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PROTESTERS LET FREE

35 labour rights protestors have been found not guilty

Zin Oo (Myanma Alin)

"OUT of 51 labour protestors who were detained after their protest was dispersed by police in mid May, 35 returned home yesterday," said U Soe Aung, Deputy Administrator of Ottara District General Administration Department.

"22 men and 14 women totaling 36 were released from detention at the Yamethin Correctional Department today because they were found not guilty. However, the remaining 35 including Ko Khaing Min are still being detained for further interrogation," he added.

The owner of the factory and the Sagaing Region Government have made arrangements to reinstate the workers who were released yesterday, said U Soe Aung.

Ko Min Min, one the workers released, said they would demand the release of the remaining protestors as well as the full respect of their legal rights.

U Soe Aung, deputy head of Ottara District General Administration Department, has urged the workers to demand their rights within the framework of law.

The General Administration Department brought them home back yesterday.

Police dispersed a demonstration held by employees of a factory in Sagaing Region yesterday as they tried to pass barricades blocking them from entering Nay Pyi Taw, arresting the

movement's leaders outside the capital.

"The workers from the Myanmar Veneer and Plywood Private Co Ltd factory in Sagaing Region did not accept the offer

from police to negotiate in accordance with the Labour Law, and when they tried to pass the barricades, the police broke up the crowd without hurting them," said U Aye Thaung, administra-

tor of Ottarathiri District.

Before the crackdown, the protestors reached an agreement with negotiators to hold talks with the chairman of the Nay Pyi Taw Council.

However, the protestors ultimately rejected the offer from the Nay Pyi Taw Council chairman to negotiate with five labour leaders and attempted to pass the barricades.



Released protestors being taken home to Sagaing. PHOTO: ZIN Oo (MYANMA ALIN)

Govt forms committee to implement peace, stability, development in Rakhine State

GOVERNMENT formed a Central Committee for the Implementation of Peace and Development in Rakhine State with State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi as chairperson yesterday.

The central committee includes 20 cabinet ministers, according to an announcement from the President's Office.

Meanwhile, the President's Office also announced the forma-

tion of four working committees to assist the central committee in order to achieve success in the implementation of peace, stability and development.

The four working committees are Security, Peace and Stability and the Rule of Law Working Committee, Immigration and Citizenship Scrutinising Working Committee, Settlement and Socio-economic Development

Working Committee and Working Committee on Cooperation with UN Agencies and International Organizations

The previous government lifted the state of emergency imposed on Rakhine State a day before the incumbent government took office on 29 March, ending an emergency state protocol that had been in place for four years.—GNLM

129 fishermen brought home

A TOTAL of 129 Myanmar fishermen returned home yesterday after serving prison terms in India for illegally entering the country's territorial waters.

The return of first batch of 249 Myanmar fishermen who were detained at Open Distress Camps of India comes after several rounds of negotiation with the Indian authorities.

The first batch included 104 persons from Ayeyawady Region, 23 from Rakhine State and two from Yangon Region.

All were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by the authorities.

They were provided with cash before being sent home. The remaining fishermen will return on 2 June by chartered flight.

The fishermen were arrested by the Indian navy while floating in the territorial waters of India due to a storm and engine failure.

Authorities spent US\$68,000 from the national disaster management fund to bring them home.—Zaw Min Latt

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw told to approve Myanmar ratification for Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of ASEAN

UNDER the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the Association of Southeast Asia Nations, Myanmar diplomats assigned to the ASEAN Secretariat will receive exemptions and privileges while they are performing their duties, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Tin told parliamentarians at the Py-

idaungsu Hluttaw session yesterday.

According to the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, the agreement was signed by Foreign Affairs Ministers of ASEAN member states including Myanmar on 25 October, 2009.

As a member state, Myanmar has a responsibility to

ratify the agreement, he said, adding that Laos and Malaysia are trying to finalise the implementation of internal rules and regulations ahead of ratifying the agreement.

Among 10 ASEAN countries, Myanmar, Malaysia and Laos remain to ratify the agreement.—*Myanmar News Agency*

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw holds talks with Chairman of US Democracy Partnership



Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than receives Mr Peter Roskam. PHOTO: MNA

MAHN Win Khaing Than, Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw, and Mr Peter Roskam, Chairman of the US House of Representatives' Democracy Partnership, held talks in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday over establishing friendly relations between the parliaments of the two countries and the US's

assistance in the democratisation of Myanmar.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Speaker U Aye Tha Aung and chairmen of the committees of Amyotha Hluttaw.

MR Peter Roskam, Chairman of the US House of Representatives' Democracy Partner-

ship, also called on U Win Myint, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw yesterday.

During the meeting at the parliamentary building in Nay Pyi Taw the two representatives exchanged views on matters related to cooperation between the two governments and parliaments.—*Myanmar News Agency*

No information available yet on fund of artisanal oil well owners

INFORMATION concerning a K2.8 billion fund contributed by owners of artisanal oil wells for regional development has not been available until now and investigation is still ongoing to discover how the fund was used by the previous Magwe Region government, Union Minister U Pe Zin Tun told the Pyithu Hluttaw yesterday.

In his response to a question raised by U Tun Tun of Pwintbyu Constituency, the Union minister

said that no information about the fund was provided in the records that described the previous regional government's functions from 2011 to 2015.

As the fund was not handed over to the present regional government, no development undertakings can be carried out in the region, added the Union minister while answering the question on behalf of Magwe Region government at the parliament.

During yesterday's Pyithu Hluttaw session, the Union minister also responded to a question regarding electric power supply in Loikaw, Kayah State and Kyauktada Township, Yangon Region.

The Pyithu Hluttaw session agreed to discuss a motion calling on the Union government to reform the Public Health Department in order to improve the efficiency of public health care during the session.—*Myanmar News Agency*

Amyotha Hluttaw approves Peaceful Assembly and Procession Bill with amendments

THE Amyotha Hluttaw session held yesterday approved the Peaceful Assembly and Procession Bill with amendments to some provisions within it.

Under the new bill, a request to hold a protest must be submitted to the head of the appropriate police station and copies of the letter of protest request need to be distributed to the heads of other police stations in the townships where protestors are set to walk through at

least 48 hours before the beginning of the event.

It is also required that protestors not violate the rules in the law and rules set in advance in accordance with regional requirements by officials or organisations concerned. They must avoid carrying any weapons while staging a legal protest.

According to the new bill, protestors can receive a jail sentence of no more than three months or

a fine not exceeding K30,000, or both, as a punishment for failing to inform the authorities concerned of the intention to stage a peaceful assembly and procession.

If a person or persons are found guilty of the same offence for the second time a prison term of no more than one year or a fine of no more than K100,000 or both, will be given according to the revised bill.—*Myanmar News Agency*

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Formation of Central Committee on Implementation of Peace, Stability and Development of Rakhine State

In order to ensure successful realization of peace, stability and development in Rakhine State, **Central Committee on Implementation of Peace, Stability and Development of Rakhine State** has been formed as follows:-

(1) State Counsellor	Chairman
(2) Union Minister for Border Affairs	Vice Chairman
(3) Rakhine State Chief Minister	Vice Chairman
(4) Union Minister for Home Affairs	Member
(5) Union Minister for Defense	Member
(6) Union Minister for the Office of State Counsellor	Member
(7) Union Minister for Information	Member
(8) Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture	Member
(9) Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation	Member
(10) Union Minister for Transport and Communications	Member
(11) Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation	Member
(12) Union Minister for Electricity and Energy	Member
(13) Union Minister for Labour, Immigration and Population	Member
(14) Union Minister for Industry	Member
(15) Union Minister for Commerce	Member
(16) Union Minister for Education	Member
(17) Union Minister for Health and Sports	Member
(18) Union Minister for Planning and Finance	Member
(19) Union Minister for Construction	Member
(20) Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement	Member
(21) Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism	Member
(22) Union Minister for Ethnic Affairs	Member
(23) Attorney-General of the Union	Member
(24) Minister of State for Foreign Affairs	Member
(25) Permanent Secretary at the President's Office	Member
(26) Deputy Minister for Border Affairs	Secretary
(27) Head of Rakhine State General Administration Department	Joint Secretary

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Committee, subcommittees established for Union Peace Conference (21st Century Panglong Conference) preparation

A PREPARATORY committee and subcommittees for the holding of the Union Peace Conference (21st Century Panglong Conference) were formed yesterday with the release of Notification 26/2016 dated 31-5-2016 by the President's Office.

The Preparatory Committee was formed with Chief Negotiator Dr Tin Myo Win as chairman, Union Minister for the Office of State Counsellor U Kyaw Tint Swe as vice chairman, Myanmar Peace Centre's special adviser U Hla Maung Shwe as secretary and 13 members.

The preparatory committee is tasked with making preparations for the involvement of all stakeholders in the Union

Peace Conference (21st Century Panglong Conference) and the successful holding of the conference.

Subcommittee 1 is tasked with holding talks with signatories to the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement-NCA and will be led by Lt-Gen Yar Pyae as chairman, Padoh Saw Kwe Htoo Win as vice-chairman, Dr Salai Lian Hmung Sakhong as secretary 1 and Dr Min Zaw Oo as secretary 2.

Subcommittee 2 is tasked with holding talks with NCA non-signatories was was formed with Dr Tin Myo Win as chairman, U Hla Maung Shwe as secretary and seven members.—*Myanmar News Agency*

President holds talks with US HoR Democracy Partnership Chairman

PRESIDENT U Htin Kyaw received a delegation of the United States' House of Representatives (HoR) led by Democracy Partnership Chairman Mr Peter Roskam at 11 am yesterday in the hall of the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw.

Mr Peter Roskam said during the meeting with President U Htin Kyaw that he understood people had voted for the new government with high expectations, that he believed people would understand that the new government had to take time to implement matters for the benefit of the people and that it was necessary to strike a proper balance between freedom, stability, peace and security.

Mr Roskam also exchanged views with the president regarding the interaction between the Hluttaw and government and the role of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs). President U Htin Kyaw agreed that people had placed high hopes upon the incumbent government, adding they are being faced with many challenges.

He went on to say that effort

will be exerted to implement the 100-day plan as well as to make both people and international community understand his government, adding that his government is in constant touch with the Hluttaws, that cooperation will be continued in cases of differences of opinion of any kind, that confidence building between and among individuals and groups is important, that freedom, stability, peace and security are intertwined and that awareness is being given to be able to allow freedom with certain limitations imposed.

President U Htin Kyaw discussed matters relating to cooperation with friendly nations inclusive of US and neighbouring nations.

Also present at the meeting were Union ministers U Kyaw Tint Swe and Dr Pe Myint, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Tin, and the US Ambassador to Myanmar.

The US delegation will meet cabinet members, Hluttaw representatives and CSOs, it has been learned.—*Myanmar News Agency*



President U Htin Kyaw and Union Ministers pose for documentary photo with the delegation of the United States' House of Representatives . PHOTO: MNA



President U Htin Kyaw welcomes outgoing Indian Ambassador Mr Gautam Mukhopadhyaya. PHOTO: MNA

Outgoing Indian Ambassador calls on President

PRESIDENT U Htin Kyaw received Ambassador of India to Myanmar Mr Gautam Mukhopadhyaya, who has completed his tour of duty at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the call the two representatives discussed matters related to cooperation in bilateral friendship and the cultural sector.

Also present at the call were Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint and Minister of state for foreign affairs U Kyaw Tin and officials.—*Myanmar News Agency*

Vice President U Myint Swe receives JPN-MYN Friendship Association Chairman

VICE President U Myint Swe received Mr Hideo Watanabe, Chairman of the Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association, at the Credential Hall of the Presidential Palace yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting the two representatives discussed bilater-

al cooperation for strengthening the friendship between the two countries.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications U Kyaw Myo and departmental heads.—*Myanmar News Agency*



Vice President U Myint Swe receives Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association Chairman Mr Hideo Watanabe. PHOTO: MNA

State Council Law, People's Council Law revoked

PRESIDENT U Htin Kyaw signed the Laws enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to Revoke the State Council Law and People's Council Law yesterday.

The 1974 State Council Law (1974 Pyithu Hluttaw Law No.10) and the 1974 People's Council Law (1974 Pyithu Hluttaw Law No.8) were revoked with this Law signed by the President in accordance with the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.—*Myanmar News Agency*

Committee to transform MPC into National Reconciliation and Peace Centre formed

A COMMITTEE aimed at transforming the Myanmar Peace Centre into the National Reconciliation and Peace Centre was formed yesterday with the release of President Office's Notification 25/2016 dated 31-5-2016.

The committee was formed with 10 members led by Union Minister for the Office of State Counsellor U Kyaw Tint Swe as chairman together with Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Ye Aung as vice chairman and Director-General U Maung Maung Tint of Planning Department of the Ministry of Planning and Finance as secretary.

The members of the commit-

tee are Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung, Lt-Gen Myint Soe (Retired), Deputy Attorney-General U Win Myint, Director-General U Khin Maung Win of Union Civil Service Board, Chief Negotiator Dr Tin Myo Win, Dr Min Zaw Oo and U Moe Zaw Oo. The 10-member committee is tasked with implementing seven points that include setting up of the NRPC Office in Nay Pyi Taw as the headquarters, transforming the former Myanmar Peace Centre into a Yangon Branch of the NRPC and making sure the NRPC manages local and foreign aid, the state budget allocation and coordinates with donors in the interest of achieving its goals. — *Myanmar News Agency*

Soft-shell crabs and giant sea perch breeding to be expanded in Myeik

THE breeding of soft-shell crabs and giant sea perch together in Myeik District of Taninthayi Region is producing successful outcomes, according to local breeders.

U Maung Maung Linn of Min Breeding Group said "We will expand our fish and crab breeding to over 10 acres this season."

Currently, breeders are selling a viss (approximately 1.6 kilograms) of giant sea perch for nearly K20,000.

"We normally put around 6,000 soft-shell crabs in a fishpond where they are grown for between eight and 10 months."—200

Soldiers and teachers carry out cleaning operation in compound of BEHS in Taikkyi township



Soldiers seen carrying out cleaning operation in compound of BEHS in Taikkyi township.

PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF DEFENCE SERVICES

TO allow local students the opportunity to learn their lessons in a clean and safe environment this academic year (2016-2017) members of the Tatmadaw of Taikkyi Command under Yangon Command and teachers carried out cleaning operations in and outside the compound of the Basic Education High School in Fugyi village of Taikkyi township, Yangon Region. The group cleared weeds and rubbishes, dug a new rubbish earth hole and cleaned the drainage system to allow for the proper flow of water. — Office of the Commander in Chief of Defence Services

Crime NEWS

Five unlicensed vehicles seized in Inndaw

A LOCAL police squad in Sagaing region arrested five drivers on Monday on Maezar Peinnegon bridge in Inndaw township for driving unlicensed vehicles.

Acting on a tip-off, police arrested the driver of a Honda vehicle, Than Zaw, 39, from Myikyina, the driver of a NISSAN vehicle, Kyaw Kyaw Tun, 30, from Yangon and the driver of a Crown Royal Sealo, Tin Myo Hsan, 31, from Myikyina. The vehicles were being driven on Shwebo- Myikyina road. The police discovered the vehicles to be unlicensed during a surprise check. Police have filed charges



Unlicensed vehicles seized in Inndaw being seen. PHOTO: MAUNG CHIT LIN

against all suspects under Section 8 of the Export and Import Law.

On the same day, police arrested two more unlicensed vehicle drivers on Maezar Pin Nwgon bridge in Inndaw township. The police arrested the driver of

a Honda, Myat Lin Oo, 24, from Yangon and the driver of a Honda AIRWAVE, Aung Myint Naing, 20, from Nyaung Laybin, during surprise checks. Police have filed charges all suspects Section 8 of the Export and Import Law.—Maung Chit Lin

Police arrest three suspected killers of ward administrator

POLICE arrested yesterday three men suspected of being involved in the murder of a ward administrator in South Dagon Township on 29 May.

U Zaw Win, administrator of 140-Ward in Dagon Myothit (South) Township was reportedly cut down in the street by three sword wielding assailants after the victim began lecturing the three men on good manners after hearing them curse at a 13-year

old child.

He died en route to hospital.

Aung Myint Oo alias Thuta, one of the three suspected murderers, was arrested on Monday in 26-Ward of the same township.

The remaining two suspects named as Japangyi alias Kyaw Naing Lin and Aung Ko Lin alias Bo Bo Lin were arrested on their way to Myawady, the border town with Thailand, yesterday.—GNLM



Illegal timber seized in Katha

LOCAL police discovered illegal timber on a bamboo raft on the Ayeyawady River near Moe Tar Lay village, Katha Township, Sagaing Region on 29

May.

U Soe Myint, from the department of forestry in Shwe Ku township and his team searched a bamboo raft in

front of Moe Tar Lay village and found illegal timber weighing 0.8 tonnes and 11 planks of sawn teak.—Lu Aung (Katha)

Yaba and heroin seized in Hsenwi and Mudon



Yaba and heroin seized.

PHOTO: MNA

LOCAL police from Namsalat police station seized 874 yaba pills from the home of one Ma Laung Kum in Nar Kom village, Hsenwi Township on 28 May.

On the same day police from the township discovered 6.6 grams of heroin and 679 yaba pills from the home of one Lauk Aye's in Namsalat village, ward 2, Hsenwi Township.

Similarly, police from Mudon Township seized 638 yaba pills from a group of people identified as Aung Nanda, Nyi Nyi Thaw, Nay Lin Thein and Phyo San in Myo Ma, 4 ward, Mudon town. Police have filed charges against all suspects under the Anti-Narcotic and Psychotropic Substances Law.—Myanma News Agency

Police find corpse beside Pathein-Monywa Road

ACTING Station Commander Inspector of police Aung Ko Ko Lwin reportedly received a report that a man was killed in a car accident between mile posts 28/3 and 28/4 on

the Pathein-Monywa Road at around midnight on 28 May.

According to the resulting investigation the victim, identified as one Than Htaik, died due to injuries consistent with a

road-side accident. Local police sent the corpse to Kyaung Gone Hospital. The responsible driver was deemed guilty of careless driving by police.—Win Kyaing (IPRD)

Two motor accidents occur on the same day in Salin

TWO motor accidents occurred in Salin town, Magwe region on 29 May. According to an investigation, a vehicle being driven by one Kyaw Thu Soe, 30, collided head on with a motorcycle being driven by one Htay Lwin, 35, when the former lost control. The accident seriously injured the motorcycle driver who is currently receiving medical treatment at Salin General Hospital.

Similarly, a motorcycle being driven by one Thant Zin, 24, collided head on with another motorcycle being driven by one Min Htet Ko, 15.

Both motorcycle drivers were seriously injured in the accident. They are currently receiving medical treatment at Salin General Hospital. Both drivers have been charged by police.—Sit Kyi (Salin)

LOCAL Business

Commerce Ministry to launch fully online licensing system next month

Soe Soe Yu

AS part of its 100-day plan, the commerce ministry will launch a fully online licensing system in June, according to an official from the ministry at a meeting to boost awareness about the system in

Yangon yesterday.

"The online licensing system aims to save time for the applicants and is scheduled to be launched next month," said ministry director general U Yan Naing Tun.

"As we all know, Yangon-based businesses

and firms have faced difficulties in the licensing process since the government ministries moved to Nay Pyi Taw," said the director-general.

Although the ministry introduced an online system allowing businesspeople to apply

for licences online since 2014, it has remained necessary to take out the licences in person at the ministry.

"The new system will be of great benefit to businesspeople," said UMFC-CI vice president Dr Myo Thant.

Myanmar Automated Cargo Clearance System to be installed in Thilawa SEZ in November

MYANMAR'S Customs Department will install the new Myanmar Automated Cargo Clearance System (MACCS) at airports, port terminals and at the Thilawa Special Economic Zone in November this year, it has been learned.

Plans are also under-

way to install the MACCS at cross-border areas after the new programme is successfully implemented within Yangon Region.

With the purpose of developing and improving customs import and export clearance processes, the system is being imple-

mented by the Customs Department with financial assistance provided by the Japanese government.

The department will offer training courses in the use of MACCS to operators from private sector between May and June with plans to allow 800 custom data ser-

vice providers to join the courses.

The new system will help reduce the time goods spent in the cargo clearance process, U Maung Maung Htwe, deputy director (Tech/IT) from the department said.—*Chan Chan*

Local government to negotiate with Chinese authorities regarding bilateral trade

THE local government plans to enter into negotiations with Chinese authorities regarding commercial rights for Myanmar merchants in dealing with China, according to the Muse Border Trade Camp.

Their discussion will cover matters relating to future development of the import and export businesses including limited import license issues and reducing the commercial tax rate placed on Myanmar trade in China.

Local authorities pledged to continue negotiations with their counterparts in bilateral meetings, said U Thein Tun Oo, director of the Muse Border Trade Camp.

Union Minister for Commerce Dr Than Myint met with local merchants

in Muse of northern Shan State to discuss the challenges that Myanmar traders face.

At the meeting, traders called on the Union minister to enter into negotiations with the Chinese authorities concerned to reduce some rules and the commerce tax rate for import items as well as to remove a toll gate on the Mandalay-Lashio-Muse Union Highway to facilitate the smooth flow of commodities.

According to the Ministry of Commerce, Myanmar received US\$300 million via border trading through the Muse trade camp early this fiscal year. That amount is \$97 million more compared to profits this time last FY year.—*Chan Chan*

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Attempted North Korea missile launch fails: South Korea

SEOUL — North Korea attempted to fire a missile from its east coast early on Tuesday but the launch appears to have failed, South Korean officials said, in what would be the latest in a string of unsuccessful ballistic missile tests by the isolated country.

The launch attempt took place at around 5:20am Seoul time (04:20pm EDT), said the officials, who asked not to be identified, without elaborating.

Tension in Northeast Asia has been high since North Korea conducted its fourth nuclear test in January and followed that with a satellite launch and test launches of various missiles.

Japan put its military alert on Monday for a possible North Korean ballistic missile launch.

“We have no reports of any damage in Japan. We are gathering and analyzing data. The defence ministry is prepared to respond to any situation,” Japanese Minister of Defence Gen Nakatani told a media briefing.



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un watches the ballistic rocket launch drill of the Strategic Force of the Korean People's Army (KPA) at an unknown location, in this undated file photo released by North Korea's Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) in Pyongyang on 11 March. PHOTO: REUTERS

“North Korea shows no sign of abandoning the development of nuclear missiles and so we will continue to work closely with the US and South Korea in response and maintain a close watch on North Korea,” Nakatani said.

South Korea's Yonhap News Agency said it appeared North Korea had attempted to launch an inter-

mediate-range Musudan missile. North Korea attempted three test launches of the Musudan in April, all of which failed, US and South Korean officials have said.

Yonhap quoted a South Korean government source as saying the missile was likely to have exploded at about the time it lifted off from a mobile launcher.

The flurry of weapons technology tests this year came in the run-up to the first congress in 36 years of North Korea's ruling Workers' Party early this month, where young leader Kim Jong Un further consolidated his control.

Tuesday's attempted launch appears to have been its first missile test since then, and experts have said it

was unusual to test-fire a missile so soon after a previous failure.

The South Korean military said Pyongyang's continuous missile launches could stem from Kim's order in March for further tests of nuclear warheads and ballistic missiles.

“They must've been in a rush. Maybe Kim Jong Un was very upset about the failures,” said Lee Choon-geun, senior research fellow at South Korea's state-run Science and Technology Policy Institute.

North Korea has never had a successful launch of the Musudan missile, which theoretically has the range to reach any part of Japan and the US territory of Guam.

North Korea is believed to have roughly 20 to 30 Musudan missiles, according to South Korean media, which officials said were first deployed in around 2007.

“It could have cracks and something wrong with the welding,” Lee said of possible causes for the latest

failure. “But deployment before test-firing these to complete development seems unusual.”

The attempted launch took place near the east coast city of Wonsan, one of the South Korean officials said, the same area where previous Musudan tests had taken place.

Separately, Japan's Kyodo news agency reported on Tuesday that career diplomat Ri Su Yong, one of North Korea's highest-profile officials, would visit China on Tuesday.

There was no indication of any link between the latest failed missile launch and Ri's visit to China.

China is reclusive North Korea's only major ally but has been angered by Pyongyang's nuclear and missile tests and signed up to tough UN sanctions against the reclusive country.

Ri was North Korea's foreign minister until he was named a member of the politburo during the recent Workers' Party congress.—Reuters

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Good morning, North Korea! Defector preaches dangers of cult worship

SEOUL — For an hour each day, Kim Chung-seong, a defector from North Korea and a Christian missionary, takes to the microphone in a small Seoul studio.

At 1am, his show, “Hello from Seoul, the Republic of Korea,” sends a mix of gospel music and news into North Korea, defying the isolated state's efforts to keep its people in the dark about the world, religion and the truth about its leaders.

“Brothers and sisters in the North, I hope this time can be a moment of prayer

for a miracle that every party member of North Korea at the party congress can meet God, not take a further step into the cult of personality,” Kim said.

He was referring to the meeting of the North's ruling Workers' Party this month, where young leader Kim Jong Un was unanimously elevated to party chairman.

“I am desperately praying that North Korea's Kim Jong Un and all administrators under him kneel down in front of God and repent for their sins, leave the path

of tormenting their people,” Kim, who came to the South in 2004, said in his studio at the Far East Broadcasting Company.

North Korea strictly bans access to outside information, but a growing number of North Koreans consume illicit media, including South Korean TV dramas that show the prosperity of life across the heavily fortified border, via contraband USB sticks and DVDs smuggled from China.

The impoverished North is still technically at war with rich, democratic

South Korea because their 1950-53 conflict ended in a truce, not a treaty. It has also been slapped with UN and other sanctions for its nuclear and missile programmes.

Robert King, US special envoy for North Korean human rights issues, told a Senate panel in October that up to 29 per cent of North Koreans had listened to foreign radio and said the medium, including the US government's Voice of America, remained the most important way to get information into the country.—Reuters

China's Xi says hopes to get Philippines ties back on track

BEIJING — China hopes to get relations with the Philippines back on track, President Xi Jinping has told new Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte, after ties were affected by an increasingly bitter spat over territorial claims in the South China Sea.

Xi sent a message to Duterte late on Monday congratulating him on his formal election victory, and said the two countries had a

long history of friendly exchanges and a deep traditional friendship, China's Foreign Ministry said.

“The friendly, stable and healthy development of Sino-Philippine relations accords with the basic interests of both countries and both peoples,” Xi was quoted as saying in the ministry statement.

Both countries had the responsibility to deepen cooperation, he said.

“(I) hope both sides can work hard to push Sino-Philippine relations back onto a healthy development track,” Xi said.

China and the Philippines are locked in a territorial dispute in the South China Sea, a strategic waterway through which \$5 trillion worth of ship-borne trade passes every year. Brunei, Malaysia, Taiwan and Viet Nam also have claims.

Tension between the Philippines and China has risen as an international tribunal in the Hague prepares to deliver a ruling in the next few months in a case lodged by Manila in 2013.

The Philippines is seeking a clarification of United Nations maritime laws that could undermine China's claims to 90 per cent of the South China Sea. China has rejected the court's authority.—Reuters

Cambodian parliament approves court action against opposition leader

PHNOM PENH — Cambodia's parliament voted on Monday to allow a court investigation into an opposition leader accused of procuring a prostitute, a vote that could push the country closer to political turmoil.

The case of the opposition leader, Kem Sokha, and his alleged assignation has dominated politics for weeks and has raised tension in the run-up to a 2018 election that could prove to be veteran Prime Minister Hun Sen's most serious test at the ballot box.

Opponents of Hun Sen say the self-styled strongman is using the judiciary to neutralise his opponents. The government denies that.

Kem Sokha is acting chief of the main opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP).

Party leader Sam Rainsy, a former finance minister, lives in self-exile to avoid arrest for an old defamation case he was pardoned for. His party has denounced the new warrant as politically motivated.



A supporter of opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP) takes part in a march to deliver petition to the parliament and King Norodom Sihamoni to intervene in the country's current political crisis in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on 30 May. PHOTO: REUTERS

All 68 members of parliament from Hun Sen's ruling Cambodian People's Party voted to allow a court to proceed with an investigation into Kem Sokha stemming from a secretly recorded, and leaked, telephone conversation between him and a woman who the government says

he was having an illicit affair with.

Prostitution was made illegal in Cambodia in 2008 even though it is widespread.

Kem Sokha has neither confirmed nor denied having an affair with the woman and has dismissed the action against him as

politically motivated. He has ignored court summonses, most recently last Thursday.

Trade unions allied with the CNRP have called for protests if Kem Sokha is arrested.

"The CNRP wants Cambodia to be ruled by rule of law and a multi-party democracy," Son Chhay, a senior CNRP lawmaker, told a news conference.

"We will continue our fight."

The party said Monday's vote was unconstitutional.

The last election in 2013 marked Hun Sen's toughest electoral challenge in three decades of rule and the opposition is expected to mount a sterner test next time as younger voters seek change.

Hun Sen has warned that an election victory for the opposition would see a return to civil war.

The United Nations on Sunday voiced alarm at the escalating tension between Hun Sen's party and the opposition, in particular the arrest or attempted arrest of politicians.—Reuters

20 killed in ammunition depot blaze in India

NEW DELHI — At least 20 people were killed, including two army officers and 18 soldiers, and 17 others injured after a fire broke out early Tuesday at a military ammunition depot in the western state of Maharashtra, said officials.

The area has been cordoned off. Some 1,000 residents of nearby villages have been evacuated and army helicopters were pressed into service to help in the evacuation of the injured.

The central ammunition depot at Pulgaon is one of India's biggest ammunition depots, which is around 110 km from Nagpur in Maharashtra. It recently got an award for using solar energy for disposing expired ammunition.

The fire broke out around 1am (local time). The death toll may go up as the condition of some of the injured, who are currently recuperating in hospitals, are said to be serious, said police.

Local TV channels showed footage of the raging fire and reported that several fire tenders have been pressed into service to bring the blaze under control.

Cause of the fire is not known, and a major probe has been ordered, the police official said. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has expressed shock and pain over the incident and ordered Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar to visit the spot immediately.—Xinhua

Big cats removed from Thailand's infamous Tiger Temple

KANCHANABURI, (Thailand) — Wildlife authorities in Thailand on Monday raided a Buddhist temple where tigers are kept, taking away three of the animals and vowing to confiscate scores more in response to global pressure over wildlife trafficking.

The Buddhist temple in Kanchanaburi Province west of Bangkok has more than 100 tigers and has become a tourist destination where visitors take selfies with tigers and bottle-feed their cubs.

The temple promotes itself as a wildlife sanctuary, but in recent years it has been investigated for suspected links to wildlife trafficking and animal abuse.

Wildlife activists have accused the temple's monks of illegally breeding tigers, while some visitors have said the animals can appear drugged. The temple denies the accusations.

Monday's raid was the latest move by authorities in a tug-of-war since 2001 to bring the tigers under state control.

Adisorn Nuchdamrong, deputy director-general of the Department of National Parks, said the team had been able to confiscate the tigers thanks to a warrant obtained a few hours before the operation.

"We have a court warrant this time, unlike previous times,



A tiger yawns before the officials start moving them from Thailand's controversial Tiger Temple, a popular tourist destination which has come under fire in recent years over the welfare of its big cats in Kanchanaburi Province, west of Bangkok, Thailand, on 30 May. PHOTO: REUTERS

when we only asked for the temple's cooperation, which did not work," Adisorn told Reuters.

"International pressure concerning illegal wildlife trafficking is also part of why we're acting now."

Officials from the Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation said they planned to confiscate and remove

more tigers from the temple on Tuesday and send them to a state-owned sanctuary.

Previous attempts to inspect the tigers have largely been blocked by the temple's abbots but in January and February wildlife officials removed 10 of the tigers.

Thailand has long been a hub for the illicit trafficking of

wildlife and forest products, including ivory. Exotic birds, mammals and reptiles, some of them endangered species, can often be found on sale in markets.

The government introduced new animal welfare laws in 2015 aimed at curbing animal abuse, but activists accuse authorities of not enforcing the legislation properly.—Reuters

Earthquake measuring 6.1 shakes parts of Taiwan, including capital

TAIPEI — An earthquake with a magnitude of 6.1 shook parts of Taiwan on Tuesday and was felt in the capital, Taipei, residents and officials said, but there were no immediate reports of damage.

The US Geological Survey originally recorded the quake, centred about 110 km (70 miles) northeast of Taipei, with a magnitude of 6.4. Taiwan's Central Weather Bureau put the magnitude at 7.2. Witnesses reported that tremors could be felt in buildings in Taipei, including the national parliament, as well as at the international airport in Taoyuan south of the capital.

The world's largest contract chipmaker, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Inc (2330.TW), said there was no impact to its operations. There were no immediate reports of injuries or significant damage.—Reuters

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For the city-dwellers to abide by the discipline

Khin Maung Aye

YANGON, being a metropolitan city, is the most densely populated business capital which is being faced with a lot of challenges—transport problem, cleanliness, electric power supply and water supply etc. It is a herculean task to fulfil the daily needs of Yangonites.

Although respective departments and organizations are exerting their utmost effort to cope with the changing situations, they find it difficult for many reasons—lack of financial resources, lack of infrastructure, lack of qualified

services personnel and continued existence of old thoughts and habits on the part of certain government employees.

Despite these problems, the incumbent government is being seen to achieve success in fulfilling of the needs of the needy; low-cost housing project is an obvious example. Besides, efforts are being made to ensure sufficient supply of water and electricity. Another obvious change is reduction of overlapping private bus lines to 50 only from more than 300 with the result

that bus-waiting time and congestion can be reduced. And the road-dividing barriers laid to enforce the traffic rules will be cleared as they just proved to be counterproductive-i.e. although the laying of barriers were meant for enforcement of the traffic rules, abidance by the rules has not improved but there had taken place more road accidents.

In enforcement of the traffic rules, the traffic police are outnumbered by the vehicles. In some countries, there are volunteers to help the

traffic police. This being so, Myanmar traffic police and the motor vehicles disciplinary committee will make concerted effort to manage the vehicles with the help of volunteers.

In regard to disposal of litter, Yangon City Development Committee has made new arrangements and is finding solution to make the city clean. In this function, the city dwellers are needed to abide by the discipline by throwing litter in a systematic way, dumping the garbage only at the designated places.

How to manage 5,000 cultural heritage goods in Myanmar?

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SINCE 2011, there have been interests and actions for cultural heritage in Myanmar. Among the others, a very recent initiative on intangible cultural heritage was overtaken by the new government with the UNESCO, in the near past among the others: the projects for the recognition (2014) of UNESCO Pyu's Ancient Cities supported by Italy, the ones in INLE lake area undertaken by Norway, and some others. As usual in situations like Myanmar, the projects have been focused on specific sites with specific tasks, aiming to protect the buildings and their artworks (paintings, etc.), to create awareness about the conservation and restoration issues and to build skills and competencies on specific technologies such as GIS (Geographic Information System), as the mentioned UNESCO project did (2012-2013). Based on the several decades of consulting experience for Italian Ministry of Culture and designing decision support information systems for public authorities based on geo-



Picture shows statues depicting Four Noble Truth in Thun Pagoda in Nyaungdon Town. PHOTO: YHT

graphic location, my prudent estimation of the entire Myanmar patrimony of fixed cultural heritage is about 5,000 goods. The patrimony amount of cultural fixed objects should be intended to enumerate goods from the archeological up to

the colonial period so much present in Myanmar cities from Yangon to Sale. This huge patrimony may not be managed only by single projects even if modern technologies such as drones are going to be used.

During the recent meeting with Dr. Nanda Hmun, permanent secretary of Ministry of Culture, I have been very happy to hear that the attention is moving towards a more comprehensive view of the issue of cultural heritage in Myanmar.

The good news is that the present information technology offers the SDI (Spatial Data Infrastructure) solution to manage the cultural heritage at a national level. This would enable the sharing of cultural heritage data, the efficient understanding and management of the shared cultural heritage resources for responsible authorities, partner institutions and public. This issue was also discussed with Ms. Zar Chi Aye, a doctoral candidate at University of Lausanne, who has been a part of the discussion developed on the workshop held at Free University of Bolzano (<http://culturalheritagemyanmar.inf.unibz.it/>). Based on the peculiar characteristics which every country has, it is a matter of fact that an already developed model cannot be imported and used for setting up an SDI or an information system while a specific national one has to be deployed. Therefore, as an initial step and as Dr. Nanda Hmun kindly agreed, it is opportune to do a specific workshop with relevant stakeholders for the discussion of how to build the SDI for cultural heritage in Myanmar. This would be benefit in maximizing the combined efforts and collaborations with all interested parties for the management of Myanmar cultural heritage.

Four-nation football tournament 2016 AYA Bank Cup to be held 3 June

A FOUR-nation invitational football tournament, the 2016 AYA Bank Cup, will begin at Thuwunna Stadium, Yangon at 3 pm on 3 June, according to the Myanmar Football Federation.

Following the first match which will see Viet Nam pitted

against Hong Kong in the first semi-final, the host Myanmar team will face off with Singapore in the second semi-final on the same day.

Myanmar will host 4 nations at the invitational tournament, namely Myanmar, Viet Nam, Sin-

gapore and Hong Kong, according to the Myanmar Football Federation (MFF). The AYA Bank Cup 2016 will also serve as preparation for the national team for the upcoming AFF Suzuki Cup to be hosted in Myanmar.

The prize money will range

from 5,000 USD to 20,000 USD. The AYA Bank Cup 2016 will be held on 3 June and 6 June at Thuwunna YTC stadium.

Ticket prices are set 3,000 for the grandstand and 1,000 for ordinary seats, available at MFF's head office, Aung San stadium

and Padonmar Stadium and AYA Banks during office hours.

The matches will be broadcasted live on TV. A press conference for the pre-match will take place at the Hotel Yangon at 8 mile junction at 2 pm on 2 June.—Phoe Thant (NPE)

State Counsellor visits National Museum (Nay Pyi Taw)



State Counsellor visits National Museum (Nay Pyi Taw). PHOTO: MNA

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi stressed the need for international coordination to develop museums and make sure museums run successfully with the exhibition of items of historical significance including cultural heritage objects during her tour of the National Museum in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The State Counsellor visited halls with displays of objects from prehistoric times and observed primate exhibits and fossils.

Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko and Permanent Secretary Dr Daw Nanda Hmum conducted her around the museum.

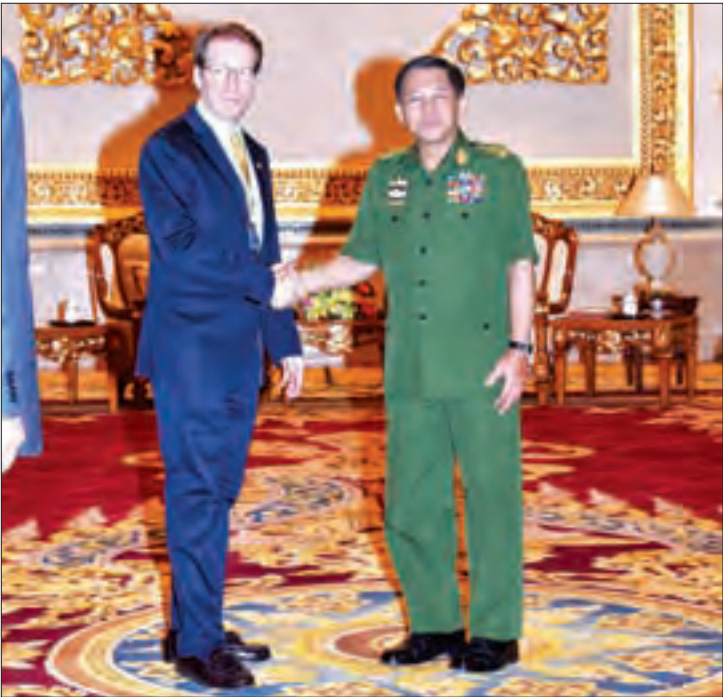
The National Museum (Nay Pyi Taw) is located on Yaza Thingaha Road in Ottarathiri Township and has been open to the public since 5 July, 2015.— Myanmar News Agency

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives US delegation

COMMANDER-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing met a US delegation led by Mr Peter Roskam, Chairman of the US House of Representatives' Democracy Partnership, at Zeyar Thiri Beikman in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, the Senior General clarified the role of the Tatmadaw in the peace process and in the holding of the 21st century Panglong Conference in the country.

The two representatives also discussed relations between Myanmar and its neighbouring and regional nations.— Myanmar News Agency



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing greeting Mr Peter Roskam, Chairman of the US House of Representatives' Democracy Partnership at Zayar Thiri Beikman. PHOTO: MNA

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Netanyahu says willing to discuss Arab initiative for peace with Palestinians

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu held out the prospect on Monday of reviving a 2002 Arab peace initiative that offers Israel diplomatic recognition from Arab countries in return for a statehood deal with the Palestinians.

Netanyahu's comments were a formal response to a speech last week by Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, who promised Israel warmer ties if it accepted efforts to resume peace talks.

"The Arab peace initiative includes positive elements that can help revive constructive negotiations with the Palestinians," Netanyahu said, echoing comments he made a year ago to Israeli reporters.

"We are willing to negotiate

with the Arab states revisions to that initiative so that it reflects the dramatic changes in the region since 2002 but maintains the agreed goal of two states for two peoples," he added.

His comments were made also in English in a speech that was mostly in Hebrew — a device Netanyahu often uses when he wants to make a statement to the international community.

Netanyahu spoke moments after ultra nationalist Avigdor Lieberman was sworn in as Israel's new defence minister and Israel's fragile right-wing coalition gained vital support in parliament.

Lieberman concurred and Netanyahu appeared to indicate that the new far-right defence minister's inclusion in the

government did not spell an end to peace efforts with the Palestinians.

The original Arab plan offered full recognition of Israel but only if it gave up all land seized in the 1967 Middle East war and agreed to a "just solution" for Palestinian refugees.

But in 2013, after the initiative's terms were softened to include possible land swaps between Israel and the Palestinians, Netanyahu signaled a readiness to consider it.

Previous attempts to engage the adversaries have come to nought. The Palestinians say Israeli settlement expansion denies them a viable state they seek in the occupied West Bank, the Gaza Strip and a capital in Arab East Jerusalem.—*Reuters*

Strikes, protests pose new headache for Paris tourism



Tourists stroll on the Trocadero square, in front of the Eiffel Tower during a rainy day in Paris, France, on 30 May. PHOTO: REUTERS

PARIS — As Paris tourism struggles to overcome last November's Islamist attacks, the world's most visited city faces a new threat: a wave of protests and further planned strikes, tourism officials warned on Monday.

Labour unions have scheduled stoppages that threaten to disrupt transport for millions of visitors and fans hoping to follow the Euro 2016 soccer tournament from 10 June onwards, after weeks of violence-marred street protests against planned labor reforms.

"The scenes of guerrilla-type action in central Paris, beamed around the world, reinforce the feeling of fear and misunderstanding from visitors in an already angst-filled climate," Frederic Valletoux, head of the Paris region tourist board said in

a statement on Monday.

"There is still time to save the tourist season by putting an end to these blockades that is being shown the world over."

Evelyne Maes, head of the UMIH-Paris-Ile de France hotel federation, told Reuters that bookings for June to August were down 20 to 50 per cent from a year ago. French trade association GNI said in a statement last week it feared "massive" booking cancellations by foreign tourists.

"A strike of that scope a few weeks before Euro 2016 and at the heart of the tourist season is more than unacceptable," it said.

The tourist board issued the warning a few hours before French authorities began a new campaign to bolster the appeal of the French capital to

foreign visitors.

Foreign Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault, Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo and Ile-de-France region Vice-President Jerome Chartier joined forces at the Eiffel Tower to promote Paris as a safe and attractive destination.

"I believe that a spirit of responsibility will prevail. We will find a solution through dialogue. Our country has a real tradition of hospitality," Ayrault said, when asked about possible disruption to the Euro tournament.

France, which is seeking to revive its economy, depends heavily on tourism, which generates over 7 per cent of national gross domestic product and over 13 per cent of that of the Ile-de-France region, which includes Paris.—*Reuters*

NEWS IN BRIEF

Brazilian interim president's 7-year-old son already a millionaire

RIO DE JANEIRO — The youngest son of Brazil's interim President Michel Temer legally owns a business complex which is worth a little more than 2 million reais (560,000 US dollars), regional daily *O Estado de Sao Paulo* reported on Monday.

The report said the seven-year-old boy, also called Michel, is the sole owner of two large commercial offices in a fancy neighbourhood in Sao Paulo, and that Temer's business office is located at one of the sites.

The properties were transferred to junior Michel as his anticipated inheritance, and the interim president's older daughters, all adults now, also received some real estate in the same manner, Temer's spokesperson said.—*Xinhua*

Four Bangladeshi workers plead guilty of financing terrorism in Singapore

SINGAPORE — Four Bangladeshi workers detained under Internal Security Act (ISA) were found guilty of financing terrorism in Singapore, local media reported on Tuesday.

The four, Rahman Mizanur, Miah Rubel, Md Jabath Kysar Haje Norul Islam Sowdagar and Sohail Hawlader Ismail Hawlader, are of the six Bangladeshi workers who were charged under the Terrorism (Suppression of Financing) Act (TSOFA) on 27 May.

The four all pleaded guilty to between one and two counts each of providing or collecting hundreds of dollars to help finance terror attacks on Tuesday. The 31 year-old Rahman Mizanur, who had set up the group called Islamic State in Bangladesh, pleaded guilty to two of four charges against him. The remaining two charges will be taken into consideration during sentencing.—*Xinhua*

Gunmen kill nine, kidnap 170 passengers from Afghan buses

KABUL — Gunmen in Afghanistan killed nine bus passengers and kidnapped 170 on Tuesday outside the northern city of Kunduz in an attack blamed on Taliban insurgents, a provincial official said.

The attackers stopped three buses on a road and ordered the passengers out, shot dead nine of them and kidnapped the rest, said Massoum Hashemi, deputy police chief of Kunduz.

Government forces later freed most of the abducted passengers in a rescue operation.

"The Taliban have brutally killed nine civilians and taken about 20 with them," Hashemi said.

There was no claim of responsibility and Taliban spokesmen were not immediately available for comment. The Taliban have in the past denied accusations of attacks on civilians.

The identity of the victims was not immediately clear but a campaign of kidnappings against Shi'ite Hazaras in the past year has become a source of ethnic tension, fueling concern about sectarian violence.—*Reuters*

Hamas executes three convicted Palestinians in Gaza

GAZA — Security forces from the Islamist group Hamas executed three convicted Palestinians at dawn on Tuesday, a move condemned by local and international human rights groups and likely to lead to deeper division among Palestinian factions.

The three were found guilty of murder in separate cases and sentenced to death after a trial and all appeals were exhausted, Hamas said. Two were executed by firing squad and the third, a policeman, was hanged, security sources said.

"To achieve public deterrence and block crime, the relevant authorities implemented at dawn on Tuesday execution rulings against three convicted of horrifying murders," the general prosecutor's office in Gaza said in a statement.

Hamas, which has been in control of Gaza since 2007, had been under pressure not to carry out the executions, with the European Union and United Nations joining in calls from human rights groups for the decision to be set aside.

Under Palestinian law, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas has to agree to the use of the death penalty. Because of splits between Hamas and Abbas's Fatah party, the Islamists did not receive approval from the president for the sentence.—*Reuters*

Iraqi army pause at southern edge of Falluja as IS fights back vigorously

BAGHDAD — Islamic State militants fought back vigorously overnight against an onslaught by the Iraqi army on a southern district of the city of Falluja, the group's bastion near Baghdad, officers said on Tuesday.

Soldiers from the elite Rapid Response Team stopped their advance overnight about 500 metres (yards) from the al-Shuhada district, the southeastern part of city's main built-up area, an army commander and a police officer said.

"Our forces came under heavy fire, they are well dug in in trenches and tunnels," said the commander speaking in Camp Tariq, the rear army base south of Falluja, 50 km (30 miles) west of Baghdad.

A staff member of Falluja's main hospital said they received reports of 32 civilians killed on Monday. The toll could not be confirmed by a second source.

Medical sources in the city had reported that the death toll in the city stood at about 50, 30 civilians and 20 militants, during the first week the offensive which started on 23 May.

Falluja has been under siege for more than six months. Foreign aid organisation is not present in the city, but are providing help to those who manage to exit



Shi'ite fighters and Iraqi security forces fire artillery during clashes with Islamic State militants near Falluja, Iraq, on 29 May. PHOTO: REUTERS

and reach refugee camps.

The latest offensive is causing alarm among these organisations as more than 50,000 civilians remain trapped with limited access to water, food and health care.

Falluja is the second-largest Iraqi city still under control of the militants, after Mosul, their de facto capital in the north

that had a pre-war population of about 2 million.

Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi announced the assault on Falluja on 22 May after a spate of bombings that killed more than 150 people in one week in Baghdad, the worst death toll so far this year. A series of bombings claimed by Islamic State also hit Baghdad on

Monday, killing over 20 people.

Falluja has been a bastion of the Sunni insurgency that fought both the US occupation of Iraq and the Shi'ite-led Baghdad government that took over after the fall of dictator Saddam Hussein, a Sunni, in 2003.

It was the first city to fall under Islamic State control, in January 2014.—Reuters

Syrian opposition to decide new negotiating team next week after resignation

GENEVA — The Syrian opposition will meet in 10 days' time to decide who to send to future peace talks after its chief negotiator resigned, a spokesman told a pan-Arab television station on Monday.

Mohammed Alloush, chief negotiator for the mainstream opposition delegation to the negotiations, said on Sunday he was resigning over the failure of the UN-backed Geneva talks to bring a political settlement or ease the plight of Syrians in besieged areas. Salem al-Muslat, spokesman for the opposition High Negotiations Committee (HNC), told Al Hadath television the next meeting would re-assess a number of issues, not only who will be on the negotiating team.

"This is all the result of frustration felt by Syrians about the poor performance by the international community," Muslat told Al Hadath television.

"The next meeting will take decisions on many issues." Alloush is also the representative of the powerful Jaish al-Islam rebel faction, and remains a member of the HNC in that role.—Reuters

Saudi intercepts and destroys ballistic missile from Yemen

RIYADH — Saudi Arabia has intercepted and destroyed a ballistic missile fired from Yemen and a Saudi-led military coalition said in a statement late on Monday it may be forced to reconsider a truce that has been in place since April.

Saudi state news agency SPA quoted the statement as saying that the missile, the second such strike this month, was destroyed in mid-air without causing any casualties. The air force also destroyed the platform from which the missile was fired, it said.

Saudi Arabia, leading a coalition of Arab states, intervened in Yemen in March last year mainly with air strikes to try to restore President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi. Houthis, backed by forces loyal to former president Ali Abdullah Saleh, had advanced on Hadi's temporary headquarters in the southern city of Aden, forcing him to flee the country.

The war has killed more than 6,200 people and displaced more than 2.5 million people.

The Houthis describe their capture of the capital, Sanaa, in 2014 and their advance on Aden as part of a revolution against corruption and to end attacks by



File photo of smoke billowing from a military arms depot after it was hit by a Saudi-led air strike on the Nuqom Mountain overlooking Yemen's capital Sanaa, in 2015. PHOTO: REUTERS

al Qaeda. They have accused the Saudi-led coalition of violating the truce with air strikes. The Houthis and Yemen's Saudi-backed exiled government are currently engaged in peace talks in Kuwait aimed at ending the 14-month-old war and easing a humanitarian crisis in the Arabian Peninsula's poorest country. The UN-sponsored talks have so far yielded few results.

SPA gave no details on the target or the type of missile used.

However, the agency said the Saudi-led coalition warned it would not sit idle against any further violations of the truce, which began on 10 April. "The coalition command, through this statement, assert that violating the truce by the Houthi militia and its supporters and the targeting of the kingdom's lands ... would force the coalition to reconsider the feasibility of this policy (of self restraint)," SPA said.—Reuters

Six killed, many injured, by roadside bombs in southeast Turkey

DIYARBAKIR (Turkey) — Roadside bombs killed at least six people in two separate attacks on security forces in Turkey's largely Kurdish southeast on Monday, security sources said, adding to the violence that has flared across the region in the last 24 hours.

One bomb hit a passing police vehicle in the town of Silopi in Sirnak Province near the border with Iraq, the sources said, hours after Turkish warplanes struck camps belonging to the outlawed Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) in northern Iraq.

Four civilians were killed and 19 other people were injured, including five security force members, in that attack, the sources said. Turkey's Dogan News Agency said the bomb had been placed inside a manhole and was detonated as a police vehicle passed.

Earlier, near the eastern city of Van, PKK fighters detonated a roadside bomb by remote control targeting a passing armoured vehicle. Two police officers were killed and a third was wounded,

the sources said.

Clashes between Turkish security forces and the PKK have reached their most intense in two decades since the breakdown of a two-year ceasefire last July.

Thousands of militants and hundreds of civilians and soldiers have been killed since the PKK resumed its armed fight. The government has refused to return to the negotiating table and has vowed to "liquidate" the PKK, considered a terrorist organisation by Turkey, Europe and the United States.

Late on Sunday, PKK snipers attacked a Turkish base located inside Iraq, killing a lieutenant, the sources said. In the past Turkey has garrisoned a battalion in Iraq's Kani Masi region to prevent PKK fighters from crossing into Turkey.

A man suspected of smuggling goods across the border between Iraq and Turkey was killed and five others injured, when unidentified forces opened fire on smugglers across the border in the Uludere district, they said.—Reuters

Ohio zoo defends safety where boy climbed barrier and gorilla died

CINCINNATI — The director of the Cincinnati Zoo insisted on Monday that a three-foot (one-meter) barrier around the gorilla enclosure was adequate, even though a 4-year-old boy was able to climb over it and fall in, forcing zookeepers to shoot the ape dead after it grabbed him and dragged him around.

The death of the gorilla, a 17-year-old Western lowland silverback named Harambe, outraged animal lovers, about 20 of whom staged a vigil outside the zoo. More than 200,000 people signed online petitions on Change.org to protest the shooting, some demanding “Justice for Harambe” and urging police to hold the child’s parents accountable.

“The barriers are safe. The barriers exceed any required protocols,” Thane Maynard, director of the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Gardens, said in answer to questions at a news conference about the incident on Saturday. “The trouble with barriers is that whatever the barrier some people can get past it. ... No, the zoo is not negligent,” he said.

Maynard, director of the

Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Gardens, stood by the decision to shoot the gorilla after he dragged the boy around by the ankle. He said the ape was not simply endangering the child but actually hurting him.

“Looking back, we would make the same decision,” he said.

“The gorilla was clearly agitated. The gorilla was clearly disoriented,” said Maynard, while lamenting the loss of “an incredibly magnificent animal.”

The zoo received thousands of messages of sympathy and support from around the world, he said.

Still, Maynard faced a series of questions about how a 4-year-old was able to climb the barrier and through the bushes and reach the 15-foot drop into the water surrounding the enclosure.

The exhibit met standards set by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) and US Department of Agriculture (USDA), which conduct regular inspections, Maynard said.

He said zookeepers would review the barrier but he made no promise to redesign it.

The zoo association’s 2016



Flowers lay around a bronze statue of a gorilla and her baby outside the Cincinnati Zoo’s Gorilla World exhibit, two days after a boy tumbled into its moat and officials were forced to kill Harambe, a Western lowland gorilla, in Cincinnati, Ohio, US on 30 May. PHOTO: REUTERS

accreditation standards, published on its website, said “some means of deterring public contact with animals (e.g., guardrails/barriers) must be in place.”

“Insufficient barrier fencing” is listed as one risk to visitors.

Animal lovers turned their anger toward the parents while mourning the death of the gorilla, lighting candles and holding “Rest in Peace” signs at the vigil.

“That child’s life was in danger. At the end of the day, it falls on the parents. No one else,” said Vanessa Hammonds, 27, who said she flew in from Houston to attend the vigil.

Authorities have not identified the boy. Michelle Gregg, who identified herself on Facebook as his mother, asked others not to judge her because “accidents happen.” She said her son

was recovering from a concussion and a few scrapes.

A family statement on Sunday expressed condolences for the animal’s death. “We extend our heartfelt thanks for the quick action by the Cincinnati Zoo staff,” the statement said. “We know that this was a very difficult decision for them, and that they are grieving the loss of their gorilla.”—Reuters

Bodies of US climbers left on Tibetan peak out of respect

KATHMANDU — The bodies of two renowned US climbers, found in Tibet 16 years after they died on one of the world’s tallest mountains, have been left untouched out of respect, one of the mountaineers who found the remains said on Monday.

Alex Lowe and David Bridges were swept away in 1999 by an avalanche during their attempt to scale the world’s 14th highest peak, Shishapangma.

Ueli Steck of Switzerland and David Goettler of Germany, who were attempting the same South Face route to the 26,291-foot (8,013 m) peak, stumbled upon the bodies of the pair, encased in ice, at an altitude of 19,356 feet (5,900 m).

“The bodies were two metres (six feet) apart,” Steck told Reuters after returning to the Nepali capital of Kathmandu from neighbouring Tibet.

A charity run by Lowe’s

widow, Jenni Lowe-Anker, announced the find on 2 May.

Steck and Goettler, who had heard about the disappearance of the legendary climbers on the same route 16 years ago, descended to their advanced base camp, set up at 18,700 feet (5,700 m).

Goettler called Conrad Anker, who was part of the 1999 expedition and survived the avalanche, describing their findings.

“We did not know them and

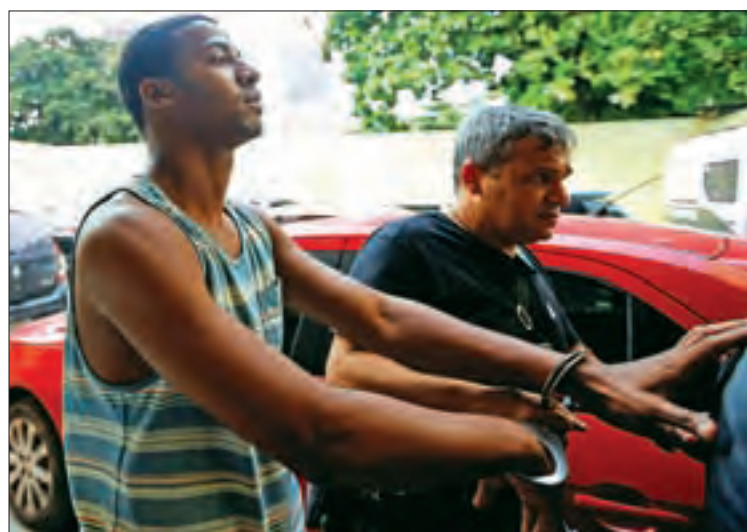
we could not recognise them,” Steck said, outside his hotel in Kathmandu.

Based on the description, Anker had little doubt of the identities of the two bodies, as their clothing, boots and backpacks matched the gear Lowe and Bridges had when they disappeared. “We did not touch them out of respect and left the bodies on the mountain in the same position as we had discovered (them),” said the 40-year-

old mountaineer from Interlaken, Switzerland.

Bodies of climbers who perish in the Himalayas remain buried under the snow and emerge as the ice melts or glaciers move.

Lowe, who was 40 at the time of his death, was regarded as the best American mountaineer of his generation when he and Bridges were swept away during an expedition that aimed to ski down Shishapangma.—Reuters



Rai de Souza (L), 22, suspected of being involved in the gang rape of a teenage girl, with a video of the assault circulated widely on social media, is escorted at the Police Station for crimes against minors in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 30 May. PHOTO: REUTERS

Rio de Janeiro police arrest two men in gang-rape case

RIO DE JANEIRO — Police in Rio de Janeiro said on Monday they are certain a 16-year-old girl was gang raped earlier this month, but added that it will be hard to prove her allegation that she was assaulted by more than 30 men.

Two suspects in the case, which came to light after a video of the 21 May incident was posted to Twitter almost a week ago, shocking Brazilians, were placed in custody on Monday, authorities said. Arrest warrants

are pending for four others.

In the clip, the semi-conscious naked girl is seen on a bed as men hurl insults and boast that 30 people had raped her. At one point, a man is seen touching her genitals.

“I am convinced there was a rape, it’s right there in the video, when the guy touched the girl,” lead investigator Cristiana Bento said in a news conference. “The rape is proven,” Bento said. “What I want to do now is verify the extent of this rape and how

many people took part.”

Her remark was the first time police have definitively stated the girl, who has not been identified, was raped. Previously, they had said there were all indications that a rape had occurred but that they needed more proof.

Authorities said a medical exam of the victim was only performed five days after the incident, hindering their ability to gather physical evidence that would lead to additional suspects and arrests.—Reuters

Extreme weather increasing level of toxins in food, scientists warn

NAIROBI — As they struggle to deal with more extreme weather, a range of food crops are generating more of chemical compounds that can cause health problems for people and livestock who eat them, scientists have warned.

A new report by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) says that crops such as wheat and maize are generating more potential toxins as a reaction to protect themselves from extreme weather.

But these chemical compounds are harmful to people and animals if consumed for a prolonged period of time, according to a report released during a United Nations Environment Assembly meeting in Nairobi.

“Crops are responding to drought conditions and increases in temperature just like humans do when faced with a stressful situation,” explained Jacqueline McGlade, chief scientist and director of the Division of Early Warning and Assessment at UNEP.



A rice mill worker holds up rice fallen onto the ground in Udon Thani, Thailand, in 2015. PHOTO: REUTERS

Under normal conditions, for instance, plants convert nitrates they absorb into nutritious amino acids and proteins. But

prolonged drought slows or prevents this conversion, leading to more potentially problematic nitrate accumulating in the plant, the report said.

If people eat too much nitrate in their diets, it can interfere with the ability of red blood cells to transport oxygen in the body, the report said.

Crops susceptible to accumulating too much nitrate in times of stress include maize, wheat, barley, soybeans, millet and sorghum, it said.—Reuters

Suspect arrested at Cologne-Bonn airport after security breach

COLOGNE (Germany) — German federal police on Monday arrested a 62-year-old Spanish man suspected of entering the security area of Terminal 1 at Cologne-Bonn airport without being checked, a spokeswoman said.

The breach led police to clear the security area of the departure floor in Terminal 1 at 12:15 local time (10:15 GMT) and to ground five planes in their parking positions, the airport said. The airport reopened the security area at 13:30 local time (11:30 GMT) and said operations were returning to normal at Terminal 1 but some departures were delayed.

It said no planes took off or landed at that terminal while the security area was closed, though operations continued as normal from Terminal 2. The man arrested wanted to take the quickest route to the Faro-bound plane he was due to board, the police spokeswoman said, adding that he was still being questioned.—Reuters

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Elton John tells Russians he still wants to meet Putin to talk gay rights



Singer Elton John performs at the Hillary Victory Fund "I'm With Her" benefit concert for US Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton at Radio City Music Hall in the Manhattan borough of New York City, on 2 March, 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

MOSCOW — British singer Elton John told a concert in Moscow he still wanted to meet President Vladimir Putin to discuss his concerns about gay rights and AIDS in Russia despite the Kremlin leader not having time to meet him this time round.

John, performing at a luxury shopping and entertainment centre in the Russian capital on Monday night as part of a world tour, sounded disappointed about not getting to meet Putin,

but said he would return to try to see him.

"As some of you may know I hoped to meet with President Putin on this trip," John, whose music has been popular in Russia since the Soviet era, told the audience.

"Although it wasn't possible, I'm deeply grateful to him for inviting me to discuss some serious issues in Russia including LGBT, HIV and AIDS, and I very much hope we will find time in future to

meet."

Putin's spokesman said last week that the Russian leader's schedule did not match up with John's, but that a meeting might take place "next time." Putin had to fly to Kazakhstan on Tuesday morning for a meeting.

In September Putin phoned the singer, who has used his status as one of the world's most famous gay celebrities to push for equal rights for homosexuals around the world, to say he would be willing to meet up after John, 69, requested a meeting. Western governments and human rights activists have criticized the Russian authorities for their treatment of gay people, and John has previously spoken out against a 2013 law banning the dissemination of "gay propaganda" among young Russians.

Putin has said he is not prejudiced against gay people.

John has also expressed alarm about the scale of Russia's AIDS epidemic.

The number of people registered HIV-positive passed the 1 million mark earlier this year and the country's top AIDS specialist warned the rate of infection had reached record levels.—Reuters



Actress Emilia Clarke. PHOTO: PTI

I would like to play female James Bond: Emilia Clarke

LONDON — Actress Emilia Clarke has revealed she would like to be the first female James Bond.

"I have a lot of unrealised dreams," Clarke said.

"I would love to play Jane Bond. My ultimate leading man would be Leonardo DiCaprio. No

doubt about it," she added.

But 29-year-old Clarke is not the only female star to have thrown her hat in the ring. Earlier this month "X Files" star Gillian Anderson was the subject of a twitter campaign, with fans asking for her to replace Daniel Craig.—PTI

Adele shuts down a fan recording her live concert

LONDON — Singer Adele, during a stop on her ongoing world tour, called out a fan in the audience who'd been recording the whole show and asked her to stop.

"Yeah, I want to tell that lady as well, can you stop filming me with a video camera because I'm really here in real life," Adele said, pointing out the culprit to the audience while they cheered her along.

"You can enjoy it in real life, rather than through your camera."

Over more cheers and applause, Adele continued her take down — and in her defence it did sound like this fan had quite the



Adele called out a fan in the audience who'd been recording the whole show and asked her to stop. PHOTO: PTI

filming set up going on, reported Digital Spy.

"Can you take your tripod down?. This isn't a DVD, this is a real show. I'd really like you to enjoy my show because there's lots of people outside that couldn't come in."

The 28-year-old star is currently on the European leg of her world tour, before she heads to Glastonbury next month for a headline set.

Adele recently premiered the video to her new single "Send My Love (To Your New Lover)" at the Billboard Music Awards.—PTI

A R Rahman to get top Japanese culture prize

NEW DELHI — Music maestro A R Rahman has been announced as the recipient of Grand Fukuoka Prize 2016 for his outstanding contribution to Asian culture through his music.

As part of the ceremony, Rahman has been invited to the city to give a public lecture on "From the Heart: The World of A R Rahman's Music".

The 49-year-old Oscar-winning composer has been chosen for the honour alongside Philippines' historian Ameth R Ocampo (Academic Prize) and Yasmeen Lari from Pakistan (Arts and Culture Prize) by the secretariat of Fukuoka prize committee.

The annual award, was established by Fukuoka City, Japan, in 1990 with an aim to honour the outstanding work of individuals, groups and organizations working to preserve and promote the unique and diverse culture of Asia.

Rahman started his movie career with Mani Ratnam's Tamil film "Roja". Rahman's first big break in Hindi cinema came

with Ram Gopal Varma's "Rangela".

He is now one of the most sought after composers in India with his brilliant compositions for films like "Bombay", "Dil Se", "Taal", "Lagaan", "Rang De Basanti", "Delhi 6", "Rockstar", "Highway" and "Tama-sha".

Rahman has carved an impressive career in Hollywood after composing "Jai Ho" for British director Danny Boyle's "Slumdog Millionaire", which earned him two Academy awards and a Golden Globe trophy.

Previous winners from India include distinguished names such as sitar player Ravi Shankar, dancer Padma Subrahmanyam, historian Romila Thapar, sarod maestro Amjad Ali Khan, Ashish Nandy, Partha Chatterjee, Vandana Shiva, Nalini Malini and historian Ramachandra Guha.

Other winners include Nobel laureates Muhammad Yunus (Bangladesh) and Mo Yan (China).—PTI

Katy Perry's Twitter account hacked, posts about Taylor Swift

LOS ANGELES — Singer Katy Perry's Twitter account was hacked and the hackers posted some nasty and vulgar tweets.

The Twitter account of the "Dark Horse" singer was hacked on Monday, 30 May, and it posted some random tweets including the one referring to her feud with the "Black Space" hitmaker, reported E! online. At around 12:30

PM, the 31-year-old songstress retweeted Hillary Clinton's Memorial Day message along with her message and an America flag emoji. Five hours later, the hackers gained access to her account and posted a series of random tweets on her timeline.

The hackers posted tweets including the one referring to her longstanding feud with Swift.

The hackers wrote, "Miss you baby," while tagging the "Shake It Off" hitmaker's account.

All of the tweets were deleted from the "Dark Horse" singer's account fifteen minutes after they were posted. However, Twitter account @sw4y10l, which allegedly belongs to the hackers, shared Katy's new song called "Witness 1.3."—PTI



A copy of Adolf Hitler's book "Mein Kampf" (My Struggle) from 1940 is pictured in Berlin, Germany, in this picture taken on 16 December 2015. PHOTO: REUTERS

Hitler's older brother was in fact younger and died early—historian

BERLIN — A brother of Hitler's who was thought to be older was actually younger and died within days, raising questions about how his death might have affected the future leader of Nazi Germany, a historian said in comments published on Monday.

Hitler is widely thought to have been the fourth of six siblings, but records from Braunau am Inn, the northern Austrian town where he was born, show that he was in fact the third, according to findings

by the historian Florian Kotanko, reported by the newspaper *Oberösterreichische Nachrichten*.

Otto Hitler, a brother of Adolf Hitler's thought to have been the last sibling born before him, was actually born three years after, on 17 June, 1892. He died six days later of hydrocephalus, a swelling of the brain, according to the report.

"The conclusions of many Hitler biographers about the mental development of Adolf Hitler, who allegedly received special attention

from his mother Klara as the only surviving child after the deaths of three siblings, are no longer tenable," Kotanko was quoted as saying by the newspaper.

"How was the three-year-old Adolf Hitler confronted with the birth and death of a brother?" Kotanko said.

Among other open questions, he said, is whether Hitler had been aware of his brother's condition and how it might have affected him.—Reuters

Residents file suit to halt reactor restart in Japan after quakes

MATSUYAMA, (Japan) — A group of local residents filed a suit Tuesday seeking an injunction to halt the restart of a reactor on Shikoku Island in western Japan amid safety concerns following powerful earthquakes in the nearby Kyushu region.

In the suit filed with the Matsuyama District Court, the plaintiffs are demanding that Shikoku

Electric Power Co. suspend a plan to reactivate the No. 3 reactor at its Ikata nuclear power plant by late July.

The residents argue that a series of earthquakes in Kumamoto Prefecture and surrounding areas since mid-April could trigger quakes along the median tectonic line running close to the Ikata reactor, which is located about 170

kilometers east of the quake-stricken area.

A separate suit seeking the scrapping of the resumption plan has already been filed with the same court, but it is unclear whether a ruling will be issued by late July. If the court were to issue a ruling against the plan after the reactor has been restarted, the utility would be able to continue opera-

ting it pending an appeal to a higher court.

But the plan would be suspended immediately if the court were to issue an injunction.

Regulators approved the reactor's restart last July and are currently conducting on-site checks of the facility.

In a similar lawsuit, a court ordered Kansai Electric Power Co.

in March to shut down two reactors after they were brought back online earlier this year, citing safety concerns.

The two reactors are among four units that have restarted under stricter safety regulations introduced after a huge earthquake and tsunami triggered the Fukushima nuclear disaster in March 2011.—Kyodo News

Japan erupts in anger over boy abandoned in forest after being naughty

TOKYO — Searchers combed a forest in Japan on Tuesday for a missing seven-year-old boy with no clues about his fate as social media erupted in anger towards his parents who said they abandoned him by a road as punishment for being naughty.

Police on horseback were among 130 rescuers scouring a mountainous area of the northernmost island of Hokkaido from dawn for Yamato Tanooka, who went missing on Saturday.

His parents first said he had disappeared while the family foraged for edible plants. They later told police they had left him by the road to discipline him after he threw stones at people and cars.

They said they drove about

500 metres (yards) down the road but when they went back a few minutes later he had disappeared.

The area is so remote that residents of the region say they rarely go through it.

"We have done an unforgivable thing to our child, and we have caused a lot of trouble for everyone," Yamato's father, Takayuki Tanooka, told television reporters.

"I just hope he is safe."

Thousands of people took to social media, some to pray for Yamato's safety in an area where the temperature at night falls to 7 Celsius (45 Fahrenheit).

Heavy rain is forecast for Tuesday night and the boy was wearing only a T-shirt and jeans.

"When I think of him being



People search for a seven-year-old boy who went missing two days earlier, in Nanae town on the northernmost Japanese main island of Hokkaido, Japan, on 30 May 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

alone in the woods like that, my heart aches," said one person posting on social media.

But most people on social media rebuked the parents as ne-

glectful. "If he was actually throwing stones at cars, that shows there wasn't a lot of discipline anyway — and probably not enough love either," said one person.

"Whatever the result, this is parental neglect. It's cold in the Hokkaido mountains, and I hear there are bears, too," said another person.—Reuters



Entertainment
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6:00 pm

- Weather Report
- Pyi Thu Ni Ti

6:30 pm

- Music Programme

6:40 pm

- Cartoon Programme "The Lion of Judah" (Part-I)

7:10 pm

- International Drama Series

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- International Drama Series

8:40 pm

- Music Programme

8:50 pm

- An Aficionado of Alluring Antiques

9:20 pm

- International Movie Songs

9:30 pm

- Village Belle

9:50 pm

- Music Programme

10:10 pm

- Myanmar Traditional Instruments - Myanma Harp (Episode-1)

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- Myanmar Movie

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08:52	Am	Art Students: Sculpture
09:03	Am	News
09:26	Am	Diary of a Fisherman
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08:40	Pm	A Traditional Doctor
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England's Joe Hart during training at St George's Park, Burton on Trent on 20 May 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Hart focussed on saving England from Euro exit on penalties

LONDON — Goalkeeper Joe Hart has backed himself to gain the upper hand in any psychological battle against opponents if England are taken to penalties at the Euro 2016 tournament in France.

England have a miserable record in shootouts, having been knocked out of six major tournaments on penalties since 1990, including their quarter-final defeat by Italy at the 2012 European Championship.

The 29-year-old was named in the provisional England squad for the June 10-July 10 tournament and while manager Roy Hodgson will drop three players when he confirms his final 23-man selection on Tuesday, Hart remains his first choice goalkeeper.

"I try to put as much pressure as I can on the (kicker). I realise it is not easy to take a penalty. I try and build as much pressure as I can and be in control as much as I can," Hart said

in an interview with the *Daily Telegraph*.

"I have always had the mentality of thinking what is the best moment (to dive). Of believing in what I am doing. I have got it wrong many, many times but I have always believed I know what they are thinking or what they are going to do."

England face Russia, Slovakia and Wales in Group B of the 24-team tournament in France which starts on 10 June.—*Reuters*

Lionel Messi tax fraud trial begins in Barcelona

MADRID — Barcelona's five-times soccer World Player of the Year Lionel Messi went on trial on Tuesday along with his father on accusations of defrauding the Spanish state of millions of euros.

Argentinian-born striker Messi and his father Jorge Horacio Messi, who have both denied the allegations, were due to appear in the Barcelona court on Thursday, according to a judicial document.

A previous court ruled that Messi, 28, could have known about and approved the creation of a web of shell companies allegedly used to evade taxes on income from image rights.

Spain's tax office accused both men in 2013 of defrauding the government of 4.2 million euros (3.2 million pounds) between 2007 and 2009.

According to the prosecutor's office, which has proposed jail terms of up to 22 months, revenue was hidden using shell companies in Uruguay, Belize, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

Messi and his father paid five million euros to the tax authorities as a "corrective" measure after being formally investigated in June 2013. Messi has been resident in Barcelona since 2000 and has had Spanish citizenship since 2005.—*Reuters*



Barcelona's Lionel Messi celebrates after winning the Copa del Rey Final at Vicente Calderon, Madrid, Spain on 22 May 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Djokovic one set down as rain stops play in Paris



PARIS — Play was suspended by rain at the French Open on Tuesday with world number one Novak Djokovic a set down against Roberto Bautista Agut.

The Serbian lost the opening set 6-3 against the 14th-seeded Spaniard on Court Philippe Chatrier when play was halted.

On Court Suzanne Lenglen, second seed Agnieszka Radwanska and Bulgarian Tsvetana Pironkova were level at a set apiece while on Court

One, Australian Samantha Stosur was leading 7-6(0), 3-2 against Romanian sixth seed Simona Halep.

Play started an hour late as rain continued to fall on Paris, one day after the claycourt major suffered its first total wash-out in 16 years.

Holders Serena Williams and Stan Wawrinka and British second seed Andy Murray, who takes on local favourite Richard Gasquet in the quarter-finals, are also on the day's schedule.—*Reuters*

Japanese comedian to represent Cambodia at Rio de Janeiro Olympics

PHNOM PENH — Japanese-Cambodian comedian Hiroshi Neko will represent Cambodia in the men's marathon event at this year's Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, a senior Olympic official in Cambodia told Kyodo News on Tuesday.

Vath Chamroeun, secretary general of the National Olympic Committee of Cambodia, said the International Olympic Committee has positively responded to Cambodia's six nominees, including Neko Hiroshi, to represent the country in the men's marathon in August.

Neko, whose real name is Kuniaki Takizaki, was nominated early this month after he came first among 11 Cambodian runners who took part in a full marathon on 8 May in the country's southern coastal city of Kep.

He recorded a time of 2:44:02, 14 minutes ahead of the second-fastest runner.

Neko gained Cambodian citizenship in 2011 and was nominated to represent the country at the 2012 London Olympics, but his nomination status was later rejected by the International Association of Athletics Federations as a year had not elapsed since he gained Cambodian citizenship.

Chamroeun said all six Cambodian athletes — two swimmers, a Taekwondo competitor, a wrestler and two runners — will leave for the Rio Games on July 29.

He added, however, that both marathon runners have been allowed to compete as wild cards. This will allow Neko to compete, given the official qualifying time for the men's marathon is 2:19:00.

Chamroeun said, "It is for the first time that Cambodia will have two marathon runners at one Games, and with the first Cambo-



Japanese-Cambodian comedian Hiroshi Neko, seen in this undated photo, will represent Cambodia in the men's marathon at the Rio de Janeiro Olympics in August 2016, a senior Olympic official in Cambodia said on 31 May. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

dian female runner. Both Neko and Ly Nary will become role models for Cambodia's younger generation, as Cambodia is prepared to host, for the first time in its history, the Southeast Asian Games in 2023.—*Kyodo News*