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Myanmar, Thailand to further strengthen bilateral relations

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Feb—Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham received Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Pisanu Suvanajata and party at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, on Wednesday, to hold talks on further strengthening bilateral relations.

They also discussed visits of goodwill delegations.

Also present at the call were deputy ministers U Thant Kyaw, Dr Zaw Min Aung and Dr Win Myint, and officials.—*MNA*

Laukkai Regional Control Commander to assume administrative and judicial powers

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Feb— Local authorities at different levels in Laukkai are to work under the command of Commander of Regional Control Command (Laukkai) Col Saw Myint Oo, according to Military Administration Order No. (1/2015) issued on Wednesday by the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.

The order also authorize the commander to divide the area into military regions and to appoint military region commanders with the approval of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.

Under the order, the commander or the military region commanders or an

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India-Myanmar trade can cross $10 billion mark by 2020, Indian Commerce & Industry minister says

Photo taken around three months ago of Sittwe port which is being upgraded by India in Sittwe, Rakhine State. The project which started in December 2010, is expected to be completed this May.
PHOTO: YE MYINT

By *Ye Myint*

YANGON, 18 Feb — By 2020, bilateral trade between India and Myanmar is expected to top US$10 billion, Indian Minister for Commerce and Industry Nirmala Sitharaman told local media after a business interaction at the UMFCCI building on Wednesday.

The interaction between a Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan and U Win Aung, president of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, and the Indian minister-led delegation focused on trade promotion, cooperation between the two business communities and investment potential in various sectors, including renewable energy, health services and infrastructure development, according to a UMFCCI official.

The Indian side expressed its willingness to set up branches of Indian banks in Myanmar for better and speedy payments and trade facilitation, he added.

The UMFCCI president, in his welcome address, invited Indian manufacturing businesses to invest in the country's special economic zones, especially in the Thilawa SEZ which is being implemented in Thanlyin, about 20km southeast of Yangon.

The Indian minister also invited Myanmar

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MAEA plans to end foreign black market in agarwood

By *Aye Min Soe*

YANGON, 18 Feb — The Myanmar Agarwood Entrepreneurs Association plans to end the issue of the black market in agarwood to save the market overseas.

Immature agarwood can not attract customers in the foreign market, causing a market depression, a member of the association said.

The quality of Myanmar's agarwood is higher than products from other countries and its price is high compared with foreign market prices, according to the MAEA.

Meanwhile, the association also plans to open the country's first agarwood sales centre and will exhibit many kinds of agarwood products.

Singapore, Taiwan, Japan, Thailand and China are main importers of agarwood from Myanmar where illegal trading in agarwood has been banned since 1947.

The Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry is also planning to reduce the tax on agarwood produced by agarwood farms with idea being to set the tax on agarwood produced at the farms at less than 25 per cent of the local price.

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Myanmar's special AAA+ grade agarwood.
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Pyithu Hluttaw

Ministries officially allowed three more minutes for explanations

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives focus on extension of explanation time.—MNA

Nay Pyi Taw, 18 Feb — Government ministries have got three more minutes for explanations at Pyithu Hluttaw beginning at the 18th day of 12th regular session despite only three minutes in the past.

Responsible persons of ministers took more than three minutes which was officially allowed for each explanation, and Speaker of Hluttaw had to neglect the limited time.

Decision of Hluttaw Rights Committee on Wednesday includes MPs are allowed three minutes for each question, while ministries are allocated a total of six minutes for explanation. The Speaker of Hluttaw may stop irrelevant questions with related issue;

U Thein Nyunt, MP of Pyithu Hluttaw from Thingangyun Township constituency, remarked, "Ministers and deputy ministers answered and explained with long stories for even sample and short questions, presenting the works of their respective ministries. It is a waste of time for Hluttaw and revenue of the country. So, union level officials should try to compete the answer during the allocated time."—*MNA*

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The ministry has encouraged commercial plantations of agarwood in Myanmar in an attempt to protect Aquilaria agallocha and Aquilaria malaccenis, which produce agarwood, as many Aquilaria agallocha and Aquilaria malaccenis trees naturally grown in forests have been cut down by poachers.

Farms registered at the ministry and which have paid the tax on agarwood are allowed to export the wood, one of the most expensive forest products in the world. It is highly valued in the making of perfume.

According to agarwood farmers in Myanmar, 1 viss (1.63 kg) of first-grade agarwood can fetch from K20 to K30 million, but a tree that is less than 50 years old cannot produce quality agarwood.

Since 1995, Aquilaria malaccensis, the primary source, has been listed as a potentially threatened species by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.

There are about 50 million agarwood trees are growing on 50,000 acres of private agarwood plantations, according to the MAEA.

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Injured Red Cross member being taken by Red Cross members and military servicemen.—MNA

Amyotha Hluttaw

Measures being taken to prevent Ebola, says deputy health minister

Nay Pyi Taw, 18 Feb — The Deputy Minister for Health said the ministry is taking measures to prevent the spread Ebola virus which was found in Guinea in West Africa, in March 2014.

In reply to the question of U Khin Maung Yi, an MP of Ayeyawady region constituency 6, the deputy minister said according to the statistics of World Health Organization on February 8, 2015, a total of 22,894 people in six countries of West Africa, as well as in Spain and the United States, were infected with Ebola virus, with a death toll of 9,177.

The deputy minister also said the Ministry is cooperating with WHO, International Air Transport Association, International Civil Aviation Organization, international airlines and World Courier Service to be able send blood samples of Ebola suspected patients as the establishments of laboratories with the highest biosafety level 4 (BSL-4) are very expensive.

Detection of Ebola virus is being carried out at airports and border checkpoints, while training programmes for treating infected persons are conducted for healthcare staff.

U Khet Htain Nan, an MP of Kachin State constituency 1, urged Union Government during the session to set up a sports institute in Myitkyina, the capital of state. The proposal was supported by U Phe Thaung, an MP of Kachin State constituency 6, saying that the Ministry of Sports should make strategies to nurture skillful sportspersons in ethnic areas.

U Sai Tin Aung, an MP of Kachin State constituency 5, also suggested to make short and long term plans for sports in other states and regions in addition to a huge investments in Nay Pyi Taw.

Deputy Minister then explained that the lack of budget allocation will not make it possible to construct a sports institution in Myitkyina.

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business community to showcase investment opportunities, especially in the special economic zones in Myanmar, at a Myanmar Investment Roadshow which is expected to be held before April in India.

The next Joint Trade and Investment Forum will be held in Chennai, said the Indian minister who has been here the last two days in connection with the 5th meeting of the India-Myanmar Joint Trade Committee in Nay Pyi Taw.

Setting a bilateral trade target of $3 billion within 2015, Myanmar and India are seeking possibilities to enhance trade and investment between the two countries. India is the fifth largest trading partner for Myanmar at $1637.10 million after China, Thailand, Singapore and Japan. Total trade volume between the two countries is expected to reach higher than the projection of $25.7 billion at the end of the 2014-2015 FY. In the 2013-2014 FY, the total trade was $1637.10 million. India's investment in Myanmar in 14 existing projects in agriculture, manufacturing and oil and gas is $378.196 million.

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Press Release (01/2015)

Myanmar Red Cross Volunteers wounded in Shan State Fighting

17 February 2015

Two Myanmar Red Cross volunteers from Kunlong Township, northern Shan state, were wounded on Tuesday when they were transporting displaced families by vehicles in came under fire. The incident occurred between Launtkai and Chinshwehal.

One volunteer suffered head wounds and the other abdominal wounds. They are both in Kunlong public hospital and one volunteer underwent surgery overnight. Their medical condition is described as stable. Red Cross branch leadership and volunteers from Hopang will travel to Kunlong on 18 February to gather further information and to provide support to the wounded.

Prof. Dr. Tha Hla Shwe, President of the MRCS responded to the attack by saying "It is very sad to hear that our Red Cross Volunteers were wounded while carrying out a strictly humanitarian function to help the victims of fighting. They should be respected and not be made the object of attack."

The volunteers were wearing Red Cross vests. It was remain unclear who was responsible for the incident, however the location of the incident was not proximate to Myanmar army units.

The Myanmar Red Cross is providing assistance to more than three thousand people who have been displaced by intense fighting which broke out in north-eastern Shan State in early February. Large numbers of displaced families have arrived in Lashio, PyinOoLwin and Mandalay, due to the lack of transportation many walked to points where assistance can be provided.

MRCS volunteers are donating blood to the injured people in PyinOoLwin and MRCS will deploy blood donors from Mandalay if it is needed. In addition, household items and family kits are also being provided to needy families as well as special first aid kits for dealing with weapon wounds, Red Cross flags and aprons for the volunteers' protection.

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individual or a body authorized by the commander will perform the administrative duties including security, social, trade and transportation in the area.

Justice for criminal offences during the military administration will either be administered by courts of law set up by existing laws or courts martial set up during the military administration.

Justice at courts martial may be administered under summary proceedings and the death sentence, the prison sentence for unlimited period or either the prison sentence not less than three years or prison sentence not less than three years with fine can be given for high treason (Section 122 of the Penal Code), libel against the government (Section 124-a of the Penal Code), murders, manslaughters, rapes, mugging, robberies, corruption and offences under the Unlawful Association Act, under The Weapon Act, under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law (1993), under the Public Property Protection Act, under the Public Property Protection Act 1963, under the Emergency Provision Act (1950), under the Media Law and under the Printing and Publishing Law.

The order also authorizes the commander to form an advisory board for military administration.

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Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham cordially greets Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Pisanu Suvanajata. **(News on page 1)****—MNA**

Public advice invited for amendment bill of national education law

The public may send their advice on the amendment bill of the National Education Law stated in the Myanma Alinn and the Kyemon on 18 February 2015, to the following addresses.

(1) myanmarparliament.gov.mm (the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw)
(2) pyithuhluttaw.gov.mm (the Pyithu Hluttaw)
(3) amyothahluttaw.gov.mm (the Amyotha Hluttaw)
(4) Joint Bill Committee, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Office No. 20, Nay Pyi Taw
(5) Bill Committee, the Pyithu Hluttaw, Office No.20, Nay Pyi Taw
(6) Bill Committee, the Amyotha Hluttaw, Office No.20, Nay Pyi Taw

Norwegian, Austrian ambassadors call on Pyidaungsu Hluttaw speaker

***Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann holds talks with Bangkok-based Austrian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Enno Drofenik.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Feb—Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received Jacobsen Elektro Norwegian electronic technology company led by Norwegian Ambassador Ann Olne Stad at the hall of Pyithu Hluttaw Building, here, on Wednesday afternoon.

The Speaker also held talks with Bangkok-based Austrian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Enno Drofenik at the Pyithu Hluttaw hall, here.

The meetings were also attended by chairmen and officials of Hluttaw committees.

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Fighting continues between Tatmadaw personnel and Kokang renegade groups

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Feb—Fighting between Tatmadaw personnel who are combing the area for insurgents for security, stability and the rule of law in Laukkai and Kokang renegade groups continued on Wednesday.

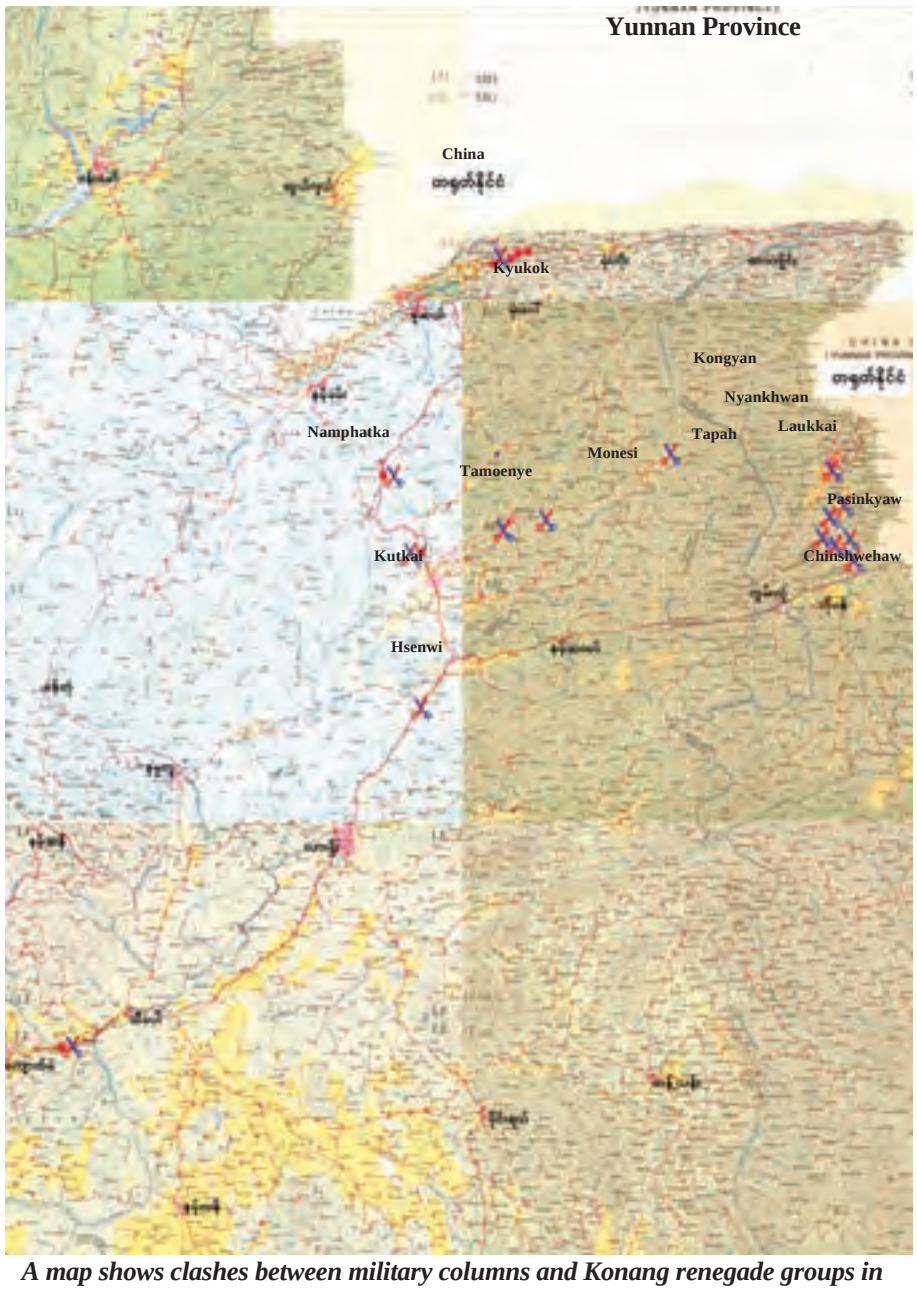
About 200 Kokang renegade groups attacked a battalion near Parsinkyaw village with small and heavy weapons on 17 February evening and withdrew when the battalion responded the attack. Similarly, from 17 February evening to 18 February morning, the renegade groups attacked Tatmadaw camps with small and heavy weapons and withdrew when counterattacks were launched.

In addition, Tatmadaw personnel who were heading to troops in Laukkai on major communication route to Laukkai such as Hsenwi-Namslag-Kunglong road, Kutkai-Tamoenye-Monesi-Tapah road and Kutkai-Muse-Kyukok-Monekoe-Tangyan were also ambushed or attacked by Kokang renegade groups, KIA, TNLA and SSA (Wanghai).

From 15 to 18 February, SSA (Wanhai) attacked the Tatmadaw between Kyaukme and Hsipaw and between Lashio and Hsenwi while KIA and TNLA ambushed the Tatmadaw thrice between Hsenwi and Kyukok, twice between Kutakai and Monsi and once between Monesi and Tapah. Kokang renegade groups ambushed the Tatmadaw column four times between Parsinkyaw and Chinshwehaw.

Tatmadaw troops heading to Laukkai to reinforce the battalions were also attacked by insurgents at about 1 pm.

Three Tatmadaw personnel died in action and two local civilians died while 32 others were injured including one officer and six local civilians since 15 February.—*Myawady*



***A map shows clashes between military columns and Konang renegade groups in Laukkai Region.*—MYAWADY**

Muskmelon plantations in Tatkon Tsp expect much profit

TATKON, 18 Feb — Organic muskmelon plantations are thriving in Kinmundan Village in Tatkon Township, beside Tatkon-Pobbathiri concrete road. Local growers cultivate various species of muskmelon such as yellow and green long and round fruits. Farmers send fruits to Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay cities. It was reported that the muskmelon of Myanmar is marketable in China. Muskmelon can be grown twice a year. Farmers can cost K17 million per acre for the first cropping. The second crop cultivation cost will be on decrease.

Last year, farmers sold 4-5 yuans per kilo of fruit in the Chinese market and K1500-K2000 per fruits in the domestic market.

Agricultural technology will be shared to local farmers, said grower U Han Tun Yin.

Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Myint Shwe and officials viewed thriving muskmelon plantation on 16 February and urged local farmers to grow quality strains of muskmelon in their farms.

Maung Pu (Tatkon)

District Election Sub-commission focuses on electoral process and voter list

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Feb — Ottara District Election Sub-commission held a coordination meeting at its office in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on Tuesday.

Chairman of the District Sub-commission U Aung Lwin explained electoral process. Members of the sub-commission discussed progress of works. Secretary U Thein Zaw Oo gave an introductory speech and Assistant Director U Thant Sin Soe explained basic voter list.

Chairmen of the sub-commissions in Tatkon, Pobbathiri and Zeyathiri townships reported on electoral process in their respective townships. Officials presented gifts to U Thiha Tun who discharged duty of secretary at the district election sub-commission.

Shwe Ye Yint

Physics champion in women's football at Mandalay University

MANDALAY, 18 Feb — Physics team clinched the title with a 2-1 victory over Combine team (2) in the final match of women's football tournament on 16 February.

At Mandalay University sports ground, the inter-subject men's and women's football tournament for 2014-15 academic year was organized by Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar) in Mandalay.

The final match in the women's event ended with penalty decision.

In the afternoon, Combine team routed Mathematics team 4-0 in the final match of the men's event.

Pro-Rectors Dr Nu Nu Yi and Dr Thida Win and faculty members presented first, second and third prizes to the respective winners and best player awards to Ma Thuza Moe of Physics team and Maung Yein Teint of Combined team.

Officials gave cash awards to the winning teams. Rector Dr Maung Thin presented cash award and championship trophy to men's combine team.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)

Betye in Kyangin Tsp to get concrete road

BETYE (KYANGIN), 18 Feb — Betye Town administrator U Zaw Myo Htet and local authorities carry out placing of a concrete road under the supervision of Kyangin Township Administrator, Ayeyawady Region, as of 10 February.

Township Development Affairs Committee allotted a fund and local people donated cash to construction of the road. The concrete road will be 2,000 feet long, 18 feet wide and six inches thick.

Ayeya U Thar

Tentatively selected U-22 team to take training in Japan

YANGON, 18 Feb—A tentatively selected players of Myanmar U-22 team is under training to take part in the AFC U-23 Championship qualifier and Singapore SEA Games.

The team is being headed by manager U Than Toe Aung and chief coach U Kyi Lwin, together with assistant coaches U Kyaw Lwin (Magway) and U Myint Ko (Yadanabon), goalkeeper coach U Aung Thet (Hanthawady), medical officer Dr Aung Kyaw Oo, physiotherapist U Sa Lwin Oo Ko and media officer U Zaw Min Htaik.

Myanmar U-22 plans to take training in Japan for playing tune-up matches as part of efforts to take part in the two major tournaments. The team comprises goalkeepers Kyaw Zin Phyo, Zaw Zaw Naing, Yan Aung Lin and Zaw Htet Lin, defenders Ye Win Aung, Kyaw Zin Lwin, Thein Naing Oo, Zaw Win, Thoung Hap Thang, Ko Ko Hein, Zaw Ye Tun, Phyo Ko Ko Thein, Sithu Aung, Thein Thiha Zaw, Hein Nay Hsan and Zarni Htet, midfielders: Thiha Zaw, Aung Kyaw Naing, Nay Lin Tun, Nyan Lin Aung, Zin Phyo Aung, Htet Zaw Tun, Thet Paing Oo, Hset Phyo Wai, Zun Moe Aung, Chit Su Moe, Hlaing Bo Bo, Ye Ko Oo, Aung Show Tha Maung and Myo Min Zaw and forwards: Kaung Hset Naing, Dway Ko Ko Chit, Shine Thura, Zin Min Tun and Than Htet Aung.—*MFF*

India's Modi wants more technology transfer from global defence firms

India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi

BENGALURU, (India) 18 Feb— India's Prime Minister has asked global defence contractors to transfer more technology to the country as part of the lucrative deals that they win to modernise its armed forces.

The country's offsets policy, which requires contractors to invest a percentage of the value of the deal in India, will be tweaked to encourage more technology transfer, and less simple assembly or production, Narendra Modi said at the opening ceremony of the Aero India airshow at Yelahanka air base in Bengaluru.

"We have the reputation as the largest importer of defence equipment. This may be music to the ears of some of you. But this is an area where we do not want to be number one," Modi said before an air display of Indian military planes.

"It will no longer be enough to buy equipment and simply assemble here."

India is forecast to spend $250 billion over the next decade to upgrade its military, which still largely relies on Russian equipment it bought from the 1960s to the 1980s, and catch up with strategic rivals like China.

Defence contractors such as Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Airbus and Dassault Aviation have made a beeline to India in recent years in search of deals worth billions of dollars.

Modi, however, added that India should aim to cut defence imports from 60 to 30 percent in the next five years. It can double its defence output and create hundreds of thousands of skilled jobs as a result, he said. He called for a level playing field between the private sector and public sector firms such as Hindustan Aeronautics, the main beneficiary of India's defence offset requirements, and asked both to step up to the task of meeting India's requirements.

Tata Sons [TATAS.UL], Reliance Group, Mahindra & Mahindra and Larsen & Toubro are some of the larger private sector firms that have made forays into the defence production market in recent years.

They are also likely to benefit after the government in 2014 hiked the foreign investment limit in the domestic defence industry to 49 percent from 26 percent. This has drawn greater interest from international arms suppliers.

Public sector firms need "to do much better than they are now", Modi added.—*Reuters*

Singapore premier discharged from hospital after cancer surgery

SINGAPORE, 18 Feb — Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong was discharged from hospital on Wednesday, two days after he underwent surgery to remove his cancerous prostate gland, his office said in a brief statement.

The 63-year-old Lee is expected to make a "full recovery," his surgeon Christopher Cheng was quoted as saying.

"The disease is small but potentially significant. We are very glad we are able to detect and remove it in time," he said.

Lee was diagnosed with lymphoma in 1992, after which he underwent chemotherapy and the cancer was said to be in remission.

Lee, the elder son of former Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew, became prime minister in 2004.

In an upbeat Facebook post earlier Wednesday, Lee wrote that he looks forward to being home for Chinese New Year, which starts Thursday.

Kyodo News

Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong and Medical team.—KYODO NEWS

Thai cabinet approves $154 million budget for drought-hit areas

BANGKOK, 18 Feb — Thai Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha said on Wednesday that his government had approved a 5 billion baht ($154 million) budget to alleviate drought in the country.

Thailand is battling drought in eight of 76 provinces. Earlier this month the irrigation department warned that the country will suffer its worst drought in more than a decade this year.

"The cabinet approved a 5 billion baht budget to use for water management," said Prayuth.

Thailand's Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha

"The funds are left over from 2014 and some will come from the 2015 budget. It will be used in drought-hit areas and for other water-related emergencies in all 77 provinces of Thailand."

The funds will be used to provide mobile water tanks and to install water pumps in affected areas, he added.

According to the latest report from the Office of Agricultural Economics, drought will cut major rice exporter Thailand's 2015 off-season crop by over 30 percent.

The off-season rice is grown between November and April after the main crop is harvested. It needs irrigation as there is little rain during that period.

Prayuth said aid for drought-hit areas would focus on the agricultural north and northeast. Thailand will next month enter what is known as its hot season.

Reuters

Muslim rebels hand over some police weapons in Philippine south

MANILA, 18 Feb — The largest Muslim rebel group in the Philippines handed in 16 assault rifles taken from police commandos killed in a January firefight that has jeopardized milestone peace talks, in what the group said on Wednesday was a show of goodwill.

The 25 January firefight on the southern island of Mindanao between the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and members of the police Special Action Force has thrown the talks into doubt and left President Benigno Aquino facing a political crisis.

Forty-four police commandos were killed in the fighting, the first clash between Philippine security forces and the MILF in about four years.

The 12-hour firefight, the result of a botched operation to capture an al-Qaeda-linked bombmaker, left embarrassing questions for Aquino to answer about why a police officer suspended over corruption allegations was involved in planning and executing the raid.

A public outcry over the deaths of the commandos heaped pressure on Aquino to abandon a peace deal with the MILF and seek retribution for their deaths.

On Tuesday, international peace monitors and peace negotiators from the government and the MILF went to a marshland village in the heartland of MILF territory in Mindanao for the return of the weapons.

Mohagher Iqbal, head of the MILF peace negotiating team, said the MILF had tracked down the weapons and returned them to show its sincerity and commitment to the peace process.

"We are partners in this process," Iqbal told a news conference at a southern army base.

He said he hoped it would also convince legislators to pass a law setting up a new Muslim autonomous government in the area. Congress has suspended deliberations on the bill until an inquiry into the deadly raid is finished.

Aquino's peace adviser Teresita Quinto Deles described Tuesday's ceremony as "a gesture of trust and goodwill". "The peace process has been disrupted, but not beaten back," she said.—*Reuters*

Cambodia rescues 17 trafficked Cambodians from Thai fishing boats in Indonesia

PHNOM PENH, 18 Feb — Cambodia has rescued 17 Cambodian labourers, who were trafficked to work as illegal fishermen on Thai fishing boats in Indonesia, Foreign Ministry's spokesman Koy Kuong said on Wednesday.

"With the cooperation from the Indonesian authorities, the Cambodian Embassy to Indonesia has saved 17 Cambodian labourers, who had been cheated by ringleaders to work illegally on Thai fishing boats," he said in a press statement. "The victims had been rescued when the boats illegally fished over Indonesian maritime territory." He said the victims will be repatriated to Cambodia soon.

Trafficked fishermen are frequently forced to work long hours and physically and psychologically abused. They are often unpaid and forced to serve on voyages for months or even years. As they have no documentation, they are often unable to seek protection from the authorities in Thailand or abroad.

In October, Cambodia also rescued 20 trafficked laborers from Thai fishing boats in Indonesia.

Xinhua

Indonesia hits back after Australian PM's comments on planned executions

JAKARTA, 18 Feb — Indonesia's foreign ministry reacted sharply on Wednesday to comments by Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott linking the past provision of aid to the imminent execution of two Australian convicts, saying "no one responds well to threats". "I hope the statement made [by Abbott] does not reflect the true colours of Australians," Foreign Ministry spokesman Armanatha Nasir told reporters. " ... Threats are not part of diplomatic language and no one responds well to threats." Abbott had said Indonesia owed it to Australia not to execute two Australian drug offenders, Myuran Sukumaran and Andrew Chan, on death row.—*Reuters*

E Asia needs reconciliation to form EU-style community

TOKYO, 18 Feb — A member of the European Parliament on Wednesday called on Japan and other East Asian nations to take steps toward reconciling their historical grievances to build a regional community like the European Union, saying they already have the potential to form such an entity.

Sandra Kalniete, vice-chair of the European People's Party, the largest group in the European Parliament, said in an interview with *Kyodo News*, "I think that the example of the reconciliation of European nations could be a great lesson in how to proceed (in East Asia)."

"Already, trade relationships are highly developed between the member states of the (East Asian) region, and people-to-people contacts are ever-increasing, and that is a good basis (for reconciliation)," said the parliamentarian, who formerly served as Latvian foreign minister.

Kalniete heads the Reconciliation of European Histories group, a nonpartisan body in the parliament to recognize atrocities committed in Eastern Europe and the Baltic nations in the Soviet era.

"No one ever can undo the injustices committed towards individuals, but one of the tasks of politicians is to bring us as close as possible to reconciliation," Kalniete said.

On Monday, she met with Minoru Kiuchi, senior vice foreign minister, and told him EU policymakers hope to get to the final phase of negotiations on a Japan-EU free trade agreement during this year, or the first half of next year at the latest.

Kyodo News

Japan, China, S Korea eye foreign ministerial talks 21-22 March

TOKYO, 18 Feb — Japan, China and South Korea are planning to hold a foreign ministerial meeting on 21 -22 March in Seoul, sources familiar with preparations said on Wednesday.

A major focus of the meeting, which would be the first since April 2012, will be whether the three countries set the stage for a trilateral summit involving Prime Minster Shinzo Abe, Chinese Premier Li Keqiang and South Korean President Park Geun-hye.

Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida is also considering holding bilateral talks with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi and South Korean Foreign Minister Yun Byung Se, according to the sources.

The trilateral session has been suspended due to deterioration in Japan-China relations over the Senkaku Islands, a group of uninhabited islets in the East China Sea administered by Japan but claimed by Beijing and Taipei.

But following a meeting between Abe and Chinese President Xi Jinping in November in Beijing, Park proposed a trilateral summit after she, Abe and Li attended a regional summit later that month in Myanmar.

Kyodo News

Australia ratchets up pressure on Indonesia over executions

Prime Minister Tony Abbott

JAKARTA/SYDNEY, 18 Feb — Indonesia owes it to Australia not to execute two Australian drug offenders on death row, Prime Minister Tony Abbott said on Wednesday, ratcheting up a diplomatic war of words that is threatening to sour relations between the neighbours.

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

Indonesia has harsh penalties for drug trafficking and resumed executions in 2013 after a five-year gap.

Abbott urged Indonesia to remember the devastating 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, saying Australia would feel "grievously let down" if the executions proceeded despite the roughly A$1 billion in assistance it rendered after the disaster that killed hundreds of thousands of people in Indonesia's Aceh Province.

Indonesian Foreign ministry spokesman Armanatha Nasir told reporters in Jakarta he hoped Abbott's statement did not "reflect the true colours of Australians".

"Threats are not part of diplomatic language and no one responds well to threats," the Indonesian spokesman said.

Indonesia on Tuesday postponed the transfer of the two Australians and three other death-row inmates to another prison for execution, because of what authorities said were medical concerns and families' requests for more time with the prisoners.

Abbott and UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon have appealed to Indonesia not to execute prisoners for drug crimes. Also facing the death penalty in Indonesia for drugs are citizens of Brazil, France, Ghana, Indonesia, Nigeria and the Philippines.

The two Australians were accused of being leaders of the Bali Nine, a group of nine Australians arrested on the resort island in 2005 and convicted of attempting to smuggle 18 lb (8 kg) of heroin to Australia.

Other members of the group have been sentenced to long prison terms.

Indonesia has defended its use of capital punishment, saying it is not targeted at any one country, but rather at what it considers an "extraordinary crime".

Australia and Indonesia have a long history of diplomatic tension, which has periodically complicated cooperation on issues such as people-smuggling.

Indonesia recalled its envoy and froze military 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, but Foreign Minister Julie Bishop last month refused to rule out withdrawing Australia's ambassador from Jakarta if the executions went ahead.

Reuters

In Afghanistan's deadliest year, battles, not bombs, top killer of civilians

KABUL, 18 Feb — Battles between the Taleban and government forces were responsible for the most Afghan civilian casualties in 2014, the war's deadliest year, surpassing roadside bombs as the leading killer for the first time, the United Nations said on Wednesday.

A total of 3,699 Afghan civilians were killed and 6,849 wounded in the war last year, as fighting intensified in tandem with the sharp drawdown of US and allied foreign troops who formally ended their combat role in December after 13 years.

The 22 percent rise in civilian deaths and injuries — the highest total since the UN began keeping records in 2009 — came despite US generals' assessment that the newly trained Afghan army and police are winning the war.

"Mortars, IEDs, gunfire and other explosives destroyed human life, stole limbs and ruined lives at unprecedented levels," said Nicholas Haysom, the UN special representative in Afghanistan.

Ground battles killed 1,092 civilians and accounted for 34 percent of civilian deaths and injuries, compared to 28 percent caused by roadside bombs known as improvised explosive devices (IEDs).

Afghan security forces arrive at the site of an attack in Kunduz Province on 27 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS

Assassinations by the Taleban and their allies made up 11 percent of the overall toll, and insurgent suicide attacks accounted for 15 percent.

Explosives left on battlefields caused 4 percent of casualties and the rest were classified as "other".

The United Nations recorded 511 civilian deaths in December alone as the Taleban, who were ousted from power by a US-led coalition in 2001, launched waves of attacks to coincide with the official end of the NATO-led combat mission.

The report attributed 72 percent of all civilian deaths and injuries last year to the Taleban and their allies, who seek to re-establish radical Islamic rule.

Government forces were responsible for 14 percent of casualties, international forces' air strikes accounted for 2 percent and the fault could not be determined in 10 percent of cases.

The Taleban have in the past strenuously denied being responsible for the vast majority of civilian deaths, calling the United Nations biased.

Since the UN began tracking civilian casualties in 2009, 17,774 civilian deaths and 29,971 injuries have been recorded.

Afghanistan's national army and police have also suffered record losses last year, with nearly 5,000 killed.

Since 2001, nearly 3,500 foreign soldiers from 29 countries have been killed in Afghanistan, including about 2,200 Americans. Reliable insurgent casualty numbers are not available.

Reuters

Some pro-government forces start pulling out of besieged Ukrainian town

KIEV, 18 Feb — Some pro-government forces began on Wednesday to pull out of the east Ukrainian town of Debaltseve which is under siege from Russian-backed separatists, commanders of pro-government paramilitary units said.

"The withdrawal of forces from Debaltseve is taking place in a planned and organized way," said Semen Semenchenko, who heads the pro-government paramilitary battalion, Donbass.

"The enemy is trying to cut the roads and prevent the exit of the troops," he said on Facebook.

Another pro-government paramilitary leader, Mykola Kolesnyk, said in a telephone interview on 112 television channel: "We have pulled out. We have saved people's lives."

*Members of the Ukrainian armed forces ride on a military vehicle near Debaltseve, eastern Ukraine on 17 Feb, 2015.—*REUTERS

But he said not all troops were pulling out. "We are talking only about units which are surrounded in populated areas in and around the town," said Kolesnyk who heads the Krivbas battalion.

Separatist forces, who the pro-Western government in Kiev say are supported and armed by Russia, fought their way into the key railway junction on Tuesday despite a ceasefire which came into effect on Sunday but has been under pressure from the start.

Rebels say the ceasefire, negotiated by Ukraine, Russia, Germany and France at a summit in Belarus late last week, does not apply to Debaltseve, a strategic transport hub which links the two rebel-controlled regions of eastern Ukraine.

Russian President Vladimir Putin, whom Kiev and Western countries accuse of directing the rebels' tank and artillery assault on the town, told Kiev in Budapest on Tuesday that it should let its soldiers surrender.

Semenchenko, who is also a parliamentary deputy, said: "This war will not end in Debaltseve. Under cover of the Minsk agreements, Putin will destroy more and more of our people and seize our positions." The Ukrainian Defence Ministry, in an early morning statement, said fighting was going on in the town but it was not clear if this was still going on while government forces were withdrawing.

Reuters

US establishes policy for exports of armed drones

A US Air Force MQ-1 Predator

WASHINGTON, 18 Feb— The US government on Tuesday established a policy for exports of military and commercial drones, including armed ones, and said it plans to work with other countries to shape global standards for the use of the controversial weapons systems. The State Department said it would allow exports of lethal US military drones under strict conditions, including that sales must be made through government programmes and that recipient nations must agree to certain "end-use assurances." The policy, the details of which are classified, comes after a two-year review amid growing demand from US allies for the new breed of weapons that have played a key role in US military action in Afghanistan, Iraq and Yemen. It could help US companies boost sales of military and commercial drones in an increasingly competitive global market.

Privately held General Atomics, maker of the Predator and Reaper drones, Northrop Grumman Corp, Textron Inc and other arms makers have been urging Washington for years to loosen strict export curbs, which they say have caused them to lose orders to Israel and others in the growing market.

Ideally, the policy would help industry better understand the current complex review process for drone exports, said Remy Nathan, vice president of the Aerospace Industries Association. He said AIA had asked for a classified briefing on the policy.

The shift came just days after US aviation regulators proposed rules that would lift some restrictions on drone use for commercial purposes, but would still limit activities such as inspections of pipelines. The change also follows stern warnings by top US officials about rapid advances in weapons technology by China, Russia and other potential foes, including unmanned systems.

China has its own ambitious drone programme and has exported drones to at least nine countries, including Pakistan, Egypt and the United Arab Emirates, while it is also in talks with Saudi Arabia and Algeria for sales, according to Chinese state media.—*Reuters*

Poland will comply with ruling in CIA prisons case

*Barbed wire fence surrounding a military area is pictured in the forest near Stare Kiejkuty village, close to Szczytno in northeastern Poland on 27 Jan, 2014.—*REUTERS

WARSAW, 18 Feb — Poland will comply with a European Court of Human Rights ruling that the country had hosted a secret CIA jail, foreign minister Grzegorz Schetyna said on Wednesday.

"We will comply with the ruling. We have to do it. It's a question for the coming weeks," Schetyna told public radio.

On Tuesday, the European Court of Human Rights refused to reconsider its ruling that Poland had hosted such a jail, a decision that will now oblige Warsaw to swiftly hold to account Polish officials who allowed the jail to operate. The original ruling in July last year included a demand that Poland swiftly conclude a criminal investigation into the jail and pay compensation totaling 230,000 euros ($262,000) to two men who were held there.—*Reuters*

Argentina asks US to include 1994 bombing in Iran nuclear talks

Argentina's Foreign Minister Hector Timerman

BUENOS AIRES, 18 Feb — Argentina wants the United States to help it get to the bottom of a deadly 1994 bombing at the heart of a current political scandal by including the crime in the US nuclear talks with Iran, its foreign minister said on Tuesday.

Argentine courts have accused a group of Iranians of planning the attack on the AMIA Jewish community center that killed 85 people.

The unresolved crime was the backdrop for the 18 January death of the prosecutor who headed the AMIA investigation, a mystery that has damaged confidence in Argentina's justice system and thrown the government into turmoil.

Foreign Minister Hector Timerman released a letter to his US counterpart John Kerry in which he said Argentina had made the request before.

"I am asking you again that the AMIA issue be included in the negotiations with the Islamic Republic of Iran," it said.

Days before being found shot dead, Alberto Nisman had accused President Cristina Fernandez of conspiring with Iran to whitewash the crime in order to clinch a grains-for-oil deal.

The death shocked Argentina as election season approaches and the economy teeters on the brink of recession. Pressure is mounting on Fernandez to find a way out of the scandal in time to help allied candidates in the October general election.

The United States and its partners in the nuclear negotiations with Iran have sought to keep talks strictly focused on concerns over Iran's atomic programme. In Washington, US State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said she was not aware of any plans to raise the AMIA issue in the negotiations.

The Iranian suspects, facing Interpol arrest warrants, deny any involvement in the bombing.

Reuters

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 19 February, 2015

When the sun cannot be filtered…

By *Aung Khin*

The sun brings light into the world through its beams. It is a source of energy and can drive the world with its infinite power from the centre of the solar system. It is the best source of light for the world.

When the moon passes between the sun and the earth, partially or totally, it is termed a solar eclipse in which the light of the sun is blocked temporarily. Although all creatures require the sun, it is a natural phenomenon that the sun disappears in some parts of the world and night falls.

However, the sun rays also have harmful effects if not filtered by the atmosphere, especially by the ozone layer. Harmful effects of ultraviolet radiation include sunburn. Chronic effects of UV exposure can be much more serious, with life threatening, premature aging of the skin, suppression of the immune system, damage to the eyes and skin cancer.

On one hand, the sun is useful for humans, but on the other, it also packs tremendous danger. The atmosphere of the earth blocks more than 90 per cent of the sun's UV radiation from penetrating through the atmosphere. With the ozone layer damaged, this radiation from the sun could eventually kill much of the life on land and near the surface of oceans and lakes, and disrupt the food chain.

Therefore, the sun is a benefactor for creatures. Meanwhile, it is also a predator for the earth if it is allowed to directly strike the planet.

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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*

(Continued from yesterday)

Q: How do I apply for the membership?

A: A first time user is required to fill up a simple registration form. Alternatively, a copy of the registration form can be requested at the library service counter. First time users will need to bring along one of the following items below for completion of their registration.

-Student card
-Staff Pass
-IC
-Passport

Operating Hours

Q: Will the Library be closed during lunch hour?

A: No. ISEAS Library is open from 8.30am to 5.45pm on Mondays to Thursdays and from 8.30am to 5.15pm on Fridays.

Photocopying of Library Materials

Library users are allowed to photocopy published materials found in ISEAS Library in accordance with the Singapore Copyright Act. For unpublished materials, such as private papers, conference documents and academic papers/thesis, the citation and copying of such materials (including digital scanning and capturing) is subject to the respective deposit agreements.

Use of Library Facilities

Food and Drinks

There are water dispensers for users on each floor of the Library. Food and soft drinks are not permitted in the reading area of the Library as any accidental spillage could attract insects, including ants that may harm the collections.

Handling original documents/photographs in the Library

The Library seeks users' cooperation to wear lint-free cotton or latex gloves when handling original documents (including private papers) and photographs/color slides. This is to prevent fingerprints, body oil from fingers, nail polish, residual chemicals from hand cream, sweat, etc from being transferred onto the materials while handling them with one's bare hands. Paper-based materials are sensitive to such materials as these materials can cause physical deterioration to the fabric structure and inks on the paper.

Library Organization

The ISEAS Library is headed by Mr. Pitt Kuan Wah since 1 January 2013. Mr. Pitt oversees the management and running of the ISEAS Library and also co-ordinates activities in collection development, acquisitions, private archives, systems development, and reference and information services. He is assisted by a team of 5 professional staff and 10 support staff.

The ISEAS Library was reorganized in mid February 2013, along with core functions of acquisition, preservation and access.

Library Review 2014

The Library completed its year-long operational and policy review in 2013. The changes, mainly in the areas of acquisitions and collection access, have been positively endorsed by both internal researchers and external users as reflected in its "2014 Users Satisfaction Survey" which majority of the respondents rated the Library collection to have met their research needs, as illustrated by feedback such as "The library is doing a great job of expanding our access to e-journals. This needs to continue" and "Our access to e-journals has however improved so significantly in the past year and I would like to commend the library on this achievement."

About two-third of the respondents also expressed their satisfaction in the area of borrowing privileges.

ISEAS Library Selects: a new information service

As the Library shifts towards delivering high quality services, apart from handling the standard reference enquiries, an information alert service containing links to selected news and blog articles on Southeast Asia and special topics relevant to the research agenda of ISEAS was rolled out in July 2013. Between July 2013 and March 2014, 16,500 articles were selected on a daily and weekly basis, by librarians including Head Library. These materials, after being circulated to subscribers (both ISEAS researchers and external researchers) for their research information needs, became part of our digital collection. The initial feedback on the **"Info Alert"** service has been encouraging: 75% of the survey respondents rated that the info-alerts were useful in meeting their research needs or have exceeded their expectations.

Stocktaking

The Library's first stocktaking exercise on the entire library collection was completed in July 2013 and 659 missing items were found (0.18% of the total collection). With the implementation of **"RFID tags"** in mid-2013, the Library foresees future stock taking exercise will be more effective and efficient to be incorporated as part of the routine operation.

[Note: **Radio-frequency identification (RFID)** is the wireless use of electromagnetic fields to transfer data, for the purposes of automatically identifying and tracking tags attached to objects. The tags contain electronically stored information].

The stocktaking exercise also allows the Library to adjust its shelving plans and cater to the projected collection growth for the next 10 years.

Another collection that was assessed during this stock take exercise was the oral history and audio recordings collection. The assessment reveals that the media of the recordings – **"VHS, C-60/90"** cassette tapes are fast becoming inaccessible and deteriorating and need also be migrated to a more durable and open format medium.

Library Network

Visit by IFLA Delegates

On 23 August 2013, the Library played host to 36 conference delegates from the 50th International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Conference. The Library's collection, works of the librarians, as well as the fumigation and digitization facilities were showcased during this visit.

Challenges Ahead

Firstly, budget constraints and a shortage of manpower are the main challenges the Library continues to face. The Library plans to clear the entire backlog and provide researchers with online access to the microform and private papers collections. However, this can only be possible with a sufficient budget and manpower provisions. The annual subscription rates to periodicals and databases are also increasing. Given the budget constraints, it is hard for the Library to continue subscribing to the existing databases and information sources with same budget. The Library therefore has to be very selective in making acquisition decisions.

Secondly, another challenge that we face is attracting more users to use our library. The number of physical library visits has dropped slightly compared with the previous years due to the additional subscribed electronic resources available and the information outreach from different types of Information Alerts provided. Hence, the Library has shifted its direction to measure the use of library by collecting usage statistics instead of merely counting number of visitors.

Lastly, Library is looking into ways to enhance the use of technology to improve the productivity of disseminating information to users. For example, Info Alerts are currently disseminated to subscribers via the use of third party software which requires a significant amount of effort and time for typesetting prior to sending out the information. Hence, Library is exploring other means to improve on the procedure to more effectively and productively disseminate it to subscribers.

Conclusion

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) is the leading international body representing the interests of library and information services and their users. It is the global voice of the library and information profession.

In one of its review, it summed up that some 190 years ago, two institutions namely the National Library of Singapore and the National University of Singapore Library were instrumental in laying the foundation for libraries in the Southeast Asian Island State.

In line with this development, the ISEAS Library has come up with new ways to manage in its collection as well as serve the needs of the users. It maintains library innovations, paying particular attention to digital products and services that include library management systems, e-resources, digital devices as well as the utilization of social media to engage users.

On the part of the author of this article, it is only a plain and simple presentation of ISEAS Library to the esteemed and valued readers of the Global New Light of Myanmar and the educators especially in the sphere of education in our country.

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Mandalay Region government arranges transport for returnees from Laukkai region to homes

MANDALAY, 18 Feb — Under the arrangements of Mandalay Region government, transport service was given to those coming back from Laukkai region to their native areas by 12-down Mandalay-Yangon train on 17 February morning.

Mandalay Region Minister for Transport U Kyaw Hsan saw off 409 people at Mandalay station on 17 February morning.

"We have contacted respective region and state governments to transport the people to their native areas. We gave foods to them and provided health care services. Vehicles of both government and wellwishers transported them to their respective regions," said the region minister.

On 17 February, 248 people from Yangon Region, 71 from Ayeyawady Region and 43 from Bago Region went back home.

Min Htet Aung (Mandalay Sub-printing House)

Flower growers in Tatkon Tsp to get good prices for aster

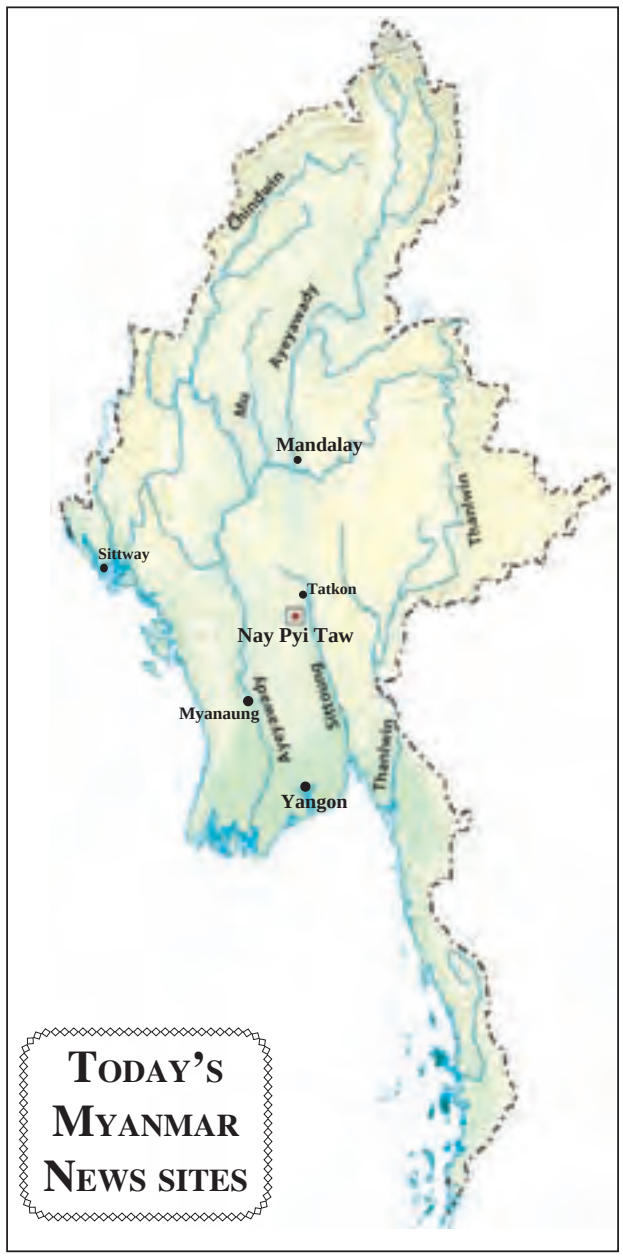
TATKON, 18 Feb — Aster flower plantations are thriving in Ywaysu, Thayawhan, Hsinthay and Chongyi villages in Tatkon Township.

This year, local flower growers could save cost of pesticide. Hence, they can earn more income, said locals.

Local customers and vendors buy flowers from the farms. Moreover, flower brokers purchase a large number of flowery plants from the growers to sell them at markets in Tatkon and Pyinmana and send them to Toungoo, Bago and Yangon.

Farmers can cost K1 million per acre for inputs and cultivation cost but they can earn K1 million to K1.2 million profit per acre, said a local farmer who grows four acres of ester plants.

Tin Soe Lwin (IPRD)



TODAY'S MYANMAR NEWS SITES

Rakhine State authorities destroy illegal liquor, beer

SITTWAY, 18 Feb—A ceremony to destroy illegal liquor and beer confiscated from the criminal cases was held at the ground in front of Wethali Sports Ground in Sittway, Rakhine State, on 17 February.

Chief Minister of Rakhine State U Maung Maung Ohn made a speech and Chief Justice of the state high court U Kyauk explained provisions on prevention of illegal liquor under the law.

Township Judge of Sittway Daw May Tun Tun Aye reported plans to destroy the illegal liquor and beer.

The chief minister and party viewed destruction of illegal liquor and beer by roller.

Various kinds of beer worth K27,849,000 and 34 bottles of liquor were destroyed at the ceremony.

Rakhine State IPRD

Confiscated illegal liquor and beer bottles are being destroyed by roller.

Myanaung Tsp joins second time nationwide measles and rubella immunization

MYANAUNG, 18 Feb — The measles and rubella immunization was given to children under 15 years throughout the nation for the first time from 19 to 27 January. The second time immunization will be carried out from 19 to 28 February.

The first immunization was carried out in Myanaung to vaccinate 30,694 children at basic education schools. In the second time, 24,297 children will accept vaccination, according to the Township Health Department.

As of 19 February, the vaccination of measles and rubella will be given to children in wards and villages. Township Medical Officer Dr Maung Maung Chit urged local authorities to provide necessary assistance for immunization programme at the meeting on 17 February.

Win Bo (Myanaung)

Syria willing to suspend Aleppo air strikes for six weeks: UN

UNITED NATIONS, 18 Feb —The Syrian government is willing to suspend its aerial bombardment and artillery shelling of the northern city of Aleppo so that a local ceasefire can be tested, the United Nations mediator on Syria said on Tuesday.

Aleppo is at the forefront of clashes between pro-government forces and a range of insurgents, including Islamist brigades, al-Qaeda's hardline Syria wing, Nusra Front, and Western-backed units.

The Syrian army, backed by allied militia, has captured several villages near Aleppo in battles aimed at encircling the northern city and cutting off insurgent supply lines, a monitoring group said.

UN mediator Staffan de Mistura said opposition forces would be asked to suspend mortar and rocket fire. "The government of Syria has indicated to me its willingness to halt all aerial bombing ... and artillery shelling for a period of six weeks all over the city of Aleppo from a date which we will be announcing from Damascus," de Mistura told reporters after briefing the UN Security Council.

He said he would travel to Syria as soon as possible. "I have no illusions because, based on past experiences, this will be a difficult mission to be achieved," de Mistura said. "Facts on the ground will prove if the freeze holds and can be replicated elsewhere."

*Syria's President Bashar al-Assad (R) meets United Nations Syria mediator Staffan de Mistura, in Damascus on 11 Feb, 2015, in this picture released by Syria's national news agency SANA. —*REUTERS

Syria's UN ambassador, Bashar Ja'afari, declined to comment.

The Western-backed opposition Syrian National Coalition said it awaited a detailed proposal from de Mistura.

"The Assad regime's compliance with any such proposal will be judged by actions, not words," said the coalition's special representative to the United Nations, Najib Ghadbian. "And thus far, his actions have been only brutality and terror."

De Mistura, who has been working since October on his plan to negotiate "local freezes" that would start with Aleppo, told the Security Council he had a long meeting with President Bashar al-Assad during a recent visit to Syria, diplomats said.

"Every time there is a proposal of a ceasefire ... history has proven that there is some type of acceleration in order to take a better position," de Mistura said. "I fear that could be the case."

More than 210,000 people have died in the Syrian conflict, which will enter its fifth year next month. Peaceful protests against Assad in March 2011 degenerated into an armed insurgency following a fierce security crackdown.—*Reuters*

Bin Laden told of al-Qaeda suspect's plot in 'chilling' letter: US prosecutor

NEW YORK, 18 Feb — A US prosecutor told jurors at the terrorism trial of accused al-Qaeda operative Abid Naseer that his plan to bomb a shopping centre in England in 2009 was described in a "chilling" letter recovered during the military raid that killed Osama bin Laden.

In an opening statement at trial in federal court in Brooklyn, New York, prosecutor Celia Cohen said the letter from al-Qaeda's head of Western operations updated bin Laden on plans by Naseer and others to carry out attacks in New York, Copenhagen and Manchester, England.

"You will see that chilling reminder in the letter to Osama bin Laden that al-Qaeda's goal was to attack infidels in their home territories," Cohen said.

Jurors were not told that the letter came from the May 2011 raid in Abbotabad, Pakistan that killed bin Laden. But before the trial, Cohen said it was recovered in that operation.

Naseer, who was extradited from Britain in 2013, is representing himself at trial. With Loretta Lynch, the US Attorney for Brooklyn who is President Barack Obama's nominee for attorney general looking on, Naseer proclaimed his innocence.

"The evidence will not show the defendant was a member of al-Qaeda," Naseer said.

Naseer, 28, faces up to life in prison if convicted of providing and conspiring to provide material support to al-Qaeda and conspiring to use a destructive device.

The trial would be the first in the United States to feature evidence from the raid on bin Laden's hideout. The raid ended a nearly 10-year hunt following the 11 September, 2001, attacks on the United States using hijacked jetliners.

Prosecutors say Naseer was leader of an al-Qaeda cell plotting an attack on Manchester and that another cell conspired to bomb the New York City subway system, while a third planned to attack a Copenhagen newspaper that had printed cartoons of the Prophet Mohammed.

Two men, Najibullah Zazi and Zarein Ahmedzay, pleaded guilty to charges stemming from the New York plot.

A third, Adis Medunjanin, was convicted at trial and sentenced in 2012 to life in prison. Zazi was the first witness called on Tuesday.

Cohen said Naseer like Zazi coordinated his plans through a Pakistan-based al-Qaeda facilitator, "Sohaib," using email addresses intended to disguise his identity and describing the attack as a "wedding" or "marriage."—*Reuters*

Warplane strikes at western Libyan town Zintan: official

TRIPOLI, 18 Feb — A war plane carried out air strikes on a western Libyan town allied with the internationally recognized government on Tuesday, in what officials charged was an attack by the rival government controlling Tripoli.

Libya is increasingly divided, with Prime Minister Abdullah al-Thinni's recognized government and his allies locked in a conflict with a rival faction that took over the capital and established its own self-declared government.

The United Nations is negotiating a deal between the factions to stop the North African country's slide into wider civil war, four years after the uprising that toppled leader Muammar Gaddafi.

The military jet attacked, hitting the airport in the western town of Zintan in the mountains near the Tunisian border, airport officials from Zintan said.

*Libya's internationally recognized Prime Minister Abdullah al-Thinni speaks during an interview with Reuters in Bayda on 15 Feb, 2015. —*REUTERS

Limited damage was caused near the runway and there were no casualties. But an air strike by the rival Tripoli government would be an escalation of its war with Thinni's forces which have been operating out of the east.

"A warplane conducted an air strike on the airport of Zintan while passengers were about to depart," Zintan airport said in a statement. "Two flights were canceled for security."

Defence officials from Thinni's government accused the Tripoli faction of carrying out the attack. There was no immediate response from the Tripoli authorities.

Four years after the NATO-backed war toppled Gaddafi, Western governments fear Libya is sliding deeper into war as the rival factions battle for control and the country's oil wealth.

The release of a video showing the massacre of 21 Egyptian Christians by militants linked to Islamic State in Libya has heightened international worries over instability.

UN peace talks among key factions have made little concrete progress. But negotiations are expected to continue this month in an attempt to form a united government and end hostilities.—*Reuters*

Fists fly as Turkish MPs debate bill on violent demonstrations

ANKARA, 18 Feb — Turkish parliamentarians threw punches and two were taken to hospital late on Tuesday after a debate over a bill aimed at cracking down on violent demonstrations descended into a brawl, local media reported.

Five people were injured in the evening session debate, *Dogan* news agency reported.

It said Ertugrul Kurkcu of the pro-Kurdish Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP) suffered a head wound and a photo showed him with a dressing on his head.

Four Republican People's Party (CHP) deputies were hurt, and two of them were taken to hospital, after clashing with members of the ruling AK Party, *Dogan* added.

"This is the first time I've seen a stretcher brought into parliament. Water glasses were flying through the air, people were rolling on the ground, someone was wielding a gavel," CHP deputy Melda Onur told Hayat TV.

The legislation, which would bolster the powers of the authorities to control protests, has been widely condemned by the opposition, who accuse the AKP of trying to create a police state in the NATO member nation.

Reuters

Japan Post to buy Australia's Toll Holdings for $5 bil

TOKYO, 18 Feb — Japan Post Holdings Co said on Wednesday it will purchase Toll Holdings Ltd., Australia's largest logistics services provider, for about A$6.5 billion ($5 billion), in a move to expand its overseas business ahead of its stock listing later this year.

In its largest-ever overseas takeover, Japan Post, one of the biggest financial institutions in Japan, offered a 49 percent premium on Toll's Tuesday closing price. The Melbourne-based company announced it will accept the Japanese state-owned company's proposal.

"Given our global expansion, it is the best partner," Taizo Nishimuro, president of Japan Post Holdings, told a Press conference in Tokyo.

*Toll Holdings Ltd Chairman Ray Horsburgh (L) and Japan Post Chief Executive Toru Takahashi exchange a pen during an official signing ceremony in Sydney on 18 Feb, 2015. —*REUTERS

The Japan Post group may be betting on the market potential of logistics services in Australia and in Asia, at a time when its postal and delivery services unit is struggling with falling mail volumes and rising personnel costs in Japan, where the population is aging and shrinking and the economy is struggling to recover.

Last year, Japan Post announced a capital and business alliance with a subsidiary of major French courier GeoPost SA to boost its presence in the fast-growing Asian market.

The postal giant is expected to go public on the Tokyo Stock Exchange this fall. It is widely seen as trying to encourage investor confidence before the listing by devising a growth strategy, in which overseas expansion would be a main pillar.

The Toll group has a solid distribution network in Asia. The Japanese company is hoping to tap into rising demand for home delivery services in the region.

Japan Post is offering A$9.04 per Toll share, against its Tuesday close of A$6.08.

The envisioned acquisition, which comes despite the yen's weakness making overseas acquisitions by Japanese firms relatively expensive, would increase Japan Post's competitive edge in Asia by speeding up deliveries and improving other aspects of services in the face of competition from European and US rivals.

"In partnership with Toll, we are starting a new chapter of looking outward and becoming a leading global player," said Toru Takahashi, president and chief executive officer of Japan Post Co, the mail-delivery unit of the holding company, in a statement released by Toll.

In the same statement, Toll Chairman Ray Horsburgh said, "Together, this will be a very powerful combination and one of the world's top five logistic companies." The acquisition will boost the Japan Post group's annual logistic support services sales, including mail-delivery revenues, some 50 percent to about 2.5 trillion yen ($21 billion), raising its global ranking in the industry to No 5 from No 8.

Kyodo News

"Functional vegetables" growing on health-conscious market

TOKYO, 18 Feb— Health-conscious consumers are driving a boom in fresh produce developed specifically with enhanced nutritional qualities, with growers eager to expand their ranges of so-called "functional vegetables" that command a higher price than ordinary strains.

Dole Japan Inc has launched nationwide sales of functional broccolis containing antidotal and antioxidant elements three times more than conventional broccolis. Functional broccolis are "gradually arousing attention especially from health-conscious elderly people," a Dole official said at an outlet in Tokyo's Meguro Ward of the Tokyu Store chain on a recent afternoon, selling them for 398 yen each.

"We have already released functional grape tomatoes and will expand our product lineup," the official said, referring to the popular salad ingredient that is technically a fruit.

Functional vegetables are richer in nutrients than ordinary vegetables, such as carrots and bell peppers with antioxidant properties considered effective in preventing adult diseases. Takii & Co in Kyoto is a major supplier of seeds of functional vegetables, offering 13 kinds under the brand of "Phyto Rich" to professional and weekend growers.

Photo taken 17 Dec, 2014 shows packets of Takii & Co.'s functional vegetable seeds under the brand of "Phyto Rich," along with harvested vegetables.
KYODO NEWS

Among the 13 kinds of functional vegetables are "Kyo Kurenai" carrots having a balanced content of antioxidants lycopene and carotene.

Others include mild-tasting "Kodomo Piman" (bell peppers for children), with twice the normal carotene, and "Benihoshi" purple-stemmed Japanese mizuna greens, which have 10 times or more anthocyanin considered effective in preventing arterial stiffening. Takii, which has more than 300,000 varieties of seeds, takes at least 10 years to develop one variety.

While seeds for tasty, long-life or high-yield vegetables used to be in strong demand, nutritional components have become a new yardstick for selection these days, a Takii official said. In a related development, a research team at the agricultural faculty of Tamagawa University is developing functional vegetables by means of light-emitting diode technology. It has already developed leaf lettuces and salad rockets containing 2.6 times more vitamin and other antioxidant components, selling them at department stores and other retailers for around 200 yen each through its project partner Nishimatsu Construction Co.

The water-culture operation in a plant within the university campus in Machida, Tokyo, uses exposure to different types of LEDs to enhance particular attributes of the produce. For example, red LEDs increase the sweetness and vitamin content of leaf lettuces while blue light strengthens antioxidant content.LED technology thus makes it possible to change the taste and nutritional value of vegetables based on consumer needs.

The sensor-controlled plant automatically monitors vegetables and grows them with no use of agricultural chemicals. The application of LED light enables harvesting in as little as two weeks.

Professor Hiroyuki Watanabe boasted about the research team's "delicate know-how to change the taste and nutritional content of each vegetable by adjusting the color and irradiation time of light."

Kyodo News

California health officials urge measles vaccine before spring travel

*A measles vaccine is seen at Venice Family Clinic in Los Angeles, California on 5 Feb, 2015.—*REUTERS

LOS ANGELES, 18 Febh — California public health officials, grappling with a measles outbreak that has already sickened 113 people statewide, urged residents on Tuesday to vaccinate themselves and their children before traveling internationally over spring school break. More than 150 people have been diagnosed with measles across the United States, many of them linked to an outbreak that authorities believe began when an infected person from out of the country visited Disneyland in late December. The measles outbreak has renewed a debate over the so-called anti-vaccination movement, in which fears about potential side effects of vaccines, fueled by now-debunked research suggesting a link to autism, have prompted a small minority of parents to refuse inoculations for their children.

Some parents also opt not to have their children vaccinated for religious or other reasons.

The California Department of Public Health said that with spring school holidays approaching many Californians were planning trips abroad and that inoculations were especially important.

"Measles is extremely contagious and can be very serious. The best way to protect yourself and your family against measles is with the Measles Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination, which is 97 percent effective after two doses," Dr. Gil Chavez, the state's chief epidemiologist, said in a written statement.

"Vaccination is especially important for those who plan to travel internationally, which places them at high risk of getting the disease and spreading it to others after they come home," Chavez said.

Reuters

Singapore's external trade up 4.3 pct in January

SINGAPORE, 18 Feb— Singapore's non-oil domestic exports (NODX), a key gauge of the export performance of the small and highly open economy, rose by 4.3 percent in January on year, trade promotion agency International Enterprise Singapore said on Tuesday. The gain was due to the rise in both electronic and non- electronic NODX, the agency said. On a month-on-month seasonally adjusted basis, NODX rose by 1.6 percent in January, in contrast to the previous month's 0.2 percent decrease.

On a yearly basis, electronic exports expanded by 5.0 percent in January, after the 0.4-percent growth in the previous month. The increase was largely due to parts of ICs, diodes and transistors and disk media products. Non-electronic exports expanded by 4.0 percent on-year in January, following the 3.2-percent rise in the previous month, led by petrochemicals, pumps and non-electric engines and motors. NODX to all of the top 10 markets, except the EU 28 and Malaysia, rose in January. The top three contributors to the NODX increase were China, Hong Kong of China and Taiwan of China.

NODX to the Chinese mainland rose by 4.5 percent in January, converting the 7.8-percent decline in the preceding month, mainly due to pumps, ICs and heating and cooling equipment, the agency said.

Xinhua

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Haiti cancels last day of Carnival after 16 die in float accident

PORTA-AU-PRINCE, 18 Feb — At least 16 people were killed and 78 injured early on Tuesday when a singer on a Carnival float hit an overhead power line in Port-au-Prince, setting off a stampede by bystanders, officials said.

The tragedy in Haiti's capital prompted the government to cancel the last day of Carnival — the raucous celebrations preceding the start of Lent — and to declare three days of national mourning.

Amateur video of the nighttime accident posted on YouTube showed a large flash as the high-voltage power line caught a popular singer known as Fantom atop the float as it passed near the presidential stand, which was packed with spectators.

Most of the victims were trampled to death in the ensuing panic after the singer struck the power cable, witnesses said.

Fantom, part of the hip-hop band Barikad Crew, was among the injured and was in stable but serious condition in a hospital, according to one of his friends.

Prime Minister Evans Paul held a news conference to announce the cancellation of Carnival and three days of mourning.

"We are telling the people of Haiti that we must be in solidarity," said Paul, who was accompanied by government ministers, artists and first lady Sophia Martelly.

"We are all Haiti."

President Michel Martelly expressed his "sincerest sympathies" to the victims in a Twitter message and Sophia Martelly visited hospitals that were treating the injured.

They later joined cabinet ministers as well as prominent artists and carnival organizers at a silent parade to remember the dead, with marchers dressed in white carrying candles as a sign of mourning.—*Reuters*

Fingerprint left at 1995 supermarket shooting suggests dead suspect

TOKYO, 18 Feb — Police believe a deceased Japanese man could be a potential suspect in a 1995 supermarket shooting in which a woman and two teenage girls were killed in suburban Tokyo, based on a fingerprint match, investigative sources said on Wednesday. Investigators have found that part of a fingerprint left on sticky tape used to tie up two high-school-age girls discovered shot in the head in a supermarket office in Hachioji, Tokyo, at night in July 1995 is similar to that of the man, who used to live near the scene, the sources said.

The man died about a decade ago apparently due to illness, they said.

In the unsolved shootings, two teenage girls and a 47-year-old part-time worker at the store were shot point-blank and killed during what seemed to be an attempted robbery. One of the students had a part-time summer vacation job at the store while the other was her friend. Police are investigating the man's living conditions at the time as a key lead to elucidate the triple murder case, although the fingerprint taken from the scene does not fully meet the requirement for identification with that of the man left in police data, the sources said.

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MINISTRY OF ENERGY
MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE
(INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER)
(3 / 2015)

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(2)	IFB-148(14-15)	Mud Chemicals (4) Items	US$
(3)	IFB-149(14-15)	Class "G" Cement (500) Ton	US$
(4)	IFB-150(14-15)	30 Ton Mobile Hydraulic Crane (Wheel Type) (1) Unit	US$
(5)	IFB-151(14-15)	2900 Series Well Head Equipments & Spares (7) Sets	US$
(6)	IFB-152(14-15)	900 Series Well Head Equipments & Spares (2) Sets	US$
(7)	IFB-153(14-15)	Truck Mounted Double Drum Well Servicing Unit (1) Unit	US$
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Tender Closing Date & Time - 16-3-2015, 16:30 Hr

Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 16th February, 2015 at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No(44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

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STATE OF THE SEA: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

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Canada imposes sanctions on Russian oil firm Rosneft, Rostec CEO

OTTAWA, 18 Feb — Canada is imposing sanctions against top Russian oil firm NK Rosneft OAO and the head of conglomerate Rostec, among others, in response to the actions of Russian-backed militants in Ukraine, Ottawa said on Tuesday. In all, Canada — which said it was acting in coordination with the European Union and the United States — imposed sanctions against 37 Russian and Ukrainian individuals as well as 17 Russian and Ukrainian entities.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who has taken a hard line in public against President Vladimir Putin over what he calls blatant Russian interference in Ukraine, said Canada was ready to take more steps if needed. This comes after the country had for many months resisted pressure to slap any punitive measures on either Rosneft or Rostec, which both have Canadian business interests. Canadian officials have previously said the goal of any measures was to sanction Russia rather than penalizing Canadian companies.—*Reuters*

Foreign passenger arrivals in Japan hit January record of 1.22 mil

TOKYO, 18 Feb — The estimated number of foreign passenger arrivals in Japan soared 29.1 percent in January from a year earlier to 1,218,400, hitting a record high for the month, due partly to the popularity of skiing and snow-related leisure activities, government data showed on Wednesday.

The Japan National Tourism Organization said relaxed visa requirements for visitors from Southeast Asia, the yen's depreciation and expansion of a list of duty-free products for foreign tourists also contributed to the increase.

Among countries and regions, the largest number of visitors came from South Korea, with the number jumping 40.1 percent from a year before to 358,100 in January, due to expanded service of low-cost carriers linking the country with Japan.—*Kyodo News*

Son of California ex-governor Schwarzenegger involved in road run-in: police

LOS ANGELES, 18 Feb — The eldest son of California's ex-governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and journalist Maria Shriver was struck in his car in Los Angeles during a confrontation with another driver, but was not hurt, police said on Tuesday.

The bizarre incident involving Patrick Schwarzenegger, 21, a model who is dating singer Miley Cyrus, occurred on 10 February, in the San Fernando Valley section of the city and was first reported by celebrity media on Tuesday.

A man behind the wheel of another car threw what appeared to be water out of the window, striking Schwarzenegger's vehicle, and then drove off, said Los Angeles police spokeswoman Officer Rosario Herrera. Schwarzenegger then drove after the man, and when the other driver did a U-turn Schwarzenegger did the same and continued his chase, police said. Later, Schwarzenegger decided to stop following the other driver and began making another U-turn, Herrera said. At that point, the other driver turned around and struck the left rear side of Schwarzenegger's car and then drove off, she said.

Schwarzenegger was unhurt, and he called police to report the incident, Herrera said. It was unclear what might have motivated the other driver to hurl water toward Schwarzenegger at the beginning of the incident, she said.

Miley Cyrus was not in the car with Schwarzenegger during the chase and collision, police said.

Patrick Schwarzenegger's manager could not immediately be reached for comment.

He is one of four children of Arnold Schwarzenegger, the actor and former bodybuilder who from 2003 to 2011 served as California's governor, and Maria Shriver. After Arnold Schwarzenegger admitted to fathering a child out of wedlock, Shriver filed for divorce from him in 2011.—*Reuters*

Actor and former California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger (R) poses with his son Patrick as they arrive for the British premiere of "The Last Stand'', at Leicester Square in London on 22 Jan, 2013.
REUTERS

David Tennant to return to stage

LONDON, 18 Feb — Former 'Doctor Who' star David Tennant has suggested that he will return to the stage later this year.

The star, who won a What's On Stage Award for his turn in Richard II, said that there are a number of Shakespearean roles he would still love to play, reported Digital Spy.

Tennant confirmed that he is currently in talks for his next project.

When asked if he knows when he will next appear on stage, Tennant said, "We don't exactly, but hopefully something this year with a bit of luck."

David Tennant won a What's On Stage Award for his turn in Richard II, said that there are a number of Shakespearean roles he would still love to play, reported Digital Spy.—PTI

One of Tennant's next projects will be Marvel and Netflix's AKA 'Jessica Jones', which will see him play a villain known as Purple Man.—*PTI*

'Timbuktu' wins French Academy's producer prize

Sylvie Pialat, producer of Oscar-nominated film 'Timbuktu' has been awarded the French Academy's top producers' prize. —PTI

LOS ANGELES 18 Feb — Sylvie Pialat, producer of Oscar-nominated film 'Timbuktu' has been awarded the French Academy's top producers' prize.

The French-Mauritanian drama movie is nominated in the category of Best Foreign Language Film at the upcoming 87th Academy Awards, said *The Hollywood Reporter*.

The prize was awarded in a ceremony last night. Pialat was selected from more than 50 candidates, including 'The Belier Family' producer Stephanie Bermann, 'Girlhood' producer Benedicte Couvreur, 'Queen and Country' maker Jean Labadie, among others.—*PTI*

Justin Bieber sparks Naomi Campbell dating rumour

NEW YORK, 18 Feb — Pop sensation Justin Bieber has sparked dating rumour with Naomi Campbell after they were spotted walking hand-in-hand backstage at her Fashion for Relief Charity Fashion Show.

Bieber, 20, wore a black jacket over a long tee, a pair of washed out blue jeans and black boots. He looked nervous as Campbell, 44, who donned a black tee that read 'Fashion Against Ebola', put her arm around his shoulder while posing for a picture.

The fashion show was held to raise money for the Ebola crisis.

Some Hollywood stars like Paris Hilton, Michelle Rodriguez, Tyson Beckford, Kelly Osbourne, Brad Goreski and NeNe Leakes showed their support by walking the runway.

A second show will be held during London Fashion Week in March.

PTI

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Madonna to appear on 'The Jonathan Ross Show'

LONDON, 18 Feb—Pop diva Madonna has been confirmed to appear on a special edition of 'The Jonathan Ross Show'. The 'Living for Love' singer will be interviewed by Ross for the first time since 2003 in March, reported Digital Spy. The special edition of the chat show will focus exclusively on Madonna, as she sits down to discuss her new album Rebel Heart.

She will also perform two songs from her forthcoming record on the show.

"Madonna is remarkable. A bold, daring, uncompromising superstar who shot to the top back in the '80s and has remained there ever since," Ross said.

"I am hoping this interview will be as memorable and revealing as the first time I sat down with her over 20 years ago," Ross added.—*PTI*

***Models present creations of Vivienne Tam during the New York Fashion Week in New York, the United States, on 16 Feb, 2015.* —XINHUA**

Gwyneth Paltrow spotted again with Chris Martin

Gwyneth Paltrow and her estranged husband Chris Martin were seen walking together on the beach in Malibu along with their children, son Moses and daughter Apple.—PTI

LOS ANGELES, 18 Feb — Oscar-winnning actress Gwyneth Paltrow spent her Valentine's Day with her estranged husband Chris Martin.

The "Mortdecai" actress and the Coldplay frontman were seen walking together on the beach in Malibu along with their children, son Moses and daughter Apple, reported Ace Showbiz.

In some photos, Paltrow could be seen linking her arm to her estranged husband's. The 'Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow' star donned black sunglasses, a black tank top, navy capri pants and a pair of flipflops.

Martin, meanwhile, were barefooted. He sported a blue baseball cap with smiley logo, blue tee and navy shorts.

The couple were seen laughing and joking during the outing. At one point, they were seen sitting side by side on the sand with their daughter sitting on his lap.—*PTI*

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	- Zaw Tun Oo+ Khin Thida
	- Nay Tun Oo
Grandchildren	**- Hein Htet, Yin Myat Noe,**
	- Phu Ngon Kyaw,
	- Thant Thi Han Zaw (Po Thila)

Global CO2 emissions to grow at slightly slower rate to 2035

LONDON, 18 Feb— Global carbon emissions from energy use will grow at 25 percent between 2013 and 2035, a slightly slower rate than previously estimated, BP said on Tuesday, but still above the rate scientists say would avoid the worst effects of climate change.

Emissions are expected to increase at an average rate of 1 percent per year from 2013 to 2035, BP said in its annual report Energy Outlook 2035.

Last year, BP said in its report that global carbon emissions from energy use would increase by 29 percent to 2035, or an average 1.1 percent a year.

This year's projections show a slower rate of growth in CO2 because the share of natural gas and renewables in the energy mix is increasing and their energy intensity will decrease.

"Despite improvements in energy efficiency and energy intensity going forward, the path is quite a bit higher than what scientists would say is needed to keep temperature rise within 2 degrees (Celsius) so more needs to be done," Spencer Dale, BP group chief economist, said in a webcast.

Carbon emissions in 2035 will still be nearly double the 1990 level, the report added. World governments are working towards signing a global deal in Paris by the end of this year to curb the growth of emissions, which have been blamed for global warming.—*Reuters*

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Laudrup weighing Japan job, to decide on future in May

Lekhwiya's soccer head coach Michael Laudrup gestures during a news conference in Doha on 2 July, 2014.—REUTERS

TOKYO, 18 Feb — Former Barcelona star and current Qatari club Lekhwiya manager Michael Laudrup has said he knows the Japan Football Association is targeting him for the Japan national team job and will make a decision on his future at the season's end.

In an e-mail to *Kyodo News*, Laudrup, addressing the issue of potentially taking over the four-time Asian champions with Japanese media for the first time, mentioned the possibility of leaving Qatar, but said he will weigh his options only after the 23 May Emir Cup final.

The former Danish international said he wants to focus on Lekhwiya for the time being as his side are thick in the Qatar Stars League title race, just one point behind leaders Al Sadd with nine games left.

"In a week we will also start the group stage of the (Asian) Champions League so there will be a lot of games in the near future," Laudrup said.

"I am aware of the interest from Japan but as I just said, we have a lot of games coming up and they have, absolutely, first priority at the moment. Then when the season finishes in May, I will think about my future."

"It could be here in Lekhwiya or somewhere else."

Laudrup is one of around five candidates the JFA is believed to have shortlisted to succeed Javier Aguirre, who was sacked 3 February after being named as a defendant in a criminal complaint over match-fixing in Spain.

Former Swansea City coach Laudrup was also linked with the Queens Park Rangers job in the Premier League and the sports director's role at Barcelona, where he won four straight La Liga titles from 1991 to 1994. The JFA has said it wants to decide on the new national coach by the start of the J-League season on 7 March for him to have the time to scout domestic players ahead of the two home friendlies on 27 March and 31 against Tunisia and Uzbekistan, respectively.

Japan start their 2018 World Cup qualifying campaign in June.

The JFA, though, has not ruled out the idea of going with a caretaker for the Tunisia and Uzbekistan games and if it settles on Laudrup as its man, Olympic team coach Makoto Teguramori — who was also an assistant to Aguirre on the full national side — has been tipped for the interim role.—*Kyodo News*

MRTV News Channel in Brief

(19-2-2015, Thursday)

6:00 am
- Paritta by venerable Mingun Sayadaw

6:30 am
- Health Programme

7:00 am
- News/ Weather Report

7:30 am
- Head Line News

8:00 am
- News/ International News

9:35 am
- Documentary (ASEAN)

10:30 am
- Head Line News

11:35 am
- Science and Technology Programme

12:00 noon
- News / International News / Weather Report

12:35 pm
- Hluttaw Image

1:40 pm
Documentary (Set-Top-Box)

2:20 pm
- Instrumental Music

3:00 pm
- News/ Intrnational News (Package)

3:35 pm
- Weekly Entertainment

4:00 pm
- News/ Weather Report

4:45 pm
- Myanmar U-22 Vs FIJI U-20 Friendly Matches Football Competition (Live Broadcast)

7:00 pm
- News

7:35 pm
- Current Affairs

8:00 pm
- News/ International News/ Weather Report

9:00 pm
- News
- Hluttaw Image
- Clever
- Talk On Old Film

Uber files second complaint against French law

PARIS, 18 Feb — Uber has filed a second complaint to the European Commission against a French law that the online taxi-booking service says favours regular taxis at its expense, the company said on Tuesday.

Uber filed a complaint with the Commission last November, the first of a series of challenges to EU member states reluctant to open their markets to the U.S. firm. A spokesman for Uber confirmed a report by French business daily Les Echos, which says it has seen a copy of the complaint that aims to put pressure on the European Commission to open an investigation quickly.

"Yes, we confirm this," the spokesman said. "The information published by Les Échos is fully accurate."

Launched in California four years ago, the service has rapidly become popular in a number of countries because it often undercuts established taxi and minicab services.—*Reuters*

A striking Paris taxi takes part in a demonstration over the Paris ring road on 15 Dec, 2014.
REUTERS

MRTV Entertainment Channel

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6:00 am
- Wut Hmone Music Troupe

6:20 am
- TV Drama Series

6:45 am
- TV Drama Series

7:10 am
- Fashion Show

7:35 am
- Myanmar Series

8:15 am
- TV Drama Series

8:55 am
- TV Drama Series

9:35 am
- Musical Programme

9:45 am
- 40th Year of ASEAN-Japan Friendship And Coorporation

9:50 am
- Colours of ASEAN

9:55 am
- ASEAN Cultural Fair 2014

10:10 am
- Myanmar Video

4:45 pm
- Myanmar U-22 Vs FIJI U-20 Friendly Matches Football Competition (Live Broadcast)

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Medal tally in 4th National Sports Festival 2015 on 18-2-2015

State/Region	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Yangon	53	33	24	110
Mandalay	21	23	29	73
Bago	8	11	12	31
Rakhine	8	5	7	20
Nay Pyi Taw	4	6	6	16
Ayeyawady	3	6	16	25
Sagaing	3	2	2	7
Shan	2	5	11	18
Mon	2	5	5	12
Magway	2	5	4	11
Kayah	2	-	2	4
Chin	2	-	-	2
Taninthayi	1	7	10	18
Kachin	1	4	2	7
Kayin	1	1	4	6

Fourth National Sports Festival 2015

The 4th National Sports Festival 2015 continued at stadiums and gymnasiums in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday. Athletes from regions and states including Nay Pyi Taw Council Area are taking part in men's and women's football events, Sepak Takraw event, volleyball and billiards and snooker event.

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Group matches of football tourney in MSF continue

Nay Pyi Taw, 18 Feb — Magway Region won over Yangon Region 2-0 in the group (A); Kachin State beat Sagaing Region 1-0 in the group (B); and Mandalay Region thrashed Mon State 2-1 in the group (C) in the men's football tournament of the 4th National Sports Festival 2015 at Wunna Theikdi graining ground No 3 and 4 on Wednesday.

At Wunna Theikdi training ground No 1, Kachin State trounced Kayah State 6-0 while Nay Pyi Taw Council Area routed Shan State 4-2.—*MNA*

Glory and more awaits Europa League winners

London, 18 Feb — The race to become the first club to qualify for the Champions League by winning the Europa League hots up on Thursday when Europe's secondary competition restarts with 32 teams chasing glory in Warsaw in May.

UEFA's decision to reward the winners with a place in at least the playoffs for next season's Champions League should spice up the knockout stage, which includes the eight teams who have dropped down from Europe's top tier.

There are six former European champions taking part with two of them — Celtic and Inter Milan — facing each other with the opening leg in Glasgow on Thursday before the return on 26 February.

Celtic famously became the first British team to be crowned European champions when they beat Inter 2-1 in Lisbon in 1967 but the Scottish champions have had a miserable time against Italian sides more recently and are without a win in seven games with defeats in their last four.

Liverpool, European champions five times, will also renew acquaintance with an old foe in Turkish side Besiktas, who have painful memories of their last visit to Anfield in November 2007 when they were beaten 8-0, a record defeat since the Champions League was reformatted in 1992.

Liverpool will be all too aware of the danger posed by Besiktas striker Demba Ba, who has five Europa League goals this season.

Ba, with Chelsea last April, took advantage of Steven Gerrard's famous slip on the Anfield turf to score the opening goal in a 2-0 win that effectively cost Liverpool the chance of a first English title for 24 years.

Gerrard, currently out with a hamstring injury, is the only survivor from Liverpool's 8-0 win and also from their last European title success in 2005.

He would love nothing more to end his last season at the club before moving to the MLS by winning another European trophy.

Rafa Benitez, who led Liverpool to that success a decade ago, is seeking to become only the second man after Giovanni Trapattoni to win the trophy for a third time after victories with Valencia in 2004 and Chelsea in 2013.

A screen shows the results of the draw for the Europa League round of 32 soccer matches near the Europa League trophy at the UEFA headquarters in Nyon on 15 Dec, 2014.—Reuters

His Napoli side take on Trabzonspor with the first leg in Turkey on Thursday.

Three times winners Sevilla face Borussia Moenchengldbach, who won the trophy twice in the 1970s and are unbeaten in eight European fixtures this season.—*Reuters*

Liverpool's Markovic gets four-match ban for red card

London, 18 Feb — Liverpool's Lazar Markovic has been suspended by UEFA for the next four European matches after being sent off in the Champions League group stage match against Basel in December.

He will miss both legs of the Europa League last-32 tie against Besiktas and both Round of 16 matches if Liverpool advance.

The 20-year-old Serbian midfielder was handed an extra match ban because he was sent off playing for Benfica against Juventus in last season's Europa League semi-final when he was red-carded after rowing with the referee following his late substitution.—*Reuters*

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