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IMF welcomes first ever Myanmar participant to Journalism Fellowship Programme

WASHINGTON D.C, 8 April — This year's International Monetary Fund Journalism Fellowship Programme has admitted 34 participants from across the world, with a journalist from the New Light of Myanmar representing Myanmar for the first time.

37-year old Ye Myint will cover the IMF 2014 Spring Meeting from 11-13 April and participate in a number of workshops. The programme is aimed at journalists from countries that do not routinely at-

tend the Spring and Annual Meetings of the IMF in order for them to be able to cover the meetings for their respective countries.

On Monday, 8 journalists from Africa, 6 from Asia Pacific, 6 from Europe, 8 from Middle East

and Central Asia, 6 from Western Hemisphere countries gathered at the IMF Headquarters 2 in Washington DC to attend the welcome ceremony where they were given an introduction by Conny Lotze, head of Media Relations, and Press Officer Raphael Anspach.

A series of presentations followed, with Executive Director Mr Momo Bamba Saho talking about the perspective of each representative's country, and IMF staff elaborating on the Fund's financial assistance to member countries and where the Fund gets its money from.

IMF is an organization with 188 member countries, and is working to foster global monetary cooperation, secure financial stability, facilitate international trade, promote employment and sustainable economic growth, and reduce poverty around the world.

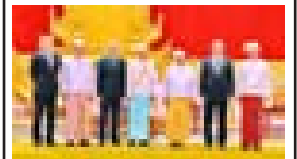
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New Light of Myanmar journalist Ye Myint is representing Myanmar at the IMF Journalism Fellowship Programme.

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Union Government to fully protect aid groups in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April— The Union Government has announced that it will provide aid groups from the UN and other international organizations with full security services and will cooperate with them on all levels.

In a press release from the Union Government on Tuesday regarding the investigation commission for the March 26-27 riots in Sittway, Rakhine State, the Union Government also pledged that it will form a support group for emergency situations as part of efforts to support local authorities and security forces as the response to the March 26-27 riots in Sittway, Rakhine State was now adequate, officials said.

The Union Government will expose the ringleaders and others involved in the riots which targeted the facilities of aid groups, with officials saying that serious action will be taken. According to the report of the investigation commission, instigators used the fact that Ms Yvonne Dunton from the Malteser International organization took down a Buddhist flag outside her rented house as an excuse to start the violence, further straining the relations between local people and international aid groups.

The residences and facilities of the aid groups were destroyed during the riots due to a sluggish response from authorities, the report said. During the riots, 14 offices of 18 aid groups, 16 homes, 15 warehouses, 14 vehicles, 2 watercraft, 29 motorcycles and office equipment, valued at K 430 million and USD 430,000 were damaged.— NLM

Gov't, ethnic armed groups agree on first draft for nationwide ceasefire deal



Union Peace-making Work Committee (UPMWC) and the National Ceasefire Coordination Team-NCCT pose for documentary Photo.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April — The Union Peace-making Work Committee (UPMWC) and the National Ceasefire Coordination Team-NCCT agreed on

a first draft for a ceasefire agreement on Tuesday. After discussing from 5 to 8 April the details of the introduction and first seven chapters of the draft nation-

wide ceasefire deal both sides found a consensus.

They also agreed to continue the peace talks in the first week of May.

While leaders from all

16 ethnic armed groups of the NCCT participated in the talks, the heads of five ethnic armed groups were invited as observers.

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Union FM meets Polish Ambassador to Myanmar, accepts Letter of Commission of Chinese Consul-General

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, received Mr. Zenon Kuchciak, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Tuesday.

At the meeting, they cordially discussed promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation between Myanmar and Poland. Mr. Wang Yu, newly appointed Consul-General of the People's Republic of China with residence in Mandalay presented his Letter of Commission to Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, here, on Tuesday.—MNA



U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, shaking hands with Mr. Zenon Kuchciak, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland.
MNA

More cooperation between MRTV and BBC discussed

YANGON, 8 April—Union Minister for Information U Aung Kyi and Director-General of BBC Lord Tony Hall held talks to continue bilateral cooperation between MRTV and BBC, at MRTV on Pyay Road in Yangon on Tuesday.

They also focused on conducting courses and bilateral cooperation in pro-

ducing educational TV programmes for understanding a democratic governance system.

Future plans for implementing public service media-PSM and public service broadcasting-PSB and sending representatives of MRTV to BBC (London) to observe work of the corporation were also discussed.—MNA

Union Health Minister enjoys World Health Day-2014



Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin views books displayed to mark the 66th Anniversary World Health Day.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin addressed the 66th Anniversary of World Health Day, held at the Ministry of Health on Monday.

The Union Minister thanked the medical staff who exerted efforts for fighting hard against polio as he was very delighted to receive a polio eradica-

tion model presented by Regional Certificate Committee on Polio Eradication.

He said that disease control measures are taken by the ministry in collaboration with authorities, townsenders, social organizations and the public as the theme for World Health Day-2014 is "Vector-borne diseases: Small Creatures,

Big Threat".

He called for making strenuous efforts to share health knowledge in national races languages across the country.—MNA

Correction

Please read "MoU on Singapore-Myanmar Vocational Training Institute signed" instead of "MoU on Singapore-Myanmar Technical Cooperation Programme signed" in the headline, in ninth line of first paragraph in the first column of the text and in the caption on page 2 of this daily issued on 8-4-2014. Error is regretted.—Ed

Union Minister discusses bilateral cooperation with ROK officials

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—Union Minister for Industry U Maung Myint visited the Republic of Korea from 30 March to 5 April to discuss bilateral cooperation for industrial development, observe industries and accept Honorary Doctorate Degree of Political Science from Pukyong National University.

The Union minister discussed matters on production of cement and agricultural equipment and steel

industry with the president of Daewoo International Co Ltd on 31 March. On 1 April, he held a meeting with Vice-Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy of ROK on prospects for development of industrial sector and investment opportunities in Myanmar and met the chairman and officials from Kukje Machinery Co Ltd and observed agricultural equipment there.

The Union minister visited POSCO Steel Plant

and viewed round production process of the plant on 2 April. He discussed matters related to human resource development with the president of Pukyong National University and accepted Honorary Doctorate Degree of Political Science conferred by the university on 3 April. He also observed construction site of offshore petroleum drilling platforms of Hyundai Heavy Industries on 4 April.—MNA



Union Minister for Industry U Maung Myint views round production process of the plant.—MNA

88.26 % of census taking process completed in Nattalin Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—The census enumerators have completed 88.26 per cent of their census taking process in Nattalin Township from 30 March to 6 April.

On Monday, Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Kyaw Kyaw Win inspected the census taking process in Damange and Pauktaw Villages in Nattalin

Township of Bago Region.

The deputy minister explained purposes and advantages of nation-wide census taking in meeting with Amyotha Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw representatives, township/ward/village-tract census committee members and support committee members, locals and census enumerators.—MNA

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President U Thein Sein accepts credentials of Polish Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—Mr. Zenon Kuchciak, the newly-accredited Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar presented his credentials to U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at Presidential Palace, here, on Tuesday.

President U Thein Sein poses for documentary photo with Mr. Zenon Kuchciak, the newly-accredited Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to Myanmar.—MNA

Present on the occasion were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt and Director-General U Thurain Thant Zin of the Protocol Department.

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Census enumerators collect data from over 9 million households

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—The census enumerators have collected data from 9,562,265 households of the country from 30 March to 7 April.

Data from 217,342 households in Kachin State, 47,163 in Kayah State, 268,890 in Kayah State, 71,211 in Chin State, 996,599 in Sagaing Region, 252,564 in Tanintharyi Region, 586,426 in Bago Region (East), 460,263 in Bago Region (West), 809,104 in Magway Region, 1,171,647 in Mandalay Region, 379,960 in Mon State, 420,577 in Rakhine State, 1,469,181 in Yangon Region, 103,524 in Shan State (East), 448,288 in Shan State (South), 339,683 in Shan State (North), 1,285,464 in Ayeyawady Region and 234,379 in Nay Pyi Taw Union Council Area have been collected so far.

The census enumerators collected data of 63 villages and they will continue to collect data of 138 villages in Kachin State.

The census enumerators collected data of 41 villages under the security of Armed Forces and they will continue to collect data of 13 villages in Shan State (North).

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APG assists in promulgation of Money Laundering Law in Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—Money Laundering Law in Myanmar was a great topic discussed by Executive Secretary of Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APG) Mr Gordon Philip Hook and Dr Tun Shin, Attorney-General of the Union at his office on Monday.

Mr Gordon Philip Hook expressed his recognition for Myanmar's effort in promulgation of money laundering law. He pledged that APG will provide assistance for Myanmar in promulgation of anti-terrorism law.

The Attorney-General of the Union replied to recognition of the Executive

Secretary and they then discussed on-going projects.—MNA



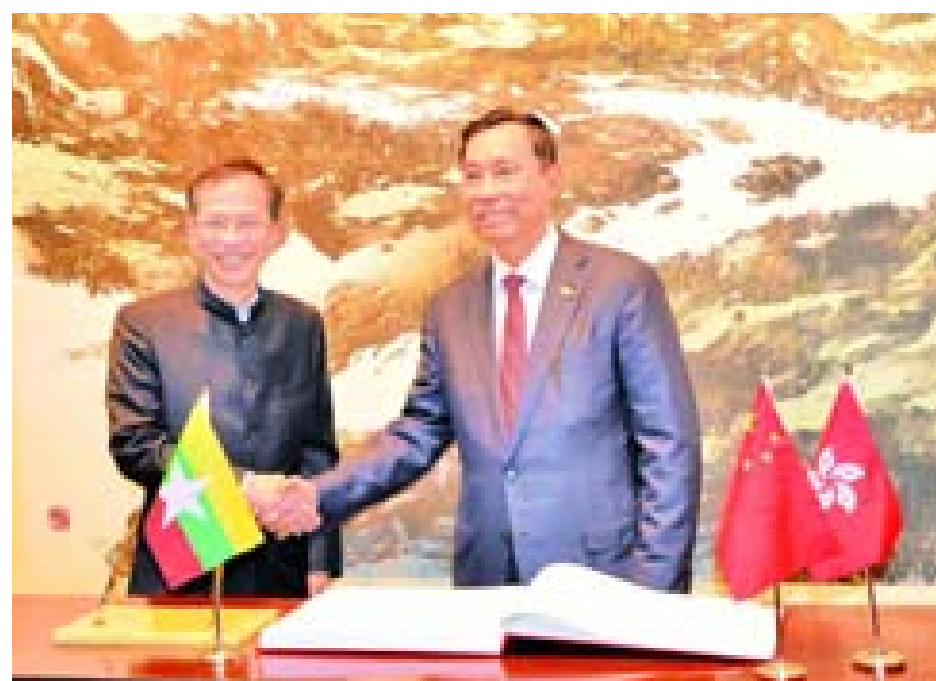
Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin receives Executive Secretary of Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APG) Mr Gordon Philip Hook.—MNA

Union Parliament Speaker exchanges views on legislative matters with President of Legislative Council of Hong Kong

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—Mr. Jasper TSANG. GBS, JP, President of the Legislative Council of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China welcomed Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (Union Parliament) and Pyithu Hluttaw (People's Parliament) Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and party on Sunday at the hall of the Council in Hong Kong and they exchanged views on legislative matters and their experience.

The Speaker also had a discussion with Mr Leung Chun-ying, Chief Executive of HKSAR and they discussed further strengthening friendship and matters of cooperation at the government house of Hong Kong.

During the visit, the Speaker observed Jardine Matheson Co., Stock Exchange, Exchange Square, American Club and Mannings Store in Hong Kong.



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (Union Parliament) Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann shakes hands with Mr. Jasper TSANG. GBS, JP, President of the Legislative Council of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China.—MNA

On Tuesday, Mr Hinoshir Minoura, Deputy President of Mitsui Banking Cooperation explained matters related to banking services to the Speaker at Renaissance Hotel.

Afterwards, the Myanmar delegation viewed around the urban infrastructure in Hong Kong.

The Speaker and party left Hong Kong for Beijing

in the evening and they were seen off Consul-General U Wai Lwin Than of HKSAR and officials at Hong Kong International Airport.—MNA

Media registration for 24th ASEAN Summit

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—The 24th ASEAN Summit will be held at the Myanmar International Convention Centre in Nay Pyi Taw on 10 and 11 May.

The local and foreign correspondents who wish to cover the news of ASEAN Summit are to click the registration link for the 24th ASEAN Summit of Upcoming Events at the Home Page of www.asean2014.gov.mm to fill up the Media Registration Form. The registration must be taken not later than 30 April. The media accreditation cards will be issued at MICC on 9 May.

The foreign correspondents are to apply visa at respective Myanmar embassies to cover the news of Summit. Please dial 067-412227 and 412057 of ASEAN Affairs Department for further information about the summit and 067-412125 and 412126 of News and Periodicals Enterprise about news coverage of local-based foreign news agencies and local media.—MNA

108th Buddha Pujaniya of Hsinphyutaung Pagoda held

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April —The 108th Buddha Pujaniya of Hsinphyutaung Pagoda was opened by Pyinmana Township Administrator U San Maw and wellwisher U Ko Ko Po (K.P) and family at Wegyi Village in Pyinmana Township in Nay Pyi

Taw Council Area on Monday. Hsinphyutaung Venerable Sayadaw, the Administrator and wellwishers and officials attended the ceremony. The congregation took the Five Precepts from Katoeseik monastery Sayadaw.

Hsinphyutaung Pagoda was built by hermit U Kanti. The pagoda has existed for more than 100 years. The wellwisher (K.P) family donated K 45 million in renovation works of the pagoda. — *Ko Gyi Kyaw (Pyinmana)*



Nine-storey building completed by 95 percent at Mandalay General Hospital

MANDALAY, 8 April — A nine-storey building is being built in the compound of Mandalay General Hospital (1000-bed) and it was completed by 95 percent.

“The building has been constructed since 14-1-2013 with a total area of 124,740 square feet. The building will cost K 3,000 million for the building and the contribution was made by well-wishers and donors around the country.

The building will be

completed at the end of June. About 500 patients will be admitted with health care services. Arrangements will be made for patient's convenience in consulting with specialists.

At present over 1,200 patients are under treatment at the hospital. Upon completion of the building, patients will get more medical treatment with health care services. The document related to the hospital has been submitted to the

government to allow it as a 1500-bed hospital,” said medical-social officer U Min Lwin.

Mandalay General Hospital was opened as a 250-bed municipal hospital in the colonial era in 1925. It was promoted to an 800-bed hospital in 1965. As of 13 March, 2012, it was upgraded to a 1000-bed hospital.—*Min Htet Aung, Aye Mya (Mandalay)*



Professional golfer level sports trial to be held on 23-24 April



YANGON, 8 April—Organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and Myanmar PGA a sports trial for professional golfers will be held at Yangon Golf Club (Danyingon) in Yangon on 23 and 24 April.

Those with H'Cap 0-12 in amateur level may partic-

Three new generation golfers take prizes for home

YANGON, 8 April—Two Myanmar golfers stood second in the 13th True Vision International Junior Golf Championships 2014 at Siam Country Golf Club from 1 to 4 April and another one secured third in Asian Tournament of Champions 2014 at Springfield Royal Country Club

from 25 to 27 March.

Altogether 168 golfers from 18 countries including ten Myanmar golfers participated in the championship. Of them Myanmar woman golfer “Yin May Myo” won second in girls' GA event while Myanmar man golfer “Kaung Myat Kyaw” seized second in Boys' BD

Consolation event of the championship. “Phu Pwint Yati Khaing” of Myanmar also won third in Ladies 14 and Under event of Asian Tournament of Champions 2014 and was awarded full time scholarship at International Junior Golf Academy in the U.S.—*NLM*

Over 700 acres of confiscated lands handed over in Kalay Tsp

KALAY, 8 April—A ceremony to hand over confiscated lands to owners was held at the Hall of Kalay in Sagaing Region on Monday.

Only then will sports trial winners take part in the golf tournaments organized by the Myanmar PGA.

The golfers may enlist with K 50000 fee not later than at 1 p.m. on 21 April. For further information, dial 09 2 037 671, 09 420 017 835 and 09 73 130 474.—*Nyi Nyi Soe Nyunt*

Sagaing Region Minister for Electricity and Industry U Kyaw Win delivered an address at the ceremony.

Kalay District Deputy Commissioner U Maung Htoo and District Land Utilization Management Committee Secretary U Thein Lwin returned 723.77 acre of confiscated lands to owners through the Region Minister and departmental officials. Local resident of Myaukse village U Hla Aung spoke words of thanks. The ceremony was

attended by Pyithu Hluttaw representatives and Region Hluttaw representatives, District and Township Management Committee Chair-

men and members, district and township level officials, ward administrators and confiscated land owners.

Jo Net (Kalay)



Two human trafficking victims rescued in southern Thailand

BANGKOK, 8 April — Two Myanmar human trafficking victims have been rescued by a Myanmar society from the hands of human traffickers in Thailand on Sunday.

The two women identified as Ma Le Le Win, 22, from Thingangyungyi Village in Mingaladon Township and Ma Ei Ei Khaing, 26, from Mingaladon Township women were found at a garment factory

in southern Thailand.

They were sent to the factory by a broker who promised them that they would receive a monthly salary of K 400,000.

“We have to work from 6 am to 10 pm daily and we get 2000 baht for a month. We were not allowed to go anywhere. That's why we phoned our friend in Yangon to help us,” Ma Ei Ei Khaing.

A combined team com-

prising Myanmar nationals from Myanmar Association Thailand and Phang Nga-based Federation of Education Development rescued the two victims and has planned to send them back to Myanmar soon.

The combined team also rescued two Myanmar workers from the hands of the traffickers at a fishing jetty in southern Thailand on 4 April.

Soe Win-MLA

Socioeconomic development for rural people in Myeik District discussed

MYEIK, 8 April — Region Minister for Transport Dr Kyaw Hsan reported that arrangement of private vessels and bus-lines and road works are being carried out in Taninthayi Region in meeting with Deputy Construction Minister U Soe Tint at Pale Yadana Hall of Myeik on Monday.

Hluttaw represent-

atives and support committee members presented reports on constructions of roads, bridges and railroads including undertakings for communication and transport sector development and socioeconomic development of rural people.

Chairman of the transport and construction subcommittee of the Union

Government's Economic Affairs Committee Deputy Minister U Soe Tint and Vice-Chairman Deputy Rail Transportation Minister U Myint Thein explained tasks of the delivery unit of transport and construction subcommittee.

Khaing Htoo (IPRD Myeik)



WORLD

Israel, Palestinians press on with peace talks rescue bid



Palestinian chief negotiator Saeb Erekat (L) helps Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas as he signs international conventions during a meeting with Palestinian leadership in the West Bank City of Ramallah on 1 April, 2014.—REUTERS

JERUSALEM, 8 April — Israeli and Palestinian negotiators on Tuesday ended another US-mediated session with no sign of a breakthrough in efforts to

save peace talks from collapse but an Israeli official said they agreed to meet again.

In a statement about the latest discussions, US

State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said: “Gaps remain but both sides are committed to narrow the gaps.”

The US-brokered negotiations, which began in July, plunged into crisis last week after Israel, demanding a Palestinian commitment to continue talking beyond an 29 April deadline for a peace deal, failed to carry out a promised release of about two dozen Palestinian prisoners.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas responded by signing 15 global treaties, including the Geneva Conventions on the conduct of war and occupations, on behalf of the State of Palestine, a defiant move

that surprised Washington and angered Israel.

Israeli Foreign Minister Avidgor Lieberman, speaking on Israel Radio on Tuesday, said Abbas would have to reverse that step in order for the prisoner release to be re-addressed. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has threatened unspecified retaliation in response to the signings.

As part of the US-led bid to salvage the talks, Israeli chief negotiator Tzipi Livni and Palestinian counterpart Saeb Erekat, along with US mediator Martin Indyk, reconvened late on Monday after what the United States had described as a “serious and constructive” meeting on Sunday.—Reuters

Afghan presidential election provokes more than 3,000 complaints

KABUL, 8 April — Afghan authorities have received more than 3,000 reports of violations from last weekend’s presidential election, exceeding the tally following a 2009 vote that was marred by widespread fraud. But just half the 3,103 complaints registered so far will be investigated, a complaints commission spokesman said, since the rest were reported by telephone and lacked the required supporting evidence.

The three frontrunners have all complained of fraud in the 5 April vote meant to usher in Afghanistan’s first democratic transfer of power, as incumbent Hamid Karzai prepares to step down after more than 12 years as head of state.

Midnight on Monday was the deadline for reporting fraud and any

irregularities, but the final figure is expected to rise as reports flow into Kabul along with ballot boxes from around the country.

A final tally could take days to become available, since observers, voters and other parties all had means to lodge complaints at polling stations. “As soon as we get them, it is clear the final number is going to increase,” said Nader Mohseni, spokesman for the Independent Election Complaints Commission.

“We cannot ignore the fact that during the elections, there were instances of fraud and electoral violations.” More than 2,000 complaints were investigated during the 2009 elections, which were tarnished by fraud that led to more than a million votes being scrapped.—Reuters



Afghan election workers write numbers on ballot boxes at a counting centre in Kabul on 6 April, 2014.

REUTERS

Indonesia deploys police, troops to safeguard upcoming elections

JAKARTA, 8 April — Indonesia, due to hold parliamentary election on Wednesday, has deployed hundreds thousands of police and tens thousands of troops to guard against possible public disorder in the country’s upcoming elections.

The country had also installed special procedures to assure security during the elections, with police taking the leading role.

A senior Indonesian police officer said that

some 18,000 police would be deployed to assure the security in about 40,000 ballot stations in capital city and outskirts areas (Jabodetabek).

“Firearms were not necessary to secure the situation in Jakarta and outskirts areas. Police manned in ballot stations would use baton. They already have martial art skills,” Jakarta Police Chief Inspector General Dwi Priyatno said on the sidelines of election

security preparation drill held here on Monday.

Dwi added firearm usage would only be allowed in areas considered prone to security incidents, or in situation that demands police to take excessive measures, such as unrests or anarchy.

“We have prepared firearms and other necessities required to secure the election commensurate with the level of security disturbances,” Dwi added.

Police’s tasks include

securing the ballot stations, distribution of ballot papers, vote counting in ballot stations and ushering the voted ballots to the regional general elections commission (KPU) offices.

Overall, Indonesia allocated some 250,000 police personnel to secure the elections. Indonesia has allocated some 1.6 trillion rupiah (about 141 million US dollars) to finance the police’s efforts to secure the election.

Xinhua

A sedan is seen immersed in flood in a street in Neuquen, Argentina, on 7 April, 2014. More than 1,000 people were evacuated in the Neuquen’s province, due to the strong rainfall that has waterlogged large urban areas, according to the local press.—XINHUA



UN Security Council condemns killing of two UN personnel in Somalia

UNITED NATIONS, 8 April — The UN Security Council on Monday condemned the killing of two UN consultants in Somalia earlier in the day, and called on the Somali authorities to bring the perpetrators to justice.

“The members of the Security Council are outraged by the killing today of two UN personnel in

Galkayo, Somalia,” said a statement issued here by the 15-nation Security Council. “The members of the Security Council condemned the killings in the strongest terms.”

The two UN staffers, one British and a French working with the UN anti-drug agency in Somalia, had reportedly flown into Galkayo to meet with

Somali officials on the issue of regulating the money transfer services that replace a formal banking system in Somalia.

Sources from the airport said the two had been shot and killed close to the immigration office and the killing seemed to be a targeted assassination carried out by two assailants, reports said.—Xinhua

Six killed, 28 wounded in insurgent attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 8 April — Six people were killed and 28 others wounded in separate violent attacks across Iraq on Monday, police and medical sources said.

In Anbar Province, a suicide car bomber rammed his explosive-laden car into a checkpoint manned by members of a government-backed Sahwa paramilitary group and blew it up in al-Soufiyah district in the eastern part of the provincial capital city of Ramadi, some 110 km west of the Iraqi capital of Baghdad, a provincial police source said. The blast killed two Sahwa members and wounded seven others, the source said.

Iraqi army helicopter gunships attacked al-Askari neighbourhood in the eastern part of the city of Fallujah, some 50 km west of Baghdad, and killed a mili-

tant, believed to be a leader of the Islamic State of Iraq and Levant (ISIL). Separately, artillery and mortar shelling on several neighbourhoods in the besieged city of Fallujah left a civilian killed and nine others wounded, a medical source from the city hospital said.

Meanwhile, several mortar rounds landed on the town of Garma near Fallujah, damaging several houses and wounding four civilians, including a child, a local police source said.

Anbar Province has been the scene of fierce clashes that flared up after Iraqi police dismantled an anti-government protest site outside Ramadi in late December last year.

Meanwhile, near Baghdad, a soldier was killed and three others were wounded when gunmen attacked an

army patrol in Abu Ghraib area, some 25 km west of Baghdad, a local police source said. In northern Iraq, soldiers in eastern Mosul, some 400 km north of Baghdad, shot dead a gunman and blew up his car while he was approaching their checkpoint, a local police source said.

Also in Mosul, five people were wounded when a roadside bomb explosion missed an army patrol in the southern city and hit civilian cars instead, the source added.

Iraq is witnessing its worst violence in recent years. According to the UN Assistance Mission for Iraq, a total of 8,868 Iraqis, including 7,818 civilians and civilian police personnel, were killed in 2013, the highest annual death toll in years.—Xinhua

G20 final document unlikely to address Ukraine crisis

Moscow, 8 April — The world's financial leaders are likely to discuss possible risks to Europe's economy from the crisis in Ukraine, but there are no plans to mention it in the final document from their Washington meeting, two G20 officials said.

Finance ministers and central bankers from the Group of 20 developed and emerging economies will treat Ukraine at their two-day meeting later this week the same way as they have talked about past crises, a Russian G20 official said.

"There is no mention of the situation in Ukraine (planned for the G20 communiqué)," the official said.

"One way or another, the issue will be brought up during discussions but it will be approached from the point of view of risks the crisis in Ukraine can create for the region as a whole. This is a traditional approach."

The G20 is also likely to talk about the planned International Monetary Fund program for Ukraine and about the crisis as a general geopolitical risk



Pro-Russian protesters gather at a barricade outside the offices of the SBU state security service in Luhansk, in eastern Ukraine on 7 April, 2014.—REUTERS

that would have negative effects on the European economy only if it escalates, another official involved in the preparations for the meeting said.

"It will appear in the discussion as geopolitical risk, but also because the

Russians are there I don't expect that will be high in the discussions of the G20," the second official, a non-Russian, said.

Last month Ukraine won a \$14 billion-\$18 billion standby credit from the IMF. The country's

economy was thrown in chaos after popular protests in Kiev ousted pro-Russian president Viktor Yanukovich in February and Russia seized Ukraine's Crimea and annexed it, causing the worst standoff between Moscow and the

West since the Cold War. "Of course there is concern, the tension escalated, but markets have more or less made the assumption that there will be a diplomatic solution so they can shrug it off," the second official said.—Reuters



A fast response craft from Australian Defence Vessel Ocean Shield tows Able Seaman Clearance Diver Michael Arnold as he searches the ocean for debris in the search zone in the southern Indian Ocean for the missing Malaysian Airlines flight MH370 in this picture released by the Australian Defence Force on 8 April, 2014.—REUTERS

Australian ship seeks signals from missing jet

SYDNEY, 8 April — An Australian ship which picked up possible "pings" from the black box recorders of a missing Malaysia Airlines jetliner has been unable to detect any further signals and time is running out to narrow the massive search, officials said on Tuesday.

Angus Houston, head of the Australian agency coordinating the search for Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370, said the month-long hunt in the Indian Ocean was at a critical stage given the batteries in the black box beacons had already reached the end of their 30-day expected life.

A US Navy "towed pinger locator" onboard

Australia's Ocean Shield picked up two signals consistent with black box locator beacons over the weekend - the first for more than two hours and the second for about 13 minutes.

Houston said the signals represented the best lead in the search yet, but efforts to pick up the pings again had so far been unsuccessful.

"If we don't get any further transmissions, we have a reasonably large search area of the bottom of the ocean to prosecute and that will take a long, long time. It's very slow, painstaking work," said Houston.

The black boxes record cockpit data and may provide answers about what

happened to the plane, which was carrying 227 passengers and 12 crew when it vanished on March 8 and flew thousands of kilometers off its Kuala Lumpur-to-Beijing route.

Authorities say evidence, including the loss of communications, suggests the plane was deliberately diverted by someone familiar with the aircraft, but have not ruled out mechanical problems.

Analysis of satellite data led investigators to conclude the Boeing 777 came down in an area some 1,680 km (1,040 miles) northwest of Perth, near where possible pings were picked up and the search is now focused.—Reuters

IATA urges Gulf carriers to expand regional, global cooperation

DUBAI, 8 April — The International Air Transport Association (IATA) on Monday called for regional cooperation and global standards to support the continued success of aviation in the Gulf area.

Speaking at the ongoing Aerospace Summit in Abu Dhabi, IATA director general and chief executive Tony Tyler said the fast-growing Gulf area is at the center of the success of Middle East aviation.

For the last 12 months, Middle Eastern aviation has outperformed all other regions in passenger transport growth.

But Tyler said effective management needs regional and international teamwork. "The players in the region urgently need to buy in to a vision for seamless airspace management in the region and then work together in a team effort to make it happen."

Xinhua

Syrian warring parties, supporters must "do everything" to protect civilians: UN chief

UNITED NATIONS, 8 April — UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Monday urged the warring parties in Syria and their supporters to "do everything" to protect civilians in the Middle East country, where armed conflicts entered its fourth year in March.

"In the face of troubling new reports of atrocities in the brutal conflict driving Syria to its destruction, the secretary-general demands

that warring parties and their supporters ensure that civilians are protected, regardless of their religion, community or ethnic affiliation," said a statement issued here Monday night by Ban's spokesman.

"Both the Syrian government and armed groups have the legal obligation and moral responsibility to do so," the statement said. "They must do everything to avoid and prevent

violence against civilians, including indiscriminate shelling and air attacks on civilian areas."

Ban's statement was prompted by the killing of an elderly priest in Homs, a city in western Syria and located some 162 km north of the capital Damascus, and what the secretary-general called "the gruesome images" purporting executions in the Syrian town of Kassab.

Xinhua

Beleaguered Thai PM pleads for justice, fair treatment

BANGKOK, 8 April — With legal cases against her mounting, embattled Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra pleaded on Tuesday for fair and proper treatment from the national anti-corruption commission and Thailand's Constitutional Court.

Thailand's political crisis looks set to enter a new, potentially turbulent phase as Yingluck faces at least two legal cases that could see her removed from office in coming weeks, a move that is likely to jolt her supporters in to action and bring the country closer, some fear, to civil strife.

"I ask that the Constitutional Court and National Anti-Corruption Commission use fair treatment when they deliberate the cases against me. I ask for the same treatment that past political office holders have received," Yingluck told reporters in Bangkok on Tuesday.

Her supporters have accused the Constitutional Court of bias in frequently ruling against the government. They also question the speed with which the National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC) has pursued her over a failed government rice subsidy scheme. The scheme has run up huge losses and left hundreds of thousands of farmers unpaid.

Yingluck has been charged with dereliction of duty in overseeing the cash-draining scheme that helped bring her to power in 2011 on a wave of support from rural voters.

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WORLD

Drought threatens population in the northwest of Haiti

PORT-DE-PAIX, (Haiti), 8 April — Only cactus grows along the dirt road fringing arid fields on the way to the isolated village of Bas des Moustiques, on the outskirts of the northwestern city of Port-de-Paix in Haiti.

A lack of rain in recent months has killed crops in Haiti's poorest region, and left people struggling to survive. Julia Sodieta, 41, has lost hope as she fights a losing battle to provide for her large family. "When I want to buy some food, people refuse and insult me because I have not been able to pay my debts," said Sodieta, the mother of 11.

"I can't pay school fees anymore for my children," she added. "Even buying clothes and shoes is impossible for me. What I am going to say is horrible, but I would rather not have my children." The drought follows two years of poor harvests in the region.

"I had a donkey that I used to transport coal, but it died because I could not buy food," said Charitable Yvner, 30. "So I can no longer work and the little money I saved has run out. My four children are weak and cannot concentrate in school." Historically, food has been sparse in northwestern Haiti, where chronic malnutrition is common



Julia Sodieta, mother of 11 children, sits on a sack of food she received as a donation from the UN's World Food Programme, in the village of Bas des Moustiques in Haiti's impoverished northwest department, on 3 April, 2014. —REUTERS

among the young, stunting their physical and intellectual growth.

Now the drought is directly affecting an additional 143,000 people, say international relief experts, prompting a major emergency operation by the UN's World Food Programme. "They are now in a terrible situation," said Georg-Friedrich Heymell, the Programme's director in Haiti. "They cannot survive without support. The food we give them will help them for the next six weeks."

With a population of 11 million, Haiti ranked

161 among 187 countries in the United Nations Human Development Index in 2012. "Three-quarters of Haitians live on less than \$2 per day and half of the population earns less than \$1 per day," the WFP says. "In rural areas, almost 90 percent live below the poverty level and basic social services are practically nonexistent."

Haiti has faced a food crisis for decades and international organizations have been financing humanitarian help for years, but even so the WFP forecasts are alarming. "It's April, and the emergency stock we

compose each year, thanks to the funding of Canada, the United Kingdom, the United States, France and Switzerland, is already exhausted," Heymell said.

"We need \$5 million just to replenish the emergency stock before hurricane season (in June). Here we have an emergency today, but unfortunately I know it will not be the last crisis for 2014 in Haiti," he added. With the international community focused on Central Africa and Syria, getting extra funding for humanitarian needs in Haiti is a big challenge, he said.

Reuters

Valls seeks reform boost with French confidence vote

PARIS, 8 April — New Prime Minister Manuel Valls will test France's political will to reform on Tuesday in a confidence vote that will determine whether the government can push ahead with a competitiveness drive. Valls, appointed by President Francois Hollande last week after the ruling Socialists suffered an election rout, is to launch plans to phase out 30 billion euros (\$41 billion) in payroll tax on companies in exchange for hiring.

Valls, one of France's most popular politicians, is to outline his priorities in his first major policy speech at 15:00 (1300 GMT), before the confidence vote. Hollande's newly reshuffled government is facing growing resistance from erstwhile coalition partners the Greens and from the

left, even within his own Socialist Party.

Their backing is vital for what Hollande has dubbed his "responsibility pact", which includes plans to wring 50 billion euros in savings from the budget over three years.

"The French want action. We have to create the conditions for supporting growth," Valls said on Monday on i>Tele television, promising concrete plans. His Finance Minister Michel Sapin said Valls would offer details about where the budget savings will come from. A government source said central state spending would account for nearly 20 billion euros, spending by local authorities 10 billion and another 20 billion would be from the welfare system.

Reuters



France's Prime Minister Manuel Valls arrives for the first cabinet meeting of the new government at the Elysee Palace in Paris, on 4 April, 2014. —REUTERS

Brawl in Ukraine parliament as communist supports pro-Russia protesters

KIEV, 8 April — Deputies in the Ukrainian parliament brawled in the chamber on Tuesday after a communist leader accused nationalists of playing into the hands of Russia by adopting extreme tactics early in the Ukrainian crisis.

Two deputies from the

Svoboda far-right nationalist party took exception to the charges by communist Petro Symonenko and seized him while he was talking from the rostrum.

His party supporters rallied to his defense and a brawl broke out with deputies from other parties joining in and trading punches.

Symonenko stirred nationalist anger when, referring to pro-Russian protesters who seized buildings in eastern Ukraine, he said nationalists had set a precedent earlier this year by seizing public buildings in protest at the rule of ousted President Viktor Yanukovich.—Reuters



Deputies clash during a session of the parliament in Kiev on 8 April, 2014. —REUTERS

Moscow blames NATO for trumping up "Russian threat"

MOSCOW, 8 April — The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) has been desperately seeking to find a new geopolitical opponent in order to cement the alliance, and the Ukrainian situation was their perfect chance to move in that direction, a high-ranking Russian diplomat said on Monday.

"No one threatens the alliance from the East," Russian permanent envoy to NATO Alexander Grushko

said in an interview published on the Foreign Ministry's website.

"The unprecedented campaign around 'Russian threat' has the only goal to persuade public opinion that NATO's return to containment of the threat from East, to collective security, is a move to the right direction," he said.

He described restoration of NATO's containment strategy "a highly dangerous trend" which

destabilizes military situation and stirs up Cold War instincts.

"It will be difficult to come out of that spinning dive," he warned.

The diplomat also cautioned against beefing-up of the Western military presence in eastern European countries, as such step would "completely destroy the system of mutual obligations between Russia and NATO."

Xinhua

Seven killed in Palestinian refugee camp clashes in Lebanon

BEIRUT, 8 April — Seven people were killed and at least ten others wounded during clashes that broke out Monday at the Palestinian refugee camp of Mieh-Mieh in Lebanon's southern port city of Sidon.

A security source confirmed to Xinhua the death toll, pointing out that the clashes started as an individual dispute ten days ago.

The source said that

the armed clashes erupted between supporters of "AnsarUllah" group and others of Fatah movement.

But according to the National News Agency, Munir al-Maqdah, Fatah military commander of Ain El-Heloue, the largest Palestinian refugee camp in Lebanon, said that various factions at the camp tried to ease the tensions caused by the individual dispute, but

they failed.

He added that the Palestinian factions, in coordination with the army, are working on resolving the dispute. The clash saw the use of medium and heavy machine-guns and rocket-propelled grenades.

The army has since taken strict security measures around the camp in order to prevent escalation.

Xinhua

PERSPECTIVES

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The Art of Speech

By Aung Khin

Although human beings are supposedly highly intelligent, only few people are eloquent. Speech is an art. Capability to speak precisely and accurately is an art. Good speech is a tool and can lead to prosperity and success for individual's life.

A speech can bring certain people success and affluence, and suffering and misery to others. Saying the truth is another vital aspect.

Greedy people speak superciliously. They speak arrogantly, regardless whether it is 'fair or unfair'. They tell a barefaced lie without feel-

ing guilty.

Irritable persons speak in brusque tone. It is not good to speak curtly with anger. Such behavior could tarnish relations to others. An ignorant person says the same things over and over again. It is tedious and boring to listen to such a person.

Arrogant people act in a snobbish way and often use vulgar words. People loathe such kind of persons.

Nyaung Pinthar U Ponnya (ME. 1190-1261) wrote a sermon that said 'Don't walk over a fragile bridge when there is no light, as well as don't speak too conceitedly; Walking over a fragile bridge when there is no light might lead to collapse, and speaking too conceitedly might result in falling into decline.'

It is true. Some people speak so superciliously that they eventually have to live alone and feel lonely. Dealing with each other harmoniously is the best way. Without greed, hatred and igno-

rance, speaking precisely and honestly is the best practice. However, such people are extremely rare. Most of the people speak arrogantly out of greed.

Some make one-sided conversation without considering the feelings of others. It is the worst kind of communication. Ridiculous expression with over confidence, regardless of acceptance speech, could tarnish relations. Therefore, there is a need for persuasive conservation. Any kind of speech should be precise in a honest way. Everyone should avoid vulgar speech.

It will lead to personal improvement if someone can apply the art of speech properly.

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Census taken in Namtit and Mongmaw of Shan State (North) Special Region-2

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—Chairman of the Central Census Commission Union Minister U Khin Yi met with Vice Chairman of UWSA U Pao Yu Yi and his team at the administrative office of Namtit Township in Shan State Special Region-2 in the morning of 5 April, the seventh day of the field work of nationwide census, and discussed matters related to the census in the Wa Region.

During the meeting, Vice Chairman U Pao Yu Yi said the census in the region this time was a success and expressed his thanks. He also said that he would like to cooperate with the government in the future.

Similarly, Commander Ar Chan of Wa Bridge 418 said that census had already been taken in his division smoothly and expressed his thanks. He thanked the government and brothers and sisters who collected census.

Then, the Union minister inspected the field works of the census in Ward-1, Namtit and greet-

ed the local people warmly.

An enumerator expressed her feeling in collection of data.

Daw Thanda Swe Enumerator

"We are now collecting census data from a Kokang family. Everything is smooth as the local people are cooperating with us and they expressed their thanks for the census.

The Union minister continued to Mongmaw District Administration Office and greeted local people, data collector and translators warmly. Then, the Union minister met with District Deputy Commissioner Ta Sai Paung and responsible officials and discussed matters related to the census.

Afterwards, the District Deputy Commissioner expressed his gratitude to those who helped make the census a success and the government that successfully taken the census in Wa area for the first time in many years. The enumerators who are fluently in languages of local people recounted their experiences.

Daw Lain Maung Pan Enumerator

"I am from Lashio. I have come here to take the census because this is my native. I am glad. Census has never been taken here before. This is the first time census has been taken in the region. It is really good for the region. I think the region will further develop in the future.

Daw Eu Nge Auditor

It has been 30 years since the last census was taken in Myanmar. Now we have discharge duty for census in Wa region. We are carrying out our duty happily and enthusiastically here because this is our people and this is our country. Leaders in the region warmly welcome us. We are glad again. Local people are also happy because they have a chance to meet educated people, young or old, from the plain region of the country. I am here as I was asked to help take census here and I am good at the local language. Everything is smooth as responsible officials also encourage and help our census team.—MNA

Nancho hydropower plant, source of better illumination for all



Photo shows Nancho hydropower project on Paunglaung River, 16 miles east of Pyinmana.—MNA

Byline & Photo: Kayan Soe Myint

Nancho hydropower project, implemented by Hydropower Implementation Department on Paunglaung River, 16 miles east of Pyinmana, will be launched on 11 April.

In an interview, Deputy Director-General U San Wai of Hydropower Implementation Department said that the power station of the project has come into operation since 6-10-2013. Up to now, the power plant

generates hydropower to the people through power grid. After launching the power generating on 11 April, the power plant will feed electricity to the power grid for more electrification to the people. In the future, Pyuchaung Power Station will generate 40 megawatts, he added.

Nancho hydropower plant linked with Paunglaung Hydropower Plant on 6-10-2013 and then

started to feed electricity to the power grid for public electrification.

In implementing the project, construction of embankment, stilling basin, step spillway and ogee crest and foundation of embankment were undertaken step by step.

Nancho hydropower plant will be reliable for one of the sources of electricity to be supplied to the people at full capacity as of 11 April.

Trs: TTA

Myanmar's oldest English daily newspaper is hiring now!

The Global New Light of Myanmar will relocate to Yangon in mid-April and is now looking for foreign editors and local reporters. Journalists who prefer to work as freelancers or on a part-time basis are also welcome to submit their applications. For further details, please send an email with your resume and samples of your work to the chief editor wallace.tun@gmail.com.

Census enumerators take data from regions with assistance of Tatmadaw

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—As part of the nationwide census taking process, the census enumerators are carrying out their tasks with the help of the Armed Forces in some regions that face some difficulties in Kachin and Northern Shan States.

The census enumerators gathered data from

20585 people from villages in the townships of the two states on Saturday.

In Kachin State, altogether 19364 villagers—17246 from 35 villages in Mansi Township, 174 from six villages in Dawphonyan Township, 611 from four villages in Naungswan Township,

518 from five villages in Phakant Township and 815 from four villages in Momeik Township of Bhamo District in Kachin State were enumerated the data. In Northern Shan State, a total of 1221 villagers—914 from four villages in Momeik Township, 223 from two villages in Man-

tung Township and 84 from a village in Namtu Township of Kyaukse District in Northern Shan State were also enumerated the data.

Up to now, a total of 50918 villagers from the two regions have been taken the data since 3 April.

The census enumerating groups will gather the data from remaining households of those regions.

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LOCAL NEWS

Summer training courses conclude in Zabuthiri Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—The first Buddhist culture course, basic English course and basic spoken English course concluded at the Dhammayon of Wunna Theikdi Ward of Zabuthiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 6 April.

Ma Shwepyi Lin Let secured the first prize, Ma Kyi Sin Lin, second and Ma Hsu Pyae Aung, third in the Buddhist culture course. Ma Kyi Sin Lin stood first, Maung Min Khant Kyaw second and Ma Aye Chan Po third in the English course and basic spoken English course.

Officials presented gifts to instructors U Tun



Tun Oo (MOFA) and U Maung Maung, Ko Pauk (Okkar Myay)

An official presents prize to an outstanding student in summer cultural training course in Zabuthiri Township.

Untimely rains hit Pyinmana twice

PYINMANA, 8 April—Untimely rains fell in Pyinmana of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area twice on 6 April. The first time was from 2.35 pm to 2.50 pm and the second time, 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm. The rainfall set 0.39 inch the whole day.

At the same time, Yezin Village of Zeyathiri Township got 0.24 inch of rainfall during one hour, according to an official of Meteorology and

Hydrology Department.

A grandpa of 75 years living in Ywagauk Ward of Pyinmana said that while there was shining, squall fell in the township.

On 6 April, the untimely rain hit Pyinmana, but there was no damage and loss.

So the local people called it was raining for Maha Thingyan festival.

Min Min Latt (Mann Tekkatho)

Nay Pyi Taw Ocean Centre performs entertainment to visitors

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—The special entertainment was performed at Ocean Center in Ottarathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area at 3 pm on 5 April.

It was mainly sponsored by Ovaltine together with co-sponsors Top Cashew Nut and Ma Ma instant noodle. Game contest was held for the visitors and customers and

winners were awarded.

Jade Dragon Dancer troupe and Myanmar Maha Thingyan chorus dancer troupe performed dances and vocalists Benny Phyo and Thandar Bo presented songs to the audiences and visitors.

The Ottara Ocean Centre were crowded with visitors and customers on 5 April.—Myo Zeyar (Pyinmana)



Saplings available at Mohnyin Township Forest Department

MOHNYIN, 8 April—A plan is underway to distribute 50000 saplings in 2014 cultivation season, said Staff Officer U Soe Win Myint of Mohnyin Township Forest Department at the seeding ceremony on 4 April.

Ironwood, teak, Measua ferrea, seinban, rain tree, eucalyptus, mezali and star-flower saplings are being nurtured at the nursery.

The saplings will be grown at the plantations in June and July of monsoon.

Regiments and units,

schools, monasteries, departments and associations may contact Forest Department to take saplings free of charge, and the department will provide agricultural technology to them, according to the

The seeding ceremony was attended by Township Administrator U Kyaw Swa Aung, departmental officials and social organization members.

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UNFPA official observes enumeration of census data in Tatkon



TATKON, 8 April—Argentine citizen Ms Eleonora Rajas Cabrera together U Nyan Win of UNFPA on 6 April morning observed collection of

census data in Tatkon Township.

They viewed round collection of census data at collecting areas of wards in the town

by enumerators led by the staff officer of Township Immigration and National Registration Department.

Township IPRD

Buddhist culture course concludes in Tatkon

TATKON, 8 April—The Buddhist culture course 1/2014 concluded at Model Nyaungbintha Village of Tatkon Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 7 April.

The students recited poems and religious verses. The venerable monk presented certificates of

honour to course instructor U Maung Pu (Nyan Lin-Tatkon) and three writers. Writers Swe Oo, Khet Pan Kyaw and Aung San Win gave completion certificates to 85 trainees.

The course last from 1 March to 7 April.

Township IPRD

LatAm countries to jointly fight hunger, poverty

MANAGUA, 8 April—Member countries of the Venezuela-led Bolivarian Alliance for the Americas (ALBA) has taken a joint step to stamp out hunger and poverty, a top Nicaraguan official said Monday.

ALBA and Petrocaribe, a regional mechanism to supply poor Caribbean nations with oil through soft credit and other preferential deals, hammered out at a meeting last week a plan of action to eradicate extreme hunger and poverty, said Deputy Foreign Minister Valdrack Jaentschke.

The forum served to establish the mechanisms needed to improve productivity, promote food self-sufficiency and lift the community out of extreme poverty, Jaentschke said in a broadcast aired by the state-owned Channel 4.

He noted that the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) agreed to back the efforts of ALBA nations to eradicate hunger and poverty with technical support.

The plan could help turn Latin America into an area that would be “free of hunger” over the next decade, said FAO representative to the ALBA-Petrocaribe meeting Raul Benitez.

Petrocaribe, with 17 members plus Venezuela, agreed to fund the plan with more than 60 million US dollars in the next five years. Founded by Venezuela and Cuba in 2004, ALBA has been aimed at promoting social, political and economic integration of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean. It currently has nine member states.—Xinhua



Customers pay for their purchases at a cashier in Horizon Ivato, a Chinese-funded hypermarket in the western suburbs of Harare, Zimbabwe, on 6 April, 2014. Horizon Ivato, the largest supermarket in Zimbabwe by size, will be further expanded and stay relevant in the country's highly-competitive retail sector, its manager said.—XINHUA

Decades after genocide, Congo struggles to dislodge Rwanda rebels

TONGO, 8 April—Twenty years after the genocide in Rwanda, a rebel group founded by ethnic extremists who took part in that slaughter still prowls the lush hills of neighboring eastern Congo, defying a renewed threat by the army and UN peacekeepers to dislodge it.

The Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda (FDLR) sits at the heart of two decades of war and instability in Democratic Republic of Congo, in which millions of people have died from violence, hunger and disease.

Founded by members of the Interahamwe Hutu militia that organized the slaughter of 800,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus in Rwanda in 1994, the FDLR's ranks have dwindled over the last decade to less than 2,000 rag-tag

fighters.

But its presence in eastern Congo remains an irritant to Rwanda's Tutsi leadership, which has held power since the genocide, and has prompted years of meddling by Kigali in its larger neighbour, fuelling instability and bloodshed. Experts say removing the FDLR is essential for peace

in the Great Lakes region.

Now Congo's army, supported by a tough new UN Intervention Brigade and emboldened by its defeat of a rival Tutsi-led rebellion, has pledged to finally eradicate the Hutu group.

Backed by artillery from the UN brigade, the army in February started pounding positions held

by the FDLR on the roads climbing into the steep hills of Congo's North Kivu province, driving the militia from roadblocks used to extort money from locals.

When the guns fell silent, it became clear the rebels had not gone far from the main town of Tongo, retreating less than five km (three miles) from army lines. Unconcerned by the army's efforts, FDLR troops in camouflage uniforms lounged near clearings where their wives tended plots of coffee and beans.

“There's nothing to fear here,” said Bosco, commander of the group of fighters, using the Kinyarwanda language of Rwanda. One of his fighters, too young to have held a gun when the 1994 genocide took place, agreed: “Whatever happens, we will stay.”

Reuters



A Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda (FDLR) soldier walks toward a distribution center near Lushubere Camp in Masisi, km (miles) northwest of Goma, on 19 Dec, 2008.—REUTERS

Inspectors find no contamination in 2nd trip into US nuke dump

HOUSTON, 8 April—Inspectors have found no contamination in their second trip into an underground nuclear waste repository in the US state of New Mexico nearly two months after being shut down due to a radiation leak, local media reported on Monday.

A crew of inspectors made the trip last Friday farther into the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), located near Carlsbad in southeastern New Mexico, and detected no radiation

release, local TV KOB quoted officials with the US Department of Energy as saying.

Two days before, two teams of inspectors didn't find any contamination in their first trip to the underground dump.

The WIPP, the country's first deep underground nuclear repository, was shut down on 14 Feb after an air sensor detected unusually high levels of radioactive particles on its underground levels.

Officials said the latest trip allowed crews to establish a base where they can safely remove and store their clothing and equipment if it becomes contaminated. The crews also set up more air monitors and tested communication equipment.

The inspectors will make a third trip into the dump this week to investigate the cause of the leak and decide the extent of the damage, according to officials.—Xinhua

Italy awards two Chinese nationals for contribution to bilateral friendship

MILAN, 8 April—Two Chinese nationals have been conferred an important honour by the Italian republic for their contributions to collaborative relationships between the two countries, Xinhua learnt on Monday.

The office of Italian President Giorgio Napolitano confirmed to Xinhua that Gao Jian, former vice president of China Development Bank and president of Mandarin Capital Partners' advisory board,

and Gao Zhen, a managing partner at Mandarin Capital Partners, have been assigned the “Star of Italy” honour.

The Star of Italy is pursuant to the Italian Foreign Minister's recommendation, which avails of signals coming from diplomatic-consular representatives overseas.

The honour involves one of the highest recognitions conferred by Italy on Italians or foreign individuals who have contributed

to “collaborative relationships or friendship between Italy and the countries in which they operate,” according to the presidential website.

Mandarin Capital Partners' office told Xinhua that the ceremony conferring the Star of Italy will take place in June at the Italian embassy in Beijing, where the pair will receive the honor from Italian Ambassador to China Alberto Bradanini.

Xinhua

S Korea, Australia agree to deepen defence, security cooperation

SEOUL, 8 April—South Korean President Park Geun-hye and her Australian counterpart Tony Abbott on Tuesday agreed to deepen bilateral cooperation in defence and security amid growing missile and nuclear threats from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK).

Abbott arrived in Seoul on Tuesday morning to hold a summit with Park. Trade ministers of the two countries signed the bilateral free trade agreement in the presidential office of Cheong Wa Dae attended by Park and Abbott.

The two leaders adopted a joint statement, named “Vision Statement on a Secure, Peaceful and Prosperous Future between the Republic of Korea and Australia,” which stipulated on stronger cooperation in defence and security.

Under the 22-point statement, the two countries will step up diplomatic and defense cooperation, while fostering dialogue between intelligence officials. They will also take coordinated response, both regionally and internationally, to block proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD).

Seoul and Canberra will strengthen cooperation in defense science and technology as well as in defense industry, while cooperating in non-military areas such as maritime security, humanitarian aid and disaster relief.

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Sea creature fossil found with oldest-known cardiovascular system

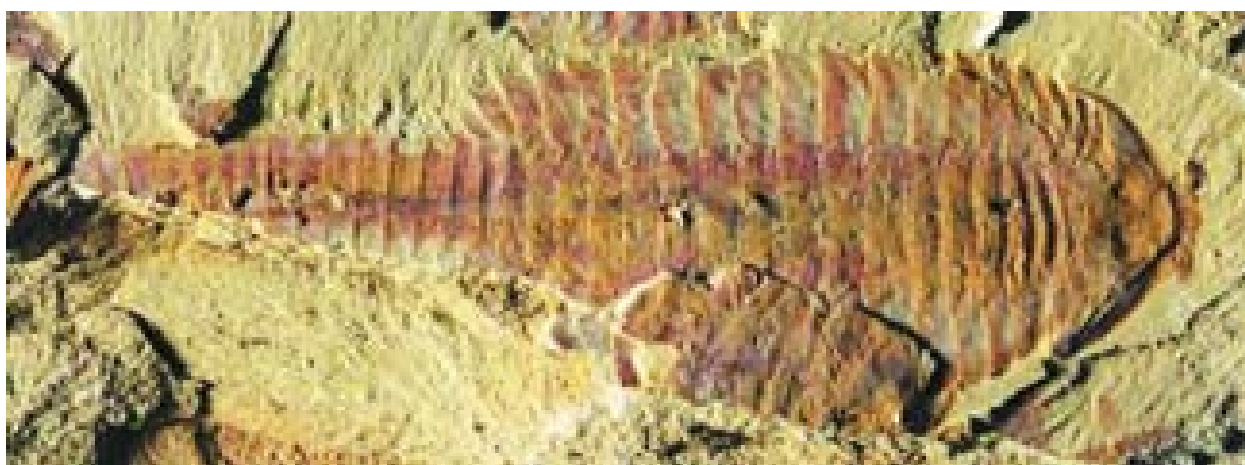
WASHINGTON, 8 April — You've heard of having a heart of stone, but this old guy takes it literally.

Scientists said on Monday they have found a fossil of a shrimp-like creature that lived 520 million years ago with an exquisitely preserved heart and blood vessels that represent the oldest-known cardiovascular system.

Named *Fuxianhuia protensa*, the creature was a primitive arthropod, a group of invertebrates with external skeletons that includes crustaceans like crabs, lobsters and shrimp as well as insects, spiders and millipedes.

The remarkable fossil, unearthed in Yunnan Province in southwestern China, dates from the "Cambrian Explosion," a pivotal juncture in the history of life on Earth when many major animal groups first appeared more than half a billion years ago.

"It is an extremely rare and unusual case that such a delicate organ system can be preserved in one of the oldest fossils and in exquisite detail," said paleontologist Xiaoya Ma of the



The dorsal view of *Fuxianhuia protensa* is pictured in this handout image provided by Xiaoya Ma.—REUTERS

Natural History Museum in London, one of the researchers in the study published in the journal *Nature Communications*.

The soft parts of an animal's body tend to decay after death, meaning that fossils typically preserve only the hard parts like bones, teeth and shells. "However, under very exceptional circumstances, soft tissue and anatomical organ systems can also be preserved in fossils," Ma said. In the case of *Fuxianhuia protensa*, the fossil showed a tubular heart in the middle of the body with a rich and elaborate system of blood vessels leading to

the creature's eyes, antennae, brain and legs.

The cardiovascular system, including the heart and blood vessels, is an important organ system that permits blood to circulate around the body and to deliver oxygen and nutrients. Most animals have such a system, although those without a real body cavity like jellyfish and flatworms do not.

This fossil sheds new light on the evolution of animal body organization and shows that even some of the earliest creatures resembled their relatives alive today, the researchers said.

"It shows that already 520 million years ago, such a system had evolved considerable complexity, particularly with respect to the rich vascularization in the head. This suggests that the brain of this species required a good supply of oxygen for its performance," said University of Arizona neuroscientist Nicholas Strausfeld, another of the researchers.

Fuxianhuia protensa measured up to about 4-1/2 inches long, was covered in an exoskeleton, possessed numerous pairs of legs, had a "head shield" similar to those seen in shrimp. It had pairs of antennae and

stalked eyes that could be rotated to enable it to see in different directions, the scientists said.

Flourishing in shallow seas, it probably both swam and walked along seabed, they said. It is not clear whether it was an active predator or a scavenger.

The beautifully preserved internal structures in the creature likely resulted from a calamity that claimed its life.

"These fossils are likely to be a consequence of sudden entombment - a sort of Pompeii event, though not of lava but an underwater mudslide or massive and sudden dust fall-out,"

Strausfeld said.

Fossils of *Fuxianhuia protensa* have proven to be relatively common in the area where it was found. In fact, another fossilized specimen of this animal that was previously described by scientists showed the oldest-known brain. "Its gut, nervous system and vascular system are indeed unmistakably similar to that of some shrimp-like crustaceans alive today," Strausfeld said.

Many innovations related to animal anatomy occurred during the Cambrian period, although it is unclear when key structures like the heart and brain first appeared.

The researchers said that creatures with cardiovascular systems presumably lived earlier than this creature, but evidence is simply lacking in the fossil record.

This creature's genus name, *Fuxianhuia*, comes from a lake in the region where it was unearthed. Its species name, *protensa*, means "elongated," referring to its body's trunk region.

Reuters

Qualcomm talks up future top-tier smartphone chip



Visitors walk past the Qualcomm stand at the Mobile World Congress in Barcelona, on 24 Feb, 2014.—REUTERS

SAN FRANCISCO, 8 April — Qualcomm gave details on Monday about a future high-end smartphone chip, including faster download speeds as well as 64-bit technology, which is quickly becoming standard.

Due to appear in smartphones in 2015, the Snapdragon 810 is Qualcomm's latest bid to use its edge in wireless technology to maintain its marketshare lead in semiconductors for mobile devices.

The 810 chip includes new, faster WiFi features as well as a 4G modem that Qualcomm says downloads

data at twice the speed of chips made with its previous technology.

The chip also allows for video recording and playback at "4K" ultra-high resolution.

Following Apple's launch last year of its first iPhone made with a 64-bit processor, Qualcomm and other chipmakers have been rushing to roll out their own 64-bit technology, which reduces the gap between low-power mobile processors and punchier chips used in laptops, desktop PCs and servers. Qualcomm is

announcing its newest chip before the preceding chip in its high-end lineup, the 805, has even begun to appear in smartphones. The 805 is due to appear in smartphones around mid-2014.

Current smartphones, including Apple's, do not have enough memory to give 64-bit processors an advantage over more widely used 32-bit chips, but future phones will be made with enough memory to give the 64-bit processors a performance boost.

Before 64-bit features can be taken advantage

of in phones, the software and operating systems they rely on will also have to be overhauled, a major undertaking for the industry.

Qualcomm in December announced its first 64-bit chip, part of its low-end lineup and aimed for use this year in inexpensive smartphones in the fast-growing Chinese market.

"We're basically saying it's difficult to call exactly when 64-bit operating systems and applications will become mainstream, but by integrating them now we're future-proofing all of our platforms going forward for the benefit of our (customers)," Executive Vice President Murthy Renduchintala told Reuters.

Qualcomm dominates the market for advanced 4G wireless technology and its Snapdragon chips are widely used in smartphones made by Samsung Electronics, Motorola, HTC and other manufacturers.

But the San Diego, California chipmaker faces a smartphone market that is beginning to grow less quickly.

Reuters

Samsung's lower first-quarter estimate highlights smartphone challenges

SEOUL, 8 April — Samsung Electronics Co Ltd on Tuesday said it is on track to post its second straight quarter of profit decline, as slowing smartphone sales growth continued to weigh on earnings.

The South Korean tech giant estimated that its January-March operating profit fell by 4.3 percent to 8.4 trillion won (\$7.96 billion), slightly below an average forecast of 8.5 trillion won by 40 analysts polled by Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S.

The world's biggest smartphone maker is counting on the fifth version of its flagship Galaxy S smartphone, which goes on sale

globally from Friday, to right the ship and prove the firm's staying power as a mobile innovator.

But the Galaxy S5 has already got off to a weak start at home, with its South Korean debut marred by a temporary ban on mobile carriers selling handsets and criticism that it lacks eye-catching new features.

Underscoring the challenges, Samsung priced the S5 about 10 percent cheaper than the S4 even though main rival Apple Inc is not widely expected to update its line-up until September. It also dialed back on marketing glitz to keep margins stable.—Reuters



A man walks out of Samsung Electronics' headquarters in Seoul on 6 Jan, 2014.—REUTERS

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Cambodian PM urges for tourism, agriculture cooperation with Maldives

PHNOM PENH, 8 April — Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen said on Tuesday that the country wanted to see cooperation with Maldives in tourism and agriculture for the interests of the two countries and peoples.

The premier made the remarks during a meeting with Maldives ex-President Mohamed Waheed Hassan at the Peace Palace in Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia.

He said currently, the relations between the two countries are still relatively small in all fields, so it is essential to seek possibilities for bilateral cooperation, particularly in tourism and agriculture.

He said Cambodian tourism and agriculture are among the four pillars supporting the economy. The country received 4.2 million inbound tourists last year, up 17 percent year-on-year. In agriculture, he said Cambodia has more than 3 million tons of milled rice left over for annual exports.

The premier said he would arrange a proper time to visit Maldives in the future. For his part, Mohamed Waheed Hassan said tourism



Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen (R) meets with Maldives ex-President Mohamed Waheed Hassan in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on 8 April, 2014.—XINHUA

is the engine of growth for Maldives, so he expressed his confidence that the two countries would have plenty of opportunities for cooperation.

He said it was his first visit to Cambodia and he was pleased to witness the rapid development in

Cambodia. Maldives is the smallest Asian country in both population and land area. The country's economy is heavily dependent on tourism, accounting for an estimated 80 percent of its 2.3 billion US dollars GDP last year.

Xinhua

UN rights expert urges debt relief for Philippines

MANILA, 8 April — A United Nations human rights expert on Tuesday urged international creditors to cancel the Philippines' debt and give it unconditional grant aid instead of new loans to fund massive post-typhoon reconstruction.

The Southeast Asian country, hit hard five months ago by Typhoon Haiyan — one of the strongest storms — estimated the total cost of a four-year reconstruction effort could surpass the current estimate of 361 billion pesos (5 billion pounds).

The Philippines' outstanding external debt was \$58.5 billion at the end of 2013, according to the central bank.

"I welcome the international support provided to the Philippines in the aftermath of the cyclone, but am concerned that more than \$22 million leaves the country everyday, paying off overseas debts," Cephas Lumina said.

Lumina is an independent expert charged by the UN Human Rights Council to monitor the effects of foreign debt on the enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and

cultural rights.

Haiyan, which swept ashore in the central Philippines on 8 November, displaced around 4 million people from their homes, and destroyed 500,000 houses, the United Nations estimates. Damages to infrastructure, hospitals, schools and public services were estimated at \$12 billion.

"While around \$3 billion has left the country to serve its debt since the typhoon struck, the country has received so far only \$417 million for its strategic response plan by international and private donors, about half of the total relief requested," Lumina said in a statement.

The Philippines, excluded as a lower middle-income country from international debt relief initiatives, is expected to pay \$8.8 billion to service debt this year alone, the United Nations said.

"By definition, loans for reconstruction cannot generate returns to enable the debt to be paid," Lumina said. "International lenders should rather consider cancelling debt, to ensure that the country can recover."

Reuters

Heavy turnouts seen in voting in day 1 of India general election

NEW DELHI, 8 April — Heavy turnouts were seen in the voting in the first phase of India's general election on Monday as over 80 percent of the electorate in the small northeast state of Tripura cast their votes for one seat in the Lok Sabha or Lower House of parliament, while 72 percent of voters in the major northeast state of Assam voted for five seats.

The general election is generally seen as a chance for India to start a new beginning in its development after a decade-long rule by the Congress and its allies.

The vote was the first of nine phase Lok Sabha elections which began peacefully Monday from the northeast, a region considered by many as marginalized and neglected.

As the opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Monday presented its manifesto for the election by focusing on

development, inflation and corruption, the incumbent Congress President Sonia Gandhi warned against BJP's "communal agenda" which she said was a "grave threat" to the country's unity and integrity.

"Our opponent's communal agenda is a grave threat to our country's unity and integrity and Congress is the only party that can ensure that the country remains united," said Gandhi at a election meeting.

"What only matters to us is that we are all Indians. The different religions, castes, languages and colors of the skin do not matter," she told a meeting in the southern state of Kerala.

Local observers say there is not much of a difference between the economic agendas of the Congress and the BJP in the fierce electoral battle to form the next central government of India.

Xinhua



Firefighters put out a massive fire at a garbage disposal site in Samut Prakan province near Bangkok, Thailand, on 8 April, 2014. Fire occurred again on Tuesday morning at Praksa rubbish dump, the same site where the fire had burned for a few days and produced toxic air pollution in March.—XINHUA

Search for MH370 to be most expensive in aviation history

SYDNEY, 8 April — The hunt for missing Malaysian Airlines Flight MH370 is on track to cost hundreds of millions of dollars, becoming the most expensive search in aviation history with 26 countries contributing planes, ships, submarines and satellites to the international effort.

A month into the

search for the jet, estimates compiled by Reuters show that at least \$44 million has already been spent on the deployment of military ships and aircraft in the Indian Ocean and South China Sea by Australia, China, the United States and Vietnam. The figure is based on defence force statistics on available hourly costs of

various assets, estimates by defence analysts and costs reported by the Pentagon.

The figure for the first month of the search is already about equal to the official 32 million euros (\$44 million) spent in searches lasting several months spread over a two-year time frame for Air France's Flight AF447, which

crashed into the Mid-Atlantic in 2009.

Just as salvage experts said the actual costs for the Air France operation could have been three or four times higher than the official figure, the bill for the current search is expected to run into hundreds of millions of dollars.

Reuters

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
Department of Rural Development
Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development
National Community Driven Development Project
IDA Grant H814-MM

Assignment Title: Township Level Technical Assistance

Ref No. C-4.2(PinlebuTownship, Sagaing Region),
 Ref No. C-4.3 (Sidoktaya Township, Magway Region),
 Ref No.C-4.4 (Ann* Township, Rakhine State),
 Ref No. C-4.5 (LaymyetnarTownship, Ayeyarwaddy Region)

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received financing from the World Bank to implement the National Community Driven Development Project (NCDD) under the Department of Rural Development (DRD) of the Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development. The Government intends to apply part of the Grant proceeds to hire consulting services for new townships to be covered starting Cycle 2 of project implementation. The consulting services (the "Services") include:

- Assisting the township DRD office in planning, implementing and monitoring project activities in the township in line with guidelines contained in the Project Operations Manual and directions received from DRD union office.
- Assisting villages and village tracts in the preparation and annual revision of development plans; sub-project technical design, cost estimation and social safeguards implementation; review and approval of sub-projects; procurement of labor and materials; construction supervision; and organization of annual social audits.
- Assisting village tract project support committees to manage project funds in a transparent and accountable manner.

The Services will be carried out in one township each (there will be four assignments with four separate contracts) in

- Pinlebu, Sagaing Region (C- 4.2/14),
- Sidoktaya, Magway Region (C- 4.3/14),
- Ann* township, Rakhine State (C-4.4/ 14);
- and Laymyetnar, Ayeyarwaddy Region (C- 4.5/14)

by a Consultant Team of seven (7) Experts, all but one of whom will be Myanmar nationals: (a) Lead CDD, Participation and Training Specialist, (b) International CDD Specialist (short-term), (c) Finance Officer, (d) Procurement Officer, (e) Monitoring and Evaluation and MIS Officer, (f) Infrastructure and Safeguards Specialist, and (g) Social Accountability and Gender Specialist. In addition, the Consultant will also locally recruit CFs (average of 1 CF per 2 village tracts) and TFs (average of 1 TF per 3 village tracts). The Consultant will be engaged for a period of 24 months starting August 2014. DRD now invites eligible consulting firms or NGOs ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services in one or more of the townships in the aforementioned locations. Consultants may associate with other NGOs/firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

Expressions of Interest must be submitted in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by May 2, 2014. A consultant will be selected in accordance with the method set out in the Consultant Guidelines. The short-listing criteria are:

- Past experience with community based development activities in similar conditions as in Myanmar, with prior experience in Myanmar preferred;
- Availability of staff with relevant expertise;
- Size of relevant assignment contracts over the past five years.

Further information and a copy of the detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) may be obtained from the NCDD Project webpage: <http://www.cdd.drdmyanmar.org> or the address below during office hours from 0900 to 1600, Monday through Friday, except public holidays.

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development
(Department of Rural Development)
National Community Driven Development Project
IDA Grant H814-MM
Assignment Title: International Consultant for Gender Mainstreaming

Reference No.! C-5.2/ 2014

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of its National Community Driven Development Project, which is being implemented by the Department of Rural Development (DRD) of the Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development.

In order to ensure that the project enhances gender equality and empowers women, aspects of gender will be mainstreamed throughout the project structure, processes, capacity building, and knowledge sharing, DRD intends to apply part of the proceeds for the hiring of **International Consultant for Gender Mainstreaming** (one position). To this end, the Department of Rural Development, in cooperation with the Department of Social Welfare (DSW), will set up a CDD Gender Network.

The consulting services ("the Services") include:

- Work with the gender working group and M&E specialist to review the project's results framework, identify gender related indicators, and set up a reporting system with regard to gender aspects.
- Assist the gender working group in the preparation of a progress report on the status of gender mainstreaming in the project, key issues and recommendations for further support.
- Assist DRD and DSW on the knowledge management topics and design that would bring about evidence-based lessons learned from cases and experience of the project.

The Consultant will be located at the NCDD Project office in Nay Pyi Taw. The assignment period will be for **sixty (60) days over a period of one year** and expected to **commence from June 2014**.

Expressions of Interest must be submitted in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by email) by **May 9, 2014**.

The successful consultant will be selected in accordance with the provisions, under the World Bank's "Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans, IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers dated January 2011".

Further information and a copy of the detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) may be obtained from the NCDD Project webpage: <http://www.edd.drdmyanmar.org>, or the address below during office hours from 0900 to 1600, Monday through Friday, except public holidays.

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Don Draper at odds with changing world of 1968 as
‘Mad Men’ returns



Cast member Jon Hamm poses with co-stars (from L-R) Kiernan Shipka, Jessica Pare, Elisabeth Moss, January Jones and Christina Hendricks at the premiere for the seventh season of the television series "Mad Men" in Los Angeles, California on 2 April, 2014.—REUTERS

LOS ANGELES, 8 April — The dresses are shorter, the women are bolder and the weather is sunnier, but Don Draper has never been more at odds with the changing world around him, as AMC's advertising drama "Mad Men" enters its final season.

In Sunday's seventh season premiere entitled "The Beginning," the show's leading man Don, played by Jon Hamm, finds himself in unfamiliar territory as the vibrant, funky atmosphere and social upheaval of 1968 surrounds him.

At the end of season six, Don's internal struggle with his real identity as the orphaned Dick Whitman — an identity he has kept hidden — starts to rear its head. As his Madison Avenue advertising company SC&P plans to expand to sunny Los Angeles, Don is suspended from work by his partners, and takes his young children to Pennsylvania to see the destitute house he grew up in. Don is "pretty dismal," in Hamm's words. "His marriage is falling apart again, his relationship with his children has really never been worse.

And the one place where he always had safe haven was work, that's been blown up as well, by his own actions. And it's very tricky. It's a very dark place for Don," Hamm said at the show's Los Angeles premiere.

It won't be a quick conclusion to the critical hit from cable channel AMC, which garnered an average of 3.8 million viewers per episode during its sixth season. The finale is split into two, with the final seven episodes to air in spring 2015.

Don enters season seven shaving in the bathroom of an airplane, a seeming

metaphor for his life being up in the air as he heads to Los Angeles to see actress wife Megan. Upon his arrival, she shuns his offer to drive her convertible, and he gets into the passenger seat, a change for the man usually in the driver's seat for all aspects of his life.

"The audience has always had this assertion that Don is slowly growing out of touch with the world. It became obvious to me that Don, who is an impulsive person ... that that's what 1968 felt like," "Mad Men" creator Matt Weiner said.

Reuters

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Daw Soe Soe (Sally San Lin)
Aged 90 Years

Daw Soe Soe (Sally), wife of (U San Lin), Mother of (Daw Hmi Hmi Lin Valerie), U Soe Lin (Douglas) - Myadali, grandmother of Wyn Soe Lin - Amara Thiri Myaing, of 54, Inya Road, Yangon, passed away at 1:05 am on Monday (7.4.14).
Cremation at Yay Way Crematorium on Wednesday (9.4.14) at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes that donations be made to See Zar Yeik old age home.

Lufthansa, Austrian halt Libya flights; airport road blocked

TRIPOLI, 8 April — The situation would be reviewed. A Lufthansa spokesman said: “We’ve decided to suspend flights to Tripoli indefinitely due to security and operational reasons.” Libyan carriers are banned from flying to the European Union for security reasons. They have to rent a plane and crew from an airline allowed to fly into the region, so the resumption of regular European flights is of vital economic importance. Libya’s government seems unable to control militias who helped overthrow Muammar Gaddafi in 2011 and have recently seized government facilities to make financial and political demands.—Reuters



Burning obstacles are seen along a road leading to the airport in Tripoli, on 7 April, 2014. —REUTERS

ation in the North African country. Lufthansa, Austrian, Italy’s Alitalia and British Airways suspended flights immediately and had left open whether or when operations would resume. Alitalia said it would continue to suspend flights until 15 April, after which

ropean flights is of vital economic importance. Libya’s government seems unable to control militias who helped overthrow Muammar Gaddafi in 2011 and have recently seized government facilities to make financial and political demands.—Reuters

Regulator says safety culture essential for nuclear use in Japan

TOKYO, 8 April — Japan’s Nuclear Regulation Authority Chairman Shunichi Tanaka said on Tuesday that establishing a climate that values safety culture is essential before the nation returns to nuclear power following the 2011 Fukushima Daiichi nuclear complex disaster. “It is said that there has been a problem in the mindset of people involved in nuclear power. The biggest prerequisite for our country to use nuclear power is to dispel the trend of downplaying safety culture,” Tanaka told an international conference on nuclear safety marking the 50th anniversary of Japan’s

entry to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. Noting that safety culture is about “doubting, questioning and learning from lessons,” the chairman called on participants to take note that nuclear safety cannot be ensured unless continuing efforts are made to improve safety culture. “I hope (this conference will lead) to affirm internationally that satisfying regulations is the minimum condition to ensure safety,” he added. The remarks were made as the NRA is moving closer to finishing the safety assessment process

Lee Chong Wei to play on until 2016 Rio Olympics



Lee Chong Wei of Malaysia hits a return to Tommy Sugiarto of Indonesia during their men’s singles final match at the Malaysian Open Super Series 2014 badminton tournament in Kuala Lumpur on 19 Jan, 2014. REUTERS

KUALA LUMPUR, 8 April — Malaysia’s world number one badminton player Lee Chong Wei has ruled out retirement and decided to carry on for two more years until the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. The 31-year-old had hinted at retirement earlier this year after winning his 10th Malaysia Open title in Kuala Lumpur, saying it would be his last national championships. Lee said he arrived at the decision to play on after a chat with the country’s sports minister in the wake of his third Superseries triumph of the year at the Indian Open. “Our Sports Minister is very supportive of me and has asked me to persevere until the 2016 Olympic Games. I digested what he said and I gave him my word to keep on playing,”

Lee was quoted as saying by the Malaysian Star newspaper. “This year, I will focus on the majors (Thomas Cup, Commonwealth Games, World Championships and Asian Games). “I will try my best to maintain my form and hang on for another two years.” Lee won his second Olympic silver medal at the London Games in 2012 after another titanic battle with his nemesis, Lin Dan of China. On Sunday, he beat another Chinese, world number two Chen Long, 21-13, 21-17 in the final at the Indian Open. “I am taking the whole atmosphere differently now. I am enjoying myself more,” Lee added. “In India, I read Chen Long’s game easily and played quite well to counter his movements. It has given me confidence.”—Reuters

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1	Atletico Madrid	32	25	4	3	79
2	Barcelona	32	25	3	4	78
3	Real Madrid	32	24	4	4	76
4	Athletic	32	17	8	7	59
5	Sevilla	32	15	8	9	53
6	Real Sociedad	32	14	8	10	50
7	Villarreal	32	14	7	11	49
8	Valencia	32	11	8	13	41
9	Espanyol	32	11	7	14	40
10	Levante	32	10	10	12	40
11	Malaga	32	10	8	14	38
12	Celta	32	10	6	16	36
13	Rayo Vallecano	32	11	3	18	36
14	Elche	32	8	11	13	35
15	Granada CF	32	10	4	18	34
16	Osasuna	32	9	6	17	33
17	Valladolid	32	6	13	13	31
18	Getafe	32	8	7	17	31
19	Almeria	32	8	6	18	30
20	Betis	32	5	7	20	22

Manchester United's cause not so hopeless after all

LONDON, 8 April—Bayern Munich's longest winless run for three years and poor recent home record against English opposition have suddenly made Manchester United's task on Wednesday look a lot less daunting than it was when the draw was made. Bayern will also be without three key midfielders, including Bastian Schweinsteiger, for Wednesday's Champions League quarter-final second leg, evenly poised after last week's 1-1 draw.

The Bavarians have lost their air of invincibility since clinching the Bundesliga title against Hertha Berlin on 25 March and have not won since with two draws and a defeat in all competitions in their last three games.

It is the first time since March 2011 that Bayern have endured a three-match winless run and, even though they have already sewn up the Bundesliga, it is a disconcerting statistic for a side which has become used to chalking up wins with monotonous regularity.

Another worry for Bayern is their failure to win any of their last four matches against English opposition at the Allianz Arena.

The run started with the 2012 Champions League final against Chelsea, who won on penalties after a 1-1

draw that was followed by defeats to Arsenal at Manchester and, most recently, a draw against Arsenal in the previous Champions League final last month.

That game showed that Bayern can be jittery when under pressure. Arsenal coach Arsene Wenger commented at the time:

"Bayern are a good side, they were more vulnerable this season than last year. After a 3-1 home league defeat, though, Bayern have been unbeaten for 10 games. I think that I felt there were situations which we could have made more of."

form with four goals in each of their last two Premier League games, is a further encouragement.

Those absentees could be a worry even for a team with as much strength in depth as Bayern.

said Bayern's Brazilian defender Dante.

United's cause is also expected to play on the break.



Bayern Munich's Bastian Schweinsteiger (L) scores against Manchester United's David de Gea (2R) during their Champions League quarter-final first leg soccer match at Old Trafford in Manchester, on 1 April, 2014.—REUTERS

ing sign for manager David Moyes, even though Wayne Rooney, with a toe injury, and winger Ashley Young (hand) are both doubtful.

Bayern have Schweinsteiger suspended following his first leg sending-off along with Javier Martinez while a

be a worry even for a team with as much strength in depth as Bayern.

"We've got to play to win, we'll end up losing if we play for a goalless draw,"

sive going forward from the start and try to score. Manchester United will sit back again. They'll take more risks the longer the game goes on." Bayern coach Pep

"They'll be looking to hit us on the break and at set plays," he said. "We're in a final on Wednesday. It's a matter of life and death."

Reuters

Nay Pyi Taw FC and Pune FC 3-3

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—Nay Pyi Taw FC played out a 3-3 draw against Pune FC in Group (5) match of AFC Cup-2014 at Paunglaung Stadium on Tuesday.

The goal result of today's match has hampered Nay Pyi Taw FC to attend next step of the match.

At today's match, Nay Pyi Taw FC's de-

fenders failed to protect attacks of strikers of Pune FC. Pune FC netted a first-half goal and two second-half goals while Nay Pyi Taw FC scored a first-half goal and two second-half goals.

The football clubs having played five matches, Nay Pyi Taw FC resulted five points and Pune FC, three points.

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Photo by Poe Thaw Zin

Masters thumbs up for Australian Jason Day after injury layoff

AUGUSTA, 8 April—Jason Day heads into this weeks Masters having not played competitive golf since late February due to a thumb injury but he is relieved to be back to full fitness as he seeks his first major title.

The Australian world number four had been in sparkling form earlier this year before his unexpected time on the sidelines, right after he had clinched his second PGA Tour victory at the WGC-Accenture Match Play Championship.

Though he is still icing his left thumb and keeping it taped up as a precaution, his main concern going into the first of the season's four majors is whether he can regain his precision off the tee after a lengthy layoff.

"I just need to tighten up a few things, get a little sharper with my tee shots," Day told reporters at a wet Augusta National on Monday after only two hours of practice was possible due

to the threat of lightning.

"I think I'll be good. I took six, seven weeks off after coming back from Australia last year and my first event of the (PGA Tour) year, which was Torrey, I finished second there.

"To me, personally, I think it's the amount of work that I put into my game before the actual week starts, so the preparation is very huge for me."

Day tied for second in the Farmers Insurance Open at Torrey Pines in late January before winning the biggest title of his career at the Match Play Championship in Arizona a month later.

Two weeks after that, he pulled out of the WGC-Cadillac Championship in Miami on the advice of his doctor and focused on getting his troublesome thumb ready for the Masters.

"It's fine now," said Day, who has triumphed twice on the PGA Tour but has made a habit of playing

some of his best golf in the biggest events.

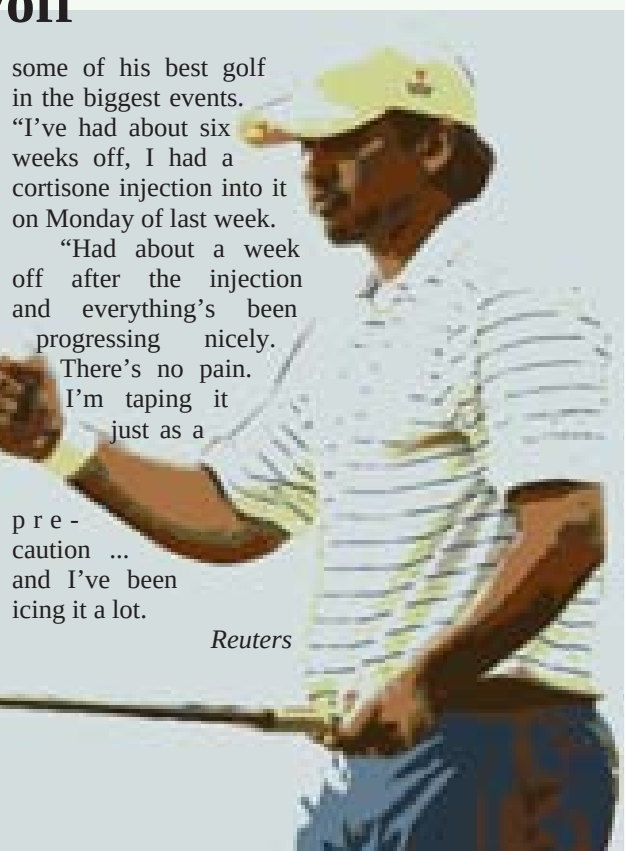
"I've had about six weeks off, I had a cortisone injection into it on Monday of last week.

"Had about a week off after the injection and everything's been progressing nicely.

There's no pain. I'm taping it just as a

precaution ... and I've been icing it a lot.

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Jason Day of Australia reacts after making his putt on the ninth hole during his four ball match with playing partner Graham DeLaet of Canada against Steve Stricker and Jordan Spieth of the US at the 2013 Presidents Cup golf tournament at Muirfield Village Golf Club in Dublin, Ohio on 5 Oct, 2013.

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