

President U Thein Sein vows not to lose an inch of Myanmar's territory, honours military personnel who fight against Kokang renegades

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Feb — President U Thein Sein gave honoraria to injured military personnel and families of soldiers killed during fights against Kokang renegades in Laukkai area, Shan State.

The President comforted dozens of government troops at PyinOoLwin Military Hospital Monday, together with Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Union Ministers Lieutenant General Wai Lwin, U Thein Nyunt, U Soe Thane, U Ye Htut and Dr Than Aung.

Honouring their courage, head of State and senior government officials provided K 90 million to the families of fallen soldiers and K 10 million to the injured personnel from the funds collected with 25 percent salaries of President and union ministers.

In meeting with injured military personnel



President U Thein Sein comforts an injured military personnel at Military Hospital in PyinOoLwin.

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and their family members, the President vowed not to lose an inch of Myanmar's territory owned by the successive generations.

The President also said the injured soldiers and their families that the state and people always honour and respect sacrifices

of military personnel who are protecting sovereignty and ensuring territorial integrity.

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UEC, CSOs break deadlocks between them

By Aye Min Soe

YANGON, 16 Feb —The Union Election Commission and civil society organizations have gained an understanding of each other as both sides have relaxed some strict rules for observing the upcoming General Elections, breaking some

deadlocks between them.

During the meeting between UEC and CSOs Monday in Yangon, the UEC has agreed that the election observers should submit their reports on election observation to the commission instead of the requirement to submit their reports, said U Han Shin Win, an advocate of Bade Dha Moe, who participated in the meeting.

CSOs have felt that the UEC have abolished some strict rules and has removed burdens from the CSOs during the meeting, said Chan Nyein Aung, a participant from the Charity Oriented Myanmar.

Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Tin Aye has pledged that the UEC will make utmost efforts for holding the free and fair general elections which is slated to be held in last week of October or in first week of November 2015.

He also called on political parties to cooperate with the UEC and to do check and balance each other so that the election can become a free and fair one.

In his opening address at the meeting, the chairman has also invited the CSOs to cooperate in voters' registration, voter training and voter education in accordance with the rules and regulations of the general election law and instructions of the UEC. U Tin Aye has urged the CSOs to be free from party bias as they have been permitted to observe from voters registration to objection to voting.

Representatives from 55 CSOs and 11 international non-governmental organizations attended the meeting with the Union Election Commission. —GNLM



UEC Chairman U Tin Aye highlights election observation in meeting with civil society organizations.—MNA

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Myanmar will continue to maintain stability and security of border areas

Recent attacks by Kokang renegade group and other armed groups in Kokang region directly affected the life and property of local people.

In order to protect the life and property of local people and to safeguard the security, law and order, Tatmadaw (defence services) has been taking measures to maintain peace and stability in Kokang region.

The Union Government and Tatmadaw (defence services) will be carrying out necessary measures to protect the life and property of people and to maintain peace, stability, law and order in Kokang region.

Myanmar will continue to maintain the stability and security of border areas in accordance with provisions of the Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence.

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Religious and higher learning institutions issue statements on current situation in Myanmar

YANGON, 16 Feb — A number of organizations and institutes of higher learning issued statements on current situation in Myanmar, including Organization for Protection of Race and Religion (Central), Sitagu International Buddhist Missionary Centre, University of Veterinary Sciences, University of Agriculture (Yezin) and University of Forestry on Monday.

The Organization for Protection of Race and Religion issued a statement requesting the new generation students who are taking part in student demonstrations (See page 3)

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw condemn individuals and armed groups affiliated with Kokang renegades and honours the Tatmadaw



Representatives of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw highlight armed groups and honour government military personnel.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Feb — Pyidaungsu Hluttaw strongly criticized and expressed disapproval of individuals and armed groups affiliated with Kokang renegade groups which are launching attacks in Laukkai area, Shan state, troops who are protecting sovereignty and territory of the country. The bicameral supported a proposal of U Stephen,

an MP from Kengtung Township constituency, to object Kokang renegade groups which are also attacking civilians, security forces and government troops with the supports of other armed groups.

U Stephen said Kokang renegades led by U Phon Kya Shin launched attacks to a military base in Konek-yan area, headquarters of Kokang Self-Administrated Zone, Se-aw detention centre, police station in Yan

Lone Kyaine and Laukkai station on February 8.

He also noted that attacks of Kokang renegade groups are tantamount to threatening stability of Laukkai area and sovereignty of the country.

Later, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved report of Joint Public Accounts Committee findings and remarks on Budget Report 4/2015 that clarified the budget in the first half of 2014-2015 fiscal year sent by Union Government Office.

The Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw read out the verdict of Constitutional Tribunal of the Union that remarked white cardholders are ineligible to vote in referendum on amendment of State Constitution as per Section 4, sub-section (a) of Section 38 and Section 391. As a conclusion, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw discussed Report of Planning and Financial Development Joint Committee about the first six months of 2014-2015 fiscal year.

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Pyithu Hluttaw

MPF extends many branches and enhances capacity



**Deputy Minister
Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan
Myint.—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Feb—At the 17th day session of Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) on Monday, U Than Myint of Wundwin Constituency asked whether there is a plan to issue warning of earthquake to the people and process of preparations.

Deputy Minister for Transport U Zin Yaw replied that the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and



**Deputy Minister U Zin
Yaw.—MNA**

Resettlement is taking various ways and means for decreasing loss of life and property in natural disasters including earthquakes and disseminating knowledge to the people. Department of Meteorology and Hydrology also distributes pamphlets on preparations to be carried out before and after earthquakes and conducts natural disaster management courses and

prevention of earthquake in cooperation with the Ministry of SWRR, Myanmar Red Cross Society and Myanmar Engineering Society.

U Khaing Maung Yi of Ahlon Constituency submitted a proposal calling for extending establishment of Myanmar Police Force and security forces and upgrading them to be able to prevent and control terrorism and destructive acts for ensuring life security of the people. The Hluttaw approved it. Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint explained that MPF extended many branches from 2011 to 2014 and conducts capacity enhancement courses for the police and community policing courses with the assistance of European Union-EU for ensuring safety of people.—MNA

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw denounce attacks of Kokang renegades

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Feb— Pyidaungsu Hluttaw issued a statement Monday denouncing attacks of Kokang renegades on civilians, administrative officials, military posts and security forces in Laukkai area in Shan State beginning

February 8.

The statement also acknowledged President's attempts to build up a peaceful democratic state of federal union together with respective individuals and groups.

The statement said that Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

condemn renegades led by Phon Kya Shin and its affiliated groups, while government troops are honoured for their sacrifices in protecting the country from the loss of its sovereignty and territory.

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Amyotha Hluttaw

Myanmar Investment Commission defends bylaw and notification

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Feb — Deputy Minister Dr Maung Maung Thein, a member of Myanmar Investment Commission, said Monday bylaw and notifications of Foreign Investment Law are not ultra vires to the law.

In reply to U Tin Yu, an MP of Yangon region constituency 3, Dr Maung Maung Thein clarified by-laws and notifications are not beyond the powers in line with the definitions of 'letter of law' and 'spirit of law', as he was quoting article 3 of the Foreign Investment Law that says the Law shall apply to business



**Deputy Minister
Dr Maung Maung
Thein.—MNA**

stipulated by the Commission, by notification, with the prior approval of the Union Government.

He also said paragraph

numbers 4, 5 and 7 explain details of this article about restriction, prohibitions and investment in business sector, as well as possible permissions. Notification number 49/2014 issued in August last year has stipulated the list of economic activities under prohibition. The Deputy Minister said sectors that have been allowed or prohibited can vary from time to time.

MPs also agreed to discuss amendment bill on 2012 Amyotha Hluttaw Law which is required to meet the changing situations directly related with the Upper House. —MNA

Endangered hardwood tree plantation to be established in Yangon

By Khaing Thanda Lwin

YANGON, 16 Feb— With the aim of protecting endangered species of hardwood trees in Myanmar, the Wood-based Furniture Association, a local non-governmental organization, plans to establish a hardwood tree plantation in Yangon or nearby areas.

The plantation will be established with more than

20 native rare hardwood species, including "Leik The". The project is expected to start in late 2015 and planting in June 2016, U Myint Thein, joint secretary of the association, said.

The association is planning to ask for the permission from the government to use 50 acres of land for establishment of the

plantation.

The secretary said, "Cooperation among government departments, entrepreneurs, associations and local people is crucial for successful implementation of this project".

Myanmar has more than 1,300 wood species, only 74 of which are identified. Of them, about 20 kinds of species are commonly used for various

purposes.

"There are many local entrepreneurs in the wood-based furniture industry. But (only a few) entrepreneurs run hardwood production as it is not economically viable," a local entrepreneur said at the first Myanmar International Furniture Expo in Yangon.

The production costs of teak and other hardwoods are not so differ-

ent, but teak gets a better price. Although the price for furniture made of other hardwoods is one-third of teak furniture, people still prefer teak rather than other woods.

"We need to change people's fixed ideas of using teak rather than other woods that is the vital role in expanding the hardwood market," said U Wai Lwin, a proprietor of a wood-

based furniture store.

The extensive use of other hardwoods would amount to conserving other precious type of wood and enable people to use it at lower costs, U Myint Thein said.

According to an expert, the use of other hardwoods can maintain the environment in the cool season and alleviate heat in the hot season.—GNLM



Vice President

Dr Sai Mauk

Kham accepts

Dhamma gifts

from Pagoda

Board of

Trustees in

Mawlamyine.

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Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham visits Mawlamyine

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Feb — Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham inspected the development of Mawlamyine in motorcade Monday.

The vice president and his entourage were welcomed by Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan, Chief Minister of Mon State U Ohn Myint, Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Tin Maung Win

and officials.

The vice-president also visited Zina Pagoda, a Buddha statue woven with bamboo stripes and Kye-ikthalan Pagoda in Mawlamyine and donated cash to the fund of the pagodas.

During the visit, Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham gave instructions to local authorities on development of Mawlamyine.

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Cash and kind donation invited for military servicemen

Those wishing to donate cash and kind for military services discharging military operation duty in North-East Command area and for officers and other ranks injured in clashes in Laukkai region may contact Lt-Col Thant Zaw, 09-73206699 and 031-25926 (Yangon) and Lt-Col Win Naing Htwe, 09-5250995 and 033-36033 (Lashio).

Drugs, weapons and ammunition seized from Kokang renegade groups

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Feb — Tatmadaw military columns have been combing Laukkai area for insurgents to restore stability in the area since fighting started on 9 February.

From 9 to 16 February,

the Tatmadaw columns seized 71 M-22s, 7 M-21s, one M-16, one carbine, 16 M-20 pistols, one 303 rifle, one GSG rifle, two home-made guns, two .22s, two RPGs, 395 rounds of .25 millimeter, 150 rounds of .380 millimeter, 12,443 rounds of M-22, 81 rounds of .5, 97 rounds of M-20, 93 rounds of M-14, 220 rounds of 5.56, 108 grenades, 8 landmines, 30 soft blocks of gun powder, one string of gun powder, 6 detonators for landmines, 67 landmine detonators, 126 cartridges, ephedrine powder 200 gm, heroine powder 5 gm, ice 5 mg, solid opium 0.5 kg, powder used in producing stimulant tablets 5 kg, and 30 visses of paraphernalia and two molds for tablets from the renegade groups.—Myawady

Daw Tint Tint Lwin presents consular commission to Union FM

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Feb — Daw Tint Tint Lwin, the accredited Honorary Consul of Hungary to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar presented her Consular Commission to

H.E. U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs at the Union Minister's Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs today at 1400 hrs.

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Drugs, weapons and ammunition seized by Tatmadaw columns in Laukkai area.—MYAWADY

In-charge of MRTV's retransmission station in Monepaw abducted



NAY PYI TAW, 16 Feb — An in-charge of the retransmission station of Myanmar Radio and Television in Monepaw Village in Monekoe Township, Muse District, has been abducted by three masked men on 14 February.

The three masked men have taken U Aung Zaw Tun, the technician-3 of the MRTV, away while he is at his wife's house in Monepaw Village around 10.30 pm. Local authorities are probing into the case.

Out of seven retrans-

mission stations in Muse zone, staff from three stations have moved to the Muse retransmission station. The MRTV has informed the staff from the remaining four stations to move to the Muse station due to security conditions.—MNA

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to return to their parents and teacher to sit for examinations peacefully, saying that the students have achieved a historic victory as their demands were fulfilled by the officials at the four-party talks.

Another statement of the organization said that it was proud of the soldiers who are sacrificing their lives to defend the people and the country in the northeastern part of the country. It also said that it empathize with all those who have suffered due to the fighting.

Sitagu International Buddhist Missionary Centre issued a request urging the government to make efforts at its best for the development of modern education for children of the country and to forgive them as the own children of the government by fulfilling their demands.

The statements of the Institute of Veterinary Medicine and the Institute of Agriculture said that students prefer to learn peacefully as the examinations are drawing near and the government has fulfilled the demands of the students at the four-party talks. However, some politicians and organizations are instigating instability by exploiting the students. The statement of the University of Veterinary Science said

that none of its students involves in the demonstration while the statement of the Institute of Agriculture said that it condemned their activities that can cause instability.

The statement of the rector of the Institute of Forestry said that it is natural that difference people have different opinions but the common wish of all is to adopt a better education system. The statement urged all to grasp the common wish as an opportunity for talks, saying that the national education law is just an initial step. As it is a long way to go for a better education system, placing emphasis on emotion rather than on wisdom will make the goal further, the statement urged.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Feb — With the aim of enhancing capacity of staff, the Capacity Building Course No 1/2015 kicked off at the training school of Information and Public Relations Department (Head Office) in Pyinmana on Monday morning.

Director-General U Ye Tint made a speech.

Altogether 31 trainees are attending the course up to 13 March.

It was also attended by departmental officials of the IPRD Head Office and Deputy Director Daw Thin Thin Zin of Nay Pyi Taw IPRD.

Tun Tun Win
(Pyinmana)

Staff attend capacity building course



Three asphalt streets commissioned into service in Nay Pyi Taw



NAY PYI TAW, 16 Feb — The 10th street, 1st street and Pagoda Road have been upgraded to the asphalt facilities in Aungzabu Ward in Zabuthiri Township.

On 15 February morn-

ing, Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Myo Nyunt, Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Khin Maung Htay and member of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee U Kyaw Myint attended the opening

ceremony of the upgraded streets.

Deputy Director (Engineer) U Soe Naing Oo of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee reported on construction of asphalt streets.

The council member, the MP and the committee member formally opened the streets.

Three asphalted streets are 4,500 feet in total length, constructed with the aim of enabling local people to get smooth access to one place to another. The council member inspected progress of placing asphalt on the road in Aungchantha Village and explained purpose of asphaltting the street for smooth transport of local people.

At Nay Pyi Taw Myoma market, he met with shopkeepers and urged them to carry out sanitation inside and outside the market to sell goods to the customers systematically.

Shwe Kokko

Futsal champion club wins K100,000

MANDALAY, 16 Feb — Mahaangmye Township Sports and Physical Education Committee Chairman's Cup Inter-Ward

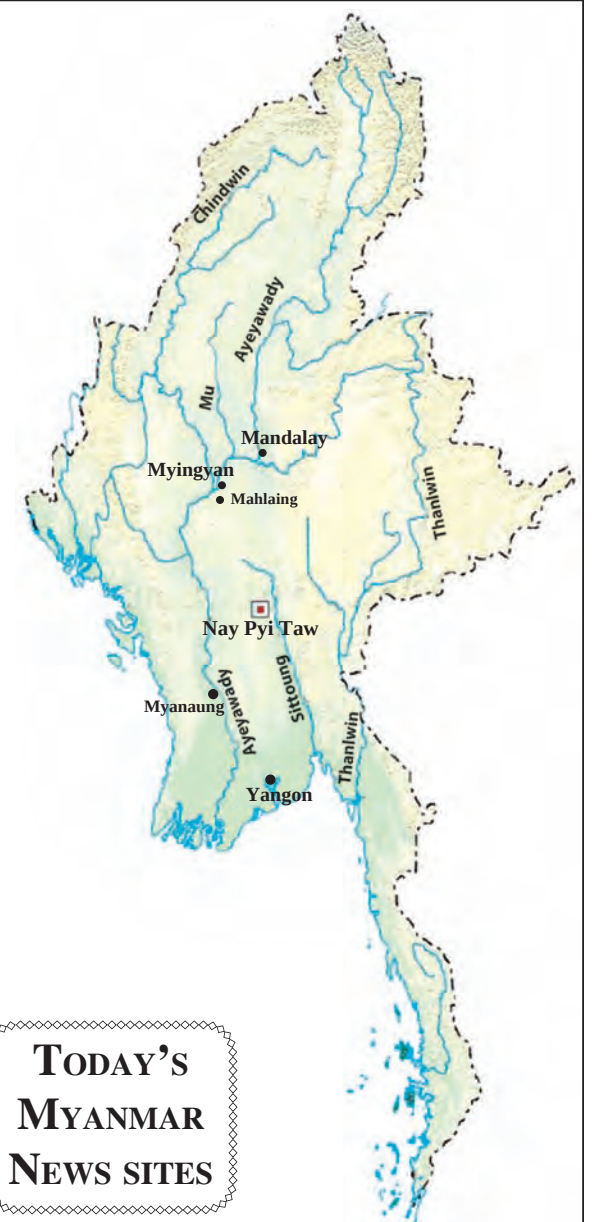
invitational Futsal tournament was held at the township sports ground from 6 to 15 February with participation of 44 Futsal clubs.

Shwe Gyogyar emerged champion with a 3-1 victory over Hein Htet San in the final.

Commander of Town-

ship Police Force Police Major Khin Maung Yi and Chairman of Township SPEC Township Administrator U Myint Oo presented prizes to the winners.

Tin Maung
(Mandalay)



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Thai specialists give free healthcare in Bahan Township



YANGON, 16 Feb—A medical team led by a cardiac specialist and a GP specialist from Suk-sawat Hospital in Bangkok, Thailand, gave free health care services to over 800 patients at Leikpyagan Monastery in North Ngahtetgyi Ward, Bahan Township, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on 14 February.

Abbot Bhaddanta Nimala and disciples provided necessary assistance for the health care services.

It was reported that the medical team of Suk-sawat Hospital performs free

health care services to the people at the monastery monthly.

U Tin Shwe, a patient, recounted experiences that specialists from the team gave special treatment to patients carefully. The patients thanked them for their better medical treatment and requested them to come to Myanmar next times. They also expressed thanks for venerable Bhaddanta Nimala for his arrangements in giving free healthcare, he said.

Maung Maung Thant
(Kyemon)

REGIONAL

Singapore premier's prostate cancer surgery "successful"



Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong

SINGAPORE, 16 Feb — Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong underwent "successful" surgery to remove his cancerous prostate gland on Monday, his office said in a brief statement.

The surgeon who carried out the operation was quoted in the statement as saying, "The surgery went very smoothly, and he is expected to recover fully."

The doctor confirmed

there is "no relationship" between this case of cancer and a previous lymphoma the 63-year-old Lee was diagnosed with in 1992, after which he underwent chemotherapy and the cancer was said to be in remission.

On Sunday, Lee's office said the surgery would entail removal of his prostate gland through "robot-assisted keyhole prostatectomy" at the state-owned Singapore General Hospital.

Deputy Prime Minister Teo Chee Hean is acting prime minister while Lee is on medical leave for one week. Lee, the elder son of former Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew, became prime minister in 2004.

The main English-language daily *The Straits Times* reported on Monday that he is expected to be back at work in time for the government's next budget

proposal, which will be presented by Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Tharman Shanmugaratnam in Parliament. Based on comments from analysts and government officials, the daily said the news of Lee's health is not expected to affect government affairs, which are expected to proceed as usual.

However, it could affect when he will call the next general election. There have been moves in recent weeks by both Lee's ruling People's Action Party and the opposition camp to gear up for the next polls, which must be called by January 2017. Singapore's benchmark *Straits Times* index was hovering around the 3,423 level by early afternoon, just about 0.08 percent down, after hitting a low of 3,406 earlier in the day.

Kyodo News

Indonesia plays down Australia's rage over drug pair execution

BOGOR, (Indonesia), 16 Feb — The Indonesian government shrugs off the tourism backlash threat by Australia, as Indonesia is going ahead with the execution of two Australian drug smugglers, a minister said here on Monday.

"It is no problem," Indonesian Tourism Minister Arief Yahya said when asked about the impact of

the possible Australian tourist arrival drawdown.

Over one million Australians visited Indonesia last year and it was expected to rise to 1.2 million this year, Yahya said.

The minister said the dispute is between the two governments, which may not impact on the people to people exchange.

Andrew Chan and

Myuran Sukumaran have been on death row, being convicted to death penalty in February 2006 for involving in plot to smuggle over eight kg of heroin to Australia from Bali in 2005. Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott has pleaded clemency for the pair to Indonesian President Joko Widodo.

Xinhua

Australian PM Abbott threatens repercussions over Indonesia executions

SYDNEY, 16 Feb — Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott has warned Indonesia of the potential for diplomatic fallout if Jakarta goes ahead with the looming execution of two Australian citizens on death row for drugs charges.

Indonesia has harsh penalties for drug trafficking and resumed executions in 2013 after a five-year gap. Five foreigners were among six people executed last month, the first executions since President Joko Widodo took office in October.

Australia has been pursuing an eleventh-hour campaign to save the lives of Myuran Sukumaran, 33, and Andrew Chan, 31, two Australian members of the so-called Bali Nine, convicted in 2005 as the ringleaders of a plot to smuggle heroin out of Indonesia.

The case has enormous

resonance as a domestic political issue in Australia, and Abbott ratcheted up the rhetoric at the weekend amid a growing campaign to boycott travel to Bali, one of the most popular destinations for Australian tourists.

"We will be finding ways to make our displeasure felt," Abbott told Australia's Channel Ten on Sunday.

"Millions of Australians are feeling sickened by what might be about to happen in Indonesia."

It was unclear what measures Abbott was considering, but Australia and Indonesia have a long history of diplomatic tension, which has periodically complicated cooperation on regional issues, including people smuggling and intelligence.

Indonesia recalled its envoy and froze military



Australian death row prisoners Andrew Chan (C) and Myuran Sukumaran (L) are seen in a holding cell waiting to attend a review hearing in the District Court of Denpasar on the Indonesian island of Bali, in this 8 Oct, 2010 picture taken by Antara Foto.—REUTERS

and intelligence cooperation in 2013 after reports that Canberra had spied on top Indonesian officials, including former president Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono's wife.

Full diplomatic cooperation was restored last May,

China's foreign minister pushes Iran on nuclear deal

BEIJING, 16 Feb — A deal with Iran on its controversial nuclear program would help it escape from sanctions and allow more efforts to be spent on economic development, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said during a trip to Tehran.

The negotiations between Iran and the United States, Russia, China, France, Germany and Britain face an initial deadline for a basic framework agreement at the end of March, and a 30 June deadline for a final settlement.

US and Iranian officials suggest those deadlines are unlikely to change. US President Barack Obama said last week extending the March deadline would not be useful if Iran did not agree to a framework assuring world powers it is not pursuing nuclear arms capability through its enrichment of uranium.

"Talks on the Iran nuclear issue face a historic opportunity, and striking a comprehensive deal on schedule is the trend of the times and the desire of the people," Wang told his Iranian counterpart, according to a Chinese Foreign Ministry statement issued on Monday.

"Reaching comprehensive agreement is beneficial to Iran upholding its own legal rights, including



Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi

the right to the peaceful use of nuclear power, and for the people of Iran to throw off the difficulties of sanctions as early as possible and focus on energetically developing the economy," Wang said.

While Iran denies having any nuclear weapons ambitions, it is subject to wide-ranging Western and United Nations sanctions.

Meeting later with Iranian President Hassan Rouhani, Wang said he appreciated Rouhani's pledge not to develop nuclear weapons and urged Iran to push the talks process forward.

"The Iran nuclear talks have reached a crucial stage," Wang was quoted as telling Rouhani.

The broad goal of the negotiations is to restrain Iran's nuclear capacity to remove any concerns it could be put to developing bombs in return for the lift-

ing of sanctions that have ravaged the Iranian economy.

China and Iran have close economic, trade and energy ties.

China's crude oil imports from Iran jumped by nearly 30 percent last year to their highest average level since 2011, as Iran's largest oil client boosted shipments after an interim deal eased sanctions on Tehran.

Wang said there was still plenty of room for energy cooperation, adding that he also saw "enormous space for cooperation" on industrial projects.

"China is willing to encourage even more Chinese companies to invest in Iran and build factories via the joint development of industrial parks in accordance with Iran's development needs and China's ability," he said.

Reuters

last month after two of their citizens were among six people executed for drugs offences.

Australia outlawed capital punishment in 1973 and public opinion staunchly opposes the death penalty for any crime.

The last Australian citizen executed by a foreign government was Nguyen Tuong Van by Singapore in 2005, also on charges of smuggling heroin. That incident had little effect on bilateral relations. But the execution of two Australians for drug offences in Malaysia in 1986 saw relations plummet.

In Sydney, more than 150,000 people signed a petition for clemency handed to the families of the prisoners at the weekend.

A survey released by the Sydney-based Lowy Institute think tank on Monday showed strong public dis-

approval for the execution, with 62 percent of the 1,211 people surveyed opposing the move.

"As the date for the executions of Andrew Chan and Myuran Sukumaran appears to draw closer, Australian public and political opposition is crystallizing," Michael Fullilove, executive director of the Lowy Institute, said in a statement.

A boycott campaign has been building on social media, where Australians have been using the Twitter hashtag #BoycottBali to announce the cancellation of their holiday plans.

International pressure is also mounting over the executions.

United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon appealed to Indonesian Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi on Thursday not to go ahead.—*Reuters*

New Guinness record set in Japan for most snowmen built in 1 hour



Participants in an event create snowmen in an attempt to set a new Guinness World Record in Iiyama, Nagano Prefecture, central Japan, on 15 Feb, 2015. Some 630 people succeeded in setting a new record by creating 1,585 snowmen in one hour, without using any tools.—KYODO NEWS

S Korean parliament endorses President Park's choice for premier

SEOUL, 16 Feb — South Korea's parliament on Monday approved President Park Geun Hye's nomination of Lee Wan Koo as prime minister on a vote by the ruling party after weeks of friction over his eligibility for the job. The controversy centered on allegations that Lee, the former floor leader of the ruling Saenuri Party, was unfit for the job due to various ethical issues, including his

apparent attempts to stop the press from carrying negative reports about him, *Yonhap News Agency* said.

Park named Lee as prime minister on 23 January, but the National Assembly held up a vote as the opposition New Politics Alliance for Democracy demanded that he withdraw from the nomination.

In South Korea, executive power rests mainly with

the president, with the prime minister serving primarily as coordinator of the Cabinet.

Chung Hong Won, the former prime minister, resigned following a storm of criticism that the government bungled in rescue efforts after a ferry sank in April last year that left more than 300 people dead. The victims were mostly students on a school excursion.—*Kyodo News*

Hundreds of Jewish tombs damaged in northern France

PARIS, 16 Feb — Several hundred Jewish tombs have been damaged in a cemetery near the northeastern French city of Strasbourg, the French interior minister said on Sunday. Interior

Minister Bernard Cazeneuve condemned the incident, which took place at the Jewish cemetery of Sarre-Union near the German border, and said in a statement that police had opened an inquiry.



Desecrated tombstones are seen at Sarre-Union Jewish cemetery, eastern France on 15 Feb, 2015.—REUTERS

"Everything will be done to identify, arrest and judge the perpetrator or perpetrators of this ignominious act," Cazeneuve said.

News of the desecrated graves came a day after a deadly shooting at a Denmark synagogue, which resembled an attack at a Jewish supermarket in Paris during three days of violence in January. On Sunday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said such attacks would likely continue and Israel would welcome European Jews who chose to move there. France is home to western Europe's biggest Jewish and Muslim communities.—*Reuters*

Abe condemns Copenhagen shootings as "despicable" terror attacks

TOKYO, 16 Feb — Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on Monday condemned the fatal shootings in Copenhagen that killed two people over the weekend as "despicable act of terrorism."

"I am infuriated by such despicable act of terrorism which attacked the freedom of expression and pluralistic values and I resolutely condemn it," Abe said in a message sent to Danish Prime Minister Helle Thorning-Schmidt.

Abe offered condolences to the families of the victims, saying "Japan stands with Denmark during this difficult time" and Tokyo will work with Copenhagen and the international community in the fight against terrorism. A gunman killed two people in separate attacks in the city, first at a debate on free speech and then near a synagogue.

Attended by a Swedish artist who has caricatured the Prophet Muhammad, the debate had been organized to discuss freedom of expression following the terrorist attack on the offices of satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo in France in January.—*Kyodo News*

Better Palestinian living standards vital for peace, Blair says

GAZA, 16 Feb — Any Israeli-Palestinian peace deal must lead to improved living conditions for Palestinians to prevent violence between the two from erupting again, Middle East peace envoy Tony Blair said on Sunday.

"The last conflict left Gaza devastated and its people more downtrodden and impoverished," Blair said in Gaza, the site of the July-August war between the territory's Islamist militants and Israel.

"I am extremely concerned that, if we leave Gaza in the state it is in, you have another eruption in violence and then we are back into a further catastrophe," Blair added.

He said a successful peace drive required "a broad and a profound improvement in the daily life of Palestinians ... unified Palestinian politics ... (and) an enhanced role for the region in alliance with the international community."

Blair said Hamas, the Palestinian faction that runs Gaza, had to declare whether it wanted a peace

deal with Israel. The group calls for the destruction of Israel and has rejected any peace accords with Israel signed by the western-backed Palestinian Authority led by President Mahmoud Abbas.

"The international community needs clarity from Hamas. Are they a Palestinian nationalist movement dedicated to the achievement of a Palestinian state ... are they prepared to accept the Palestinian state within the 1967 borders or not?"

Some Hamas leaders have said they would accept a Palestinian state on land Israel occupied in a 1967 war in return for a long-term truce. But they would continue to refuse to recognize Israel's right to exist.

Blair, envoy of the United Nations, the European Union, Russia and the United States — the so-called Quartet — said that only with a unified Palestinian political stance could the international community "promote reconciliation alongside reconstruction."

Little of the \$5.4 billion pledged for Gaza's reconstruction at a Cairo conference of international donors last October has reached the territory, and thousands of Palestinians have been sheltering in tents near destroyed homes.

Thousands more have been living in damaged buildings, using plastic sheeting to keep out rain. Some 20,000 displaced persons are still being housed in UN-run schools.

The Palestinian Authority was meant to oversee rebuilding because Israel and the West fear Hamas would use the materials to build tunnels and fortifications.

Blair added that private enterprise was a vital part of improving the daily lives of Palestinians in Gaza. "Once there was a thriving private sector here and it has to be a thriving private sector again ... We need a radical change of approach from Israel ... that Gaza and its economy requires," Blair, a former British prime minister, said.—*Reuters*



Quartet Representative to the Middle East and former British Prime Minister, Tony Blair (R), visits a UN-run school sheltering Palestinians, whose houses were destroyed by what they said was Israeli shelling during a 50-day war last summer, in Gaza City on 15 Feb, 2015.—REUTERS

Japan closes embassy in Yemen due to worsening security situation

CAIRO, 16 Feb — Japan closed its embassy in Yemen on Sunday due to the worsening security situation in the country, the Japanese Foreign Ministry said on Monday.

Japanese Ambassador to Yemen Katsuyoshi Hayashi and four embassy officials have already left the Middle Eastern country, the ministry said.

Some of the embassy staff will conduct operations from the Qatari capital of Doha, it said.

The Houthis militant group declared on 6 February that it had seized power. It captured Yemen's capital Sanaa in September 2014.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told a press briefing in Tokyo that

the "the security situation there is extremely severe," adding that other countries are also taking similar steps. Japan's Self-Defence Forces members have been dispatched to Djibouti for an antipiracy mission in waters off Somalia, but the top government spokesman said their operations will not be affected.

Kyodo News

WORLD

Heavy shelling as rebels keep pressure on Ukraine's Debaltseve

VUHLEHIRSK, (Ukraine), 16 Feb — Separatists are keeping up attacks on the strategic railway junction of Debaltseve despite a ceasefire in eastern Ukraine, a Kiev military spokesman said on Monday, and witnesses reported heavy shelling in the area.

"The illegal armed groups are not supporting the ceasefire," military spokesman Anatoly Stelmakh told reporters, adding that the Russian-backed rebels were using Grad rockets and tanks to attack government forces holding the town.

"The number of attacks on Debaltseve has even increased in comparison to previous days and they are using all types of weapons," he said. "The

terrorists have been given the order to take Debaltseve at all cost."

A Reuters correspondent at Vuhlehirsk, about 10 km (some six miles) to the west of Debaltseve, reported heavy shelling from the direction of the town, with blasts around every 10 seconds.

Underscoring the fragility of the ceasefire, which was negotiated by Ukraine, Russia, Germany and France last week and which came into force at midnight on Sunday, the Kiev military said government positions had been fired on 112 times by rebels in the past 24 hours.

Government forces had fired only when coming under attack, Stelmakh said.—Reuters



A woman walks by a building, which was damaged by shelling last September, in Donetsk, on 15 Feb, 2015.

REUTERS

Merkel's conservatives suffer blow in state vote, eurosceptics gain

BERLIN, 16 Feb — The anti-euro Alternative for Germany (AfD) party looked set to win its first seats in a regional assembly in the west of the country on Sunday after an election in Hamburg which also saw Angela Merkel's conservatives suffer their worst result since World War Two.

Exit polls showed the AfD just above the 5 percent threshold needed to enter the state parliament. If confirmed, the result could help establish the anti-bailout party as a force beyond the former communist east, where it posted big gains in three regional votes last year.

The Social Democrats (SPD) handily won the vote in Hamburg, a northern

port city that has traditionally been a stronghold for the center-left party, winning around 47 percent of the vote. To stay in office, popular SPD state premier Olaf Scholz will probably have to form a coalition with the environmentalist Greens.

Chancellor Merkel's Christian Democrats (CDU) were the big losers on the night, coming in a distant second at about 16 percent.

Still, Merkel remains hugely popular in Germany and experts had cautioned ahead of the vote that the result should not be seen as a reflection of the national mood.

The conservatives put up a candidate widely viewed as a weak alterna-

tive to Scholz, a centrist whose steady leadership has been likened to that of Merkel.

Paul Ziemak, who leads the youth wing of Merkel's CDU, called the result a "serious wake-up call" for his party, but Michael Grosse-Broemer, parliamentary whip for the CDU in Berlin, played it down, saying it was "an election in a big city — nothing more and nothing less". Worries that Greece's new anti-austerity government could unleash a fresh wave of turmoil in the euro zone may have given the AfD a boost in Hamburg.

The result will help silence those who predicted the AfD would fizzle out or that its appeal was limited to eastern Germany, where

its law-and-order, anti-immigration stances are popular. Founded in 2013, the AfD is one of a number of new parties across Europe that have lured voters worried about the economic costs of euro membership.

Another interesting development in Hamburg was a strong score for the business-friendly Free Democrats (FDP), an influential kingmaker in post-war German politics which shockingly failed to win enough votes to make it into the federal parliament in 2013. The FDP was on track to win some 7 percent of the vote in Hamburg, breaking a string of embarrassing losses and signaling that the party's prospects may be brightening.

Reuters

Italy's Renzi defies opposition over Senate reform

ROME, 16 Feb — Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi has moved a step closer to pushing through constitutional reforms he says will create a more stable government, after a raucous debate that saw opposition parties walk out of parliament.

After a marathon session that ended in the early hours of Saturday, deputies in Renzi's majority coalition approved the measures in a half-empty chamber that had been deserted by most of the opposition.

The measures, central to Renzi's promised reforms of the political system, are intended to allow more stable government by shrinking the Senate and removing its power to block laws, leaving the Chamber of Deputies dominant in the legislature.

The result still must

be passed by the Senate itself, where Renzi's coalition has a much smaller majority. He also will lack support from former Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, who withdrew his backing after the 40 year-old Renzi pushed through the election of Sergio Mattarella as president last month, against Berlusconi's objections.

Previously, the two leaders had agreed to co-operate on constitutional reforms under an accord known as the "Nazarene Pact", named after the headquarters of Renzi's center-left Democratic Party, where it was sealed last year. The bill passed the vote in the lower house without Berlusconi's help.

Renzi drew bitter criticism from opposition parties for ramming a key constitutional measure through



Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi

without broad support from parliament, which was powerless to stop it despite rowdy clashes.

Renato Brunetta, lower house floor leader of Berlusconi's Forza Italia party, accused Renzi of a "slide into authoritarianism". The anti-establishment 5-Star Movement said Italy was on the verge of a "bloodless coup".

"There is only one way out: to dissolve parliament and go to new elections," the 5-Star leader, Beppe Grillo, said on his blog.

Renzi himself defended the decision to proceed with the vote and promised to push on with his reform agenda. "We did everything we could to make sure the opposition was at the negotiating table," he told RAI state television. "What can we do if they go off?"

In the Senate, Renzi has a smaller majority. He also faces not just opposition parties but also a significant number of dissidents in his Democratic Party. A final vote is expected in early March, but the proposals, which Renzi said would be put to a referendum, are not expected to become law until at least the end of the year.

Reuters

France will stay on high alert after Copenhagen attacks: PM

French Prime Minister Manuel Valls attends the questions to the government session at the National Assembly in Paris on 10 Feb, 2015. REUTERS



PARIS, 16 Feb — French Prime Minister Manuel Valls said on Monday the threat of militant attacks in the country remained "particularly high" and that exceptional security measures would remain in place as long as needed after attacks in Copenhagen. France has deployed some 10,000 military personnel to protect public sites and announced thousands of new hires in the intelligence sector after 17 people were killed in a series of attacks by Islamist gunmen in January.

Valls said two attacks at the weekend in Copenhagen, which targeted a synagogue and a free speech event involving an artist who had caricatured Mohammad, underscored the need for prolonged action against what he called "Islamofascism".

"We will prolong these measures as long as necessary, as long as the threat remains so high,"

Valls told RTL radio of a security plan involving deployment of troops and police in public places and near sensitive sites.

Separately, French police opened an inquiry on Sunday after more than 200 tombs were damaged in a Jewish cemetery near the northeastern city of Strasbourg.

Valls called upon French Jews to remain in France and promised the "strongest possible" legal response after Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called anew upon European Jews to emigrate to Israel after the Copenhagen attacks.

"My message to French Jews is as follows: France is as hurt as you are and France does not want you to leave," he said.

Valls said authorities believed the cemetery attacks were the work of several people but there were no firm leads at present.—Reuters

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 17 February, 2015

Opium poppy cultivation must be eliminated

By Myint Win Thein

Cultivation of opium poppy and manufacturing of narcotic drugs have been a great problem in Myanmar which damages the image of the country.

Although the practice of opium poppy cultivation was brought into the country by colonial-

ists about a century ago, it can still have a negative impact on the history of the country enormously. Another problem at the border areas is the manufacturing of stimulant tablets by illegal groups. As a result, stimulant tablets are available in a number of places in the country as well as in other countries.

On the other hand, successive governments of the country internationally vowed a number of times to eliminate cultivation of opium poppy and manufacturing of narcotic drugs at the particular time without success. Actually, the problem of drugs not only affects Myanmar but also hurt the entire world.

In addition, Myanmar is put into danger not only but narcotic drugs itself but also from the money generated from drug trafficking. Recent-

ly, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing said that the problem of opium cultivation and narcotic drugs must be eliminated once and for all since the problem is putting the mankind into danger. It is high time the problem were addressed once and for all.

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A quick fascinating glimpse inside the library of the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore

(The opinions expressed here are those of the author.)

By Sayar Mya

Due to a range of reasons and complex circumstances over the past decades, my loving son first went to Japan and then to Australia to pursue further education. After obtaining two diplomas in Canberra, Capital of Australia, he came back home in Yangon in quest of a suitable and sustainable career. Despite his devoted and dedicated efforts to engage in an honest business in Yangon for a certain length of time, it was futile and pointless.

When there was no scope and space for a decent and proper livelihood back in our beloved country in those years of uncertain and unclear economic environment, he and his family migrated to Australia.

During the school holidays of our grand children, they visited us in Yangon once every two to three years.

In January 2015, my son and his family members visited Singapore on vacation. The rendezvous point was at the condominium of our loving daughter Thuzar at Taman Serasi, just across the Singapore Botanical Gardens. Thuzar is on government assignment for three years in that country.

I and my better half have had a good time and full of fun with our grand kids for two weeks in Singapore. They went back home in Sydney on 31 January 2015.

Since my arrival in Singapore on 12 January, I have written five English articles entitled (1) [Significant features of "Singa-

pore Expo" and "John Little Mega Expo Sale" in Singapore; January 2015]; (2) [National University of Singapore: A University stands and shines top in Asia]; (3) [ICT in brief and pragmatic application of E-Governance in Singapore]; and (4) [Education in Singapore: Pre-school Playgroup to Junior College]; and (5) Education in Singapore: Universities and International Schools in the Global New Light of Myanmar in January and February 2015.

Just two days before our departure from Singapore for home in Yangon, my loving daughter Thuzar accompanied me to the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS) in Singapore, which is well-known throughout the region, especially for its rich depository of knowledge resources on Southeast Asia at the ISEAS Library. Our trip to ISEAS had a two-fold interest, as one of Thuzar's good friends and former colleague, Moe Moe, is at ISEAS as a lead researcher at the ASEAN Studies Centre, and also a member of the ISEAS Myanmar Studies Program. I had the chance to catch up with Moe Moe, after quite some years, and see her place of work.

It was Friday afternoon on 6 February and the weather was fine with soft cool breeze.

Although our visit was an impromptu one, we had the opportunity to take a quick yet fascinating glimpse of the ISEAS Library. The library is neat, clean and in proper order as well as care-

fully arranged.
ISEAS Library Introduction

ISEAS Library has been functioning as a unique de facto regional library and information centre. It houses more than 600,000 items of comprehensive collections of research materials on the applied social sciences dating mostly from the nineteenth century with emphasis on Southeast Asia. The print and multimedia collections are in the region's languages as well as in English and other Asian and European languages.

Indeed, the indispensable value of ISEAS Library as the backbone of "ISEAS research process" was recognized early in the founding of the Institute. Its setup began one year before the Act of Parliament in June 1968 was passed to establish the Institute.

Interested persons may browse the ISEAS Library's online catalogue "SEALion" (Southeast Asian Studies Library Integrated Online) or one may take a look at the list of "e-Resources" available in the Library.

Access to the Library

The ISEAS library is open to all members of the public, who are interested in the study of the Southeast Asian region.

Registration is required for all new members to access the library collections and facilities.

The following two documents are required for registration:

- (1) Identity Card
 - NRIC (The National Registration Identity Card — abbreviation:

NRIC, or colloquially IC)

- FIN card (Singapore ID card with a FIN number)
- Passport
- Staff Pass
- Student Pass

- (2) Completed Registration Form. (One may download a copy of the registration form. Alternatively, one may fill up the form at the library service counter).

Borrowing Privileges Eligibility

As the ISEAS Library is primarily a reference Library, only individuals affiliated with ISEAS (such as in-house researchers and staff) are automatically entitled to borrow books from the Library. Individuals who are not affiliated with ISEAS may be granted personal loan privileges upon provision of a refundable deposit of Singapore \$200. The deposit will be returned upon cessation of loans with the Library and return of all Library books in good condition.

Alternatively loans may be arranged via interlibrary loans with another Library. There is no deposit required in this case.

Library card

Users need to supply a passport size photograph (digital or print copy) for the library card and pay a one-time processing fee of Singapore \$10.00.

Loan Items

There are varying periods of loans depending on the categories of users and materials.

Information Services

While the ISEAS Library is set up as a self-ser-



Inside View of ISEAS Library (Photo: Google.com)

vice research library, the following services are available:

- Brief training on the use of online database and microfilm/fiche readers (Microfiche Scanner);
- Retrieval of collections from open and closed stack/repository;
- Value-added services conducted by the Reference Librarian;
- Interlibrary Loan (ILL);
- Document Delivery Service; and
- Orientation/Guided Tours.

Brief training on the use of online database and microfilm/fiche readers

The Library's collections, including new acquisitions can be looked up in the online database SEALion. Staff on duty will serve users who need assistance in using the online database and audio-visual equipment.

Retrieval of collections from open and closed stack/repository

Selected titles of new arrivals are displayed at the Circulation Desk. Researchers may reserve a title on display by filling in a Reserve Slip and returning it to the Circulation Desk. Request for closed access materials such as back issues of journals and newspapers, private papers and microforms can also be made at the counter.

Value-added services conducted by the**Reference Librarian:**

- Bibliographical search at Singapore \$50.00 per hour (minimum charge).
- Identifying and locating items from the above bibliographical search at Singapore \$2.00 per item.
- Material cost (such as print outs, photocopies etc.) are charged in addition to the above.

Interlibrary Loan (ILL)

Books not available in the ISEAS Library may be borrowed on "Interlibrary Loan (ILL)" from other libraries. Affiliated researchers may request ILL service at the Circulation/Information Counter. ILL is only available for circulating materials. Interested libraries can fill in ILL Agreement Form.

Document Delivery Service

The ISEAS Library supplies documents to libraries in Singapore and overseas institutions. The "Document Delivery Service" is governed by the Singapore Copyright Act. This requires the Library to obtain a signed copyright declaration from the requesting person before obtaining a photocopy of the requested material. The copyright declaration has been incorporated in the "document delivery request form" and must be completed by the requesting person.

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LOCAL NEWS



Israeli representation at Culture Festival in Myanmar Convention Center

The Festival included over 40 different countries that each of them was represented by its own booth that included national symbols, costumes and traditional food

YANGON, 16 Feb—The Israeli Booth was managed by the staff of the Embassy of Israel in Yangon together with students and teachers from Horizon school, who presented the audience with Israeli traditional food as Falafel, Pita bread and Humus, and also the Israeli popular

drink – Sweet Lemonade. The participants could also find pictures of famous attractions in Israel, an enjoyable screening of a two minutes film about Israel and different symbols and souvenirs from Jewish and Israeli tradition.

The two days Festival was officially opened

after a ribbon cutting ceremony in the presence of the Ambassador of Israel, together with the heads of other diplomatic mission and representatives from Hluttaw, Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and International Community.

GNLM

Inter-Club Sepak Takraw tourney wraps up

MANDALAY, 16 Feb — In commemoration of the opening of a Sepak Takraw court of Nyaungbinyeik Sepak Takraw club, the inter-club Sepak Takraw tournament was organized at the court on 86th street in Mahaaungmye Township.

President of Myanmar Chinlone Federation U Soe Naing opened the tournament on 10 February and

On 14 February, Khit Kyaungthar (B) stood first in the tournament with a win over Khit Kyaungthar

(C) in the final.

Ward administrator U Kyaw Thein presented K300,000 to the first prize winner, K200,000 to the second and K100,000 to third prize winning Black Big club.

Altogether 64 clubs participated in the tournament starting from 10 February.

The president of MCF donated K700,000 to Nyaungbinyeik Club.

Tin Maung
(Mandalay)



GAD offers Buddha images to locals in Natogyi Tsp

MYINGYAN, 16 Feb —Township General Administration Department in Natogyi, Mandalay Region, offers 4,500 nine-inch Buddha images made of flowers to the local people in 188 villages and eight wards in the township.

Under the arrangements of Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung, the Rural Development Department sent

5,000 Buddha images to the GAD of the township for enabling local Buddhists to pay homage and kept the images at their houses.

Due to many requests of local people, the authorities shared the images to local people from eight wards through drawing lot system, according to the administrator of Ward 3.—Khin Zar Mon Myint (Law)

Authorities provide assistance for transport of those who came back from Laukkai

MANDALAY, 16 Feb —Tatmadaw columns engaged with Kokang renegade groups in Laukkai region, northern Shan State, as of 9 February.

People from Pyawbwe, Yamethin and Meiktila townships in Mandalay Region and those from Magway, Natmauk, Myothit, Hsinpaungwe, Aunglan and Taungdwingyi townships in Magway Region who arrived in Laukkai, Monekoe and Monesi areas to carry out export and import of products came back to Mandalay Pyigyimyetshin highway bus terminal and Chanyay Shwepyithar highway bus



terminal from Laukkai to native areas via Lashio.

Under the arrangements of Mandalay Region

government, Region Minister for Transport U Kyaw Hsan and departmental officials presented foodstuffs to

them and provided transport assistance to them.

Maung Pyi Thu
(Mandalay)

Tourists visit downtown Myanaung



MYANAUNG, 16 Feb—Globetrotters arrived in Myanaung, Ayeyawady Region, by RV Thurgau Exotic II on 15 February.

After going sightseeing downtown Myanaung, the tourists visited Sri Culamani Temple and the people's square in Myanaung and took photos.

During the trip from Mandalay to Yangon along Ayeyawady River, the tourists stopped over at Myanaung for their visits.

The tourist team comprised 22 British, one German and one French.

Win Bo (Township IPRD)



People get potable water thanks to tube-well, water tank donations

MAHLAING, 16 Feb—DuPont (Myanmar) Co Ltd donated a well, pump and tank at Basic Education Middle School Branch in Theingon Village, Mahlaing Township, on 13 February.

Managing director Mr Sittideth Sriprateth and responsible persons also donated stationery for 150 stu-

dents to headmistress Daw Win Myint. The company spent K3 million on a four-inch diameter tube-well and one 11 feet long, five feet wide and six feet high water tank. Thanks to water facilities, over 800 local people in Theingon Village get potable water.

Aung Htay (Mahlaing)



Egypt says it bombed Islamic State targets in Libya: state television

CAIRO, 16 Feb — Egypt's military said in a statement on state television it had carried out an air strike against Islamic State targets in Libya at dawn on Monday, a day after the group released a video appearing to show

the beheading of 21 Egyptians there.

The attack focused on Islamic State camps, training sites and weapons storage areas in Libya, where Islamist militants have thrived amid chaos.

President Abdel Fat-

tah al-Sisi has repeatedly said militants based in Libya pose a serious security threat to Egypt, a strategic US ally that is fighting insurgents in the Sinai who have pledged allegiance to Islamic State.

The 21 Egyptian Christians, who had gone to Libya in search of jobs, were marched to a beach, forced to kneel and then beheaded, the video showed.

Reuters

Men in orange jumpsuits purported to be Egyptian Christians held captive by the Islamic State (IS) kneel in front of armed men along a beach said to be near Tripoli, in this still image from an undated video made available on social media on 15 Feb, 2015.—REUTERS

Bahrain sends warplanes to Jordan to fight Islamic State

DUBAI, 16 Feb — Bahrain has deployed war planes to Jordan, the state news agency BNA said on Sunday, becoming the second Gulf Arab country to send warplanes to help in the fight against Islamist militants in Syria and Iraq.

Jordan has taken a leading role in conducting air strikes against Islamic State strongholds in Syria and Iraq since the militants killed a Jordanian pilot, Mouath al-Kasaesbeh, who was captured by the group after his plane crashed in Syria in December.

"A group of Bahraini Royal Air Force planes have landed in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to participate in the international effort to annihilate terrorism," BNA said.

It did not say how many aircraft or what kind were sent.

The United Arab Emirates last week sent a squadron of F-16 jet fighters to Jordan to conduct air strikes against Islamic State alongside Jordanian planes.

The UAE had earlier

er joined a US-led coalition conducting air strikes against Islamic State suspended flights. But it had suspended flights, citing concerns about search and rescue capabilities, after the Jordanian pilot was downed.

Jordan's King Abdullah has vowed to avenge Kasaesbeh's killing and ordered his commanders to prepare for a stepped-up military role in the US-led coalition against Islamic State.

Many Jordanians fear being dragged into a conflict that could trigger a backlash by hardline militants inside the kingdom. But support for the military campaign has grown since Kasaesbeh's killing.

Jordanian military experts say the ability of the kingdom to sustain its air strikes would soon come under strain, given the 40 mid-life F16 jets the air force has at its disposal. US officials have told Reuters the United States was preparing plans to re-supply Jordan with munitions.

Reuters

Westerners join Iraqi Christian militia to fight Islamic State

DUHOK, 16 Feb — Saint Michael, the archangel of battle, is tattooed across the back of a US army veteran who recently returned to Iraq and joined a Christian militia fighting Islamic State in what he sees as a biblical war between good and evil.

Brett, 28, carries the same thumb-worn pocket Bible he did whilst deployed to Iraq in 2006 — a picture of the Virgin Mary tucked inside its pages and his favorite verses highlighted.

"It's very different," he said, asked how the experiences compared. "Here I'm fighting for a people and for a faith, and the enemy is much bigger and more brutal." Thousands of foreigners have flocked to Iraq and Syria in the past two years, mostly to join Islamic State, but a handful of idealistic Westerners are enlisting as well, citing frustration their governments are not doing

more to combat the ultra-radical Islamists or prevent the suffering of innocents.

The militia they joined is called Dwekh Nawsha — meaning self-sacrifice in the ancient Aramaic language spoken by Christ and still used by Assyrian Christians, who consider themselves the indigenous people of Iraq.

A map on the wall in the office of the Assyrian political party affiliated with Dwekh Nawsha marks the

Christian towns in northern Iraq, fanning out around the city of Mosul.

The majority are now under control of Islamic State, which overran Mosul last summer and issued an ultimatum to Christians: pay a tax, convert to Islam, or die by the sword. Most fled.

Dwekh Nawsha operates alongside Kurdish peshmerga forces to protect Christian villages on the frontline in Nineveh province. "These are some of the only towns in Nineveh where church bells ring. In every other town the bells have gone silent, and that's unacceptable," said Brett, who has "The King of Nineveh" written in Arabic on the front of his army vest.

Brett, who like other foreign volunteers withheld his last name out of concern for his family's safety, is the only one to have engaged in fighting so far. The others, who arrived just last week, were turned back from the frontline on Friday by Kurdish security services who said they needed official authorization.—Reuters



Westerners who have joined the Iraqi Christian militia Dwekh Nawsha to fight against Islamic State militants sit together at the office of the Assyrian political party in Dohuk, northern Iraq on 13 Feb, 2015.—REUTERS

UN council demands Houthis withdraw, end Yemen violence

UNITED NATIONS, 16 Feb — The United Nations Security Council on Sunday demanded Iranian-backed Houthi militia in Yemen withdraw from government institutions, called for an end to foreign interference and threatened "further steps" if the violence does not stop.

The United Nations has warned that Yemen is collapsing. Shi'ite Muslim Houthi fighters have sidelined the central government after seizing the capital Sanaa in September and expanding across Yemen,

which borders oil giant Saudi Arabia.

Al-Qaeda and other Sunni Muslim militants have since stepped up attacks. Yemen is home to Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, one of the global network's most active arms, which has carried out attacks abroad.

The 15-nation Security Council unanimously adopted a British- and Jordanian-drafted resolution on the crisis on Sunday.

The Gulf Cooperation Council, a six-nation bloc comprising energy-rich

Gulf states, had urged the Security Council to adopt a resolution under Chapter 7 of the UN Charter, which allows decisions to be enforced with economic sanctions or force. The approved UN resolution is not under Chapter 7.

The council declared its readiness to take "further steps" if the resolution is not implemented by parties in Yemen. In November, the council imposed sanctions on Yemen's former president, Ali Abdullah Saleh, and two Houthi leaders.

It "deplores actions taken by the Houthis to dissolve parliament and take over Yemen's government institutions, including acts of violence."

It demands the Houthis engage in good faith in UN-brokered negotiations on a political settlement, withdraw their forces from government institutions, release Yemen's president, prime minister and other cabinet members from house arrest and stop undermining the political transition and the security of Yemen.—Reuters



Houthi fighters ride a military truck on a street near the Saudi and UAE embassies in Sanaa on 14 Feb, 2015. —REUTERS

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Morrisons cuts prices on 130 grocery staples like milk, eggs

LONDON, 16 Feb — British grocer Morrisons said on Monday it had cut prices on items like milk, cheese and cornflakes in the latest salvo in a supermarket price war.

Morrisons, the smallest of Britain's "Big Four" supermarket chains, said it was reducing the price of 130 shopping basket staples by an average of 22 percent.

The price war and lower commodity prices pushed food prices down 1.9 percent in December, their biggest fall since June 2002.

Britain's largest su-

permarkets — Tesco, Wal-Mart owned Asda, and J Sainsbury — have been cutting prices on essentials to compete with discount grocers Aldi and Lidl.

The fall in grocery bills has coincided with a steep drop in the oil price, resulting in the annual rate inflation halving to 0.5 percent in December from 1.0 percent in November.

Morrisons said four pints of milk had been cut to 1.00 pound, from 1.39, for example, while the price of 500 grammes of Kellogg's cornflakes was reduced by a quarter to 1.09 pounds.—Reuters



Shopping trolleys are stacked in the car park of a Morrisons supermarket store in Croydon, south London on 12 Jan, 2015.—REUTERS

Australian food company recalls berries after hepatitis A outbreak linked to China

SYDNEY, 16 Feb — An Australian company has recalled its frozen berry products following a hepatitis A outbreak linked to poor hygiene and water supplies in a Chinese packaging plant, reigniting fears about the safety of the Asian giant's food exports.

Australian authorities were investigating on Monday after as many as nine people were diagnosed with the disease after eating the Patties Foods Ltd berries, which were grown in Chile and China before being packaged at the Chinese factory.

"We do expect to see more cases," Sonya Bennett, senior director of Queensland state's communicable diseases unit, told reporters.

Food safety has long

been an issue in China, where pollution from rapid industrialization has exacted a heavy toll on soil and water. Poor hygiene in production and packaging plants has also been a problem.

Contamination scandals that led to deaths and serious illnesses have increased the popularity in China of imports of European infant formula, New Zealand milk and Japanese rice.

More than 11,000 school children in Germany were laid low in October 2012 by diarrhea and vomiting that authorities linked to frozen strawberries imported from China. Chinese authorities refuted those claims.

Australia's Victoria state government said the

contamination in the latest case had been traced back to China.

"The particular risk that we've identified here is that a country that has endemic hepatitis A, that is China, has been involved with packing these berries," Finn Romanes, the health department's senior medical adviser, told Australian Broadcasting Corp radio.

"Clearly there's strong evidence that there may have been a contamination during the packing process as they are fully sealed and then transported to Australia."

It was not immediately known what other products, if any, the Chinese supplier produced for export, he added.

Reuters

Department stores beef up service for Chinese ahead of Lunar New Year

TOKYO, 16 Feb — Major department stores in Japan have been beefing up their service for Chinese customers ahead of the Lunar New Year holiday season starting on Wednesday, in a bid to attract big-spending tourists amid a slump in domestic spending.

To cope with rising Chinese visitor numbers, which have been further boosted by a weaker yen and an expansion of duty-free items, some department stores have been giving Chinese lessons to their workers or providing them tablet computers to aid communication.

According to the Japan Tourism Agency, the average spending per Chinese tourist last year including accommodation fees and shopping amounted to 231,753 yen (about \$1,955), up about 10 percent from the previous year.

Daimaru Tokyo Store near Tokyo Station has offered lessons of simple Chinese conversations for its employees. The store also plans to have workers attend Chinese and English language schools from April as it expects the number of foreign customers will rise over the long term.

Kyodo News

Swine flu kills over 500 in India so far this year

NEW DELHI, 16 Feb — Swine flu or H1N1 has killed over 500 people in India this year, doubling the figure of death from the epidemic of the whole year of 2014, officials said on Monday.

Twelve more people were killed recently in the western state Gujarat while 11 people were lately the victims of the deadly virus in the western state Rajasthan, raising the death toll in the country to over 500 since the beginning of this year, said health officials.

At least 6,300 cases of the swine flue were reported in the past one and a half months in India.

However, additional Secretary of the Ministry of Health AK Panda told

the media that there is no reason for panic and there are enough medicines in stock, adding that there were usually more H1N1 cases in winter. According to the official, the number of reported swine flu cases in 2014 was 937 while the death toll stood at 218. The government on Sunday said it was "closely" monitoring the spurt in swine flu cases in the country, with the Health Ministry claiming that the countrywide toll from swine flu had reached 485 till 12 February. "We are monitoring the situation very closely and are in touch with the health officials of the states most affected by the disease," said a senior Health Ministry official.—Xinhua

Fortunes of UK workers diverge as many miss out on pay rises



Workers cross the road in Whitehall in central London on 20 Oct, 2010.—REUTERS

LONDON, 16 Feb — Two fifths of British workers landed significant pay rises last year but a similar number endured stagnant

salaries as the fortunes of the workforce diverged sharply, a human resources organization said on Monday.

The Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD) warned of a "tale of two workforces" as its quarterly labour

market report showed 40 percent of employees enjoyed pay rises of 2 percent or more while 39 percent saw their pay frozen and 3 percent suffered pay cuts.

Another 18 percent received a pay rise between 0.1 percent and 2 percent in the year to December.

The findings suggest that a large part of the British workforce is still feeling the pinch ahead of national elections in May, even though the average wage increase has outpaced inflation in recent months.

"The figures show a clear gap between employees that have comfortably exceeded the current

inflation rate in their pay packets and those who haven't seen any increase at all," CIPD analyst Gerwyn Davies said.

That may help explain why Prime Minister David Cameron's Conservative Party is still narrowly trailing the opposition Labour Party in most polls, despite the UK's headline economic performance being among the strongest in Europe.

The CIPD survey showed public sector workers were hit the hardest, with 54 percent of public employers saying their wages were frozen.

The Bank of England said on Thursday it expected below-zero inflation in

coming months.

Manufacturing firms were among the strongest performers with 54 percent reporting pay hikes of 2 percent or more, but more than a third of manufacturing and production firms froze pay.

Davies said firms across all sectors were more likely to have awarded large pay increases if their strategy was to maximise value rather than trim costs.

"Therefore, the role for government is ... to understand the levers that can help more firms increase their workplace productivity and move up the quality chain," he said.

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People attend a parade during the Barranquilla Carnival, in the Cumbiadrone of Barranquilla, Colombia on 15 Feb, 2015.—XINHUA

Cambodia bans drone cameras in country's capital

PHNOM PENH, 16 Feb — Cambodian authorities on Monday banned the use of drone cameras to capture footage in the country's capital over concern that it violates people's privacy and public security.

The Phnom Penh municipal office decided to ban the use of the cameras "to ensure respect for the rights of the people and to maintain security, safety and public order," according to a direc-

tive issued on Monday.

But in case such use is necessary, users must seek prior permission from the municipal government, it said. Violators, if found, will be punished according to the law, but the authorities did not specify the possible extent of punishment. Police sources told *Kyodo News* that the move came after a German man was found flying a remote-controlled drone camera over the Royal

Palace in the capital on Saturday afternoon when Queen Mother Monineath Sihanouk was taking exercise. The palace is the residence of both King Norodom Sihamoni and his mother. The man was detained on Saturday for questioning by local authorities soon after a Royal Palace security official made a complaint and was released the same day, the sources said.

Som Chhaya, deputy

director general of the Cambodian Broadcasting Service, an umbrella of three local TV channels CNC, CTN and MyTV, said his staff began using drone cameras about two years ago, adding that aerial footage taken by the devices have been very popular.

But he said the ban is "appropriate" as long as there are concerns about security and public order.

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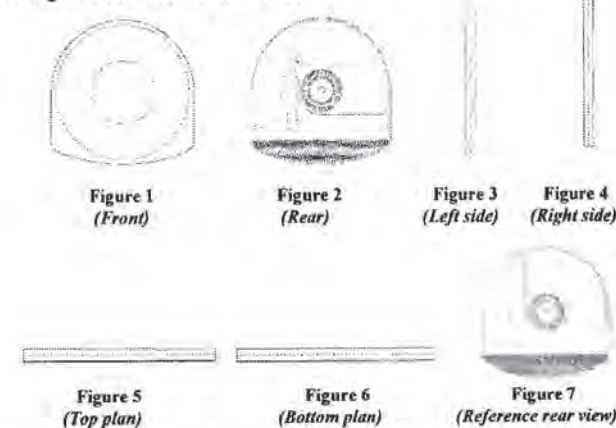
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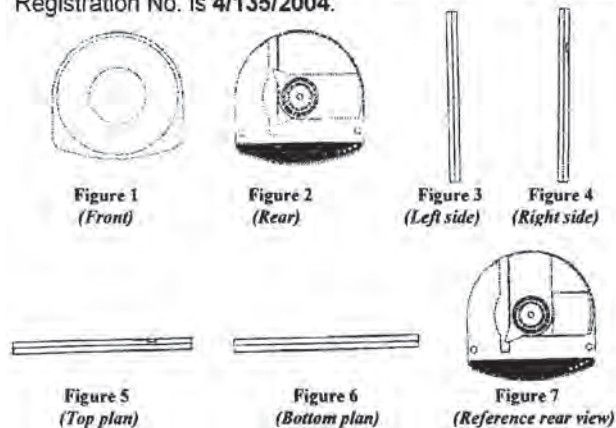
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Nagasaki Prefecture reprimands three at child centre over murder by girl

NAGASAKI, 16 Feb — The Nagasaki prefectural government on Monday reprimanded three officials of a local child consultation centre for their inaction prior to a teenager killing her high school classmate in Sasebo last July. The centre did not properly deal with information from a psychiatrist one month before the killing that the 16-year-old girl, on whom the doctor had performed a psychiatric evaluation, could kill somebody if left unattended, according to the local government.

The centre did not formally accept the psychiatrist's report as a formal consultation request, conduct any follow-up studies or meet the doctor.

The prefectural government has found the centre "failed to fulfill its duties as a consultation facility." The three officials are the 57-year-old head of the centre, a 52-year-old section chief and a 50-year-old official.

The section chief is found to have abused his power over subordinates and hampered the organization's ability to handle cases, preventing an employee who received the psychiatrist's inquiry from discussing the matter with the section chief, the prefectural government said.

The girl is alleged to have strangled her senior high school classmate and then mutilated her body at an apartment in Sasebo, where the suspect lived by herself. She was arrested a day after the killing on 26 July last year. She has been reported as saying she had "a desire to kill someone from around the time I was a junior high school student."

In January, prosecutors sent her to a family court to seek a decision on whether the case involving a minor merited criminal prosecution. She was served with another arrest warrant that month on suspicion of attempting to murder her father by hitting him in the head several times with a metal baseball bat in March 2014.

Her father committed suicide in October.

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WEATHER REPORT

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is generally fair in the Bay of Bengal and partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL EVENING OF THE 17th February, 2015: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Kachin State, weather will be partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions, Northern Shan and Chin States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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Sam Smith tops Britain's album chart after Grammys win

LONDON, 16 Feb — Sam Smith's "In The Lonely Hour" returned to the top of the British album chart on Sunday, a week after the 22-year-old won four Grammy awards including record and song of the year, the Official Charts Company said.

The British soul singer's million-selling debut, which climbed from four back to

the top of the rankings, has yet to leave the top 10 since it was released in May 2014. Ed Sheeran's "X" was in second place, while the third and fourth spots were new entries: "If You're Reading This You're Too Late", a surprise release by Canadian rapper Drake on Friday, and the Irish quartet Kodaline's second studio album, "Com-

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ing Up For Air".

Ellie Goulding topped the singles chart for a second week with "Love Me Like You Do". The track, which features in the new "Fifty Shades of Grey" movie, racked up combined sales of 118,000, the Official Charts Company said. Hozier's "Take Me To Church" climbed back to number two for its 21st week in the top 40, while third-placed Mark Ronson's "Uptown Funk" hit the 1 million sales mark.

Ronson's soul-funk



track featuring Bruno Mars joined the million sellers' club just 10 weeks after its release, according to Official Charts Company data.

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Nicole Kidman wins worst actress at Barfta Awards



Actress Nicole Kidman

LONDON, 16 Feb — Actress Nicole Kidman was named worst actress for her performance in 'Grace of Monaco' at the Barfta Awards, which honours the most egregious works to hit the cinemas over the past year.

Each year the British Academy for Rubbish Films and Terrible Acting commemorates the worst films and performances of the year, and according to the organizers "2015 has proved a vintage year for terrible films", reported Independent online.

'Grace of Monaco', about American actress Grace Kelly's marriage to Prince Rainier III, was met with laughter in the auditorium and eviscerated by the critics when it opened last year's Cannes Film Festival.

The Barfta judges took aim at a film — dubbed "Dis-Grace of Monaco" — where "a plucky woman fights to stop the super-rich having to pay their taxes. We almost miss Diana."

Last year, the biopic of Princess Diana swept the boards, winning worst film and worst actor for Naomi Watts in the lead role.

Worst British film went to 'Pudsey the Dog: the Movie'. Simon Pegg, who starred in the "frankly creepy" 'Hector and the Search for Happiness' won worst actor. 'Annie' won worst US film. Special prizes included the Dick van Dyke award for calamitous accent awarded to Russell Crowe for his "frankly baffling accent in the frankly baffling" 'A New York Winter's Tale'.

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16-yr-old boy nabbed for allegedly creating lethal air gun

KOBE, 16 Feb — A 16-year-old boy in Hyogo Prefecture was arrested on Monday on suspicion of creating an air gun capable of killing a person and possessing three such weapons, police said.

The first-year high school boy has admitted to the charges, the police said. The boy's name has been withheld because he is a minor.

The boy allegedly created and possessed a 2.08-metre-long air gun that can shoot through a steel can with a metal bullet from a distance of around 1 metre at his home then located in the western Japan city of Itami during the period from last June to November.

He is also suspected of possessing two quasi air guns — 1.18 metres long and 1.4 metres long — less powerful than the regular air gun but still capable of causing injury, the police said.

The guns are designed to shoot a metal bullet by using the power of explosion of inflammable gas, and they were created using commercial vinyl chloride pipes based on production methods available online, the police said.

The police confiscated a steel can with a hole, believed to have been used for test-shooting. No shooting of human beings or animals with the guns have been confirmed.

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Oscar nominees to get USD 20K worth mind reading sessions

LOS ANGELES, 16 Feb — Stars nominated in acting and directing categories at the 87th Academy Awards will be gifted USD 20,000 certificate for a session of mind reading techniques.

The session is a part of the Oscar nominee gift bag, which also includes a train ride through the Rockies and a year's worth of All-Audi A4 rentals reported TMZ.

Author Olessia Kantor, the woman behind the mind-reading session, said

she will fly out to the celebrities' location and analyse

their dreams/horoscopes.

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I have grown up in last one year: Taylor Swift



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LOS ANGELES, 16 Feb — Singer Taylor Swift says she has matured over the last one year and has become more confident about herself now.

The 25-year-old star said she feels unapologetic about her opinions and does not think what others feel about her, reported *Vogue* magazine.

"This last year has felt very different than any other year of my life.

I've felt more settled and unapologetic about who I am and what I stand for.

"I think that might be one of those symptoms of growing up and becoming your own person, and depending less on other people's opinions of you. I just hope that keeps going — because I'm liking it," she said.

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China to abolish temporary residence permits

SHANGHAI, 16 Feb — China plans to abolish temporary residence permits as part of a broader reform of the country's household registration system, the official *Xinhua* news agency reported, in a move that could boost consumer spending.

Citing a public security reform plan released on Sunday, *Xinhua* said that temporary permits for migrant workers will be replaced by permanent residency, which offers many of the same privileges as those enjoyed by locals, such as permission to buy flats and cars as well as

social security.

Temporary permits are held by hundreds of millions of Chinese workers, who have to obtain the permits before they can live or work in a new city.

The system has been criticized for creating instability and China's leaders have pledged to loosen their grip on residence registration, known as hukou, to try to speed the country's urbanization drive.

The government is also keen to stem any further slowdown in the economy, which in 2014 recorded its weakest growth in 24 years.

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Benedict Cumberbatch marries Sophie Hunter on Isle of Wight



Actor Benedict Cumberbatch and his fiancée Sophie Hunter arrive at the British Academy of Film and Arts (BAFTA) awards ceremony at the Royal Opera House in London on 8 Feb, 2015.—REUTERS

LONDON, 16 Feb — Oscar nominee and "Sherlock" star Benedict Cumberbatch and theatre director Sophie Hunter were married on the Isle of Wight on Valentine's Day, his publicist said on Sunday.

"Benedict and Sophie were married yesterday surrounded by their close friends and family. It was a magical day," publicist Karon Maskill said in a statement.

The couple announced in January that they were expecting their first child.

Cumberbatch, 38, and Hunter, 36, formally announced their engagement in the UK newspaper *The Times* last November. Cumberbatch received his first Academy Award nomination this year, for best actor, for his portrayal of mathematician Alan Turing in "The Imitation Game," which was also nominated for best picture.

He won an Emmy last year for his lead role in the British TV miniseries "Sherlock," a show that built a fervent female following for the English actor.—Reuters

Modern Pentathlon: Japan pulls out of World Cup meet in Cairo over safety fears

TOKYO, 16 Feb — The Modern Pentathlon Association of Japan said on Monday it will not send a team to a World Cup meet next month in Cairo in light of the recent killings of Japanese hostages by the Islamic State militant group.

The 19-23 March World Cup in the Egyptian capital is the second of a four-legged competition that is part of the

qualifying campaign for the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics.

Japan was planning to send eight pentathletes to Cairo but canceled the trip due to safety concerns.

Since the killings of the two hostages by the militants, the Japanese federations of table tennis and wrestling have pulled out of competitions in the Middle East.

Kyodo News

Bradford dream continues, Arsenal and Villa win



Bradford City's Jon Stead (L) shoots to score during their FA Cup fifth round soccer match against Sunderland at Valley Parade in Bradford, northern England on 15 Feb, 2015. — REUTERS

LONDON, 16 Feb — Bradford City's unlikely FA Cup journey continued as they knocked over Sunderland 2-0 to reach the quarter-finals on Sunday at a rocking Valley Parade.

The League One (third tier) side continued where they left off in a stunning 4-2 defeat of Premier League leaders Chelsea in the previous round to ease past Gus Poyet's side.

Roared on by a fervent crowd, Bradford were ahead in the third minute when John O'Shea put

through his own goal. Jon Stead sealed victory just past the hour to put the Yorkshire club in the last eight for the first time since 1976.

Championship (second tier) leaders Middlesbrough could not reproduce the form that saw them knock out Manchester city in the fourth round as they went down 2-0 at holders Arsenal.

Olivier Giroud scored both goals for the Gunners.

In a battle between two struggling Premier

League sides Aston Villa beat Leicester City 2-1.

Bradford continued to inject some magic into the competition though as they deservedly beat a poor Sunderland side.

"There is always a danger because the expectancy might have been we would win this one after beating Chelsea but we have kept that underdog spirit," manager Phil Parkinson told the BBC.

"It was a good, old fashioned cup tie, a really good advert for the FA Cup."

Sunderland made a torrid start at Valley Parade.

In the third minute a free-kick caused havoc in their area and Billy

Clarke's shot deflected in off O'Shea.

Boosted by the early goal, Bradford suffocated their Premier League rivals with tireless chasing and harassing.

Despite the 37 league places between the sides, Bradford were on top and could have added a second but James Hanson could not convert Stead's teasing header.

Although Sunderland slowly began to assert their authority before the break they were limited to long-range efforts.

The visitors started the second half brightly but it was Bradford who doubled their lead when England international Adam Johnson was harried into giving the ball away and Stead calmly converted to maintain his record of scoring in every round of this season's competition.

Bradford could have added a third but Billy Knott's blistering strike

was saved by Sunderland keeper Vito Manone and the hosts comfortably closed out the game to the delight of most of the 24,021 crowd — the biggest at Valley Parade for 50 years.

Arsenal were in no mood to crash out against lower league opposition and two goals in two opening half minutes took the tie away from Middlesbrough.

After some neat build-up play, Arsenal defender Kieran Gibbs picked Giroud out with a sweeping cross and the Frenchman turned the ball in from close range on 27 minutes.

Giroud added his second two minutes later when the striker met Alexis Sanchez's corner with a first-time volley that flew past Middlesbrough goalkeeper Tomas Mejias.

After a woeful first half at Villa Park, Leandro Bacuna curled in the opener in the 68th minute and loan signing Scott Sinclair added a second from a tight angle before Leicester's record signing Andrej Kramaric pulled a headed goal back in stoppage time.

Villa's incoming manager Tim Sherwood watched the game from the stands.—Reuters



Arsenal's Alexis Sanchez (L) is challenged by Middlesbrough's Ryan Fredericks during their FA Cup fifth round soccer match at the Emirates Stadium in London on 15 Feb, 2015.—REUTERS

Messi hits record treble, Atletico lose at Celta

MADRID, 16 Feb — Lionel Messi marked his 300th La Liga appearance with a record-equalling hat-trick and an assist for Neymar as Barcelona stayed hard on the heels of leaders Real Madrid with a 5-0 romp at home to Levante on Sunday.

While Messi continued to rewrite the record books with another masterclass, third-placed Atletico Madrid's hopes of a second straight title were dealt a blow when the champions were beaten 2-0 at mid-table Celta Vigo.

Atletico were missing creative midfield pair Koke and Arda Turan and looked a shadow of the side that thrashed Real 4-0 at the Calderon last weekend.

Their reverse at Celta's Balaidos stadium in Galicia left them six points behind Barca and seven adrift of Real, who won 2-0 at home to promoted Deportivo La Coruna on Saturday.

Messi has been on electric form in recent

weeks and his pinpoint cross set up Neymar to put Barca 1-0 ahead in the 17th minute at the Nou Camp.

The Brazil forward skewed his close-range volley but the ball looped up over Levante goalkeeper Diego Marino into the net.

Barca doubled their lead seven minutes before halftime when centre back Marc Bartra won the ball near the Levante penalty area and threaded a pass through to Messi for the Argentina captain to score with a low shot.

Barca were utterly dominant against their 19th-placed opponents and Messi made it 3-0 in the 59th minute after neat work from Sergio Busquets and Pedro.

Messi completed his 23rd La Liga hat-trick from the penalty spot in the 65th minute, giving him a share of the record set by Real's Cristiano Ronaldo earlier this season.

Messi has 31 trebles in all competitions for Barca, tying the record for a Span-

ish club held by former Athletic Bilbao forward Telmo Zarra, while Ronaldo has 27 for Real.

Messi's latest hat-trick took the four-times World Player of the Year's tally in Spain's top flight to a record-extending 269 goals and the 27-year-old's total for the latest La Liga campaign to 26, two fewer than top scorer Ronaldo.

Luis Suarez came off the bench to crown a fine Barca performance with a cracking bicycle kick to make it 5-0 in the 73rd minute and Messi came close to a fourth but was denied by a fine Marino save four minutes from time.

It was Barca's 11th consecutive victory in all competitions, matching their best run under decorated former coach Pep Guardiola at the end of 2008.

"I didn't know we had matched that record but it doesn't interest me," current coach Luis Enrique told a news conference.

"We will make our evaluations at the end of

the season and if we win titles it will be great," added the former Barca and Spain midfielder.

Atletico fell behind when Mario Suarez conceded a penalty for a foul on Celta forward Nolito in the 57th minute.

Nolito, who also scored from the spot in Celta's 2-2 draw at Atletico in September, stroked the ball past Sergio Asenjo and Fabian Orellana made it 2-0 in the 71st minute with a powerful low strike.

Antoine Griezmann had come close to scoring

for the visitors in the 67th minute when Celta keeper Sergio Alvarez diverted his shot onto a post but that was about as good as it got for Diego Simeone's off-colour side.

Valencia reclaimed La Liga's fourth Champions League qualification berth from Sevilla when forward Alvaro Negredo won and converted a penalty in a 1-0 victory at home to Getafe. Negredo, who is on loan at the Singapore-owned club from Manchester City, was felled by a wild kick from Juan Antonio Rodriguez

in the 70th minute at a sun-drenched Mestalla.

He picked himself up and clipped a confident spot kick high into the middle of the goal to lift Valencia to 47 points from 23 matches, two ahead of fifth-placed Sevilla, who won 3-0 at struggling Cordoba on Saturday.

Villarreal, who are sixth on 41 points, failed to score in an away game for only the second time this season when they were beaten 2-0 at mid-table Rayo Vallecano.

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Barcelona's Lionel Messi (L) shoots to score a goal beside Levante's Ivan Ramis during their Spanish first division soccer match at Nou Camp stadium in Barcelona on 15 Feb, 2015. REUTERS