year, Johnson took to Instagram to thank a Washington Post journalist who said he had a “weirdly plausible path to a political career” as a mixed-race registered Republican from Florida, a swing state in the presidential election. While Johnson did not specify which office he might seek, when he might run or which party he would represent, he said he thought that running a business as a producer in Hollywood had given him a discipline he hoped he could apply to politics.

“I’ve found really good success in being able to galvanize people in a positive way and continued to push them, as I’ve pushed myself along the way too, because I walk what I talk, daily, which is an important quality,” he said. If Johnson does take on politics, he would be following another pro wrestler, Jesse ‘The Body’ Ventura, who served as governor of Minnesota, and body builder-turned-action star Arnold Schwarzenegger, who served two terms as Republican governor of California.

Known for his catchphrase: “Can you smell what The Rock is cooking,” Johnson still participates in occasional World Wrestling Entertainment matches, alongside producing and starring in HBO’s sports drama “Ballers” and the upcoming “Baywatch” film re-boot.—Reuters

Bowie music, Bowie style London concert to celebrate late singer

LONDON — Friends and musicians who played with David Bowie are to gather in London for a concert in January marking what would have been his 70th birthday, organisers announced on Monday.

Called “Celebrating David Bowie,” the concert is organised by Gary Oldman, a British actor and close Bowie friend, and will take place in Bowie’s Brixton, London birthplace on 8 January, according to the late singer’s website.

The show will come almost a year after Bowie’s death from cancer on 10 January. Proceeds will go to the Children & the Arts charity.

Organisers said the concert will feature some 30 musicians who played on Bowie’s various albums and world tours over the years. They will play “Bowie music, Bowie style.”

“This is the first and last time this inner circle will do anything like this and these shows are likely to be the last time that they perform his music together,” said. “This is the closest anyone will come to a David Bowie live experience ever again,” the announcement said.—Reuters

Bon Jovi takes Billboard’s No 1 album spot for sixth time

NEW YORK — New albums from rockers Bon Jovi and R&B singer Alicia Keys took the two top spots on the US Billboard 200 chart on Monday, while the soundtrack for kids movie “Trolls” moved in to third place.

Bon Jovi’s “This House Is Not For Sale” sold 129,000 units to give the New Jersey band its sixth No. 1 album, according to figures from Nielsen SoundScan.

Keys, whose career is enjoying a boost thanks to her appearances as a judge on the television show “The Voice,” saw her studio album “Here” reach second place with sales of 50,000 units.

The Billboard 200 album chart tallies units from album sales, song sales (10 songs equal one album) and streaming activity (1,500 streams equal one album).

The soundtrack from the animated movie “Trolls” rose from 39th on the Billboard 200 last week to No. 3, with some 46,000 units sold in the week. It features contributions from Justin Timberlake, Ariana Grande, Gwen Stefani and Anna Kendrick.

Movie soundtracks for “Suicide Squad” and “Star Wars: The Force Awakens” also have made the top 10 of the Billboard 200 this year.

On the digital songs chart, which measures online singles sales, Rae Sremmurd’s September release “Black Beatles” took the top spot, rising 16 places from last week due largely to the viral success of the “mannequin challenge,” a fad in which the hip-hop duo’s music often serves as a backdrop. People taking the challenge pose frozen in action while a music video is recorded, and post the video on social media. Those taking part have ranged from Adele and Beyonce to Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton.—Reuters

A Minute With: ‘ Fantastic’ Newt Scamander (aka Eddie Redmayne)

NEW YORK — With his peacock-blue coat, bow tie and battered suitcase, Eddie Redmayne stars as J.K. Rowling’s latest magical hero in “Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them.”

Redmayne spoke with Reuters ahead of the movie opening on Friday about his favorite beasts and his hopes for his character, Newt Scamander. The following are edited excerpts.

Q: How much of Newt came from you and how much from J.K. Rowling?
A: Newt was wonderfully well defined on the page and then it was about hearing the guys who worked on “War Horse” make a huge puppet that I rehearsed with for a few weeks. Then when it came to shooting, it would go away and I would have the sense memory.

Q: Did you have a favourite beast?
A: I think Pickett was my favourite. He’s got attachment issues and he just wants a bit of a hug. He’s bullied by the other bowtruckles.

Q: Where would you like Newt’s character to go in the second film?
A: You get a sense when you see Leda Lestrange’s photograph that this girl has clearly had an effect on him, so that would be interesting to see. Also you hear that Newt has spent a year out in the field in Equatorial Guinea. I would love to see him out in the wild, getting some of these extraordinary creatures.—Reuters
Supermoon delights world’s star gazers in full moon, eclipse combination

SYDNEY — From Beijing to Berlin, star gazers around the world admired the supermoon — the largest, brightest full moon in nearly seven decades — as it made its way across the skies on Sunday and Monday.

In Australia, some sky-watchers climbed to the top of the Sydney Harbour Bridge to get a closer view of the moon as it ducked between the clouds over the city. Astronomers said it was closer to Earth than at any time since 1948.

The supermoon, also known as a blood moon, was produced when the shadow of Earth cast a reddish glow on the moon, the result of a rare combination of an eclipse with the closest full moon of the year.

For more than an hour on Sunday night and early on Monday morning, Earth’s shadow blanketed the full moon as the planet passed between the sun and the moon.

The brilliant white glow of the moon slowly transformed into a dim red, a colouring caused by Earth’s atmosphere scattering sunlight into the shadow.

“I think the last time I can remember this sort of (activity) is when I was very small, when Halle-Bopp came. Back then my parents took me (to watch),” said Huich Wei-Ting, 36, who lined up with scores of people in Taipei to look at the moon through telescopes in the Taiwanese capital. “It was like climbing a mountain to look at the stars.”

In New York City, the Chrysler Building lit up when the supermoon set behind the Art Deco-style skyscraper, and photographers captured the moon rising over the US Capitol dome in Washington DC.

In Boston, real estate agent Jamie Iacoi filmed a video from his roof deck. “At one point, the planes were flying right through the middle of the moon. It was so cool to see in person,” Iacoi said. Spectators lined up in France, Israel and Germany to watch the moon rise behind famous monuments like the Eiffel Tower, Dormition Abbey, and the Brandenburg Gate.

An aeroplane flies past the London Eye wheel, and moon, a day before the ‘supermoon’ spectacle in London, Britain.

Photo: Reuters

The full moon also shone over Jakarta in Indonesia and Thailand’s Bangkok while in the Philippines, park-goers watched the spectacle in Manila. The next supermoon-lunar eclipse combination will not happen until 2033.—Reuters

Aerosmith to say ‘Aero-Vederci’ with 2017 European tour

Vocalist Steven Tyler (L) and guitarist Joe Perry of Aerosmith perform during their ‘Aerosmith: Let Rock Rule’ tour at The Forum in Inglewood, California in 2014.

Photo: Reuters

LONDON — US rockers Aerosmith, together for some 45 years, will embark on a “farewell” European tour next year, the group said on Monday, kicking off the series of shows in Israel.

One of the biggest rock bands in the United States, the award-winning group, often called “The Bad Boys from Boston” in reference to the city where they formed in 1970, is known for songs like “Back in the Saddle” and “Walk This Way.”

The group consists of lead singer Steven Tyler, guitarist Joe Perry and Brad Whitford, drummer Joey Kramer and bassist Tom Hamilton.

“Aerosmith will return across the Atlantic with one of the greatest rock shows ever seen and will undoubtedly be the ultimate must see event of 2017 as the band embark upon this, their ‘farewell’ tour, saying ‘Aero-Vederci Baby!’,” a statement from the group said.

In a spoof news sketch video posted on the band’s Twitter feed, Tyler and Perry announced the European tour, with Tyler asking “Any truth to the rumours that this could be the last hurrah?” to which Perry replies: “Who the hell knows.”

The tour will kick off in Tel Aviv in May, with the band then heading to Georgia, Russia, Germany and performing across Europe until early July.

During the tour, Aerosmith will also play music festivals such as Sweden Rock, France’s Hellfest and the Download Festival in Britain. There were no immediate details for dates outside Europe.

Aerosmith recently played a series of concerts in Latin America. —Reuters

Yangtze River cable car riding key part of Chongqing culture

BEIJING — Despite the ticket price hike, riding a cable car crossing the mighty Yangtze River in southwest China’s Chongqing Municipality remains a significant part of local culture. The ticket price of a Yangtze River cable car riding has now risen to 20 yuan from 0.8 yuan charged just before the National Day holiday in October.

However, the number of riders keeps going up to hit a record of 18,000 in a single day last month.

According to the local residents, from six o’clock in the morning, riders speaking dialects of Beijing, Guangdong, and other places would queue up for over two hundred meters to buy the tickets.

For one thing, it is a unique way to see the gorgeous scenery on the two sides of the river in day-time, and the night view of illuminating neon and twinkling stars.

Besides, riders could also feel the imposing rush and hear the thunderous roar of the Yangtze River from high above in the cable car.

For another, unforgettable scenes in the famous Chinese movies like Crazy Stone, Chongqing Blues and Door were shot here, which further give food for their imagination.

The cable car was put into service in 1987, as a primary commuting tool for locals, taking them four to five minutes to cross the river. Nicknamed “air-bus” of the city, the cable car is China’s first large cross-river passenger cableway.—Xinhua

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Photo taken by the author shows a cable car crossing the Yangtze River in Chongqing Municipality, southwest China, on 3 November 2016. Photo: Xinhua
Returning hero Murray masters Cilic, Nishikori wins

LONDON — If Andy Murray was grateful to Marin Cilic for facilitating his rise to the summit this month it was not evident as he added the Croatian to his lengthening list of victims at the ATP World Tour Finals on Monday.

It was Cilic’s defeat of Novak Djokovic at the Paris Masters that opened the door for Murray to seize the number one ranking he had spent his whole career pursuing.

Murray repaid the favour with a 6-3, 6-2 win — his 20th in succession — although it was far from a drubbing as Cilic tried his utmost to ruin the Scot’s homecoming.

Four more performances like that at the O2 Arena this week should guarantee the 29-year-old will end 2016 leading the pack.

Murray had lost his most recent meeting with Cilic, the Cincinnati Masters final in August, and on Wednesday he will face Japan’s Kei Nishikori who stopped him in the US Open quarters — Murray’s last Tour level defeat.

Nishikori had earlier beaten Swiss Stan Wawrinka 6-2, 6-3 in the John McEnroe group — although that match was as one-sided as the scoreline suggested with Wawrinka badly off key.

Murray has been handed a tougher-looking group than Novak Djokovic, the man he deposed and who could still snatch back the top ranking, but he cleared the first hurdle in style in front of a near full house who welcomed him home like a returning hero.

“It was a great reception,” Murray, Britain’s first ATP singles world number one, told reporters.

“After a long kind of few months, it’s nice to know that I’m going to be finishing the year playing in that sort of atmosphere. It helps you get up for the matches a bit more.”

Murray served four double faults in the early stages and came under a fierce assault by Cilic.

But in his first match since officially taking over at the top, he showed all the attributes that have made him all but unbeatable since his French Open final loss to Djokovic.

Even when Cilic cancelled out an early break Murray responded immediately to move 3-1 ahead.

He conjured an ace to stave off a break point in the next game and eventually took a high-quality opener in 45 minutes.

Cilic had chances again at the start of the second set but it was Murray who struck in the fifth game with a blistering forehand winner. Murray then put the hammer down.

“A little bit unfortunate to go 6-3, 6-2, it felt it was much, much closer in the first set, beginning of the second,” Cilic, who will play Wawrinka on Wednesday, told reporters. —Reuters

Wawrinka will have to improve considerably.

South Korea snatch late win over Uzbekistan

SEOUL — South Korea gave coach Uli Stielike the perfect birthday gift with a 2-1 win over Uzbekistan on Tuesday that breathed new life into their World Cup qualifying campaign.

The victory lifted South Korea above the Uzbeks into second spot in Group A at the midway point of Asia’s final qualifying round, level on 10 points with Iran, who play Syria later on Tuesday.

The top two sides in Group A and B qualify automatically for the 2018 World Cup in Russia while the third-placed teams meet to decide who goes into a CONCACAFA-Asian Zone playoff for a place at the finals.

The Koreans have looked a shadow of the side that reached last year’s Asian Cup final and went in at halftime trailing 1-0 after Marat Bilmoev pounced on goalkeeper Kim Seung-gyu’s poor clearance to curl the ball into an empty net from 25 metres. The hosts had dominated possession in the opening 45 minutes without looking remotely dangerous but showed great urgency after the break and equalised in the 67th minute.

Defender Park Joo-ho dashed down to the line and his looping cross arced to the far post where Nam Tae-hee crashed home a header. Stielike, celebrating his 62nd birthday, sent on Hong Chul and the substitutes combined to set up the winner.

Hong crossed deep from the left, Kim held off a defender to nod the ball back across goal and Koo Ja-cheol raced in behind the defence to slam home five minutes from time. After losing 1-0 to Iran in their last qualifier, Stielike was delighted his side had managed to break down the stingy Uzbek defence, which had conceded just two goals over their last seven matches.

Murray celebrates during his round robin match against Croatia’s Marin Cilic during Barclays ATP World Tour Finals at O2 Arena, London on 14 November 2016. Photo: Reuters

Japanese striker Yuya Osako celebrates scoring the second goal for Japan during their 2018 World Cup qualifier against Saudi Arabia at Saitama Stadium. Photo: Reuters

Japan beat Saudi Arabia in make-or-break World Cup qualifier

SAITAMA — Genki Haraguchi became the first Japanese to score in four successive World Cup final qualifiers and Hiroshi Kiyotake struck from the spot as Japan defeated Saudi Arabia 2-1 on Tuesday.

Haraguchi netted a crucial second for Vahid Halilhodzic’s side in the 80th minute after Kiyotake converted a controversial penalty in the final minute of the opening half. Captain Osama Hawsawi pulled one back for Saudi Arabia in the dying minutes.

Japanese striker Yuya Osako, who scored two of Japan’s four goals against Oman, kept his place up front ahead of Okazaki.

Japan came out roaring, completely suppressing Saudi Arabia for the first 20 minutes. The Saudis were quick in transition, scoring the hosts with the occasional counterattack, but largely suffocated in the face of relentless pressure from the four-time Asian champions.

It appeared, though, Japan would not be rewarded for their first-half domination as the clock ticked away toward the break.

But just minutes before the half, Kiyotake’s shot went off Abdulmalek Al Khabiri in the area, forcing the referee to point to the spot. Kiyotake struck for the second straight game to open the scoring.

Japan stayed in control in the second half, when Haraguchi doubled their lead with 10 minutes to go. Hawsawi made it 2-1 in the 90th minute before being sent off for a second yellow three minutes later, but Japan hung on to take all three points to wrap up the year.

“It was a difficult game, but we kept our balance throughout the game, I thought,” Kiyotake said. “But we keep playing next year so we can’t let up.”

—Kyodo News