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PREPARATIONS MADE

Vice President U Myint Swe inspects preparatory work for 69th Martyrs' Day

AS the patron of the Central Organising Committee for the 69th Martyrs' Day, Vice President U Myint Swe inspected preparatory works being undertaken at the mausoleum in Yangon yesterday.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein and officials briefed the vice president on the ongoing progress of the ongoing decorational work.

The vice president urged officials to arrange everything bearing in mind the convenience of the families of the martyrs and visitors in paying tribute to the national heroes.

On display at the mausoleum will be biographical sketches of the late national leaders and some excerpts from General Aung San's speeches.

After inspecting the arrangements for visitors to lay wreaths at the mausoleum, Vice President U Myint Swe went to the Bogyoke Aung San Museum where he oversaw renovation works in progress in preparation for the commemoration of the 69th Martyrs' Day.

A silicon statue of General Aung San will be displayed at the museum alongside rare photographs.

The vice president also went to the Ministers' Office, formerly known as the old Secretariat, where he inspected the flagpole from which the British Union Jack Flag was taken down and replaced with the Myanmar Flag on 4 January 1948. He also went on an inspection tour of the conference hall in which the national leaders were assassinated and inspected the stone plaque erected in honour of the fallen national leaders. – *Myanmar News Agency*

Vice President U Myint Swe and Yangon Region Chief Minister observing the silicon statue of Bogyoke Aung San. PHOTO: MNA

Over 200 acres of confiscated farmland returned to owners in Mandalay Region

OVER 200 acres of land have been returned to its rightful owners in the presence of Vice President U Henry Van Thio in Mandalay Region.

A ceremony took place in Madaya township yesterday to hand over 208 acres of land lost to the construction project of a leper hospital, with officials announcing that more than 800 acres of land would be returned on completion of the scrutiny process. Vice President U Henry Van Thio described farmland as crucial property for farmers in an agricultural country, pledging justice in returning the confiscated land.

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NLD Patron Thura U Tin Oo formally opening the awareness event of OAG. PHOTO: MNA

OAG moves to raise awareness of accounting and auditing

THE Office of the Auditor General of the Union launched an accounting and auditing event in Yangon yesterday as part of the first phase of its 100-day plan.

The event attracted the wife of President U Htin Kyaw, union ministers, the auditor general of the Union and the Patron of the National League for Democracy Thura U Tin Oo.

Auditor General U Maw Than said that the event was aimed at raising awareness of the accounting and auditing standards and procedures set for the country's certified public accountants. The auditor general described the auditing and accounting standards as the lifeblood for national development, stressing that correct financial reports would be a major attraction for a massive influx of foreign investors.

NLD's Patron Thura U Tin Oo and Myanmar Accountancy Council's member U Win Thin spoke on the occasion.

Specialists will give talks on accounting criteria of state-owned assets and private sectors, accounting ethics and the Yangon Stock Exchange at the event, which continues today.—*Myanmar News Agency*

Hluttaw Scrutiny Committee undertakes study to identify problems in Yangon's legal systems

THE Yangion Region Hluttaw Judicial, Rule of law, Complaints and Appeals Scrutiny Committee (JRLCASC) is to undertake a study on the difficulties of courts of law, police stations and those in custody or prison from within 44 townships of Yangon Region.

U Kyaw Kyaw Htun, member of the scrutiny committee, says that preparations are currently being made to commence the study from the third week of July, with studies to be carried out within two outer city townships and three inner city township every week.

"We have to inform the courts as we'll be going to ask them questions in person. Questions will be asked about difficulties of the police, lawyers, courts and those in custody. The primary reason for carrying out this initiative is in the name of bettering the rule of law. A plan of action as to the implementation of the study was drawn up on Thursday. It will be confirmed after it's presented during the coming week's meeting." he said.

Upon completion, among 44 townships, talks will reportedly be held with courts of law from four districts. "Coco Island is about 200 miles from Yangon. On top of that, it's under the administration of the military, so there is no plan to travel to the island during this program. We'll consult with representatives from the region next time," added U Kyaw Kyaw Htun. The initiative will begin with a team of 11 members of the scrutiny committee, while plans are reportedly being made to split the group into two separate teams in order to cover more courts of law in a shorter space of time.

"It's great they have an agenda to carry out such a project. Having the rule of law is crucial moving forward.

Staff in the legal sector need to be given proper salaries and a full range of equipment to have at their disposal – it's the primary requirement for obtaining the rule of law." said U Sein Hmwe, a resident from Yangon's Hlaingthaya Township.

In the last five months, the scrutiny committee has resolved a mere ten complaints of over more than seventy it has received, according to U Tin Win, secretary of the committee.—*Myitmakha News Agency*

Myanma Railway to build low-cost housing for squatters

"Myanma Railway (MR) will build low-cost housing for squatters who are living in MR's compound because the number of squatters has increased," said U Tun Aung Thin, general manager of Myanma Railway (Lower Myanmar).

Myanma Railway and JICA cooperated to conduct a survey in 2015 to develop the railway tracks used by circular trains. At that time there were only 15 squatter huts. However, it is reported that the number has increased up to 50 this month. "We have been conducting our survey for almost one year. There were not many squatters in the early stages. We will build low-cost housing for the squatters in order to alleviate the situation" added U Tun Aung Thin.

Under the leadership of the Yangon Region government, Myanma Railway will build the low-cost housing complex on plots of land belonging to the MR at Kanbe and Baukhtaw stations before renting them for K30,000 per month.—*200*

President U Htin Kyaw to pay visit to Mongolia

U Htin Kyaw, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, will pay a visit to Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, in the near future to attend the 11th Summit of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM).—*Myanmar News Agency*

Yangon-Dala bridge to be constructed in 2017

THE Yangon-Dala bridge, which will connect Phonegyi Road of Lanmadaw township to Bominyaung road in Dala, will be constructed using a Korean loan amounting to USD 137.833 million beginning 2017, it has been learned from an official of the Ministry of Construction.

The Yangon-Dala bridge will be 6,144 feet long and 160 feet high — it is a suspension bridge and will have four lanes, the ministry reports. The Korea Engineering Consultant Company and the E Guard Environmental Service of Myanmar will build the bridge together, it is noted.

"We will select the consultant committee for this project by the end of the month. We are also now paying compensation payments to the local residents of Dala township.

The Korean loan is a 40-year loan with the first 15 years being the 'honeymoon period'. This is a low interest loan, being only 0.01 per cent per annum. The bridge project will cost USD 168.174 million," said an official from the ministry of construction.—*200*

Workshop to be held on granting of import permits for cars with Yangon licenses

A WORKSHOP to once again grant permits for imported cars with Yangon licenses will be held under the leadership of the government of Yangon Region. The meeting is intended to highlight the ways and means by which permission can again be granted for the import of cars with Yangon licenses, it is reported.

"In this function, the officials from the local government and responsible personel from the car showrooms and sale centres as well as importers will cooperate to find the ways and means by which Yangon license cars can be imported. We are optimistic that we will be able to import again based on the results of the workshop, said an official of the Yangon Region government.

There have been three recorded cases of illegal activity in order to have cars imported without proper permit with the result that the importing of cars with Yangon licenses was suspended.

Yangon licensed cars are mainly sold in car showrooms and sale centres. Due to the action, demand for cars has decreasing. It is hoped by car industry professionals that the workshop will yield a change to the existing rules in order to boost sales.—*200*

Flood Bulletin
(Issued at 13:00 hr M.S.T on 9-7-2016)

(1) Flood condition above danger level

According to the (12:30) hr M.S.T. observation today, the water level of Chidwin River at Phaung Pyin has exceeded by about (2) feet above its danger level, it may remain above its danger level during the next (2) days.

(2) Rising condition above danger levels

According to the (12:30) hr M.S.T observation today, the water levels have exceeded by about (3) feet at Mawlaik, (2/1) foot at Kalewa,Minkin and Kani of Chindwin River above their respective danger levels. The water levels may continue to rise about (1-2/1) feet at Mawlaik during the next (2) days and about (2) feet at Kalewa, Minkin and Kani during the next (2)days and may remain above their respective danger levels.

It is especially adviseed to the people who settle near the river bank and low lying areas along the Chindwin River, to take precaution measure.—*GNLM*

Over 200 acres of farmland returned to owners in Mandalay

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The vice president also urged farmers to enhance their agricultural output through a shift from conventional and traditional to mechanised farming.

The Ministry of Health grabbed nearly 2,000 acres of land from farmers in Madaya township, an official said, adding that the ministry would give up more than 1,300 acres to 679 farmers. The ministry said it would need over 600 acres of land for the construction of a hospital for lepers.

According to officials, the land was originally seized by the Ministry of Industry-1 in 1977 and was later passed to the Ministry of Health.

In Mandalay Region, more than 35,000 acres of land were seized and some 32,000 acres have been returned.—*Aung Thant Khaing*

The farmland returning ceremony in progress. PHOTO: AUNG THANT KHAING

EID dinner held at Sedona

THE Myanmar Muslim entrepreneur's association held a dinner for the seventh time at the Sedona Hotel, Yangon yesterday with Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko and Central Bank of Myanmar Vice Governor (Rtd) U Than Lwin delivering speeches.

Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko called on the people professing different religious faiths to understand one another, be united and show compassion towards one another.

U Tin Oo, from the National League for Democracy, also called for unity and amity between and among people belonging to different races and professing different religious faiths.

The US ambassador, the Turkish ambassador and legal consultant of the Myanmar Muslim Entrepreneur's association U Ko Ni delivered words of thanks.—*Myanmar News Agency*

Eid festival dinner party being held at Sedona Hotel. PHOTO: MNA

CHDB account holders to be given priority to buy low-cost flats

THE ministry of construction will give priority in the selling of low-cost housing to those who save monthly between K100,000 and K200,000 with the Construction and Housing Development Bank (CHDB), it is reported.

"A total of 8,000 low-cost flats will be built in 2017 and sold for between K600,000 and K900,000," said the minister for construction.

"After the construction of these low-cost flats, we will sell them to those who save money with CHDB," said U Win Zaw, the managing director of CHDB.

"The Ministry of Construction will build 10x20 foot rooms, 18x18 foot rooms and 20x20 foot rooms. The building will be finished in two years while the price will be at least from K660,000 to K900,000 according to the estimated costs," said an official.

The flats will be constructed on a plot of land about 200-acres in size. The Ministry will construct these low-cost housing complexes in Dagon(Port), Dagon(East), Hlaingthaya Shwelinpan and Thanhlyin(Kyauktan) townships.—*200*

Myanmar delegation joins 64th CEDAW session in Geneva in Switzerland

PERMANENT Representative of Myanmar in Geneva U Maung Wai led a delegation to Switzerland to join the 64th session of the Committee for the Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), held in Geneva on Thursday.

The meeting reviewed the country's report on its measures for elimination of all forms of discrimination against women.

At the meeting, the delegation explained how the government was striving for laws, policies and other action plans in line with the provisions embedded in Articles 1 to 16 of the Convention.—*Myanmar News Agency*

Over 10,000 affected by flooding across Rakhine State

OVER 10,000 people from Rakhine State after affected by the recent flooding, according to the office of the Rakhine State government.

Continuous torrential rain across Rakhine State between Monday and Tuesday has caused flooding in Kyauktaw, Mrauk-U and Minbya Townships.

"Our government is providing the required assistance. At one time people destroyed the forests and the mountains. Now it's nature that ruining the lives of people. Rakhine rivers and ponds have become all silted up," said U Kyaw Lwin, Rakhine State Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry and Mines.

According to records of the office of the Rakhine State government collected on 6 July, the population of 38 villages and three wards from Minbya Township stands at 6,150; 13 villages from Kyauktaw Township registered a populace of 2,828; while 10 villages and four wards from Mrauk-U Township showed a population of 2,527.

Victims of the recent flooding have fled to monasteries, schools and other areas devoid of flooding in order to take refuge.

The rains have so far destroyed 11 dwellings, costing K3.2 million, together with four bridges and one road, with damage estimates equating approximately K4 million.—*Myitmakha News Agency*

Over 70 complaints received by Hluttaw Scrutiny Committee in five months

THE Yangon Region Hluttaw Judicial, Rule of law, Complaints and Appeals Scrutiny Committee (JRLCASC) has received over 70 complaints between February and June this year, it is reported.

U Tin Win, the committee's secretary, says they have managed to resolve ten cases related to complaints lodged against ward and village administrators, farmland problems, the courts, real-estate and over the debate for renovation or relocation of Mingalar Market.

"Complaints take a little time [to be processed] as they are distributed out to committees only once the speaker and deputy speaker of the Yangon Region Hluttaw have scrutinised them. MPs of townships close to the area, about which the complaint has been lodged, are ordered to take responsibility [for attempting to resolve the issues]." he said.

Of all the complaints received by the committee, the speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw rejected 46 of them on Wednesdasy.

U Myat Min Thu, member of the scrutiny committee and Yangon Region Hluttaw MP for Hlaingthaya Township Constituency 2, said that the committee was only formed, and begun to undertake its duties, during March this year.

"The complaints are dished out among the 11 members in accordance with their subject matter. I take responsibility for ward administration related complaints. I've currently got three complaints from Shwepyithar, Dagon Myothit (North) and Htantabin Townships. I work to solve these complaints by scrutinising the offices of the township administrators concerned." he said.

Once MPs have scrutinized the complaints, they resubmit their findings to Hluttaw, upon which both the party who filed the complaint and that who has been accused hold talks within Hluttaw in a bid to resolve the issue.—*Myitmakha News Agency*

Myanmar allows foreign joint ventures to trade construction materials

THE Ministry of Commerce of Myanmar has allowed foreign joint venture companies for trading and distribution of construction materials, according to an announcement of the ministry Saturday.

The ministry has liberalized such restrictions, granting export/import license to foreign joint ventures on construction materials in order to meet the international trade regulations of World Trade Organization(WTO) and to boost the country's construction sector.

Moreover, gradual growth of foreign investment in the country is also a main factor.

"The companies are allowed to trade any kind of permitted construction materials .But they can trade with a limit of capital in accordance with their equity ratio ," U Aung Soe, Deputy Director General of Ministry of Commerce, told Xinhua.

Myanmar's construction industry expanded rapidly in recent years. The sector's GDP growth amounted to 7.7 percent in the fiscal year 2014-2015 and is expected to grow to 8.3 percent in 2015-2016 fiscal year, according to the report of Oxford Business Group.

However, the industry is declining at present as the regional government of Yangon, the commercial capital of Myanmar, has suspended the construction of high rise building in the region since mid May.

Therefore the permission to more import of construction materials may not suit the current condition of industry, according to a member of Myanmar Construction Entrepreneurs Association.

Foreign investment in country's construction sector amounted to 37.767 million U.S. dollars as the end of June since late 1988.— *Xinhua*

200 plus bed hospitals to found PR officers

PUBLIC Relation Officers will be assigned to all 200 plus bed hospitals across the country, it is reported.

"There are many different wards in 200 plus bedded hospitals. Also, hospitals cover a very wide area. So some patients or attendants from places other than the city of Yangon are very often confused as to how to navigate the building. In such cases, they can now enquire at the reception desk which will be better prepared to engage with the public. The desk will also receive complaints", said Medical superintendent Dr. Aye Ko from Yangon General Hospital. There are around 325 medical emergencies at the Yangon General emergency ward every day and around 225 patients are hospitalised. The hospital provides basic medical care, checks such as X-rays, ultra sounds and CD scans etc free of charges with the use of government subsidies. "We have already appointed three public relation executives at the reception counter. They are handling complaints from patients and the public. They will provide their services from 8:00am to 4:00pm each day, said U Tun Lwin, person-in-charge of the medical social relations department.

The government allocated a fund of K7.5 million in the 2012-2013 FY for basic medical care. However, the 2013-2014 FY saw an increased budget allotment of Ks 24.5 million and a further K38 million for the 2014-2015 FY.

Yangon General Hospital is a major public hospital in Myanmar and can boast 1,500 beds. It is also a teaching hospital for medical University-1. There are 25 specialist wards and the emergency ward has been upgraded with the specialists now providing emergency medical care.—*Zar Zar*

Crime NEWS

Ferry bus crashes into truck on Kyimyindine road

A FERRY bus crashed into another truck which was parked on lower Kyimyindine road near Tawwin street on Thursday.

According to an investigation, the ferry bus, being driven by one Ko Yan Naing, 29, crashed into an open truck carrying sand and stone when he attempted to avoid colliding with another vehicle. The ferry bus was badly damaged in the accident and the driver became trapped inside the cab due to the damage. People at the scene attempted to free the driver. The driver, once removed, was taken to Yangon general hospital.

The driver being removed from the car. Photo:Baw Gar Twe

The section of the road where the accident occurred is a bend. It was, therefore, very dangerous when the driver did not decelerate at the bend. Also, electric lamp posts were not working and thus the driver could not see the car properly, said a witness.— *Baw Gar Twe*

Yaba and heroin seized

A COMBINED team comprising officers and staff from Lashio police station confiscated yaba from a passenger near Oriental toll gate on Muse-Mandalay road on Wednesday. Acting on a tip-off, police searched a passenger bus en route to Mandlay from Muse and discovered 5,890 yaba pills from a passenger on board identified as one Ma Kyi Phan Myint.

Aik Ti, Maung Aye and Ma Aye Nyunt. Photo: MPF

Similarly, Police stopped a motorcycle en route to Hsenwi from Kutkai being driven by one Maung Aye with Ma Aye Nyunt on board. Upon conducting a search, police discovered heroin weighing 120 grams and 975 yaba pills.

A combined team comprising officers and staff from Tachilek police station searched a motorcycle driver identified as one Aik Ti and seized 5,866 yaba pills. Police have filed charges against all suspects under the Anti-Narcotic Law.— *Myanmar Police Force*

Two men charged with theft in Mayangon Township

TWO men have been charged with robbery after the looting of a gold chain from a passer-by on Bayintnaung road, Mayangon township, Yangon region, on Thursday.

Acting on a tip off, police arrested one Naing Htet Aung, 19, from Shwe Wah Chaung village with the help of locals at the scene. When interrogated, Naing Htet Aung admitted that he had taken the gold chain and ran away. The arrest of Naing Htet Aung led to the further arrest of one Bo Bo Tun, 23. The police arrested Bo Bo Tun, 23, in ward 3, Hlaingthayar township. The local police station has filed charges against both men.— *Myo Min Thein (Mayangon)*

Naing Htet Aung and Bo Bo Tun.
Photo: Myo Min Thein (Mayangon)

Dyna car overturns in Sagaing region

A DYNA car carrying passengers and goods overturned on Chaungma-Ka Ni road, Ka Ni township, Sagaing reigon, on Thursday.

According to an investigation the Dyna, being driven by one Min Htet Aung, 26, with five passengers on board overturned at milepost 21/4 when the driver lost control.

The five passengers and driver were seriously injured in the accident. Police have filed charges against the driver.— *Ko Ye*

LOCAL Business

El Niño hurts green bean export industry

A green bean plantation being seen. PHOTO:MYITMAKHA NEWS AGENCY

GREEN bean exports to the EU hurts because of El Niño , with the green bean prices declining this financial year, according to an official from the Myanmar Pluses, Beans and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association.

The beans quality induced by the infamous El Niño weather front, are selling this fiscal year for between US$1,100-1,200 per tonne, compared with last year which saw their value of the same quantity fetch US$1,400.

"The arrival of El Niño this year saw the quality of the green beans decline shortly after sprouting, which is the reason behind the depreciation in their value." said U Min Ko Oo, secretary of the Myanmar Pluses, Beans and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association.

"We don't have criteria for the standard of green beans. We just work to meet the requirements the EU set." added Min Ko Oo.

Green beans cultivated in Myanmar are currently sold to the EU for US$1,200 per tonne, approximately US$200 more can be obtained from selling to China, India or other ASEAN nations.

Agricultural experts from EU countries are reportedly supporting the development of Myanmar green bean farmers, with methods that must be adhered to during every step of the cultivation process in a bid to boost the quality of the beans.

The Myanmar Pluses, Beans and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association expects that 15,000-20,000 tonnes of green beans will be exported during this financial year, a larger volume than 7,000 tonnes was exported during the 2015-16 fiscal year.—*Myitmakha News Agency*

Hotel and tourism license applications go digital

FOUR hotel and tourism licenses can now be applied for online, according to the Shan State (East) Department of Hotels and Tourism in Kengtung Township.

U San Lin, deputy director of the aforementioned department, said that licenses could now be applied for during negotiations between joint state and district level civil servants that will be held at the office of the deputy state administrator of Shan State in Kengtung on 6 July. "People can apply for licenses by emailing the department branch of administration for hotel and tourism related affairs at hts.dht.moht@gmail.com. But, those wishing to apply can only do so once they've applied for, and been issued with, building permits from the ministry. This online application system mitigates the application for hotel licenses after buildings have been constructed to one's desired specification," said the deputy director.

Four types of licenses include hotel and guesthouse, tourism, tourism transportation and tour guide licenses, while individuals with suitable supporting evidence will reportedly be able to submit their application online. Individuals from Kengtung who desire to make their application online, and have any queries or inquires regarding needed information and supporting evidence, can contact the Kengtung Department of Hotels and Tourism, located on Loi Mwe Road, at 084-21617 or 09-5098434.— *Myitmakha News AgencyAgency*

Strategic development Projects to be implemented in Chin Shwe Haw

STRATEGIC development projects will be implemented in Chin Shwe Haw, the third largest border trade route of Myanmar, according to an announcement of the Ministry of Commerce. Chin Shwe Haw border trade camp is next to the Linchan border economic zone by Yunnan province and Mong Teng China-Myanmar border economic zone.

Regional development of the Chin Shwe Haw border zone project also includes constructing a four-country economic corridor for China-Myanmar-Bangladesh-India.

Currently, factories have planned to be established in Chin Shwe Haw border economic zones and Mong Teng China-Myanmar border economic zone to be able to export the construction materials, people's toilet products and foodstuff.

A road joining the China and Myanmar border is to be built at a width of 43m and the length of 4.3km. This road will be the exit to Pacific Ocean, spanning Kumin-Linchan-Chin Shwe Haw into Myanmar. The construction of the new Kuan Lung bridge construction will start this year, and will take a year.

Kyaukpyu-Kunming railway road in parallel to China-Myanmar petroleum and natural gas pipe line has also been planned to be part of this economic corridor. Currently, Linchan-Chin Shwe Haw road is under the construction which will be completed in 2020.—*200*

Gold market training course opens in Myanmar

MYANMAR Gold Link, a training course on the buying and selling of gold online, is reportedly to be rolled out in Yangon and Mandalay this July.

The training course has been opened with the aim of providing those wishing to enter international or Myanmar gold markets; entrepreneurs who desire to buy and sell gold domestically and abroad, together with brokers involved in the gold industry; and those who wish to estimate the gold market, with the practical skills to easily understand the markets.

The Mandalay class runs from 18-21 July between the hours of 10:00am – 12:00pm, while the Yangon class will run from 25-28 July and between the 5:30-7:30pm.

The course will provide teaching on the subjects of buying and selling gold on the international market online; introduction to the trading of gold and money; the purchasing of gold from CFDs; systems of estimating rises and falls of Myanmar gold and gold on the world market; gold trading strategies; and practical management of losses.

A Free Demo Trading Account reportedly allows one to practice for the training course period and is available to anyone, anytime and free-of-charge, while interested students need to register in advance as class sizes are limited to twenty persons.

Those wishing to attend the course can contact the Myanmar Golden Link Yangon office at: 09-974418444, 09-799788790 and the Mandalay office at: 09-974418555, 09-799788780. Alternatively, the hot line can be reached by dialing 09-974418777 or 09-783555.—*Myitmakha News AgencyAgency*

Royal Express to open branches in Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore

MYANMAR'S private Royal Express delivery service plans to open branches in Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore with the branches opening this year.

Previously only Myanmar Posts and Telecommunication could deliver internationally. The government allowed private companies to offer delivery services starting from 2012.

Royal Express is extending its courier and/or delivery services.

Thailand will be the country that the group will offer services to, before Singapore and Malaysia.

According to the report there are three other companies seeking licences for domestic mail and delivery services.—*200*

North Korea fires missile from submarine but it appears to have failed — South Korea

A passenger walks past a TV screen at a railway station in Seoul, South Korea, broadcasting a news report on North Korea's submarine-launched ballistic missile fired from North Korea's east coast port of Sinpo on 9 July 2016.
PHOTO: REUTERS

SEOUL — North Korea fired a ballistic missile from a submarine on Saturday but it appears to have failed soon after launch, South Korea's military said.

The launch comes at the end of a week of sharply rising tensions on the peninsula. It is only a day after the US and South Korea pledged to deploy an advanced anti-missile system to counter threats from Pyongyang, and two days after North Korea warned it was planning its toughest response to what it deemed a "declaration of war" by the United States.

That followed Washington's blacklisting of the isolated state's leader Kim Jong Un for alleged human rights abuses.

The South's Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a statement that the missile was launched at about 11:30am Seoul time (0230 GMT) in waters east of the Korean peninsula.

The missile was likely fired from a submarine as planned but appears to have failed in the early stage of flight, the Joint Chiefs said.

Neighbouring Japan, the United States, and South Korea's military condemned the missile launch as a flagrant violation of UN sanctions.

South Korea's Yonhap news agency said the missile's engine successfully ignited but the projectile soon exploded in mid-air at a height of about 10 km (6 miles), and covered not more than a few kilometres across the water.

The South's military declined to confirm those details citing its policy of not publicly commenting on intelligence matters.

The missile was detected in the sea southeast of the North Korean city of Sinpo, South Korea's military said. Satellite images indicate Pyongyang is actively trying to develop its submarine-launched ballistic missile programme in this area, according to experts.

The US Strategic Command, whose mission is to detect and prevent strategic attacks against the United States and its allies, said it had detected what it believed was a KN-11 submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM).

It was fired from North Korea's east coast port of Sinpo and then fell into the sea between there and Japan, the command said in a statement.

Reclusive North Korea and the rich, democratic South are technically still at war because their 1950-53 conflict ended in an armistice, not a peace treaty.

The North regularly threatens to destroy the Japan, South Korea and the South's main ally, the United States.—*Reuters*

Sri Lanka, China pledge to further boost bilateral ties

COLOMBO — Sri Lanka and China agreed to further develop their strategic cooperative partnership, visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said on Friday. When meeting with his Sri Lankan counterpart Mangala Samaraweera, Wang said both sides should implement the consensus reached by the leadership of the two countries and enhance their mutually beneficial cooperation in various fields.

The China-Sri Lanka strategic cooperative partnership is the achievement of efforts exerted by both governments and peoples through generations, he said. Chinese President Xi Jinping made a historic visit to Sri Lanka in 2014 and planned a blueprint for the development of bilateral relations, said Wang, stressing that China's friendly policies and mutually beneficial cooperation with Sri Lanka did not change in the past and will not change in the future. Currently both countries are developing sound, stable and mutually beneficial ties.

China and Sri Lanka will jointly push forward large-scale projects such as construction of road, railway, port and airport, which will benefit their enterprises and people, the Chinese minister said.

He hoped China and Sri Lanka will successfully hold celebrations marking the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations and the 65th anniversary of the historic Rubber-Rice Pact.

For his part, Samaraweera expressed appreciation for the long-tiem assistance given by China for the development of Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka is expected to further enhance cooperation with China in the fields of trade and investment, and earnestly advance major cooperation projects of airport and port among others in the island nation, he said.—*Xinhua*

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Chinese dredging vessels are purportedly seen in the waters around Mischief Reef in the disputed Spratly Islands in the South China Sea in this still image from video taken by a P-8A Poseidon surveillance aircraft provided by the United States Navy in May 2015. PHOTO: REUTERS

China holds combat drill in the South China Sea

SHANGHAI — The Chinese navy conducted combat drills near its southern island province of Hainan and the Paracel islands in the South China Sea, the Ministry of Defence said on Saturday.

The drills come ahead of a 12 July ruling by the Hague-based Permanent Court of Arbitration on a case brought by the Philippines disputing several of China's territory claims in the South China Sea.

Ships from China's northern, eastern and southern fleets participated in Friday's drills, which focussed on air control, surface operations and anti-submarine warfare, among other training exercises, the ministry said in a website statement.

China claims nearly all the South China Sea, but its claims overlap in part with those of Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan and Viet Nam.

China has repeatedly said it does not consider any decision reached by the arbitration court to be legally binding.

"China adheres to the position of settling disputes through negotiation and consultation with states directly concerned," state news agency Xinhua said in a commentary on Saturday.

"This has always been China's policy, and it will never change."—*Reuters*

Bangladesh seeks to account for missing youth to head off attacks

DHAKA — Bangladesh's prime minister has urged parents whose children have gone missing to provide information after some of the militants who attacked a Dhaka cafe last week turned out to be young men who had broken contact with their well-to-do families.

Twenty people were killed in the attack, most of them foreigners, when five young Bangladeshi men stormed into the restaurant in an upscale part of the capital in an assault claimed by Islamic State.

Three of the militants attended prestigious schools or universities in Dhaka and Malaysia and had been reported missing from their homes for months. One was the son of a politician.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, battling escalating Islamist militancy, appealed for cooperation from parents whose children had left home without explanation.

"We have learned that many college and university students are missing. Don't just file a GD, give us all the information and photos," she said in a speech on Thursday.

A GD, or general diary, is an initial police report.

The head of Bangladesh's counter terrorism police, Monirul Islam, said it was difficult to provide an estimate of the number of children who had gone missing.

A US family residing in Bangladesh prays for their friends who were killed in the attack on the Holey Artisan Bakery and the O'Kitchen Restaurant, at a makeshift memorial near the attack site, in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on 5 July 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Bangladesh has faced a series of attacks on liberal bloggers, university teachers and members of religious minorities over the past year. The government says two domestic militant groups trying to replace secular democracy with sharia rule are responsible for the violence.

But the attack on the cafe marked a sharp escalation in the scale and sophistication of the violence which security experts said pointed to greater links with trans-national militant groups, even if no foreign fighters took part.

Police have not determined how the five men, who were from 19 to 26 years old, turned into cold-blooded killers. They are also trying to identify those who orchestrated the attack, one of the worst in Bangladesh's history.

"It's a good hypothesis to begin with that there must have been some masterminds. It is not possible that those boys make a 180-degree turn and become killing machines," said H.T. Imam, a political adviser to Hasina.

One of the attackers, identified as Khairul Islam Payel from a village in northern Bangladesh, was also a suspect in the killing of a Japanese man last year, police said. That attack was claimed by Islamic State.

Among the dead in the cafe attack were seven Japanese, nine Italians, an American and an Indian. On Thursday, militants attacked police guarding a festival marking the end of the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan killing three people and wounding 14.

Police said seven people including students had been detained for questioning over the attack.

Islamic State has warned that the violence would continue until Islamic law was established worldwide, saying in a video that the Dhaka assault was just a hint of what was to come.

The government says it will not be cowed by the violence. —*Reuters*

China, South Korea worry Japan election may lead to constitutional change

TOKYO — Chinese and South Korean diplomats in Tokyo are closely watching Sunday's House of Councillors election in Japan because it could lead to revising Japan's pacifist Constitution if those supporting change achieve the two-thirds majority required to amend it.

"Whether those supporting revision secure two-thirds is China's biggest concern," a Chinese Embassy source said. And a South Korean Embassy source said, "If an amendment gets a grip on reality, our citizens would criticise Japan by connecting it with the history issue."

To call a referendum on amending the Constitution, a proposal must be passed by two-thirds of the members of both houses of the Diet.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's Liberal Democratic Party and its coalition partner Komeito already hold such a super-majority in the 475-seat House of Representatives.

And a recent Kyodo News survey suggested the ruling coalition parties are likely to win at least 74 of the 121 seats up for grabs in this weekend's election, meaning the election could put at least two-thirds of the 242 upper house seats in the hands of parliamentary forces supporting amendments to the Constitution.—*Kyodo News*

Indonesian army chopper crashes, three killed

JAKARTA — A Bell helicopter of the Indonesian army crashed in a village in the central Javan province of Yogyakarta on Friday afternoon, killing three people and injuring three others, a rescue official said.

Heronimus Guru, deputy chief of the National Search and Rescue Agency, said the chopper with five army soldiers and a civilian on board crashed into two houses in the densely populated village of Tamanmartani in Yogyakarta's Sleman Regency at 3:35pm.

Two soldiers and the civilian were killed in the crash.

The Indonesian army has not been available to comment.

Media reports said the aircraft was on its way from Adi Soemarmo International Airport in the nearby city of Surakarta, also known as Solo, to Adisucipto International Airport, on the outskirts of Yogyakarta, the provincial capital.— *Kyodo News*

Nepalese minister sees China-Nepal ties reach new height

KATHMANDU — Nepalese Minister for Information and Communications Sherdhan Rai said on Friday that bilateral relations between Nepal and China have reached a new height.

Releasing a documentary entitled "Nepal China Sister Cities," the minister said the China-Nepal ties are not limited within the state or the government level, but also among people-to-people level.

"The bilateral ties between Nepal and China have been moving ahead with the exploration of new avenues. Nepalese Prime Minister Sharma Oli's visit to the northern neighbour in March has set a new milestone in the diplomatic, political and economic relationship," Rai said.

Appreciating China's support to Nepal's development efforts in infrastructure, energy or tourism, he said the establishment of Nepal-China sister cities has helped strengthening historical and cultural bonding among the people of two countries.

Nepal and China have established the relations of three sister cities between Kathmandu and Xi'an, Patan and Xining as well as Pokhara and Linzhi.

Both Kathmandu and Xi'an are regarded ancient cities enriched with temples, art and carvings, Patan and Xining as summer capitals with similar climate and widely recognised for business negotiations, and Pokhara and Linzhi as popular tourism destinations.

The documentary jointly produced by China Radio International and Nepal Television has portrayed the similarities between these cities from the aspects of history, natural beauty, culture and religion.

Addressing the premiere show, Andy Jiang, representative of China Radio International in Nepal said, "We are hopeful that this documentary will be a perfect medium for people to learn about each other which shall bring the Nepalese and Chinese people closer."

The documentary has already been aired in China whereas it started broadcasting in Nepal from Friday. —*Xinhua*

Nepalese Minister for Information and Communications Sherdhan Rai (L) inaugurates the premiere of the documentary "Nepal China Sister Cities", produced by Nepal Television and China Radio International, in Kathmandu, Nepal, on 8 July 2016. Sherdhan Rai said on Friday that bilateral relations between Nepal and China have reached a new height. PHOTO: XINHUA

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Cheered to the echo

Kyaw Thura

EVERYONE thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself, so said Leo Tolstoy. For some peculiar reason, people tend to be consumed with anxiety when faced with change. Typically, we entertain some suspicion when we come face-to-face with things foreign to us. It is through confidence that anxiety is overcome.

Granted that history repeats itself, we all need to develop a strong sense of history to make correct judgement of the past and avoid drawing wrong conclusions. This highlights that an understanding of the past can save us from possible missteps in the future.

For the success of the hard-won democracy, the entire national brethren must stand united in the effort to destroy its weeds. Unfortunately, there are people who still feel reluctant to embrace change and believe in true democracy. In other words, a general apathy toward politics remains rife as a direct consequence of despotic rule.

At this crucial moment, people from all the ethnic communities are required to overcome their political apathy and decide to advance on the road to democracy. Just as the 21st Century Panglong Peace Conference has initially been scheduled for August, all the armed groups must prepare themselves to develop a sense of oneness to achieve national reconciliation. After all, the best legacy we should pass down to the new generation is none but lasting peace and prosperity. No doubt the ordinary people will cheer all the stakeholders to the echo in recognition of their extraordinary accomplishments in the restoration of peace and the success of democracy.

Human Rights Education

Dr. Khine Khine Win

HUMAN RIGHTS education is an essential tool for implementation of government's obligations: respect, protect and fulfill of human rights. And also it is essential to the long term prevention of human rights abuses. The preamble of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that "every individual and every organ of society, keeping this declaration constantly in mind, shall strive by teaching and education to promote respect for these rights and freedoms". In deed human rights education included in many international human rights treaties: ICERD's article 27, ICESCR's article 13, CEDAW's article 10, CAT's article 10, CRC's article 29, ICPRMW's article 23 and CRPD's article 4 and 8.

Despite having many meaning on human rights education, they all include elements of awareness raising and participation. According to OHCHR, human rights education promotes values, beliefs and attitude that encourage everyone to uphold their own rights and those of others. To claim their rights and seek for violations, people first need to understand their rights. In this regard, National human rights institutions (NHRIs) have a crucial role to play in advancing human rights education in their countries. It is a core part of their mandate. The Paris Principles set out that NHRIs have a responsibility to "assist in the formulation of programmes for the teaching of, and research into, human rights and to take part in their execution in schools, universities and professional circles".

In December 2011, UN General Assembly adopted the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights Education and Training, HRET. This declaration asserts that everyone has the right to know, seek and receive information about their human rights and fundamental freedom. HRET encompases education about human rights, education through human rights and education for human rights.

Myanmar National Human Rights Commission (MNHRC) is mandated to promoting public awareness of human rights and efforts to combat all forms of discrimination through the provision of information and education (Section 22(a)). With this mandate, MNHRC has been delivering human rights education programmes for a broad range of stakeholders, proving training on human rights to the police, military and other government officials working with the grassroots level to build the capacity of communities.

Above mentioned all training activities have been conducted with the aim to raise awareness, understanding and acceptance of universal human rights standards and principles, to develop a universal culture of human rights, to contribute to the prevention of human rights violations and abuses and to the combating and eradication of all forms of discrimination. The activity of human rights education focuses on strengthening respect for the human rights and dignity of participants and enabling their full and active participation.

For instance, recently MNHRC have conducted human rights training workshop for police officials of No. 3 Chief of Security Police Command, Mandalay on 5th and 6th July with an aim to promote knowledge on human rights norms and standards. This is a two-day training workshop. Apart from human rights subjects, comparison between police manual and constitution (2008) is one of the lectures of the training workshop. As police officials are acting as state agent, they are therefore obliged to respect and protect the rights of people. On the other hand, they are entitled to the same rights and freedom as other persons and are protected by human rights when performing their jobs. In this regard, police officials need to understand their rights and rights of others to perform their duties impartially based on understanding of human rights norms and standards.

Human Right Education is a lifelong process that involves all ages and levels. Some urgently need to understand human rights because of the power they have or the positions of responsibility they hold. As holders of power, it is important to understand that human rights benefit the community and themselves and human rights provide the basis for long-term stability and further development.

Only with full awareness, understanding and respect for human rights can we hope to develop a culture where they are respected rather than violated. The right to human rights education is therefore increasingly recognized as a human right in itself.

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People's Forum

Built-to-order

SHLETER is one of the essentials for human beings which provides a place for them to stay either permanently or on a temporary basis. Since the beginning of the existence of the world till the modern days, human beings have been living in several different types of shelter which can be categorized in many ways either by design or materials or locations or value of it.

Although a shelter is, in its basic sense, meant for a family, the nucleus of which comprises parents and their children, sometimes it had to accommodate an extended family with other relatives as members of it or more than one family. No matter what, to make full use of its purpose, not only the type, size of and other facilities usually fitted in shelters such as water supply, lightings and compound, but also its locations and amenities nearby, play an important role. When all of them are made available together with shelter, then there is sense of 'security', 'satisfaction' and probably 'joy' among the dwellers sharing it.

Sometimes, some people may have to take a refuge in a shelter which can be a makeshift with lack of some facilities and of course, usually not by their choice. In the same society, some may possess huge mansion with ultra-modern facilities built on acres of lands worth several millions. Elements of poverty and prosperity are clearly portrayed in this scenario. While some own more than a shelter of different types at different locations, many others had to take a loan to buy it or even to rent it. When some purchase cottage after cottage, others face mortgage after mortgage. There are clearly the issues of ownership and inequalities in it. Some have opportunity of staying in the same place for life and it may be considered as 'stability' by some and 'boredom' by others. Some are located in busy towns while others are in remote districts. Again the different value propositions between crowdedness and noise with liveliness versus tranquility and peace with lethargy.

When the concept of shelter and its different dynamics as described above are extended beyond and to the extent of a nation within which entire community or population resides, attributes such as mutuality, harmony, reciprocity, sharing and caring, peace and consensus are vital to build and maintain a peaceful and prosperous union. And the notion of 'shelter' may no longer be appropriate at this point and it should be more aptly termed as 'home'. Citing the analogy of 'home', when it comes to build a nation, the options such as 'one-size-fit-all', 'ready-made', 'solely-for-profit' may not work. The ideal solution, though it may not be easy, is 'built-to-order' with the best customization to make every household member as happy as possible. On the 8th of November 2015, majority of the citizens of Myanmar, in execution of their constitutional rights, have given 'a clear-cut order' to the political party of their choice which is the National League for Democracy, to 'build a peaceful and prosperous union' for them.

Like in business world where an invoice without a due payment does not deliver anything, if we do not fully support the government of our choice, it will not be able to fulfill their obligations which in turn will keep Myanmar in an impasse in its peace process or even may bring back to its previous chaos. Hence, let's give our unconditional backing to the upcoming "21st Century Panlong Conference" which is a key milestone to achieve in our journey towards peaceful and prosperous Myanmar.

Cheers,
Aung Myint Oo

MPs meet with residents aggrieved by Dawei SEZ

The MP meets local residents aggrieved by Dawei Special Economic Zone. PHOTO:MYITMAKHA NEWS AGENCY

TANINTHARYI Region Hluttaw MPs met with residents from Yebyu Township, living in the parameters of the proposed deep seaport, in Payadet village of Nabule region on Thursday.

The meeting was arranged out of a desire to understand the difficulty of residents from the 11 villages from Nabule region that fall within the area of the deep seaport. "We haven't been given loans for agricultural expenses since 2011 as our villages lie within the boundaries of the deep seaport area. We can't plant trees anymore. We're not able to fill out our household registers. We're also not issued with Form 10 anymore; the residents having to live within this zone is just like living within a prison," said U Kyaw Win from Payadet village.

Unable to engage in agricultural activities, residents tried their hand at fishing, but this proved unsuccessful as large near shore fishing vessels ploughed their waters, hauling in the lion's share of the catch. There is a need to work for holding those who violate the oceans law to account, while the arrival of the rainy season has caused problems traversing the region's roads. "We've already presented some of the matters to our superiors. We'll also present to government that issues we've learned from the talks and work so that action can be taken as soon as possible. Since this is a government installed by the people, we'll work for the benefit of the people." said U Hla Htwe, Hluttaw MP for Yebyu Township.

This meeting between local residents and Hluttaw MPs is reportedly the first of its kind, while the statements of local residents have allegedly been taken note of with efforts underway to resolve their grievances accordingly.

The meeting was attended by a total of two Hluttaw MPs and over a hundred local residents.

The Dawei Special Economic Zone (DSEZ) was declared its status in January 2014 and comprises an area of 196 square kilometers.

In regard to the special economic zone law, the DSEZ committee is in charge of zone administration. The Dawei Speical Economic Zone Company Limited is providing financial assistance, while the MIE Company Limited has finished implementing basic infrastructural development, including that of the deep seaport, on 27 square kilometers of land (2,700 hectares).— *Myitmakha News AgencyAgency*

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Competency Certification of Electricians

Recently Certificates of Occupational Competency
for Electrician (Level 1) were awarded in a ceremony
at Union of Myanmar Chamber of Commerce and Industry
by the Labour, Immigration and Manpower Ministry
under the Employment and Skills Development Legislation
as part of the it's hundred day plan, for the recognition
of existing skilled but uncertified workers' competency
after assessment by the National Skills Standards Authority.
One hundred 'electricians' undertook the assessment
eighty seven of them were declared to be 'Competent'
against relevant NSSA Standards, by accredited assessors,
in a two hour plus practical assessment of the workers.

Awarding of Competency Certificates to electricians
is most welcome as it is one of the many occupations
which is in high demand in the labour market and usually
filled in by 'electricians' who have acquired the skills mostly
through working as 'helpers' to experienced 'Electricians'
but of their acquired skills have obtained no recognition
having no certificate of their occupational competency
which affects, in the labour market, their mobility.
Many more Electricians need to be certified duly
including those at higher levels of Competency.

Electricians, to independently practice their profession
also need to obtain a license as has been the regulation
to protect the public from incompetent electricians in relation
to wiring and other customer requirements in using electricity,
thus they should be issued licenses by the concerned authority
at the level relevant to their Certificates of Competency.

Lokethar

My advice for future policymakers: See the public's success as your success

Sri Mulyani Indrawati

THE most important word in "public policy" is "public" — the people affected by the choices of policymakers.

But who are these people? And what do they care most about? Policies evolve as the concerns of generations change over time. Regardless of whether you are generation X, Y, or Z, people want the same things: prosperity and dignity, equality of opportunity, justice and security.

Today, all of us have access to instant information from a smartphone. But the irony is that more access to more information has not made people more open-minded. Instead, it has become a lot easier to confirm one's own assumptions and stereotypes by filtering out the other side. It takes more effort to reach across the lines of division and understand the people one doesn't agree with.

This plays into the hands of populists who shout louder, who see all problems as black and white, who exploit fears and offer magic solutions to complex issues. This is making the job of policymaking so much more challenging.

It means that your "public" is more impatient and people get angry quickly, because expectations are high and people want delivery as fast as an instant message.

So, what do you need to know to become a good policymaker?

1 First, understand that **technical competence is non-negotiable** for you to make informed decisions. Together with good judgment, it helps you understand the tradeoffs, merits, and demerits of your decisions. But, most importantly, it allows you to identify winners and losers and how to address their issues.

2 **Be prepared to make tradeoffs.** Understand that even if you are convinced of the quality of your policy, not everyone will benefit immediately. This is true for every country, whether rich, middle-income or low-income. It affects people's lives in very real ways. Just because your policy makes sense and the numbers add up, it doesn't mean it works. In fact, you will see that rarely in life can you choose between the best and the second-best option. Sometimes even the third-best option is out of reach.

3 **Sometimes, the least bad option may be all you have.** When I was a finance minister, Indonesia, like many other countries, was affected by the global financial crisis. Commodity prices dropped, and as an oil producer and open economy, we were close to economic collapse. Corrupt officials and powerful interest groups benefited from the status quo and tried to undermine every effort to reform our country and rebuild confidence. Not every problem is of this proportion, but reality is often very different from what you find in textbooks. It is full of people with emotions, expectations, attitudes and competing interests — not all in support of solid reform.

So dealing with tradeoffs may be the most difficult part of your career — perhaps of your life. There may be people who lose out, even with good reforms, at least temporarily, because you didn't have the luxury of a perfect outcome. How will you explain this to them? How will you compensate them? And will they listen and understand in a complex world where endless information is competing for their attention?

4 **Be inclusive and transparent.** To answer these questions, you need the best technical expertise, not just within yourself, but in your team. People need to sit at the table. They deserve respect and dignity and their voices must be heard. Remember without them you won't achieve legitimate results. In the field of public policy, even more so in a position of leadership, your success is defined solely by how the people who are affected by your work are doing. Their success is your success.

5 **Show leadership.** You need to show empathy and truly understand people's hearts and minds. You need to be able to convince them that reform is needed and success is possible. You need to have courage of conviction, be dedicated, and driven by a strong sense of integrity.

Leadership also means the ability to differentiate between facts and evidence on the one side, and bias and subjectivity on the other. It means managing every process inclusively and making choices wisely and responsibly, no matter how hard they seem. While the cost of change is often immediate, success can be delayed and people may not remember your contribution by the time it arrives.

6 **Finally, always choose to do what is in the best interest of the public.** It ultimately will make you a better human being too. Sometimes, not everyone will appreciate your decision. Some may misunderstand your actions, nd others even misrepresent them.

But if you act with full integrity and without compromising on fairness, and if you act with honesty, humility, and respect for the dignity of people, you always come out a winner.

No matter whether you hold public office or work for a private company, an NGO, or civil society organization — and no matter whether you are an entry-level, a mid-level professional, or an executive — nothing will beat integrity and the value of your dignity.

This blog post is based on remarks by Sri Mulyani Indrawati during the commencement at the University of Virginia's Batten School of Public Policy and Leadership on May 21, 2016.

Violence again convulses 2016 election campaign, testing Trump, Clinton

DALLAS — In the hours after a gunman shot 12 police officers, killing five in Dallas, Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump and his Democratic rival Hillary Clinton abruptly cancelled campaign events. Their Twitter accounts largely went quiet.

The shootings marked yet another convulsive event in the 2016 political season, one in which Clinton and Trump have scrambled to find the right response to terror attacks abroad, mass shootings at home, and protests over police killings of African Americans.

Much of the violence, captured live on smartphones and endlessly replayed on cable television news, has fuelled Americans' fears about their personal safety, polls show. It has evoked memories of 1968, when civil rights leader Martin Luther King and Democratic presidential candidate Robert Kennedy were assassinated in a turbulent era of protests against the Viet Nam war and racial segregation.

"We're seeing wild acts of gun violence and we are polarized in our politics and in the public square," said historian Douglas Brinkley. "Every 48 hours there seems to be some horrific event that jars and jerks our consciousness into a new dimension."

Historically, uncertain times tend to push the party out of power. Witness Republican Ronald Reagan's defeat of incumbent Democrat Jimmy Carter in 1980 during the Iran hostage crisis, or Obama's victory over Republican John McCain in 2008 as the US economy collapsed.

But that may not be the case for Trump, who has yet to convince a majority of Americans that his would be a steady hand at the tiller.

Trump's initial reaction to Dallas suggested he understands the stakes. He issued a sober statement of unity that was unlike many of his public utterances that are often derided by critics as hyperbolic or inflammatory.

"Our nation has become too divided. Too many Americans feel like they've lost hope. Crime is harming too many citizens. Racial tensions have gotten worse, not better. This isn't the American Dream we all want for our children," he said. "This is a time, perhaps more than ever, for strong leadership, love and compassion. We will pull through these tragedies."—*Reuters*

Clinton says she relied on State staff for classification decisions

NEW YORK — Hillary Clinton disputed a scathing assessment by the Federal Bureau of Investigation that she was "extremely careless" with classified government secrets, saying on Friday she relied on the judgement of her subordinates at the US State Department.

After maintaining for more than a year that she did not send or receive classified information through her unauthorised private email system, she acknowledged in a string of interviews on Friday she may have at least unwittingly done so, three days after the FBI concluded this happened at least 110 times.

Clinton, the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee, said she "certainly did not believe" that she was handling classified information on her email system at the time, but emphasized that she followed the lead of her subordinates on whether information was classified.

"I did not have a basis for second-guessing their conclusion," Clinton said in an interview with CNN, saying she had the "highest regard" for her former colleagues.

"These are experienced diplomats, they have expertise in handling classified material," she said in a separate interview with PBS Newshour. "They were not careless and the material that they sent, they did not believe that was classified."

Clinton, who was the department's most senior classifying authority during her four-year tenure at its helm, did not address the FBI's conclusion that she herself sent information on topics classified as 'top secret', the highest level, through a private server she kept in her basement.

Hillary Clinton smiles during a campaign rally, where she received the endorsement of Barack Obama, in Charlotte, North Carolina, on 5 July 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

"I have said, and I repeated, that it was a mistake to use personal email and I regret that," she said in another interview with ABC. It is a crime to mishandle classified information, and while FBI Director James Comey said on Tuesday there was evidence Clinton or her aides may have broken these laws, there was not enough evidence of criminal intent for a prosecution.

In an unusual 15-minute announcement explaining the FBI's findings, Comey ended up dismaying both Republicans and Democrats. While Clinton's Republican opponents have fumed at the decision not to file criminal charges, Clinton and her staff have disputed some of Comey's criticisms that undermine her argument that she has better judgement than Donald Trump, the presumptive Republican presidential candidate.

Comey called her and her staff "extremely careless" and said that any "reasonable" government employee should have recognised that such information should not be aired in emails. Her server was so poorly secured the FBI could not eliminate the possibility it had not been hacked by the country's enemies, Comey said.

Asked if she agreed that she was "extremely careless", Clinton told CNN she was not, adding that Comey had "clarified" his remarks. It was unclear what clarification Clinton meant.

In lengthier comments before lawmakers on Thursday, Comey again spoke of Clinton's and her staff's carelessness and "real sloppiness", adding that it seemed she was not "particularly sophisticated with respect to classified information." —*Reuters*

NEWS IN BRIEF

Japan PM Abe says North Korea missile launch should be strongly condemned

TOKYO — North Korea's firing of a submarine-launched ballistic missile is a "clear challenge to UN Security Council resolutions," Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said on Saturday, according to Kyodo news agency.

The launch comes a day after the US and South Korea pledged to deploy an anti-missile system to counter threats from Pyongyang, and two days after the North warned it was planning its toughest response to what it deemed a "declaration of war" by the United States.

"We should strongly condemn the launch by working with the international community," Abe told reporters, the agency said.

Abe also said the missile launch did not gravely affect Japan's national security, it added.—*Reuters*

Man arrested over dismembered body found at Tokyo park

TOKYO — Police arrested a man on Saturday in relation to the discovery last month of dismembered human body parts in a Tokyo park.

They are interrogating 28-year-old Yasunobu Ikeda about Tokiko Abe, 88, whose remains were discovered in a pond of Himonya Park in Meguro Ward, central Tokyo. Ikeda, under arrest for allegedly abandoning a body, lived around 500 metres away from Abe's apartment in neighbouring Setagaya Ward, the police said. Ikeda, who says he is unemployed, denied the allegations. A security camera at Abe's apartment captured a man resembling Ikeda going in and out of the apartment, the police said.—*Kyodo News*

Denmark to deploy up to 200 soldiers to Estonia

COPENHAGEN — Denmark is prepared to send up to 200 soldiers to Estonia as part of NATO's plan to deploy four multinational battalions to the Baltic states and Poland, the country's prime minister unveiled on Friday.

"Denmark contributes with up to 200 soldiers to enhanced presence in Estonia within the British framework," Danish Prime Minister Lars Loekke Rasmussen wrote on his Twitter account ahead of the NATO summit in Warsaw on Friday.

The Four multi-national battalions, a force of about 3,000 to 4,000 troops, will be deployed to Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland and led by Britain, Canada, Germany and the United States, respectively.

The battalions will be under NATO command and the deployment are due to be in place in early 2017.—*Xinhua*

UK PM candidate Leadsom says post-Brexit right to stay will depend on work permits

LONDON — EU citizens coming to Britain once the country has left the European Union will need to obtain work permits if they wish to stay, Andrea Leadsom, one of two candidates vying to replace David Cameron as prime minister, said.

"Once we leave the EU we will be back in control of immigration. People going on holiday or travelling on business or to collaborate on science will be able to do that but the right to reside and the right to work here will be under work permits," she told *The Times* newspaper.—*Reuters*

Small plane crash kills 4 in Houston

HOUSTON — Four people were killed after a small plane crashed in the city of Houston in the US state of Texas on Friday.

Engine failure was blamed for the crash, which occurred shortly after the plane took off from the West Houston Airport.

The plane caught fire and was completely destroyed, according to local TV station ABC13.

The wreckage was found amid trees and very close to some homes.

The cause of the accident is under investigation.—*Xinhua*

Suicide blasts kill 6 in NE Nigeria: army

ABUJA — Six people have been confirmed dead following two suicide blasts targeting local mosques in Nigeria's northeastern state of Borno, a spokesman of the Nigerian army said on Friday.

Col. Sani Usman said a male suicide bomber first blew up himself early Friday, missing his target at a central mosque in Damboa town, located some 90 km away from Maiduguri, the Borno State capital.

"The bomber targeted Damboa Central Mosque but due to stringent security measures he could not gain entry. Obviously frustrated, he exploded and died near the central mosque," he said.—*Xinhua*

NATO agrees to reinforce eastern Poland, Baltic states against Russia

WARSAW — NATO leaders agreed on Friday to deploy military forces to the Baltic states and eastern Poland for the first time and increase air and sea patrols to reassure allies who were once part of the Soviet bloc following Russia's seizure of Crimea from Ukraine.

The 28-nation Western defence alliance decided to move four battalions totalling 3,000 to 4,000 troops into northeastern Europe on a rotating basis to display its readiness to defend eastern members against any Russian aggression.

However, they also underlined their willingness to pursue a dialogue with Moscow and revive confidence-building measures that Russia has spurned since its 2014 annexation of Crimea and support for Russian-speaking rebels in eastern Ukraine.

"These battalions will be robust and they will be multinational. They make clear that an attack on one ally will be considered an attack on the whole alliance," NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg told a news conference after the summit's first working session in Warsaw, the Polish capital.

President Barack Obama said the United States would deploy about 1,000 soldiers in Poland under the plan "to enhance our forward presence in central and eastern Europe". Germany will lead the battalion in Lithuania, Britain in Estonia and Canada in Latvia. Other nations such as France will supply troops.

White House deputy national security adviser Ben Rhodes told reporters that what he called continued aggression by Russia would provoke a response by NATO and a greater alliance presence in Eastern Europe. Obama said earlier that Britain's referendum vote to leave the European Union, an outcome he sought to avoid, should not weaken the Western alliance but raised "significant questions" about the future of European integration. America's "special relationship" with the UK would survive, the president said.

Obama discussed the procedure for Britain's withdrawal with the heads of the main EU institutions, Donald Tusk and Jean-Claude Juncker, and was assured there would be an orderly transition to as close an economic relationship as possible and no punishment of Britain, Rhodes told reporters.

US President Barack Obama speaks to British Prime Minister David Cameron during the NATO Summit in Warsaw, Poland on 8 July 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Host nation Poland set a tone of mistrust of Russian intentions. Foreign Minister Witold Waszczykowski told a pre-summit forum: "We have to reject any type of wishful thinking with regard to pragmatic cooperation with Russia as long as it keeps on invading its neighbours."

Obama was more diplomatic, calling for dialogue with Russia, but he too urged allies to keep sanctions on Moscow in place until it fully complies with a ceasefire agreement in Ukraine.

Ukraine is not a member of NATO but President Petro Poroshenko will meet allied leaders on Saturday, where he may face pressure to fulfil Kiev's part of the agreement by accepting more decentralisation and local elections in the rebel-held eastern Donbass region.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel said that while NATO was increasing its defence capabilities, it was always keen for dialogue with Moscow. A planned meeting of the long frozen NATO-Russia Council next week would address ways to avoid dangerous situations in Baltic air space, she said.

Russian warplanes have been buzzing Western civilian and military aircraft and switching off their identification signals as part of an apparent campaign of intimidation in response to Western economic sanctions over its action in Ukraine.

"Just as there are understandings between the United States and Russia in Syria, it's in both sides' interests that NATO and Russia also coordinate their activities," Merkel said.—*Reuters*

Storm left by super typhoon Nepartak hits China, disrupts transport

TAIPEI — A storm bringing heavy rain to disrupt rail travel in southeast China was all that remained on Saturday of super typhoon Nepartak, which had weakened rapidly after causing several deaths in Taiwan and damage of more than $20 million.

The storm hit land in Fujian province just before 2pm, lashing Shishi city with winds of around 100 kph (62 mph), state news agency Xinhua said.

More than 100 trains had to be canceled after 250 mm (10 inches) of rain fell in about four hours in the nearby city of Putian, where nearly 23,000 people have fanned out to check the overstrained waterworks, it added.

Tropical Storm Risk had rated the typhoon as category 5, at the top of its scale, but it weakened after crossing Taiwan and hit China's Fujian province as a tropical storm.

In Taiwan the storm caused at least three deaths and more than 300 injuries. The storm is expected to worsen already severe flooding in parts of central and eastern China, particularly in the major city of Wuhan. Typhoons are common at this time of year in the South China Sea, picking up strength over warm waters and dissipating over land.

Typhoons used to kill many people in China but the government now enforces evacuations and takes precautions well in advance, which has helped save many lives.

In 2009, Typhoon Morakot cut a wide swathe of destruction through southern Taiwan, killing about 700 people and causing damages of up to $3 billion.—*Reuters*

Almost 50 killed in Syria on ceasefire's last day

BEIRUT — Air strikes killed 23 people at a holiday spot in Syria's Idlib province while at least 25 died when rebels shelled government-held areas of Aleppo city on Friday, the last day of a 72-hour ceasefire announced by the Syrian army, a war monitor said.

A riverside area in the town of Darkush, near the Turkish border, in western Idlib province was targeted in the air strikes. Idlib province and city are under the control of rebel groups including the al Qaeda-linked Nusra Front.

The dead and injured had come from towns around the province to enjoy the Muslim Eid holiday weekend, witnesses and the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said.

The death toll, which included 10 women and two children, is likely to rise due to the number of severely injured people, according to the Observatory.

"It was a terrifying sight because most of the people had fallen into the river next to the spring. There were children, women, men," Ahmad Yaziji, a civil defenCe chief in the nearby town of Jisr al-Shughour, told Reuters.

The civil defence are first responders in opposition-held territory of Syria, now in its sixth year of civil war. "The area which was targeted had no military positions in it at all and never had done," Yaziji said.

A 72-hour ceasefire was announced by the Syrian army on Wednesday, but rebels and the Observatory said there had been little let-up in the violence.

On Thursday, government forces took a step toward completely encircling rebel-held parts of Aleppo, capturing ground overlooking the only road into the opposition half of the city and effectively putting those areas under siege.

At least 25 people were killed, including six children, in government-held parts of the northern city and more than 120 were injured when dozens of rebel-fired rockets fell on the area on Friday, the Observatory said.

Syrian state media reported roughly similar figures.

Syrian and Russian jets carry out air strikes across Syria but it was not known who carried out Friday's attack in Idlib.

Russia sent warplanes to Syria last year to support President Bashar al-Assad against rebels seeking to end his rule, and have supported Syrian government forces in a separate fight against Islamic State militants further east.

Fighting has intensified since a February ceasefire deal unravelled.—*Reuters*

Men look for survivors under the rubble of a damaged building after an airstrike on Aleppo's rebel held Kadi Askar area, Syria on 8 July 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Rehmatullah Mosa Ghazi, Charge d'Affaires at the Afghanistan Embassy (R), greets Abdul Sattar Edhi, Pakistan social worker, at the Afghan embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan, in 2002. PHOTO: REUTERS

Abdul Sattar Edhi, Pakistan's 'Father Teresa,' dies at 92

ISLAMABAD — Abdul Sattar Edhi, a man who lived for others and was often called Pakistan's "Father Teresa," breathed his last in a hospital in Karachi Friday shortly before midnight. Edhi was 92.

His son Faisal Edhi said that Sattar Edhi was suffering from a kidney problem, but kidney transplant was not possible because of his advanced age.

Edhi was treated for his kidney problem at Sindh Institute of Urology and Transplantation for several weeks. He had refused to go abroad for treatment.

His Edhi Foundation is known for charity work such as providing the world's largest free ambulance service as well as running orphanages and homes for battered-women and runaway children. The organisation's roughly 250 Edhi Centers spread out across Pakistan typically have a cradle at the entrance for accepting unwanted newborns.

According to media reports, Edhi is estimated to have saved some 20,000 abandoned children and housed 50,000 orphans in these centers run by volunteers and meagerly paid staff.

After migrating to Pakistan in 1947, Edhi started as a peddler selling cloth on bicycle. It was his mother's illness that turned him to serving and saving those mired in poverty.

He opened his first relief centre in the early 1950s in the poor neighbourhood of Mithadar in Karachi. Today, his Edhi Centres are known to have a budget of $10 million per annum, all funded by private donations.

He earned headlines in the 1980s when he returned a check sent by Pakistan's President Zia-ul-haq, with an explanation that he did not accept government donations because of the likely strings attached. Several political parties tried to persuade him to join their ranks but he refused.

In September 1986, when Palestinians hijacked a Pan Am airplane grounded in Karachi, the Edhi Foundation provided aid after the crisis and transported the injured to hospitals.

Edhi refused a cash donation from the American government, but accepted an air ambulance craft as it was greatly helpful for rescue work in remote locations in Pakistan. Edhi was married and has four children. His widow, Bilquis, is a nurse who served in one of his Edhi Centers.—*Kyodo News*

Australian PM inches closer to winning majority government

SYDNEY — Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull edged closer to winning a majority government on Saturday, securing a 74th seat in parliament as counting of votes in the country's marathon election entered a seventh day.

Turnbull's ruling coalition is projected by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation to win at least two of the five remaining seats where counting is still going on. The prime minister needs 76 seats to form a majority government.

Counting of votes will continue over the weekend, although a final result is now not expected before next week.

Should Turnbull win a majority, it would improve his government's chances of passing legislation through the country's lower house without having to rely on the support of several independent members of parliament.

Senator Nick Xenophon, the leader of the independent party that bears his name, said on Saturday that his MPs would not unduly disrupt the workings of any Turnbull government.

"We want the parliament to work. We want it to be constructive. We want to be part of the solution, not part of the problem. So, for those that want to cause maximum mayhem in the parliament we won't be part of that," said Xenophon.

While Turnbull's position would be bolstered by reaching a majority, political analysts say he remains vulnerable, particularly from the conservative wing of his own party.

Local media on Saturday reported Turnbull was considering promoting Immigration Minister Peter Dutton to the National Security Committee - a move seen as shoring up support from conservatives.

Australia has had five prime ministers in just nine years after bitter party infighting toppled a series of leaders.

Turnbull, from the moderate wing of his party, ousted Tony Abbott to become prime minister last September in a divisive party-room coup.

"He's going to be hostage to the right wing of his party and have to promote more of the Abbott supporters into his government, which will lead to greater division and instability," said Bill Shorten, leader of the opposition Labour Party.—*Reuters*

Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull poses for a selfie during a street walk in Melbourne's outer east, Australia, on 8 July 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Ex-finance minister Erdenebat to lead Mongolia's new gov't

ULAN BATOR — Mongolia's former finance minister Jargaltulga Erdenebat was elected Friday as the country's new prime minister, after his Mongolian People's Party returned to power in a sweeping electoral victory last week.

The country's Montsame news agency reported that Erdenebat gained 68 votes of parliamentarians out of the 70 who attended a plenary meeting of the 76-seat State Great Hural.

In his acceptance speech, he said Mongolia's economy is in a "difficult situation" and vowed to strive for economic recovery and promote fiscal discipline.

Erdenebat was finance minister between 2014 and 2015, before which time he served for several years as governor of Selenge province on the country's northern border with Russia.

The MPP, which ruled Mongolia for decades before its peaceful transition to democracy in 1990, won 65 of the 76 seats up for grabs in the 29 June election. The Democratic Party, which had 38 seats in the unicameral legislature ahead of the election, won only nine seats.

The previous prime minister, Chimed Saikhanbileg, was among leading DP incumbents who failed to be reelected as a parliamentarian.

Mongolia, with a population of around 3 million, is facing economic difficulties following a sharp fall in global commodity prices and a screeching brake on the inflows of foreign direct investment.

In 2011, one year before the DP took power with its promise to distribute wealth more widely, the landlocked, resource-rich country was enjoying 17.5 per cent growth, but since then, its economy has been tumbling, with the International Monetary Fund projecting its growth this year to be 0.4 per cent.

The economy is heavily dependent on the mining industry and it is struggling with a ballooning government debt.

The MPP's landslide victory is expected to have a huge impact on next year's presidential election. The incumbent president, Tsakhia Elbegdorj, a member of the DP, is serving his second and final term in office.

In a meeting with Elbegdorj on Thursday following his nomination for the premiership, Erdenebat said his Cabinet will be relatively small but filled with professional people with a high awareness of ethnics, according to Montsame.

He said there will be a reduction in the number of ministers who double as parliamentarians.

The new Cabinet is expected to be announced by the time Mongolia hosts the 11th Asia-Europe Meeting, a biennial summit of Asian and European leaders, in Ulan Bator on 15 to 16 July.—*Kyodo News*

US Army reservist named as lone gunman in Dallas police ambush

DALLAS — A US Army reservist who served in Afghanistan, embraced militant black nationalism and professed a desire to "kill white people" has been named by authorities as the lone gunman in a sniper attack on police in Dallas that left five officers dead.

Authorities said on Friday the suspect, identified as Micah Johnson, 25, was killed by a bomb-carrying robot deployed against him in a parking garage where he had holed up, refusing to surrender during hours of negotiations with police.

Thursday night's bloodshed, which shattered an otherwise peaceful protest denouncing two fatal police shootings of black men in Louisiana and Minnesota this week, added a new layer of apprehension to emotional national debates over racial injustice and gun violence.

Seven other officers and two civilians were wounded in the ambush in downtown Dallas. The five killed marked the highest death toll for US police in the line of duty from a single event since the 11 September, 2001, suicide hijackings that leveled the World Trade Centre Twin Towers in Manhattan.

Police cars remain parked with the pavement marked by spray paint, in an aerial view of the crime scene of a shooting attack in downtown Dallas, Texas, US, on 8 July 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

The latest violence was especially devastating for Dallas, which struggled for decades to heal scars left by the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy, blocks away in Dealey Plaza. But Thursday's attack reverberated across the country, prompting both major political parties' presumptive presidential nominees — Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican Donald Trump — to cancel campaign events on Friday.

Police in Cleveland said they were tightening security plans for next week's Republican National Convention, which caps a political season marked by incendiary rhetoric and occasional violence at campaign rallies.

Other police departments across the country, including New York, Chicago and St. Louis, responded to the attack by requiring officers to patrol in pairs rather than alone.

Undaunted by events in Dallas, thousands of protesters took to the streets in several US cities on Friday for a second day of protests over the deaths of Philando Castile, 32, near St. Paul, Minnesota, on Wednesday, and Alton Sterling, 37, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on Tuesday.

Dallas Police Chief David Brown disclosed that the gunman cited his anger over the two killings during his protracted negotiations with police. "The suspect said he was upset at white people. The suspect stated that he wanted to kill white people, especially white officers," said Brown, who is African-American.

It was at the end of a rally in Dallas that gunshots crackled on Thursday night, sending hundreds of demonstrators, and police officers patrolling the march, scurrying for cover. Police initially believed they had come under attack from multiple shooters.—*Reuters*

THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
MINISTRY OF ELECTRICITY AND ENERGY
ELECTRIC POWER GENERATION ENTERPRISE

Date: July 4 , 2016

Invitation for Private Power Generation Plant thru Rental Power Basis in Yangon Region

1. Electric Power Generation Enterprise (EPGE) seeks to invite tender for the purchasing electricity of 300 MW by Rental power plant system in Yangon Region.
2. The concession period for the power plant shall be **5 (five)** years from commercial operation date (COD).
3. The Tender Form fees is K.500, 000/- (Kyat five hundred thousand only) and can be purchased at Procurement Department, Electric Power Generation Enterprise, Building 27, Nay Pyi Taw, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
4. The bidders shall send the technical and commercial proposal addressed to
   Tender Evaluation Committee
   Electric Power Generation Enterprise,
   Ministry of Electricity and Energy
   Building 27, Nay Pyi Taw
   The Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
5. The bid submission date is August 18, 2016 at 16:00 hr. Myanmar Standard Time.
6. Bidding Proposal must be submitted at the address in time. Any late proposal shall be rejected.
7. The bidders shall make the proposals in accordance with the Invitation **for Invitation for Power Generation Rental Basis**
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On 'Wannabe' 20-year anniversary, Spice Girls trio hint at reunion

The Spice Girls perform during the closing ceremony of the London 2012 Olympic Games at the Olympic Stadium, on 12 August, 2012. PHOTO: REUTERS

LONDON — Three members of the Spice Girls hinted at a reunion as they released a video on Friday marking 20 years since their band's debut single "Wannabe" stormed the charts worldwide.

Emma Bunton, known as Baby Spice, Mel B, Scary Spice and Geri Halliwell (now Horner), Ginger Spice, thanked fans for their support in a video posted on YouTube and a website called "Spice Girls GEM", thought to refer to the trio's initials.

There was no sign of the other two original band members, Victoria Beckham, Posh Spice, and Melanie Chisholm, Sporty Spice, in the video.

"We hope to tell you soon what you want, what you really really want," a written message in the video said, referring to lyrics from "Wannabe".

"We want to celebrate and have a party ... And when we do, you're all invited," Mel B, real name Melanie Brown, said alongside Baby and Ginger.

The Spice Girls released "Wannabe" in July 1996 and went on to sell more than 80 million records worldwide.

Songwriter and music producer Eliot Kennedy, who previously worked with the band, told a British morning television show on Friday he had been in the studio with Mel B, Horner and Bunton.

"We wrote a brilliant song and the energy was exactly like it was 20 years ago," he told "Good Morning Britain", adding that the band had had "a massive effect" on pop music.

Asked about the song's potential release, he said: "Who knows right now. It's in a bit of state of flux ... They've got lots of plans."

Chisholm took to Twitter to mark the anniversary saying: "Happy 20th Birthday #Wannabe you haven't aged a bit".

The group left millions of fans distraught when they said they would be going on an indefinite break and focusing on their solo careers in 2000.

All five members briefly reunited at the 2012 London Olympics.—*Reuters*

Actor Damon promises plenty of action in 'Jason Bourne' movie

SEOUL — Hollywood star Matt Damon on Friday promised some "great action" in the highly-anticipated upcoming "Jason Bourne" film, citing fight scenes and a huge car chase as he reprises the role of the super spy.

Damon starred in box office hits "The Bourne Identity," "The Bourne Supremacy" and "The Bourne Ultimatum." He is joined in the latest production by British director Paul Greengrass who was at the helm for "Supremacy" and "Ultimatum."

"To be reunited with Paul Greengrass was really the main reason for making this movie for me," Damon told reporters in Seoul. "There's great action in this movie. There are some really great fight sequences that we worked really hard on...and also we've got a car chase in this movie that is bigger than anything we've ever done." "Jason Bourne" hits cinemas worldwide from 27 July. —*Reuters*

Actor Matt Damon and actress Alicia Vikander attend the red carpet event promoting their new film 'Jason Bourne' in Seoul, South Korea on 8 July 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Actor Takei says making 'Star Trek' character Sulu gay 'unfortunate'

Actor George Takei attends the International Emmy Awards in Manhattan, New York, on 23 November, 2015. PHOTO: REUTERS

LOS ANGELES — Veteran "Star Trek" actor George Takei may have been the inspiration to make fan favourite character Hikaru Sulu gay in the franchise's new film, but he called the decision "really unfortunate," media outlets reported on Friday.

Takei, who is gay in real life, told the Hollywood Reporter that while he was "delighted" that "Star Trek Beyond" included a gay character, the new version of Sulu does not reflect the original vision of "Star Trek" creator Gene Roddenberry, who died in 1991 at age 70.

Sulu was conceived as a heterosexual character, Takei said.

"Unfortunately, it's a twisting of Gene's creation, to which he put in so much thought. I think it's really unfortunate," the 79-year-old Takei told the publication.

Actor John Cho, who plays Sulu, the helmsman of the starship USS Enterprise in "Star Trek Beyond," told Australia's Herald Sun this week that his character is married to a man and is a father to a daughter with his partner.

"Star Trek Beyond" will be released in theaters on 22 July.

Cho told the newspaper that the decision to make Sulu gay was to pay homage to Takei, a longtime advocate lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights.

Takei's response came as a surprise to actor Simon Pegg, who plays Scotty in "Star Trek Beyond" and co-wrote the script.

Pegg said in a statement to media outlets, "I must respectfully disagree" with Takei, and that by making a franchise staple gay, the character would not be defined by it.

"We could have introduced a new gay character but he or she would have been primarily defined by their sexuality, seen as the 'gay character,' rather than simply for who they are and isn't that tokenism?" Pegg said.

"The audience would infer that there has been an LGBT presence in the Trek Universe from the beginning ... that a gay hero isn't something new or strange," Pegg added.

Representatives for Takei, Pegg and Paramount Pictures, the studio behind the franchise, did not return requests for comment on Friday.

The decision to make the long-time franchise staple character gay comes as Hollywood faces growing pressure to include more diversity in its blockbuster films.

There has yet to be an openly gay superhero or action star leading a film franchise.—*Reuters*

Stewart, Holt team up for science fiction drama 'Equals'

LOS ANGELES — "Twilight" star Kristen Stewart and "X-Men" actor Nicholas Hoult team up for science-fiction film "Equals", a drama looking to a future where humans are genetically modified so as to not feel emotions and those who begin to do so are persecuted.

The movie premiered on the festival circuit in both Venice and Toronto last year, and its US premiere was held in Los Angeles on Thursday. One of the biggest issues facing both Hoult and Stewart was carrying out a love story in which the actors can only show a minimum of emotion.

"We spent a few days in a hotel room doing these...trust and acting exercises," Hoult said. "It's weird, you don't often stare into people's eyes that long and when you do...you really quickly start to pick up on micro-expressions or whatever they give off and feelings perhaps and you just link up in a way."

"Equals", already been released online through DirecTV Cinema, will have a limited theatrical run in the United States.—*Reuters*

Wagging tails for Taiwan's first veterinary blood bank

PINGTUNG (Taiwan) — Han-han, a former stray, has helped the lives of many other dogs by regularly donating at Taiwan's first veterinary blood bank.

The five-year-old mixed breed was rewarded with steak by her owner after her latest donation at the Pingtung University of Technology and Science's teaching animal hospital, which opened its doors to those with four paws on 13 June.

"Just like when people donate blood, you don't know who you are saving, but you are willing to do it," Han-han's owner, Lin Hui-ching, said.

"She probably also understands that she has saved a lot of dogs."

Donor dogs in Taiwan are allowed to give 250 ml of blood every three months, have to undergo health checks before each donation, must be at least five-years-old and weigh more than 20 kg (44 pounds).

Tsai Yi-lun, who is an assistant professor at the department of veterinary medicine and runs the programme, hopes to extend the blood bank service to the whole of Taiwan, after being inspired by a similar centre in Thailand.

A mobile blood donation station is also in the works and Tsai wants to also grow the service to cater for cats, other pets and livestock.—*Reuters*

A nurse checks Lucy, a Labrador Retriever, inside Taiwan's first veterinary blood transfusion centre at National Pingtung University of Science and Technology in Pingtung, Southern Taiwan, on 5 July 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Bosnian museum of wartime childhood helps heal trauma

ZENICA (Bosnia) — Bosnians whose childhood was traumatised by the 1990s war have donated thousands of cherished personal items from that era for a touring exhibition aimed in part at warning others about the folly of conflict.

The original plan was to open a permanent War Childhood Museum in the capital Sarajevo in August. But when the site chosen by the museum's founders was ruled out by municipal authorities in favour of a fitness club, the project embarked on a cross-country tour.

The travelling museum features more than 2,800 exhibits, including toys, letters, photographs, diaries and humanitarian food packaging, with accompanying texts in both Bosnian and English.

"It all started when I put online a simple question: What does childhood in war mean for you?" Jasminko Halilovic, a 27-year-old economist spearheading the project, told Reuters.

"We have the idea to expand the museum's scope and start collecting memories from other conflict zones so as to create a universal exhibition that would serve as a warning against new wars," Halilovic said.

In 2013 he published War Childhood, a collection of wartime memories of his generation. The book was translated into several languages and helped Halilovic connect with other compatriots in Bosnia and abroad who went through the death and destruction of the 1992-95 war involving Serbs, Croats and Bosniak Muslims.

"Many people preserve wartime items, they still connect memories from the war with these objects and have an urge to share their experience and that's where the idea for the museum came from," Halilovic said.

The War Childhood Museum aims to investigate, exhibit and educate and Halilovic said donating personal possessions that people had associated with wartime had a "cathartic effect".

"They would break down in tears but they were the kind of tears you shed when you are over the past and ready to start over," said Halilovic, who will keep looking for a permanent home for the museum.

Among the display items is a Barbie doll donated by Asmira, 27, a Bosniak who was three when separatist Serb forces expelled her family from the eastern town of Bratunac in 1992 and imprisoned her father in a nearby detention camp.

Asmira found refuge in a collective centre in Tuzla in northern Bosnia, where the only available toy for children, mostly boys, was a makeshift sponge ball. But then a neighbour gave her the Barbie doll.

"I took care of her as if she were sacred. She always slept in a shoe box. Barbie did not have a name. When I played with her, she was selling food, sewing up casualties' wounds or healing sick people. Later I became a doctor, too," Asmira said in a note shown at the current exhibition in the town of Zenica.

The Bosnian conflict was Europe's bloodiest since World War II and ethnic divisions still afflict the ex-Yugoslav republic.—*Reuters*

Ballet shoes are seen at the Bosnian War Childhood museum exhibition in Zenica, Bosnia and Herzegovina, on 21 June 2016. "My childhood dream of becoming a prima ballerina never came true, but my love for ballet lived on, as did these pointe shoes," said Mela who was born in 1984. PHOTO: REUTERS

Brussels revelers dress up to remember Renaissance emperor

BRUSSELS — Thousands of revelers wearing medieval helmets, feathers and striped pantaloons paraded through Brussels on Thursday, in a tradition stretching back over half a millennium.

The Ommegang parade commemorates the arrival of Habsburg Emperor Charles V who, organisers say, ruled over the region at a time of great change when Europe stepped out of the dark ages and more progressive ideas took hold in science, arts and philosophy.

Many of the performers, who are divided into groups with different roles, have been taking part for years.

"This is my folklore, it is as simple as that. For me it is very rewarding to be part of a folklore that I heard and saw when I was a kid," said Benoit Limbos, a pensioner from Brussels who appeared as one of the emperor's guards.—*Reuters*

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France count on lucky seven to spoil Ronaldo show

France's Antoine Griezmann. PHOTO: REUTERS

PARIS — The fate of Sunday's intriguing European Championship final between France and Portugal weighs largely on two men wearing the number seven shirt, one already at the top of the game and the other one getting there fast.

Cristiano Ronaldo, accustomed to fighting with Lionel Messi for the right to be called the best player in the world, takes on a different challenger in France's Antoine Griezmann, this time for European supremacy.

The pair know each other well, having faced each other six weeks ago in the Champions League final in which Griezmann missed a penalty for Atletico Madrid in regular time before Ronaldo sealed city rivals Real's victory by converting the decisive spot kick in the shootout.

Since the start of Euro 2016, Griezmann has bounced back from that disappointment, scoring six goals, a feat no player had achieved at one tournament since France great Michel Platini hit a record nine at the 1984 finals. Ronaldo, by contrast, had to soak up a lot of criticism after lacklustre showings by his high standards before playing a decisive role by scoring a goal and setting up another in a 2-0 semi-final win over Wales. Griezmann was even more impressive in France's semi-final win over world champions Germany, scoring both goals in a 2-0 victory to give the host nation their first win over the Germans in a competitive match in 58 years.

The two now hold the keys to Sunday's final, in which France will chase a third European title after 1984 and 2000 and a third triumph on home soil after Euro 1984 and the 1998 World Cup.—*Reuters*

Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo. PHOTO: REUTERS

Murray favourite for title as usual suspects go missing

LONDON — Canadian Milos Raonic will not be the only man experiencing something new on Wimbledon's Centre Court on Sunday — for the first time Britain's Andy Murray will start a grand slam final as favourite after crushing Tomas Berdych in the semis.

Murray was seeded to meet world number one Novak Djokovic in another major showdown but the Serb's shock early exit opened the door for sixth seed Raonic to reach his maiden grand slam final after making the semis two years ago.

All 10 of Murray's previous grand slam finals were against either Djokovic or Federer, which explains why the 29-year-old Scot has endured more than his fair share of pain and still only has two majors to his name.

One of those defeats came against a sublime Federer in the 2012 Wimbledon final and a repeat of that duel was expected until the Swiss maestro lost to Raonic on Friday.

With a 6-3 head-to-head career lead over the 25-year-old Raonic, Murray will be expected to get his grand slam collection rolling again, three years after beating Djokovic to become Britain's first Wimbledon men's singles champion for 77 years.

Leading bookmakers were quoting Murray as 2-7 on favourite hours after he beat Berdych on Friday.

"It's the first time I'll play a slam final against someone that isn't Roger or Novak. So, yeah, that's different," Murray, who won the 2012 US Open against Djokovic, told reporters.

"But you never know how anyone's going to deal with the pressures of a slam final.

"I'll just concentrate on my side, do what I can to prepare well for it and see what happens."

Murray's most recent encounter with the big-serving Raonic came in the pre-Wimbledon warm-up event at Queen's Club when he beat him in a fiercely-contested final having trailed. "It's obviously an opportunity. I put myself in a position to try and win the (Wimbledon) event again. It's against someone new that I'm playing against in the final," Murray said.

"But Milos is a very tough opponent. He's played very well on the grass this year and has earned his right to (be in) the final by beating one of the best, if not the best, player ever at this event. So he deserves to be there."

Raonic has played two tough five-setters to reach the final, against David Goffin in round four and Friday's thriller with Federer, whereas Murray's path has been relatively smooth.—*Reuters*

History calls as Serena and Kerber face off in final

LONDON — When Serena Williams and Angelique Kerber walk onto Wimbledon's Centre Court for the women's final on Saturday, the legacy of Steffi Graf will loom large.

The showdown will see world number one Williams try to equal Graf's professional era record of 22 grand slam singles titles, while Kerber will seek to become the first German woman to lift the Wimbledon singles crown since her idol Graf 20 years ago.

If Kerber prevails, completing a daunting double over the Williams sisters at the tournament, it could also signal a changing of the guard at the top the women's game.

It would be the second time this year she had beaten the American in a grand slam final, having triumphed at the Australian Open in January.

Kerber, 28, would also become the first woman apart from Williams to win two grand slams in a season since Justine Henin in 2007, when the Belgian player was world number one. Williams, who turns 35 in September, is a six-times Wimbledon champion and the clear bookmakers' favourite. But the Graf milestone is nevertheless sure to be weighing on her mind.

She has flatly refused to discuss it at this year's championships, on one occasion testily telling reporters: "I'm not talking about that anymore. Sorry."

USA's Serena Williams in action against Russia's Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova at All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club, Wimbledon on 5 July 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Kerber, free of such weight of expectation and history, has been happy to discuss her ambitions to emulate Graf.

"She was always an idol for me, I have watched a lot of her matches, on YouTube sometimes," she said after dispatching Williams' sister Venus in the last four. "I met her a few times — the last time she told me, just believe in yourself."

"I will try to be the next one to win here after Steffi."

Both players, who have never played each other on grass, have been in fine form at the tournament.

Defending champion Williams has dropped just one set on her way to the final, culminating in her 48-minute demolition of Elena Vesnina in the last four. Kerber has not dropped a set, and impressively outgunned Williams' sister Venus in the semis.

Williams leads left-handed Kerber 5-2 in matches since their first meeting nine years ago, and last season she won three of the four majors, including Wimbledon, only to stumble with a calendar-year Grand Slam in sight at the US Open. —*Reuters*

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