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North America keen to see minimum wage adopted with 'no exemptions' in Myanmar

By *Aye Min Soe*

Workers in a production line at a garment factory in Yangon.—Photo: Aye Min Soe

Yangon, 25 Aug — Garment and footwear industry bodies in the US and Canada have thrown their weight behind plans to establish a minimum wage for workers in Myanmar.

In a joint letter dated August 24, the American Apparel & Footwear Association (AAFA), National Retail Federation (NRF), Footwear Distributions & Retailers of America (FDRA), Retail Council of Canada and US Fashion Industry Association expressed their support for a uniform minimum wage across all industries in letters to the Union Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security and the Chair of National Committee on the Minimum Wage.

On 18 July National Minimum Wage Committee proposed a minimum wage of K3,600 (US $3.17) for an eight-hour day to the government. A decision is expected to be announced on 29 August.

US and Canadian garment industry players said that Myanmar will benefit from increased foreign investment as investors will welcome the certainty a minimum wage confers.

"Rather than deterring international buyers, we believe that the uniform minimum wage established by your government — a minimum wage covering all industries (with no exemptions) negotiated by all parties through a regular, orderly, and transparent process— will attract international companies to buy garments and footwear from Myanmar," said AAFA, NRF, FDRA, RCC and USFIA in the letter.

The letter also stated that, "We all wish to see the readymade garment and footwear sectors flourish in Myanmar, creating investment and growth based on decent and safe employment conditions for Myanmar's garment and shoe workers." U Maung Maung, the President of the Confederation of Trade Unions Myanmar and a member of the Governing Body of the International Labour Organisation (ILO), has urged both employers and employees in Myanmar to work together to create stable and attractive industries for foreign investment.

U Myint Soe, Chairman of Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA) welcomed the letter of encouragement from the US and Canada's garment sector but declined to comment as to how the minimum wage would impact the future of the industry.

Dozens of major global brands expressed support for Myanmar's proposed minimum wage immediately after it was announced mid-July, saying that guaranteed rates of pay will boost investment and improve living standards among the industry's workers.

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Koreas agree to ease tensions after marathon negotiations

Seoul, 25 July — North and South Korea agreed early Tuesday to defuse heightened tensions that was escalated by an exchange of artillery shells across their border last week and prompted the North to threaten an all-out war, following marathon talks at the truce village of Panmunjeom.

In the accord, North Korea expressed regret over landmine blasts that occurred in early August in the border area — an event that triggered the tensions — while South Korea agreed to stop anti-Pyongyang propaganda broadcasts it began in retaliation against the incident.

"The North side has expressed regrets over the recent incident in which soldiers of the South have been injured by landmine blasts," South Korea's top negotiator Kim Kwan Jin said after returning to Seoul.

Kim told reporters that North Korea also agreed to lift the "quasi-state of war" status that it had declared Friday and that the two Koreas agreed to hold governmental talks again in Seoul or Pyongyang to discuss various issues.

Kim, chief of South Korea's National Security Office, said the two sides also agreed to arrange reunions of families separated by the 1950-53 Korean War around late September, with the two countries' Red Cross organizations set to meet early next month for preparations.

The accord was reached following high-level talks between the two Koreas that began in Panmunjeom on Saturday evening.

In the talks, South Korea was also represented by Unification Minister Hong Yong Pyo, while the North Korean delegation included Hwang Pyong So, director of the General Political Bureau of the North's Korean People's Army, and Kim Yang Gon, a secretary of the ruling Workers' Party. The negotiations wrapped up shortly before 1 a.m. Tuesday South Korean time, according to South Korean presidential office spokesman Min Kyung Wook.

As the discussions drew on, South Korean President Park Geun-hye had reiterated Monday that North Korea should apologize for its recent provocations and pledge not to repeat them.

In the end, North Korea, which earlier denied involvement in the landmine incident, voiced regrets over the Aug. 4 explosion that seriously injured two South Korean soldiers on the south side of the demilitarized zone.

South Korea, which resumed anti-Pyongyang broadcasts for the first time in 11 years in retaliation against the landmine blasts that maimed the two soldiers, agreed to stop the broadcasts at noon Tuesday.

Kyodo News

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw MPs discuss loan from World Bank.—MNA

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Roundup

Nay Pyi Taw, 25 Aug — Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives approved a US$400 million loan from the World Bank on Tuesday.

The loan will be split between the Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development and the Ministry of Electric Power.

U Maung Toe of Minhla constituency supported the loan and said that although parliament has already approved over US$ 1.4 billion in foreign loans, low interest rates on the loans make further ones viable. Daw Tin Nwe Oo MP disagreed. She said that any spending on unnecessary projects should be cut and stressed that taking another loan while the US dollar prices is rising against the kyat is unwise. The loan was approved by the majority of members during a vote that followed discussions.

Meanwhile, the newly appointed Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Sein Win and Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe gave an oath before the Hluttaw speaker.

Representatives also passed a bill amending the constitutional law as well as the Myanmar Red Cross Society Bill.—*MNA*

Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Set Aung.
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Deputy Minister at the President Office U Kyaw Kyaw Win.
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Pyithu Hluttaw

Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) Roundup

Nay Pyi Taw, 25 Aug — Myanmar's financial rules do not allow state-run economic organisations to deposit money in private banks, said the Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Set Aung on Tuesday.

The deputy governor was responding to a question raised by U Ohn Ngwe, MP for Myaung. He said that the government's economic organisations may only open bank accounts at Myanma Economic Banks and added that state-owned banks are permitted to take part in the treasury bill auction and deposit auction as a means of raising revenue to cover expenses. He noted that the Central Bank of Myanmar considers Myanma Economic Bank as a non-competitive bidder in deposit auctions, which is in line with the country's monetary policies.

Meanwhile, U Than Oo of Myawady constituency asked about whether there are plans to reduce toll gate fees for vehicles owned outside Yangon Region. Deputy Minister at the President Office U Kyaw Kyaw Win responded by saying that Yangon City Development Committee currently gives exemptions of toll gate fees to buses, departmental vehicles, government vehicles and cargo trucks. He did not state whether reduced fees for general traffic from outside Yangon is on the cards.

The Hluttaw session also approved a bill which amended a 2012 Pyithu Hluttaw Law as well as the Vehicle bill.

Secretary of Pyithu Hluttaw Investment and Industrial Development Committee U Kyi Tha read out the industrial bill to members prior to voting.

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Two chief ministers to retire

Nay Pyi Taw, 25 Aug—The Chief Minister of Kayin State U Zaw Min and Chief Minister of Rakhine State U Maung Maung Ohn have been granted retirement by President U Thein Sein. Both are former military personnel and have already retired from the army.—*GNLM*

Meeting held to discuss USD-kyat exchange rates

Nay Pyi Taw, 25 Aug — USD exchange rate management was discussed by the Foreign Exchange Committee and private banks during a meeting held in Nay Pyi Taw on Tuesday.

Union Minister U Soe Thane underscored the importance of Myanmar's financial sector in the country's development and said that the Ministry of Finance, the Central Bank and local private banks must work together closely for the betterment of the national economy, which has been hit hard by a weakening kyat in recent weeks.

The meeting was also attended by Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint, Union Minister for Finance, U Win Shein, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun, Deputy Minister for Finance Dr Maung Maung Thein, as well as senior representatives from the Central Bank and local private banks.

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New batch of ministry tour guides begin training

Yangon, 25 Aug — The 49th batch of tour guide training began on 24 August at Yathar Condominium, the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism's training school.

The training will run until 23 October and will involve 130 trainees.

The ministry began tour guide training in 1992. Since then, 8,575 trainees have graduated from the course and are now working as tour guides in all states and regions, said the Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Dr Tin Shwe. An additional 110 trainees are currently undertaking training as the 14th batch in Taninthayi's Kawthoung Township.

Tourism is one of the government's seven priority sectors for economic growth, said the deputy minister.

Myanmar has emerged as an appealing destination among foreign travellers, with numbers soaring year-on-year since 2011. The number of foreign visitors rose from 1.05 million in 2012 to 2.04 million in 2013 and 3.08 million in 2014. The government targeted five million tourist arrivals for 2015, however between January and June, only 1.8 million were recorded.—*MNA*

Six elephants being shooed back to Bago forest

Nay Pyi Taw, 25 Aug — A team of elephant doctors and 35 mahouts are attempting to push back a herd of six wild elephants into Bago forest so that they cannot harm local villagers. President U Thein Sein gave the green-light to avert the elephants from areas populated by humans on the advice of the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry and the Myanma Timber Enterprise.

Authorities have urged the public not to interact with or harm wild elephants as part of a public awareness campaign.

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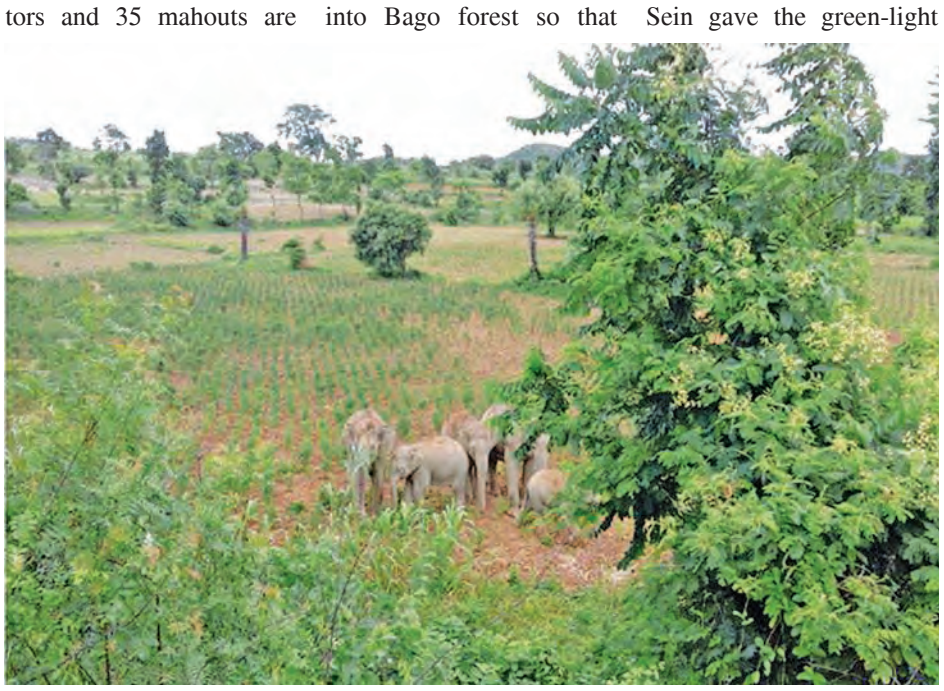

Wild elephants wonder in the farmlands of villages. Authorities attempt to send them back to forests at Bago mountain range.
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50 bills left with a week to go

Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann delivers address at meeting of coordination work committee.—MNA

Nay Pyi Taw, 25 Aug— With just a week left before parliament goes into recess ahead of the general elections, 50 legislative bills still require members' votes, said Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann.

Of the bills, 17 are for the consideration of Pyithu Hluttaw, 24 for Amyotha Hluttaw, and nine for Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. It is likely that several bills will not be passed into law until a new government is formed after the elections on 8 November.

Parliamentary secretaries and commission members held a coordination working committee in Nay Pyi Taw Hluttaw building on Tuesday to discuss their priorities and prepare for the next parliamentary period.—*GNLM*

Vice-Senior General Soe Win visits Thailand after Japan visit

Nay Pyi Taw, 25 Aug— Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win visited Thailand on Tuesday at the invitation of Royal Thai Army's Commander-in-Chief General Udomdej Sitabutr.

Vice-Senior General Soe Win was cordially welcomed by Royal Thai Army deputy chief Lt. Gen Supakorn Sanguanchartsornkria and wife, Myanmar ambassador to Thailand U Win Maung and wife and Military Attaché Brig Chit Swe and wife. Vice-Senior General Soe Win and wife met with families of the Military Attaché and presented gifts to them.—*Myawady*

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However several local factory bosses have been vocal in their criticisms of the proposed sum and have said that they will have to lay off workers in order to keep their businesses afloat.

Yangon Region Labour Minister U Zaw Aye Maung said earlier this month that the minimum wage should be implemented on a trial basis, with an option to amend it after two years.

The government first promised to set a minimum wage back in May 2012. The lengthy delays in implementing a minimum wage caused workers at several apparel factories to go on strike, with tensions escalating earlier this year. — *GNLM*

ICRC calls on Commander-in-Chief

Nay Pyi Taw, 25 Aug — During a meeting with the International Committee for Red Cross in Nay Pyi Taw on Tuesday, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing accused an ethnic armed group in Kachin and north-eastern Shan State of failing to stick to the terms of an agreement reached with the Tatmadaw (army).

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing told the ICRC this was the reason why fresh fighting erupted between the group and the army.

He also said that while the army allowed internally displaced people to return to their camps when tensions cooled, the ethnic armed group did not do so.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives officials of International Committee for Red Cross.—Myawady

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing also refuted that the army is any way repressing the rights of Myanmar's ethnic minorities.

During the meeting, Mr Jurg Montani, the Resident Representative of the ICRC, explained the committee's relief efforts in flood-hit Rakhine State, as well as its efforts towards assisting with preparations for a free and fair general election and establishing internal peace.

In the afternoon, the Senior General gave an interview to Mr Hidenori Tajima, the chief of Yangon Bureau of the Kyodo News.

Myawady

Myanmar hands over 125 boat people to Bangladesh

Nay Pyi Taw, 25 Aug—The Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued a press release on 25 August that Myanmar officially handed over additional verified 125 Bangladesh nationals among the boat people rescued by Myanmar in May 2015. They were handed over to Bangladesh side at Myanmar and Bangladesh border after the flag meeting in Taung Pyo (Let Wè).

A team led by U Saw Naing, Deputy Director, Maungtaw District Immigration Officer from Myanmar handed over the 125 Bangladesh nationals to the Commanding Officer of No. 17 Border Guard Battalion of Cox's Bazar and his team. Acting Police Lieutenant Colonel Kyaw Tay Za from Police Border Guard of Myanmar and Mr. Mahbubur Rahman, Consul from the Bangladesh Consulate in Sittway also observed the event. The No. 17 Border Guard Battalion of Cox's Bazar brought the 125 persons back at 14:10 hrs to Bangladesh.

A total of verified Bangladesh nationals rescued from the two boats have been repatriated to their place of origin, Bangladesh, on five different occasions. Authorities in Bangladesh continue to verify the remaining persons from the two boats rescued. The remaining boat people will be handed over to the country of origin upon completion of the verification process.

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Bangladesh officials take boat people from Taung Pyo (Let Wè) to Bangladesh.
IPRD

Singapore goes to polls early, riding birthday feel-good factor

SINGAPORE, 25 Aug — Singapore will hold a general election on Sept. 11, more than a year before a deadline for the next polls, the office of Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said on Tuesday, seen riding the feel-good factor of the city-state's 50th birthday.

Analysts have said the People's Action Party (PAP), which was founded by the prime minister's father, the late Lee Kuan Yew, and has ruled since six years before independence in 1965, will be keen to tap national pride the Aug. 9 celebrations generated and improve on its performance in the last election.

In 2011, the PAP won its lowest ever share of the vote with many people unhappy about the cost of living and immigration. Those issues will again be at the forefront of debate when candidates from the PAP and opposition parties head to campaign rallies across the affluent city-state.

The next general election had to be held by January 2017, but there had been speculation in the media and political blogs that it would be called early.

A view of the Parliament House next to the central business district in Singapore August 25, 2015. Singapore's parliament has been dissolved, the government said on Tuesday. The country will hold a general election on September 11, more than a year before a deadline for the next polls, the office of Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said, seen riding the feel-good factor of the city-state's 50th birthday. —REUTERS

"Soon I will be calling elections to ask for your mandate, to take Singapore into this next phase of our nation building," Lee said in his annual speech as part of the National Day celebrations.

The legacy of Lee Kuan Yew, Singapore's first prime minister, who died on March 23, will be fresh in the minds of voters and the PAP will be keen to convince people it is best placed to ensure Singapore's success over the next 50 years.

The elder Lee oversaw the city-state's rapid rise from a British colonial backwater to a global trade and financial centre and his death triggered a flood of tributes.

In his lifetime, Lee drew praise for his market-friendly policies, but also criticism at home and abroad for his strict controls over the press, public protest and political opponents.

Under Lee, political opposition and independent media were not allowed to flourish in the same way as the economy, a state of affairs that persists to this day.

Singapore placed 153 out of 180 countries in the latest World Press Freedom Index.

Reuters

Under pressure to solve Bangkok bomb attack, police interview driver

People light candles for victims during a march to the Erawan shrine, the site of last Monday's deadly blast, in Bangkok, Thailand, August 24, 2015.—REUTERS

BANGKOK, 25 Aug — Police on Tuesday questioned a taxi driver who may have driven the main suspect away from the area of last week's deadly attack in Bangkok, as forensic experts struggle to unearth vital evidence in Thailand's worst ever bombing.

Broken security cameras along the chief suspect's getaway route and a lack of sophisticated equipment has hampered the investigation into the Aug. 17 blast that killed 20 people, more than half of them foreigners.

On Monday police said the trail had gone cold in the hunt for the bomber, and they were unsure if the main suspect was still in Thailand.

The main evidence police have for the blast at the Hindu Erawan Shrine popular with Asian tourists is grainy security camera footage. The footage shows a man with a yellow shirt and dark hair removing a backpack after entering the packed shrine and calmly walking away from the scene before the explosion.

The suspect is seen taking a motorcycle taxi from the shrine, and a short time later is believed to switch to a taxi car.

The driver of the car, who spoke to reporters before being interviewed by police, said he picked up a man who "spoke Thai with a foreign accent" and looked foreign, a description that matches a police warrant circulated last week.

He drove the man from Rama IV road, a main thoroughfare in Bangkok's central business district, and dropped him off near Hua Lamphong station, the city's main train station.

"He spoke Thai but spoke with a foreign accent. I don't think he was Thai. He was the same man as in the clip," said the driver, who asked that his identity be withheld over fears for his safety.

Police on Tuesday said the search for those behind the attack, which took place less than 300 metres from the national police headquarters, has narrowed, as they come under increasing public pressure to catch perpetrators.

Police spokesman Prawut Thawornsiri said police have "cut out a lot of suspects" but that he still could not confirm the nationality of the man seen in video footage.

"We have cut out a lot of suspects. Let's say there were 200 suspects, we've cut that down to around half," Prawut told Reuters, without giving further details.

Reuters

Malaysia's attorney general denies new task force is to investigate 1MDB

KUALA LUMPUR, 25 Aug — Malaysia's attorney general has denied reports that a new task force would be investigating troubled state fund 1MDB, saying the new body was just a "rebranding" of an existing team that focuses on crimes such as tax evasion and illegal fund flows.

1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB), whose advisory board is chaired by Prime Minister Najib Razak, has been dogged by controversy over its $11 billion in debt and is the subject of multiple investigations amid allegations of financial mismanagement and graft. Local media said last week a new task force would look into 1MDB and would exclude the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), which has been carrying out its own investigation. But the attorney general's office said in a statement that the rebranded National Revenue Recovery Enforcement Team, which includes staff from the MACC, was "not in any way involved with any investigations involving 1MDB and its related companies". The Wall Street Journal reported in July that investigators looking into 1MDB had found that about $670 million was deposited into Najib's private bank account. Reuters has not verified the report. Najib has denied taking any money for personal gain said the allegations are part of a malicious campaign to force him out of office. Malaysia's anti-graft agency has since said the funds were a donation from the Middle East.

Malaysia's central bank has completed an investigation into 1MDB but declined to disclose details.

Switzerland's Office of the Attorney General said on Friday it has opened criminal proceedings against two entities of 1MDB as well as against an unknown person. 1MDB said on Sunday it has not been contacted by Swiss authorities.—*Reuters*

India government makes fresh attempt to pass tax reform

NEW DELHI, 25 Aug — The Indian government said it is considering reconvening parliament to make another attempt to pass a major tax reform aimed at boosting economic growth.

"The tax reform is crucial for the economy and we are making every effort to build consensus," Parliamentary Affairs Minister Venkaiah Naidu told reporters on Tuesday.

Modi's reform agenda suffered a major setback earlier this month when lawmakers in the upper house refused to support the the Goods and Service Tax bill. The bill is seen as low-hanging fruit among free-market reforms as it has rare bipartisan support. But it fell victim to an impasse over allegations of impropriety against Modi's cabinet and party colleagues. —*Reuters*

India to auction 20 major iron ore mines to revive industry - govt official

New Delhi, 25 Aug — India will auction about 20 major iron ore mines this year in its first such sale ever, a top government official said, as it looks to revive its corruption-tainted mining industry.

India's mining sector has been mired in controversy over illegal allocation of resources. Once the world's third-biggest iron ore exporter, the country now imports the steelmaking ingredient due to a court-led crackdown on illegal mining.

The government hopes auctions will help curb wrongdoing. While it is unlikely to lead to an immediate boost in iron ore output at a time when there is a global glut, mine sales will bring India closer to its target of tripling its steel capacity to 300 million tonnes by 2025 and relying less on ore imports.

"Most of the states are in the midst of carrying out their pre-auction activities and hopefully by the end of October and November onwards they will start (auctions)," Mines Secretary Balvinder Kumar told Reuters in an interview on Monday evening.

He expects about 80 mines to be auctioned in the first phase, including limestone, gold and "about 20 iron ore mines". States are estimating reserves, Kumar added.

India produced 136 million tonnes of iron ore last fiscal year ended March 31. About 1.5 million tonnes of ore are needed to make 1 tonne of steel, implying India's ore output will have to more than triple in 10 years if steel companies are to be self sufficient.

Most of the iron ore mines being sold are in the southern state of Karnataka, known for its high-quality ore. This will greatly benefit local steelmakers like JSW Steel (JSTL.NS).

Freight trains are loaded with iron ore at a railway station at Chitradurga in Karnataka November 9, 2012.—Reuters

Led by JSW's purchases, India's ore imports hit a record of over 15 million tonnes last fiscal year as global prices collapsed.

Kumar expects prices to improve by the time the mines start.

"The mining process takes two to three years because they will need all kinds of clearances: forest, environment, from pollution control board. (It) takes a lot of time to comply."

India's new law to auction mines instead of handing them over to private firms without competition could, however, prompt South Korea's POSCO (005490.KS) to scrap plans for a $12 billion steel project it agreed to set up in India a decade ago.

Kumar is attending a meeting in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's office on Tuesday to consider options for POSCO's plans for the steel plant in Odisha that was billed as India's biggest foreign direct investment.

While a withdrawal by POSCO could dent Modi's "Make in India" manufacturing push, Kumar said the government cannot change its laws for individual companies.

Odisha's state mining company can be allotted a mine, iron ore from which can be sent to POSCO if they form a joint venture, Kumar said. Odisha has said that was a possibility but POSCO wants to see the details first.—*Reuters*

Soldiers patrol restive Nepal town after deadly protests

Kathmandu, 25 Aug — Soldiers patrolled a small border town in Nepal's far west on Tuesday after nine people, most of them police, were killed in attacks by protesters angered by government reforms.

Authorities imposed a curfew and mobilised the army on Monday to quell protests in Tikapur in Kailali district, which is close to the border with India.

"We have sent enough troops to aid the civilian authorities to maintain law and order there," army spokesman Jagadish Chandra Pokharel said.

The rare military deployment came in response to the killing on Monday of six police officers. One was surrounded by protesters and burned to death, the government said.

The protesters, mainly from the ethnic Tharu community, oppose a plan to include their area in a hilly province, part of a regional overhaul in a new federal constitution expected to be finalised this month.

New York-based Human Rights Watch urged the government to order an impartial investigation into the deaths.

"Nepal's government is squarely to blame for its failure to engage with the local community and address its concerns, which led to the horrific escalation," said Brad Adams of Human Rights Watch. "But violent attacks on police can only be deplored."

Raj Kumar Shrestha, Kailali district administrator, said 20 police were treated for injuries after the violence.

Nepal, which emerged from a civil war in 2006, is governed under an interim constitution. Politicians are preparing a final charter with plans to split the volatile country, wedged between China and India, into seven federal provinces.—*Reuters*

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Strong Typhoon Goni moves northward in Kyushu, injures 20 people

Tokyo, 25 Aug — Strong Typhoon Goni made landfall in Kumamoto Prefecture on Japan's southwestern main island of Kyushu Tuesday morning and headed north, injuring more than 20 people as the storm overturned vehicles.

The typhoon, which reached the Sea of Japan later in the morning, is expected to bring heavy rain to western Japan through Wednesday, the Japan Meteorological Agency said, warning of flooding and landslides.

Power outages temporarily affected more than 470,000 households in Kyushu, according to Kyushu Electric Power Co. Many local authorities issued evacuation orders to residents.

All bullet train services on the Kyushu Shinkansen Line and local train service in the region were cancelled, while operations were suspended between Hiroshima and Hakata stations on the Sanyo Shinkansen Line. Many flights to and from airports in Kyushu were also cancelled.

On Tuesday morning, record hourly rainfall of 134.5 millimeters was recorded on Mt. Unzen in Nagasaki Prefecture. Rainfall per hour reached about 120 mm in the cities of Fukuoka and Saga, 110 mm in the cities of Itoshima and Kitakyushu in Fukuoka Prefecture, and 100 mm in Shimonoseki in Yamaguchi Prefecture, according to the weather agency.

Winds of 165.24 kilometers per hour were observed in Makurazaki, Kagoshima Prefecture.

As of 9 a.m., the typhoon was moving northward at 35 km per hour near the city of Fukuoka, packing winds of up to 180 kph with an atmospheric pressure of 965 hectopascals near its center.—*Kyodo News*

Power poles damaged due to strong winds caused by Typhoon Goni are seen in Kamimine town, Saga Prefecture, Japan, in this photo taken by Kyodo August 25, 2015. Japanese authorities advised 280,000 people to evacuate their homes as a typhoon lashed southern Kyushu island and western Japan on Tuesday, bringing torrential rains and winds gusting over 110 miles an hour (180 kph).—Kyodo News

Greece's Syriza projects election confidence despite split

ATHENS, 25 Aug — Greece's radical left Syriza party can win re-election with an outright majority, a senior member said on Tuesday, governing without support from mainstream forces which also back the country's new international bailout.

Panos Skourletis, energy minister in the Syriza-led government which resigned last week, also said the nation must avoid deadlock leading to a second round of elections - a scenario that politicians are already debating even though a first round has yet to be called.

Syriza, which during its seven months in power took Greece to the brink of financial collapse and exit from the euro, is projecting confidence, although it remains beset by internal divisions even after it formally split last week.

"I believe that an absolute majority in parliament for Syriza is achievable," Skourletis told Mega TV. He also played down the possibility of doing a post-election deal with the main pro-bailout groups - the conservative New Democracy, centrist To Potami or the PASOK socialists.

Greek outgoing Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras leaves his party's headquarters in Athens, Greece, August 21, 2015.—REUTERS

"For collaborations to be politically credible, they must be based on an existing convergence of programs, a common ground," he said. "I do not see this political credibility with the forces of New Democracy, Potami or PASOK."

Greece's president has tasked two opposition parties with trying to form a new government after Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras quit last Thursday, hoping to avoid an election only seven months after the last one brought Syriza to power.

With parties deeply divided over the bailout - Greece's third since 2010 - and its tough conditions, New Democracy has already failed to find coalition partners.

Now Popular Unity, the far-left breakaway from Syriza, is going through the motions. Its leader, Panagiotis Lafazanis, has already admitted defeat and is using his three-day presidential mandate merely to win air time for his anti-bailout message.

Once his mandate expires on Wednesday night, President Prokopis Pavlopoulos is expected to make one final attempt to achieve a compromise among the parties. As this is also nearly certain to fail, he will then appoint a caretaker premier and call elections within 30 days.

Greeks are starting to worry the election might fail to end the paralysis just as the country is supposed to be implementing the bailout measures, and a second round must be held, as in 2012.

Skourletis opposed such a scenario. "We must avoid this. Some things have their limits. People know this and will vote in such a way so that we do not end up in a jam," he said.—*Reuters*

Hungary calls on EU to give more money to handle migrant crisis

BUDAPEST, 25 Aug — Hungary's government is seeking more European Union funds to cope with worst refugee crisis since World War Two, Prime Minister Viktor Orban's chief of staff was quoted as saying.

"The European Union distributes border protection funds in a humiliating way. Old member states have nicked the money from new members," Janos Lazar told daily newspaper Magyar Hirlap in an interview published on Tuesday.

Landlocked Hungary, part of the EU's Schengen zone of passport-free travel, has registered more than 100,000 migrants so far this year, compared with 43,000 in all of 2014.

Reuters

How Trump plans to turn gawkers into hardcore supporters

U.S. Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump gestures after arriving for jury duty at Manhattan Supreme Court in New York August 17, 2015.—REUTERS

DUBUQUE, (Iowa), 25 Aug — Thousands of people are expected to stream into an events centre here on the banks of the Mississippi River on Tuesday to see Donald Trump. When they do, his presidential campaign will be waiting, looking to convert casual gawkers into hardcore supporters who will cast votes for the billionaire presidential candidate in the Iowa caucuses next year.

The Republican frontrunner's surging campaign is largely viewed as powered by his personal celebrity and his persistent presence on television. But there's another political upside to being one of the most famous men in America: You don't have to go knocking door-to-door to find voters. They come to you.

When those voters enter the Grand River Center on Tuesday evening, they will immediately be diverted to tables where Trump's staff will recruit them to be county precinct captains, organizers, and volunteers. It's a huge competitive advantage in a presidential race where other Republican candidates at times struggle to attract crowds in the hundreds.

It's another reason, beyond strong poll numbers, why Trump's candidacy is being viewed with increasing seriousness both inside and outside Iowa, which holds one of the earliest nominating contests in 2016.

"I've never seen anything like it," said Chuck Laudner, Trump's top organizer in Iowa, as he walked the event space with Reuters days prior to the event. "He's drawing crowds that most candidates only get in the weeks before the general election."

Laudner talks like a man who, after years of fighting the political wars in Iowa with a cap gun, has been handed a shoulder-fired missile launcher.

In the 2012 election, Laudner drove his pickup truck to every county in the state on behalf of Republican candidate Rick Santorum, who was running a shoestring operation. Santorum ended up pulling off a shocking first-place finish in the caucuses.

Skeptics say Trump will fade once voters turn serious about choosing a president come autumn and doubt he has the patience and fortitude to build a grassroots machine not just here but across the country.

Celebrity hasn't translated into results in past campaigns here. In the 2008 race, Rudy Giuliani and Fred Thompson, both of whom enjoyed high name recognition, were riding high in summer polls. By the time the caucuses rolled around in January, both had fizzled.

But Trump's star power and personal fortune has warped the traditional rules that govern campaigning in the state, upending the retail politics that Iowa is known for. When Trump landed his helicopter earlier this month at the Iowa State Fair, he was mobbed by a crowd in the thousands. Last week, he almost filled a sports stadium in Mobile, Alabama.

"His reach is just so far beyond what the rest of these guys can do combined," Laudner said, referring to Trump's opponents. "It's all new territory."

Recent winners of the Iowa caucuses have either been campaigns with large resources and strong organizations, such as George W. Bush in 2000 and 2004, or conservatives who appeal to the evangelicals in the state, such as Santorum and Mike Huckabee, who won in 2008.

Trump, like Bush, could have the potential to outspend his rivals here while also appealing to the influential right-wing. His best-funded challenger here, Jeb Bush, is unpopular with those voters.

Other businessmen-turned-politicians such as Ross Perot were able to leverage their personas to develop cult followings but were largely disinterested in the dirty day-to-day work of modern campaigns. Trump, instead, appears poised to use his wealth to build a credible ground organisation here, starting with the well-respected Laudner.

"Chuck Laudner is a deity among conservative activists," said an Iowa Republican consultant who asked not be named because he supports a rival candidate.

"Chuck is somebody who values grassroots mobilization. This is a guy who eats and breathes organizational structure."

Reuters

U.S. to deploy F-22 fighter jets to Europe -Air Force secretary

Two U.S. Air Force F-22 Raptor stealth jet fighters fly near Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, in this handout photo dated August 4, 2010. The United States will deploy F-22 fighter jets to Europe very soon as part of the "European Reassurance Initiative," Air Force Secretary Deborah James said on Monday.—REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 25 Aug — The United States will deploy F-22 fighter jets to Europe very soon as part of the "European Reassurance Initiative," Air Force Secretary Deborah James said on Monday.

James did not give details about the specific number of planes, date or location of the deployment.

The deployment is seen as a move to assuage growing concerns among NATO allies about Russian military aggression. The Air Force has been using F-22 fighter jets in its strikes against Islamic State, the first real combat air strikes by the aircraft

Reuters

A villager inspects the site of a gas explosion in Herat province, Afghanistan, August 25, 2015. A series of large explosions at a gas terminal on the edge of the western Afghan city of Herat late on Monday killed 10 children and an adult living in a camp for people displaced by war. —Reuters

Explosions at Afghan gas terminal kill 10 children, shake city

Herat, (Afghanistan), 25 Aug — A series of large explosions at a gas terminal on the edge of the western Afghan city of Herat late on Monday killed 10 children and an adult living in a camp for people displaced by war.

The explosions were felt across Afghanistan's third largest city and images showed the subsequent fire reaching high into the night sky.

As well as 11 fatalities, at least 18 people were injured, said Mohammad Rafiq Shirzai a spokesman for the regional hospital in Herat. All were from the camp near the gas terminal.

It was not immediately clear whether the explosions were an accident or the result of an attack. Last year, militants attacked India's consulate in the city.

Reuters

Lebanon's cabinet holds emergency meeting after protests

Beirut, 25 Aug — Lebanon's cabinet held an emergency meeting on Tuesday in its newly fortified headquarters after protests over trash collection spilled over into street violence and calls for the feuding government to resign.

Beirut-based activists from the "You Stink" campaign held two large rallies over the weekend and a smaller march on Monday over uncollected rubbish, reflecting long-simmering anger about government incompetence and political corruption.

Protest organisers have called on Lebanese at home and abroad to join them in a large rally on Saturday.

Ministers arrived in cars at the heavily guarded Serail Palace on Tuesday and began their meeting. Workers erected concrete blast walls around the building on Monday, which protesters quickly covered with colourful anti-government graffiti.

On Sunday Prime Minister Tammam Salam threatened to resign as public discontent brought thousands into the streets.

The protests that initially started peacefully over the weekend descended into violence after clashes between police and protesters that wounded scores.

Lebanon's army commander General Jean Kahwaji said late on Monday the armed forces would protect any peaceful demonstrations but would not tolerate "security violators or infiltrators" who sought to sow "sedition and chaos."

Protest organisers have blamed the violence on troublemakers whom they say are connected to rival sectarian parties. The U.N. special coordinator for Lebanon on Monday urged "maximum restraint" by all sides.

The protest campaign, which has mobilised independently of the big sectarian parties that dominate Lebanese politics, blames political feuding and corruption for the failure to resolve a crisis that has left piles of uncollected garbage stinking in the scorching sun in recent weeks.

The cabinet and parliament are deadlocked, politicians have been unable to agree on a new president for more than a year while Syria's war next door has aggravated sectarian tensions and driven more than one million refugees into the country.

Behind the deadlock is the power struggle between the two political blocs who are divided over Syria - the Iranian-backed Hezbollah and its allies including Christian politician Michel Aoun, and the Saudi-backed mainly Sunni pro-Western Future Movement led by politician Saad al-Hariri and his allies.

The Salam cabinet, formed last year with the blessing of regional rivals Saudi Arabia and Iran, has avoided a complete vacuum in the executive arm. It brings together Hariri's Future movement, Shi'ite Hezbollah and Christians.

But it has struggled to take even basic decisions and tension in cabinet has escalated over appointments in the security agencies and army. The trash crisis began last month when the main refuse tip for Beirut was closed, with no ready alternative. While collection has resumed in some areas, no lasting solution has been found. —*Reuters*

Girl suicide bomber kills five in northeast Nigeria

Damaturu, (Nigeria), 25 Aug — A teenage suicide bomber detonated an explosive device strapped to her body in the northeastern Nigerian city of Damaturu early on Tuesday, killing five people and wounding about 30, police said.

No one claimed responsibility for the blast but Islamist militant group Boko Haram has been blamed for a series of similar attacks in the region in recent weeks.

"At about 7:40 a.m., a female suicide bomber about 14 years old denoted an explosive device at the central Damaturu motor park. Six people were killed including the suicide bomber," police spokesman Toyin Gbadegesin said.

An official at the state emergency management agency said the suicide bomber tried to enter the motor park, or bus station, and was accosted by civilian viligantes. She then pulled away and set off the bomb, Idi Musa Jigawa told Reuters.

Jigawa said six people were critically wounded and another 22 had minor injuries. He confirmed the death toll given by police.

"I was inside the park, just boarded a bus when I heard a loud noise. Some policemen came to the scene and evacuated corpses," an eyewitness traveling to Maiduguri told Reuters.

Boko Haram has waged a deadly campaign for the past six years to carve out a state adhering to strict Islamic law in northeast Nigeria. After being pushed out earlier this year from most of the territory it had gained, the group scattered and returned to attacking soft targets.

Gbadegesin said another child suicide bomber, age 12, set off an explosion at a security checkpoint after the motor park attack, but there were no casualties.

Reuters

Shah Deniz gas pipeline flow halted by explosion in Turkey: officials

Ankara, 25 Aug — Gas flow on the Shah Deniz pipeline carrying natural gas from Azerbaijan was halted by an explosion in Turkey on Monday evening, energy sector officials said, with one saying it was thought Kurdish militants had sabotaged the pipeline.

The officials told Reuters that gas flow had been halted on Aug. 3 due to maintenance and had only resumed on Aug. 23 but had not yet reached capacity before Monday's blast.

"Last night there was an explosion in the pipeline on the Turkish side and the flow stopped," one senior official said. Another official said damage assessment was set to begin on Tuesday and that it would not be clear when the gas flow would resume until after the assessment. An explosion had previously hit the pipeline on Aug. 4, after the flow had already been suspended for maintenance. That was days after an attack by Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) militants halted the flow in a pipeline carrying crude oil to Turkey from Iraq. Shah Deniz, Azerbaijan's biggest gas field, is being developed by partners including British oil major BP, Azeri state energy company SOCAR and others.

Turkey has witnessed a surge in violence in recent weeks with the PKK targeting Turkish security forces and infrastructure while Turkey has struck PKK camps in northern Iraq. —*Reuters*

PERSPECTIVES

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What don't journalists and historians have in common?

By *Myint Win Thein*

Generally speaking, the nature of the work of journalists is similar to that of historians. Both collect facts, verify them and present news and insights that are based on the accumulated facts. That's why newspapers are considered a great source of history. Sometimes an article penned by a journalist goes on to be considered a historical record of itself.

However, there are some important differences between the two professions. The first is that journalists work in the present, while historians work in the past. Yet interestingly, both are capable of predicting the future.

Another difference is that news journalists are required to record facts objectively, while historians often include their own points of view and analysis. This is the reason why history often presents us with varying accounts of the same event.

The final difference is that historians have the benefit of hindsight to assist with their research, while journalists are limited to the information they are able to obtain under very tight time constraints. Historians are at greater liberty to include their opinions, whereas news journalists should avoid doing so at all costs. Therefore, when reading an article by a historian in a newspaper or magazine, be aware that some opinions may be being presented as facts.

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Keep Our Mind Pure Be Good to Others

By *Htun Tin Htun*

Knowledge is power. Noble Eightfold Path is supreme power. There are five great powers according to Bodhipakkhiya Dhamma (37 Limbs for Awakening):- "Confidence is power; Effort is power; Mindfulness is power; Concentration is power; Wisdom is power." Character (Morality) is power. In modern management: - Mind (spiritual resources) is power. Man (human resources) is power. Material (natural resources) is power. Money (financial resources) is power. Machine (physical resources) is power. Method (technology) is power. Market (Information and Communication) is power. Managerial (Capability) is power. Institution (social resources) is power. Location (strategic resources) is power. In this world: - Electricity is power. Energy is power. Water is power, Nuclear is power. Knowledge, skills, attitude (mindset) (ASK) can be properly changed, enhanced and improved through the learning and practicing of The Dhamma, (Dhammapada "Anthology of Verses") (A Practical Guide to Right Living) (26 Chapters with 423 Verses). "To avoid all evil, to cultivate good, and to cleanse one's mind-this is the teaching of the Buddhas". "Know this, O good man: evil things are difficult to control. Let not greed and wickedness drag you to protracted misery."

Enduring patience is the highest austerity. "Nibbana is Supreme, "say the Buddhas. He is not a true monk who harms another, nor a true renunciate who oppresses other. Better it is to live one day virtuous and meditative than to live a hundred years immoral and uncontrolled. Better it is to live one day wise and meditative than to live a hundred years foolish and uncontrolled. Better it is to live one day strenuous and resolute than to live a hundred years sluggish and dissipated. There are four Bases for Success. Wish-to-do makes the impossible possible. Working hard (Effort) make the impossible possible. Will (mind) makes the impossible possible. Wisdom makes the impossible possible.

Easy to do are things that are bad and harmful to oneself. But exceedingly difficult to do are things that are good and beneficial. Better it is to live one day seeing the rise and fall of things than to live a hundred years without ever seeing the rise and fall of things. Better it is to live one day seeing the Deathless than to live a hundred years without ever seeing the Deathless. Better it is to live one day seeing the Supreme Truth than to live a hundred years without ever seeing the Supreme Truth.

People hold dear him who embodies virtue and insight, who is principled, has realized the truth, and who himself does what he ought to be doing. By oneself is evil done; by oneself is one defiled. By oneself is evil left undone; by oneself is one made pure. Purity and impurity depend on oneself; no one can purify another. Lead a righteous life; lead not a base life. The righteous live happily both in this world and the next.

Overcome the angry by non-anger; overcome the wicked by goodness; overcome the miser by generosity; overcome the liar by truth; he who having been heedless is heedless no more, illuminates this world like the moon freed from clouds. He who by good deeds covers the evil he has done, illuminates this world like the moon freed from clouds. Blind is this world; here only a few possess insight. Only a few, like birds escaping from a net, go to the realms of bliss.

Understanding that "There are those who do not realize that one day we all must die. But those who do realize this settle their quarrels." The foolish and ignorant indulge in heedlessness, but the wise one keeps his heedfulness at his best treasure. Do not give way to heedlessness. Do not indulge in sensual pleasures. Only the heedful and meditative attain great happiness.

Realizing that "By effort and heedfulness, discipline and self-mastery, let the wise one make for himself an island which no flood can overwhelm." Wisdom never becomes perfect in one whose mind is not steadfast, who knows not the Good Teaching and whose faith wavers. Of all paths the Noble eightfold path is the best; of all truths the Four Noble Truths are the best; of all things passionlessness is the best; of men the Seeing One (the Buddha) is the best.

Mind preceded all mental states. Mind is their chief; they are all mind-wrought. If with a pure mind, a person speaks or acts, happiness follows him like his never-departing shadow. Well done is that action doing which one repents not later, and the fruit of which one reaps with delight and happiness. He who drinks deep the Dhamma lives happily with a tranquil mind. The wise man ever delights in the Dhamma made known by the Noble One (the Buddha).

If by renouncing a lesser happiness one may realize a greater happiness, let the wise man renounce the lesser, having regard for the greater. Ill done is that action doing which one repents later, and the fruit of which one, weeping, reaps with tears. Just as a solid rock is not shaken by the storm, even so the wise are not affected by praise or blame. Irrigators regulate the waters; fletchers straighten the arrow shaft; carpenters shape the wood; the wise control themselves.

Not by these mounts, however, would one go to the Un-trodden Land (Nibbana), as one who is self-tamed goes by his own tamed and well-controlled mind. Calm is his thought, calm is his speech and calm is his deed, who, truly knowing, is wholly freed, perfectly tranquil and wise.

Difficult is life for the modest one always seeks purity, is detached and unassuming, clean in life, and discerning. Not despising, not harming, restraint according to the code of monastic discipline, moderation in food, dwelling in solitude, devotion to meditation-this is the teaching of the Buddhas.

People give according to their faith or regard. If one becomes discontented with the food and drink given by others, one does not attain meditative absorption, either by day or by night. There are no satisfying desires, even with a rain of gold coins. For sensual pleasures give little satisfaction and much pain. Having understood this, the wise man finds no delight even in heavenly pleasures. The disciple of the upreme Buddha delights in the destruction of craving.

Unchastity is the taint in a woman; niggardliness is the taint in a giver. Taints, indeed, are all evil things, both in this world and the next. The wise are controlled in thought, controlled in speech and controlled in bodily action. They are truly well-controlled.

Realizing this fact "For him who is assailed by death there is no protection by kinsmen. None there are to save him-neither sons, nor father nor relatives." Let the wise man, restrained by morality, hasten to clear the path leading to Nibbana. There is no fire like lust; there is no grip like delusion; there is no river like craving.

Easy is life for the shameless one who is imprudent as a crow, is backbiting and forward, arrogant and corrupt. Ever grows the glory of him who is energetic, mindful and pure in conduct, discerning and self-controlled, righteous and heedful.

Blessed is the birth of the Buddhas; blessed is the enunciation of the sacred Teaching; blessed is the harmony in the Order 9sangha), and blessed is the spiritual pursuit of the united truth-seekers. Think not lightly of good, saying, "It will not come to me." Drop by drop is the water pot filled. Likewise, the wise man, gathering it little by little, fills himself with good.

(To be continued)

POEM:

Success of the Peace Process

Signing of the Peace Agreement, it is heard
will be held 'soon' is the word.
Long and patient negotiations that took place
will at last be crowned with success.
It'll be the most significant achievement
by leaders of Armed Groups and the new Government.
A fresh Golden Page it will open
to unite the races of Myanmar as brethren.
The fervent hope and expectation
of all the people of the Union
is that the ceasefire that has been agreed
by all the parties to the deed
should last with prevalence of peace and tranquility
for the further progress of the Nation to Democracy.

Lokethar

Chaungshay villagers call for lake to be dredged

NyaungU, 25 Aug — While many regions and states in Myanmar have been inundated by water following flash floods in recent weeks, locals in NyaungU Township are struggling to overcome water shortages due to excess silt in nearby dams and lakes.

Chaungshay villagers have relied on the 800-foot-long, 400-foot-wide Aung Dam and another three lakes for many years now. However unless the north lake is dredged before the end of this rainy season, locals may face a water shortage next year, said Chaungshay village administrator U Aye Thar.

"Last year the Township Irrigation Department dredged about 30 earthen lakes in many villages. Our village is waiting for there to be enough budget funds to dredge the lake."

Than Tin Aung

Aung dam in Chaungshay village, Nyaung U Township. Naing Lin

Seed program aims to revive paddy cultivation

Myanaung, 25 Aug — Township authorities have distributed 500 baskets of paddy seeds donated by Htoo Company to local farmers for cultivation on flood-affected farmlands in Myanaung Township.

The township administrator and officials also provided 200 baskets of paddy seeds donated by township departments to local farmers for their rehabilitation.

Department of Agriculture staff members are making field trips to rural areas in Myanaung Township to instruct local farmers on cultivation of paddy.

Heavy rains caused flooding at more than 54,000 acres of monsoon paddy in Myanaung Township in August. Up to 23 August, local farmers have replanted 976 acres of out of more than 33,000 acres of damaged farmlands, according to the Township Farmland Management and Statistics Department.

Win Bo (Myanaung)

Students given textbooks and stationery after floods

Kawlin, 25 Aug — The flash floods that began in July caused more than 1,700 students in Kawlin Township to miss classes at basic education schools.

Sagaing Region Education Department has provided notebooks, textbooks and pencils to every each student, while the Basic Education Department distributed more than 400 desks and cash assistance to every school in the township. Departmental personnel from Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, Kawlin, Wuntho, Pinlebu, Kyunhla, Lashio, Bago and Shwebo donated money, relief supplies and stationery to the Township Education Office.

Ko Ko Nyein (Kawlin)

Flood-hit bridge to be repaired by the end of the month

Monghsat, 25 Aug — Monghsat District Department of Highways is rebuilding a bridge in Mongton Township, eastern Shan State, after it was damaged by heavy rains on 3 August.

The repaired bridge will be 80-foot-long and 18-foot-wide and located on Monghsat-Mongton-Punpakyem Road.

District's deputy commissioner U Noe Wai inspected the construction works on 25 August and was briefed by senior engineer U Aung Nyo on the progress to date.

"I'm pleased to hear that construction is on track and will be completed by the end of August," said a bus driver from Doh Nyi Naung transport company.—*District IPRD*

Asian shares move off three-year lows while China's suffering goes on

TOKYO, 25 Aug — Volatile global markets showed tentative signs of a respite from the recent blood-letting on Tuesday as bargain hunters helped Asian stocks off three-year lows, though share markets in China, epicentre of the rout, suffered another big sell-off.

The MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan .MIAPJ0000PUS rose 1.1 percent after an initial dip to three-year lows, paring about a quarter of Monday's losses.

Japan's Nikkei .N225, which saw extremely volatile trading, ended 4 percent down.

European shares are seen to open higher, with spread-betters expecting more than 2 percent gains in Germany's DAX .GDAXI and a rise of above 1 percent in Britain's FTSE .FTSE.

"The recent turmoil has left even the most hardened trader gasping for air. And there's probably more to come," said Frederic Neumann, HSBC's co-head of Asian economics research, in a note to clients.

"China's economy continues to slow and the (U.S.) Fed may still hike rates before the end of the year. That puts further cracks into the two main growth pillars for the world economy of recent years: Chinese demand (including commodities) and easy money," Neumann said, even as he added that a re-run of Asia's financial crisis in the late 1990s was unlikely.

U.S. stock futures ESc1 gained 2.0 percent, aiding performance in some markets as signalling that New York markets which plunged on Monday will open stronger later in the day.

"There appears to be buyback as many markets look oversold after panicky selling in the last few days. Even the shares that had little business ties with China were sold," said Yukino Yamada, senior strategist at Daiwa Securities.

Mainland Chinese shares had another calamitous day, with the Shanghai Composite Index .SSEC falling another 7 percent and breaking below the key psychological level of 3,000. The index fell 15 percent the previous three days, including an 8.5 percent collapse on Monday.

"Global investors are cannibalising each other. Calling it a market disaster is not an overstatement," said Zhou Lin, an analyst at Huatai Securities.

"The mood of panic is dominating the market ... And I don't see any signs of meaningful government intervention."

Underlining concerns about China, Japanese Finance Minister Taro Aso said on Tuesday he hoped Beijing would take action to stabilise its economy and that Tokyo had no plans for now to unveil its own new economic stimulus package.

A man walks past an electronic board displaying Japan's Nikkei average (top C) and various countries' stock price index outside a brokerage in Tokyo, August 24, 2015.—REUTERS

MSCI's all country world index .MIWD0000PUS hovered near 10 1/2-month low marked on Monday, when it had fallen 3.8 percent, its biggest fall in almost four years.

Global share markets have been hit by worries that the Chinese economy, the most important engine for the world economy, was growing at a much slower pace than Beijing's 7 percent target for 2015.

Investors are also unnerved by uncertainty over U.S. monetary policy. The Federal Reserve has said it plans to raise interest rates this year for the first time in almost a decade.

The heavy fall in share prices worldwide over the past week has sharply reduced expectations of a U.S. rate hike in September, but the outlook is far from clear.

Atlanta Fed President Dennis Lockhart, whose comments earlier this month sparked expectations of a hike in September, said on Monday that the Federal Reserve will likely begin raising rates "sometime this year."

On Wall Street, the S&P 500 Index .SPX fell 3.9 percent to a 10-month low on Monday. The CBOE volatility index .VIX, a key measure of U.S. equity volatility, shot up to more than 50 percent at one point for the first time since the 2008 global financial crisis.

Because some investors often fund their investment in risk assets by borrowing low-yielding euro and yen, the sell-off in shares helped send both currencies to seven-month highs.

On Monday, the euro rose as high as $1.1715 EUR= while the yen strengthened to 116.15 to the dollar JPY=.

But both currencies stepped back in Asia on Tuesday. The euro slipped 0.7 percent to $1.1531 while the yen retreated to 119.05 to the dollar.

Oil prices also stabilised in Asia after having plunged more than 6 percent on Monday to 6 1/2-year lows.

U.S. crude futures CLc1 traded at $38.73 per barrel, up 1.2 percent on the day, and off Monday's low of $37.75.

Brent crude futures last stood at $43.03 after having fallen to $42.23 on Monday.

Brent still stood not far from $36.20, its low hit in the aftermath of the global financial crisis, having fallen more than 66 percent from last year's peak.

Reuters

An aspirin a day – for years – may keep colon cancer away

NEW YORK, 25 Aug — Taking one or two baby aspirins a day for at least five years was tied to a lower risk of colorectal cancer in a study from Denmark.

Earlier studies had suggested that aspirin and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) such as ibuprofen may help protect against colorectal cancer, but it wasn't clear how much had to be taken, and for how long, to achieve those benefits.

Now, using data on more than 113,000 individuals, researchers have been trying to sort out the relationship between aspirin and NSAIDs, duration of treatment, and colorectal cancer rates.

In general, the risk of developing colorectal cancer varies with age, race, ethnicity and lifestyle. More than 90 percent of cases are diagnosed in people older than 50, according to the National Cancer Institute.

An online risk calculator from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (available here: 1.usa.gov/1DlscTL) indicates that in the U.S., for an average white or black woman in her late fifties, the 10-year risk of developing colorectal cancer is between 1 and 1.4 percent, and her lifetime risk is between 5 and 5.4 percent. For an average black or white male of the same age, the corresponding risks would be about 1.4 percent and 5.8 percent.

In the new study from Denmark, taking low-dose aspirin continuously for at least five years appeared to reduce the risk of colorectal cancer by 27%, and using nonaspirin NSAIDs for at least five years appeared to reduce it by 30%.

On the other hand, merely having taken aspirin did not alter the colorectal cancer risk, they reported in Annals of Internal Medicine.

"Unless low-dose aspirin is taken continuously, there is little protection against colorectal cancer," Dr. Soren Friis from the Danish Cancer Society Research Center in Copenhagen told Reuters Health.

Nonaspirin NSAIDs were also protective against colorectal cancer with consistent long-term use, "and there was some indication that even non-continuous use of these agents may be (marginally) effective for the prevention of colorectal cancer," Dr. Friis said.

Aspirin and NSAIDs carry their own risks, however. Long-term use can cause gastrointestinal bleeding, for example, so the potential reduction in colon cancer risk needs to be balanced against potential side effects, the authors warn.

The study had several limitations. For instance, the researchers only had data for users who obtained their aspirin or NSAIDs from doctors' prescriptions. They didn't include patients who made over-the-counter purchases of the medicines. Also, the researchers can't rule out the possibility that other factors may have increased participants' risk for colorectal cancer, such as obesity, dietary habits, alcohol use, and family history of colorectal cancer.

Dr. Friis emphasized that people should not start taking aspirin or NSAIDs on the basis of the new findings.

"Self-medication with aspirin or non-aspirin NSAIDs is strongly discouraged, due to the possibility of serious adverse events," Dr. Friis said. "The public should not take any medication regularly without consulting with a physician."— *Reuters*

German export engine powers quarter two growth, investment drags

BERLIN, 25 Aug — A strong rise in German exports outstripped gains in imports to power growth of 0.4 percent in Europe's largest economy in the second quarter, data showed on Tuesday.

The outlook for industrial companies is buoyed by full order books, but investments flagged in the quarter, clouding the picture as concerns over a global economic slowdown intensify. The figures from Germany's Federal Statistics Office showed Germany's export engine, traditionally its major growth driver, was in rude health at the mid-point of 2015.

Exports rose by 2.2 percent on the quarter in the April-June period, outperforming a 0.8-percent increase in imports. This meant that foreign trade added 0.7 percentage points to GDP while domestic demand subtracted 0.3 percentage points. However, gross capital investment subtracted 0.1 percentage points from GDP and inventories deducted 0.4 percent as companies ran down stocks.

"Companies are not investing as they really should," said Ulrike Kastens at Sal. Oppenheim.

"The low interest rate is not decisive for them, but rather developments in key markets. Here there are major question marks, as developments in China and other emerging markets show."

Earnings by German companies have been exceeding expectations, though they are concerned about the uncertain global outlook. Germany's benchmark DAX share index fell 4.7 percent on Monday following a rout in Chinese markets.

Around half of Germany's 30 blue-chip companies reported consensus-beating financial results for April-June. More than two thirds nonetheless stuck with their guidance for the year as a whole as political and economic uncertainties remain in focus.

In positive news for the economic outlook, figures released earlier this month showed industrial orders recorded their biggest gain since early 2011 in April-June thanks mainly to strong foreign demand.

However, the mood among analysts and investors in Germany worsened this month due to concerns about the unstable global backdrop. Germany's Ifo business climate index, due at 0800 GMT, is expected to show a slight fall for August.

Reuters

Japan's unmanned cargo ship arrives at International Space Station

TSUKUBA, (Japan), 25 Aug — An unmanned cargo ship that was launched from Japan last week to deliver food and other supplies arrived at the International Space Station on Monday, according to the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency.

The Kounotori 5 cargo transporter, developed in Japan, was carrying about 5.5 tons of supplies and experimental equipment, after similar missions by other countries failed recently. Japanese astronaut Kimiya Yui, 45, who is on the ISS, used a robotic arm to dock the transporter with the ISS.

On the ground, 52-year-old astronaut Koichi Wakata supported the work from a control room of the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration by communicating with Yui, making it the first docking operation carried out under the collaboration of Japanese. Yui told Wakata in Japanese that he felt "proud" of the Japanese team. "I'm a small wheel in space development, but I guess I was able to shine like a star of the first magnitude (by succeeding in the docking)," Yui said, looking relieved.

Wakata hailed the safe arrival of Kounotori to the ISS, which flies about 400 kilometers above Earth, and responded, "It was a great catch."

The flight of Kounotori, which means a stork in Japanese, was controlled by a team at JAXA's Tsukuba Space Center in Ibaraki Prefecture.

The cargo ship was launched aboard an H-2B rocket from the Tanegashima Space Center in Kagoshima Prefecture, southwestern Japan, on Wednesday after its liftoff had been postponed twice due to bad weather.

The mission follows the recent failures to send U.S. Dragon and Russian Progress cargo spacecraft to the ISS.

The delivery included supplies to support investigation on mysterious "dark matter," believed to pervade the universe, and equipment to raise mice at Kibo, Japan's laboratory at the ISS, for research on diseases and aging.

Kyodo News

In Toshiba scandal, the 'tough as nails' target setter

Japan's Toshiba Corp President Atsutoshi Nishida leaves after a news conference on its restructuring plans in Tokyo in this January 29, 2009 file photo. Picture taken January 29, 2009.—REUTERS

TOKYO, 25 Aug — Tom Scott, a former U.S. executive at Toshiba Corp (6502.T), remembers his former boss Atsutoshi Nishida as an aggressive leader who could motivate staff but also rattle them with tough sales targets and an occasional dressing down.

"He gave me goals that scared the hell out of me," Scott told Reuters after Nishida resigned as an adviser to Toshiba, along with two other former chief executives in the wake of a $1.2 billion accounting scandal.

"Tough as nails, maybe a little like Patton in World War 2, but an honorable guy," he said, looking back on his days working for Nishida's PC sales team in the 1990s. "He pushed us really hard, but I learned a lot from him. We all did."

It was this leadership style that propelled the former philosophy student's rise to the top of Toshiba after an inauspicious start as a local hire in Tehran. Now his, and other executives' management style is at the center of questions over how the nuclear-to-laptops conglomerate was engulfed in Japan's worst corporate scandal since Olympus Corp in 2011.

Nishida, Toshiba's president from 2005 to 2009, was at the helm when it began a pattern of "continual inappropriate accounting treatments", an outside panel of investigators hired by Toshiba concluded in a report released last month.

The panel said Nishida, and his successors Norio Sasaki and Hisao Tanaka, pushed division heads too hard with unrealistic targets, prompting the divisions to turn to questionable accounting tactics for seven years until a whistleblower notified the securities regulator in early 2015.

All three former presidents declined to comment through a company spokeswoman. Accounting problems were discovered in several businesses, including infrastructure projects, semiconductors and TVs. But the PC division was the most problematic, accounting for more than a third of the total inflated profits, the panel found.

Nishida, Sasaki and Tanaka have all denied ordering improper accounting to meet targets. But the panel said the men were in a position to know — or likely know — what the PC division was doing, given their knowledge of operations, reports they received from staff, and in setting targets that could not be reasonably achieved. The panel found the division engaged in "channel stuffing", a practice where at the end of the quarter it sold a high volume of parts to contract manufacturers at a significant mark up to the price the division had paid for them.

The division subtracted those mark-ups from its costs, boosting its earnings for the quarter. But the problem was Toshiba would later have to purchase the PCs made by its contractors at a price that would include the mark-up on the parts, meaning it was temporarily booking profits in a way that did not reflect the true nature of its accounts.

There are no specific rules banning "channel stuffing" under Japanese accounting standards. However using such transactions to inflate profits can violate the country's financial laws governing the accurate disclosure of financial statements, according to accounting experts. Japan's Securities Exchange and Surveillance Commission is conducting a probe into Toshiba and may recommend that the country's Financial Services Authority fine the company for submitting false financial statements, people familiar with the matter said. The regulator could also file a criminal complaint, though that is unlikely, they said.

Toshiba said last week it planned to restate its earnings in line with what the panel concluded. The company declined to comment on the possibility of regulatory sanctions.

The panel's 294-page report describes in detail how Toshiba's once highly touted governance structure failed to stop the problems. But it did little to address what investigators say drove Nishida, and his successors, to push so hard on financial targets in the first place.

Reuters interviewed a dozen people who worked with or knew Nishida. From those conversations, as well as a review of past interviews and earnings transcripts, emerges a picture of a charismatic and fiercely competitive leader who wanted to make his mark at Toshiba on the way to attaining the ultimate post: head of business lobby Keidanren. The Keidanren chairmanship is informally titled "the prime minister of the business world", a nod to its influential position at the nexus of business and politics in Japan. "He wanted to be known as a great businessman, and he wanted to be head of Keidanren," said a long-time associate.—*Reuters*

Apple's Cook reassures investors on China, stock boomerangs

Customers wait for the opening of an Apple store in Shenyang, Liaoning province, February 28, 2015.—REUTERS

SAN FRANCISCO, 25 Aug — Apple Inc's Chief Executive Tim Cook took an unusual step of reassuring shareholders on Monday in comments to CNBC about the iPhone maker's business in China ahead of a dramatic 13 percent drop and rebound in its stock that put it in positive territory.

Chinese consumers are critical to fueling demand for iPhones, and a slump in the country's stock market and Beijing's recent devaluation of the yuan have shaken Apple investors already worried about slowing growth in the world's No. 2 economy.

With Chinese stocks plunging close to 9 percent earlier on Monday, Cook took the rare step of commenting on the health of Apple's business midway through a financial quarter. Before the opening bell on Wall Street, he wrote in an emailed response to questions that iPhone activations in China had accelerated over the past few weeks.

He also said the App Store in China had its best performance of the year over the past two weeks.

"Obviously I can't predict the future, but our performance so far this quarter is reassuring. Additionally, I continue to believe China represents an unprecedented opportunity over the long term," Cook wrote.

In the early minutes of trade, Apple shares slumped as much as 13 percent to a year-low of $92 amid a selloff in the broader U.S. market. But in a little over two hours they reversed those losses to trade up 2.25 percent at $108.12, adding around $85 billion to Apple's market capitalization from its earlier low.

That helped the Nasdaq composite and the S&P 500 index pull away from deep losses that had put them into correction territory.—*Reuters*

IN PICTURE
Photo: REUTERS

Promoters skate past a Myasishchev VM-T Atlant strategic airlift airplane on display at the MAKS International Aviation and Space Salon in Zhukovsky, outside Moscow, Russia, August 25, 2015.

IAEA asks member states for more money for Iran nuclear work

VIENNA, 25 Aug — The U.N. nuclear watchdog has asked its member states for more money to carry out its role under a deal to curtail Iran's nuclear programme, its chief Yukiya Amano said on Tuesday, saying current funds would run out next month.

The costs for the International Atomic Energy Agency's (IAEA) activities on Iran have so far been met through extra-budgetary contributions from members states.

After Tehran and six world powers reached agreement on July 14, sanctions relief for Iran hinges on IAEA reports on the country's past and present nuclear programme.

Amano called on member states to provide the IAEA with the money it needs for ongoing work in Iran and said the 800,000 euros ($924,000) per month it had already received would be exhausted by the end of next month.

The agency will need an additional 160,000 euros per month in the run-up to the implementation of the July 14 deal, which is expected early next year. Once officially implemented, the agency will need an annual 9.2 million euros. Amano said he would discuss to include expenditure on monitoring and verifying the Iran deal in the regular budget, which reached around 350 million euros last year, from 2017 onwards.

Reuters

Court orders Russia to pay compensation for Greenpeace ship seizure

AMSTERDAM, 25 Aug — An arbitration court in the Netherlands has ruled against Russia in the seizure of the Greenpeace ship Arctic Sunrise and ordered it to pay unspecified compensation in the case.

In a ruling published late on Monday, the tribunal ordered Russia to pay compensation for material damage to the Arctic Sunrise, which was held for months in 2013 after Russian authorities seized it during a protest against an offshore oil platform.

Reuters

Tropical depression Kilo moves away from Hawaii, causes heavy rain

HONOLULU, 25 Aug — Tropical depression Kilo veered farther away from the Hawaiian islands on Monday, sparing the state a direct hit, though heavy rain generated by the system triggered flood warnings, the National Weather Service and state officials said.

Kilo, with maximum sustained winds of 35 mph (56 kmh), turned away from the Hawaiian islands and on Monday was moving north-northwest on a path across the central Pacific that was expected to take it past uninhabited Johnston Atoll and farther away from any populated island, forecasts indicate.

"Probabilities are all near zero" that it will pose any threat to even the westernmost inhabited islands of the chain, Kauai and Niihau, said Chris Brenchley, forecaster with the National Weather Service's Central Pacific Hurricane Center in Honolulu.

Hawaii will be spared damaging winds from the storm, but heavy rain prompted flash-flood warnings on Monday on the popular destinations of Oahu and Maui.

A statewide flash flood watch was in effect until 6 p.m. local time on Tuesday, according to the Hawaii County Civil Defense. Several roads and state highways have been closed to traffic due to runoff, it said. Kilo was expected to gain strength again midweek as it continues its march away from the islands, reaching hurricane strength on Friday, forecast indicate.

Last week, Kilo looked poised to slam into Hawaii as a Category 1 hurricane. The most recent cyclone to make landfall in Hawaii was Iselle, which struck the Big Island as a tropical storm last August. But that storm caused far less destruction than Hurricane Iniki, the most powerful on record to strike Hawaii, which hit Kauai in September 1992 as a Category 4 storm.—*Reuters*

Former U.S. defense secretary, others visit Hiroshima A-bomb museum

HIROSHIMA, 25 Aug — Former U.S. Defense Secretary William Perry and other members of an organization for promoting a global ban on nuclear tests visited a museum in Hiroshima on Tuesday showcasing devastation in the city from the U.S. atomic bombing in 1945.

Ten members of the Group of Eminent Persons for the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization, also including former British Secretary of State for Defense Des Browne, visited the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum to see bomb-related exhibitions, while also meeting a bomb survivor on the sidelines of their gathering in the western Japanese city. The 78-year-old survivor, Keiko Ogura, told the members she believes they have the power to change the world with the abolition of nuclear weapons. She was 8 years old at the time of the bombing and was about 2.4 kilometers away from the epicenter. The organization comprising 20 members from all over the world working to bring into effect the international treaty aimed at banning nuclear explosions for testing is holding a two-day meeting through Tuesday in Hiroshima to discuss early implementation of the CTBT. The group, established in 2013, is slated to present a declaration later in the day. The meeting is the fourth of its kind and the first to be held in Japan. A total of 183 countries have signed the CTBT and 164 countries have ratified it, but eight countries including the United States, India, Iran and Pakistan have not yet done so.—*Kyodo News*

Members of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization's group of eminent persons, including former U.S. Defense Secretary William Perry, visit the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum on Aug. 25, 2015.
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Spain, Morocco arrest 14 suspected of recruiting for Islamic State

MADRID, 25 Aug — Spain and Morocco arrested 14 people on Tuesday suspected of recruiting fighters to join Islamic State in Syria and Iraq, Spain's Interior Ministry said. Suspects were detained in the outskirts of Madrid and in other cities and towns in Morocco, it added.

The arrests were linked to "a network ... capturing and sending foreign fighters to join the ranks of the terrorist organisation Daesh (Islamic State) in the Syrian-Iraq region that it controls," the ministry statement said.

The operation comes days after a 26-year-old Moroccan man was accused of attacking passengers on a train in France, armed with a Kalashnikov, an assault rifle and a box cutter knife.

Spain and other countries in Europe and north Africa have said they are alarmed about the risk of locals joining militants abroad and returning to launch attacks at home.

Reuters

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Cast members of movie "The 33" Mario Casas, Juan Pablo Raba, Kate del Castillo, Rodrigo Santoro and Lou Diamond Phillips (L to R) attend a press conference in Mexico City, Mexico, on Aug. 24, 2015. The movie is based on true event, the story of 33 Chilean miners who were trapped 69 days after the collapse of the San Jose mine in 2010. —Xinhua

Luke Bryan

holds onto Billboard top spot for second week

Luke Bryan accepts the award for male video of the year for "Play It Again" during the 2015 CMT Awards in Nashville, Tennessee June 10, 2015. Reuters

Los Angeles, 25 Aug — Country singer Luke Bryan held onto the top spot of the weekly U.S. Billboard 200 album chart on Monday, holding off Ed Sheeran and Dr Dre.

"Kill The Lights," the fifth studio album from Bryan, sold 83,000 albums, 114,000 songs and was streamed 6.8 million times, for a total tally of 99,000 units sold in its second week.

Edging narrowly into second place was British singer-songwriter Ed Sheeran's 2014 record "X," which saw a resurge with 97,000 units sold in its 60th week on the Billboard 200 chart. Rapper Dr Dre's "Compton" dropped one spot to No. 3 this week with sales of 51,000 units, while N.W.A.'s seminal 1988 album "Straight Outta Compton" climbed from No. 30 last week to No. 4 this week with 44,000 units sold. Both Dr Dre and N.W.A.'s music have benefited from the spotlight shed on the Southern California rappers in Universal Pictures' biopic "Straight Outta Compton," which topped the box office again over the weekend. The Billboard 200 chart tallies album sales, song sales (10 songs equal one album) and streaming activity (1,500 streams equal one album).

Other new entries in the top 10 of the Billboard 200 chart this week include "Cry Baby" by former "The Voice" contest Melanie Martinez at No. 6 and heavy metal band Bullet For My Valentine's "Venom" at No. 8.—*Reuters*

Dutch hope to buy Rembrandt portraits for 160 million euros

Amsterdam, 25 Aug — The national Rijksmuseum gallery in Amsterdam is close to finalizing a 160 million euro deal to purchase two portraits by the Dutch master Rembrandt from the French Rothschild family, museum director Wim Pijbes said on Monday.

The portraits, which date back to 1634, depict trader Marten Soolmans and his wife Oopjen Coppit and were painted for their wedding. The artworks were bought by Baron Gustave de Rothschild in 1877 and have been in France since then.

General Director of Rijksmuseum Wim Pijbes poses in Amsterdam April 4, 2013.—Reuters

Pijbes told Dutch radio broadcaster BNR that the portraits were valued at 160 million euros ($185 million), calling the purchase a "realistic dream". He said the museum was in talks with financiers.

More than 2.4 million visitors flocked to the Rijksmuseum in 2014 to view its collection, which also includes Rembrandt's most famous work, "The Nightwatch."—*Reuters*

One Direction's Horan says band to take break, not splitting

London, 25 Aug — One Direction member Niall Horan said Monday that the hugely successful British boy band will take a "well earned break" next year, but are not splitting up.

Horan, 21, told his 23 million fans on Twitter that the group will continue to tour and play new music, after a report in a British newspaper said the band will be taking a year-long break next year so that members can pursue separate interests.

"We are not splitting up, but we will be taking a well earned break at some point next year," he said. "Don't worry though, we still have lots we want to achieve!"

A Sony Music representative for the band declined to comment to Reuters. The band, now comprising Horan, Liam Payne, Louis Tomlinson and Harry Styles, soared to international prominence after finishing third on the British version of "the X Factor" in 2010.

The break will come after the band, reduced to four members following the departure of Zayn Malik earlier this year, release their fifth album in March, the report in the Sun said.

"The guys have been together for five years, which is an incredible run for any boy band," a source told The Sun.

"They fully deserve to have at least a year to work on their own projects. There is absolutely no bad blood between them and they are all 100 percent behind the decision."

The group's last scheduled stadium concert will be in Sheffield, England on Oct. 31. They will promote their new album in February, after a Christmas break, the Sun said.—*Reuters*

One Direction poses backstage with their awards for Top Duo or Group and Top Touring Band during the 2015 Billboard Music Awards in Las Vegas, Nevada May 17, 2015. —Reuters

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Dakar Rally to bypass Peru after it cancels as host due to El Nino

Dakar competitors begin riding in the 8th stage of the Dakar Rally 2015 on the Salar de Uyuni salt flat, from Uyuni to Iquique, January 12, 2015.—Reuters

Lima, 25 Aug — The annual South American off-road Dakar Rally will be rerouted, organizers said on Monday as Peru withdrew as host due to forecasts for a strong El Nino weather pattern which has caused floods and landslides there in the past.

Peru also canceled its hosting of a smaller Dakar Rally race in September called the Desafio Inca.

The Dakar Rally was scheduled to start in the coastal capital Lima on Jan. 3, routing drivers of motorbikes, cars and trucks south through dune-filled deserts to Bolivia and Argentina. The 2015 edition of the race covered 5,592 miles (9,000 km).

Participating countries must pay to host the event. Peru said it will instead focus on efforts to mitigate El Nino.

Dakar Rally organizers said they understood Peru's decision and would announce a new route for the annual event in the second half of September. "The entire Dakar organizing team is already hard at work to create an alternative route with optimal sporting and safety conditions," organizers said in a statement.

Peru has forecast a "strong" El Nino, a warming of sea-surface temperatures in the Pacific, and said it could shape up to be an "extraordinary" event in the summer, which starts in December in the Southern Hemisphere. The government is due to issue an updated El Nino report later this month.

Weather bureaus in the United States, Japan and Australia have also been increasing their forecasts for the strength and duration of the weather pattern.

The Dakar Rally came to South America in 2009. It started out as a grueling race from Paris across the Sahara to the Senegalese capital Dakar.

Reuters

Recycling - fashion world's antidote to environmental concerns

Stockholm, 25 Aug — Hennes & Mauritz (HMb.ST), the world's second-biggest fashion retailer, is launching a new effort to promote recycling as it seeks to cut its environmental impact, boost its ethical credentials and address looming shortages of raw materials.

The move comes as critics point out the damage being caused by a throwaway culture fuelled by cheap clothing that has seen a sharp rise in the number of garments sold annually around the world.

Sweden's H&M, which is launching a line of jeans containing recycled cotton next week, will offer an annual 1-million-euro ($1.16 million) prize for new techniques to recycle clothes, Chief Executive Karl-Johan Persson told Reuters.

"No company, fast-fashion or not, can continue exactly like today," Persson said. "The (prize's) largest potential lies with finding new technology that means we can recycle the fibres with unchanged quality."

As population pressure mounts, retailers like H&M are concerned about potential future shortages of cotton, which is heavily water and pesticide dependent.

Existing cotton recycling methods make poor-quality fibres, and there is no efficient way to recycle garments of mixed materials, so the vast majority of clothes end up in land fill.

Johan Rockstrom, environmental science professor at Stockholm University and a jury member for the H&M prize, said the fashion industry needs to find new business models to respond to global resource shortages.

"This is a great challenge for H&M whose trademark is cheap clothes at good quality ... The fact it's cheap means there's a risk people buy and throw away, or buy too much," he said. H&M revenues have more than doubled since 2006, reaching 151 billion Swedish crowns ($18.3 billion) in the year to last November, making it the second biggest fashion retailer after Spain's Inditex (ITX.MC).

Bernstein analyst Anne-Charlotte Windal said the industry's sustainability drive reflected the dilemma facing "fast-fashion" companies that constantly churn out new styles.

"The model only works if they encourage very frequent purchases, but the consumers are aware of the increasing effect it has on the environment," she said.

Other companies are coming up with their own solutions.

Mud Jeans is a Dutch company which leases its garments to consumers and then offers them a replacement each year, repairing and reselling the used ones or recycling the fabric.

"This is the future: producers that are responsible for their own waste," said Chief Executive Bert van Son.

"Our company can do this because we are quite small: that it is why we can do these kinds of crazy things because we can keep cotton pure. If you are a big store chain it is very complicated if you mix cotton and polyester."

H&M joined forces earlier this year with Puma-owner Kering (PRTP.PA) to support start-up Worn Again which is developing a technology for separating and extracting fibres in mixed-material garments.—*Reuters*

Shoppers look over merchandise at Hennes & Mauritz (H&M) store in Peru, at the Jockey Plaza mall in Lima, July 21, 2015.— Reuters

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- TV Drama Series

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Thai clubs eye striker Aung Thu

Yangon, 25 Aug — Football clubs in Thailand have reportedly expressed interest in hiring Myanmar national team's striker Aung Thu, who won the 2014 ASEAN Football Federation's best young player award.

"[A deal] would require agreement from all parties — the player, coaches and the player's agent in Myanmar," said the President of Myanmar Football Federation, U Zaw Zaw.

"I'd jump at the chance to join a team in Thailand as it would broaden my experience," the striker said.

Aung Thu began his career in Mandalay, where he remains on a long-term contract with Yadanarbon Football Club.

The young footballer caught the attention of talent scouts when he scored the winning goals during last year's AFF U-19 Championship — which saw Myanmar qualify for the U-20 World Cup.

GNLM

Yadanarbon FC to go head-to-head with Ayeyawady United in grand final

Yangon, 24 Aug — Defending champion Ayeyawady United Football Club will play Yadanarbon Football Club in the grand final of the Bogyoke Aung San Cup on 27 September.

Group matches were played at Aung San Stadium in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, however complaints from players and coaches about the poor quality of the field — which has been damaged by the rains as it lacks an adequate drainage system — resulted in the final being moved to Thuwunna Stadium, said Myanmar Football Federation.

The current reigning champion Ayeyawady United beat Rakhine FC in the semi-final, while Yadanarbon FC defeated Magway FC.

The winning team will be awarded prize money of K30 million (US$23,500) and will qualify for the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Cup.—*GNLM*

Injuries disrupt Argentina World Cup qualifying build-up

Argentina's Angel Di Maria reacts during the Copa America 2015 final soccer match against Chile at the National Stadium in Santiago, Chile, July 4, 2015.—Reuters

Buenos Aires, 25 Aug — Argentina have lost four injured or unfit players for their September tour of Texas including Angel Di Maria and Javier Pastore, the Argentine FA said on Monday.

Coach Gerardo Martino has also lost Pablo Zabaleta and Lucas Biglia calling up San Lorenzo defender Emmanuel Mas and River Plate midfielder Matias Kranevitter in their place.

Martino, who announced his squad a week ago, may name more players for the tour with friendlies against Bolivia in Houston on Sept. 4 and Mexico in Dallas four days later, the AFA said on its website.

Argentina are using the tour to prepare for their opening South American 2018 World Cup qualifiers in October.

Di Maria has just joined Paris Saint-Germain from Manchester United and needs to work on his fitness while his PSG team mate Pastore is nursing a leg muscle injury.

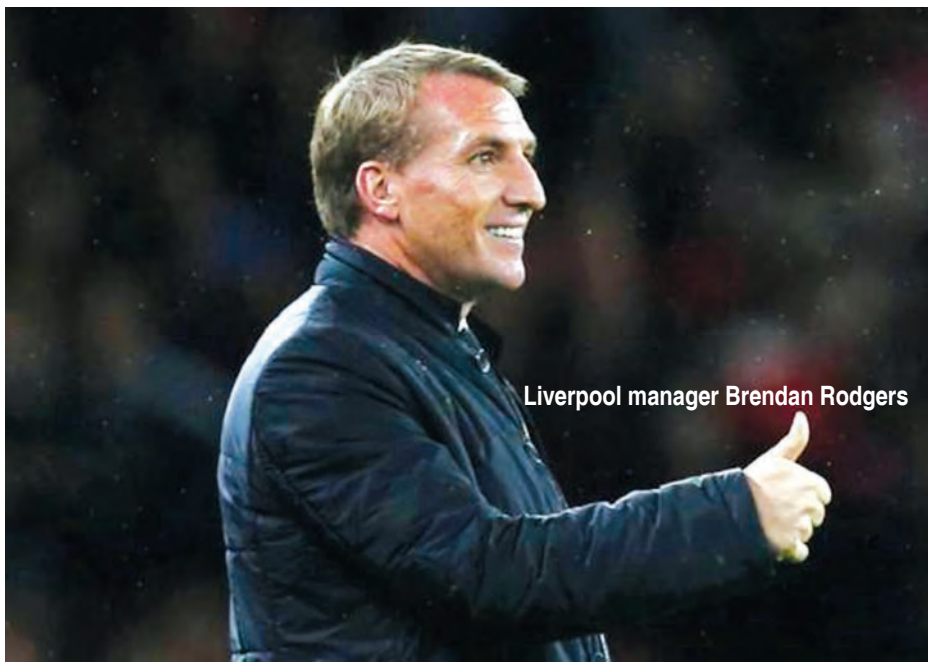
Manchester City right back Zabaleta is out for at least a month with a damaged knee ligament while Biglia suffered an injury to his right leg playing for Lazio last weekend.

Local media speculated Martino would name Nicolas Gaitan of Benfica and Atletico Madrid's Angel Correa to replace Di Maria and Pastore.

Atletico reported that Argentina under-20 forward Correa had already been called up.

"Correa has been called up by Gerardo 'Tata' Martino for the ... next two friendlies, which means his first call-up to the senior (Argentine) national team," they said on their website (www.clubatleticodemadrid.com).—*Reuters*

Rodgers hails defensive cohesion against 'top-class' Arsenal



Liverpool manager Brendan Rodgers

London, 25 Aug — Manager Brendan Rodgers hailed the return of Liverpool's high-intensity pressing after the club's third clean sheet in a row during Monday's 0-0 draw at Arsenal and said their defensive cohesion would allow the team's creative talents to flourish.

Liverpool are yet to concede a goal in the Premier League this season after letting in 48 last year, the worst record of any side that finished in the top six apart from Tottenham Hotspur, and one that included a 4-1 rout the last time they visited the Emirates.

"Our performance level is growing all the time, you see our defensive organisation was very good against a top-class team," the Northern Irishman said after the game.

"With my teams the focus is always very much on the football element.

"But anyone who has followed my career as a youth coach through into senior management, (knows) it's very much about the intensity of how we press and that cohesion as a team," Rodgers added.

"That was something that drifted last season, for sure, so it was very important, especially with a number of new players coming in, that our defensive organisation was super organised," the 42-year-old said.

"That'll be the platform for us with all our creative talent." Rodgers said he was satisfied with the performance but disappointed not to get the win after Liverpool dominated in the first half only to be kept at bay by the impressive Petr Cech.

"The overriding feeling is we get a point, a clean sheet and we move to the next game," the manager said. "We definitely could have had all three points," he added. "Certainly performance-wise, I was very happy with how we worked." Midfielders Jordan Henderson and Adam Lallana, who started the 1-0 wins against Stoke City and Bournemouth, missed the Arsenal game due to injury.

Henderson was ruled out with a foot problem while Lallana missed the game due to a thigh injury.

Liverpool, who sit third in the table with seven points from a possible nine, take on West Ham United at Anfield on Saturday and Rodgers said the club would continue monitoring Henderson and Lallana before deciding whether they could play a part.—*Reuters*

IOC wants stadium ready by Jan. 2020 but gov't can't promise

Tokyo, 25 Aug — Olympic minister Toshiaki Endo said Tuesday that he cannot guarantee the new National Stadium will be delivered by January 2020 as requested by the International Olympic Committee.

"It was going to be April on a very tight schedule," Endo said, referring to the construction plans of the main Olympic stadium for the 2020 Tokyo Games.

"We can ask the contractors to push it, but we have no idea if it's doable." Endo, along with Tokyo 2020 chief Yoshiro Mori, met on Tuesday with IOC vice president John Coates, the head of the Coordination Commission for the Tokyo Olympics.

Coates asked Endo to have the stadium ready by January 2020 so the organizing committee would have ample time to run a battery of tests before the Games open in August, but it appears Tokyo may not be able to oblige.

Coates also made it clear during the meeting that the IOC is not demanding the stadium have a minimum capacity of 80,000, which was the number of seats set for the old design scrapped by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. The government is expected to come up with a new plan as early as by the end of this month, detailing the stadium's costs and construction schedule.—*Kyodo News*

FIFA dismiss Indonesia claims they will visit Jakarta

Zurich, 25 Aug — FIFA have dismissed claims by Indonesia that they will visit Jakarta in October with a view to overturning the football ban on the Southeast Asian nation for government interference.

Indonesian Youth and Sports Minister Imam Nahrawi said on Friday FIFA would send an investigative team and see that all was well again in the country's soccer governance, but the world governing body told Reuters on Tuesday the trip was news to them.

"FIFA and AFC (Asian Football Confederation) would like to confirm that no such visit is planned," a spokesman said. "Nor will a FIFA/AFC mission take place until the respective governmental authorities have duly respected the principle of autonomy of sports organisations."

FIFA banned Indonesia in June after the government refused to back down in their demands that the local football association (PSSI) block two clubs from taking part in the top flight domestic league because of concerns about their ownership.

The PSSI stood firm but the league was halted after two rounds and eventually cancelled after the government stepped in. Attempts to restart the Super League have failed.

The FIFA suspension led to Indonesia, one of Asia's biggest soccer markets, being kicked-out of the joint 2018 World Cup and 2019 Asian Cup qualifying campaign.—*Reuters*

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