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No need to worry about the health of the State Counsellor

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's health problems are not serious, but she needs immediate rest, according to a statement released by her office yesterday.

The statement said that she has received a medical check-up, with physicians concluding that she was tired from the tight schedules she had to keep during her visits to the U.S. and the U.K.

Her lack of rest and irregular meals have caused gastritis, the physicians said. Also, spending too much time on the computer has worsened her cervical spondylosis, said the statement. Cervical spondylosis is wear on the cervical vertebrae. It is a common cause of chronic neck pain.

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi returned to Myanmar on Sunday night. Her pictures on social media being transported in a wheelchair through the Yangon International Airport sparked concerns about her health.

Her office announced that a scheduled meeting between Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and Myanmar businessmen on Wednesday has been postponed. An alternate date will be announced later.—GNLM

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RIGHTS COMMISSION UNDER FIRE PYITHU HLUTTAW PASSES PROPOSAL TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST SOME MEMBERS



Pyithu Hluttaw representatives seen upon arrival at Pyithu Hluttaw. PHOTO: MNA

PYITHU Hluttaw approved yesterday a proposal by MPs to take punitive action against some members of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission (MNHRC) for their apparent failure to protect victims of human rights violations.

The resolution calling for action against the MNHRC was overwhelmingly approved, with 374 votes in favour, one against and eight abstentions.

The proposal, submitted by U Htay Win Aung, an MP for Dawbon Township, was dis-

cussed by 17 lawmakers, including a military representative, in the lower house on Monday.

The majority of the MPs who discussed the proposal were from the ruling National League for Democracy and voiced support for its call to take action against the commission. The military MP who joined the discussion, Major Aung Zin Min, also slammed the MNHRC for failing in its duty to protect the victims' human rights.

During the debate, MPs also discussed the weakness of

the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission in handling the case of the two maids abused by their employer, owners of a tailoring in Kyauktada township.

"We have to discuss this issue because some members of the human rights commission handled this ruthless case in a very unjust manner and turned a blind eye to human rights," said MP U Tin Htwe, in his discussion.

The commission's mediation between the abusers and the victims to settle the case for five million kyats instead of bringing

the case to the court tarnished the image of the country, he added.

MPs said that as the abused victims are under the age of 18, the Commission needs to protect their rights in line with the Child Rights of UN Convention and the Human Trafficking Law.

In response to the discussion by MPs, U Zaw Win, a member of the MNHRC, who addressed parliament during the discussion, said the commission was acting with sincere intentions in its handling of the case.

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Thura U Aung Ko.



U Win Maw Tun.

AMYOTHA Hluttaw held a question and answer session and discussions on a bill sent back from Pyithu Hluttaw with amendments during its 38th day session yesterday.

Deputy Minister for Education U Win Maw Tun replied that work is underway to build staff quarters and housing for education staff and teachers for 389 schools in Chin State.

On a question about republi-

cation of Burmese-English Dictionary written by J.A. Stewart C.W. Dunn, H.F. Searle, A.J. Allott and Dr Hla Pe, the deputy minister replied that work on the Burmese-English Dictionary has not yet been finished. Additionally, coordination needs to be accomplished on the matter of copyright, as the dictionary was the product of two universities.

So, the dictionary will not be published at the moment, said the



Amyotha Hluttaw being convened in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

deputy minister.

On the suspended Thetkatho Myanmar Dictionary, the deputy minister explained that the dictionary was revised after the Burmese Language Commission was reformed as the Myanmar Language Commission (MLC) in 1975 and five volumes of re-edited Myanmar Dictionary were published during the period from 1978 to 1980.

A pocket dictionary of the

first-ever Myanmar Dictionary became available in 1999, according to the deputy minister, adding that work on updating of the first Myanmar Dictionary is still in progress by the MLC.

Next, Union Minister for Religious and Cultural Affairs Thura U Aung Ko said that annual funds have been set for preservation of cultural heritages and religious edifices in Old Pagan City in Yezagyo Township,

Magway Region.

Arrangements have been made to seek funds from the government for some quake-hit ancient buildings on 25 August this year, added the Union minister.

Next, Amyotha Hluttaw representatives debated the third revised bill to amend ward or village-tract administration law sent back from Pyithu Hluttaw with amendments. —Myanmar News Agency

Efforts made to prevent entry of fake edible oil to Myanmar

ACCORDING to U Khin Soe, the chairman of Myanmar Oil Millers' Association, the organization will take steps to prevent cooking oil with any type of odour from entering local markets.

The association will cooperate with the government to stop cooking oil mixed with an artificial odour from being distributed because of harmfulness to health.

Dutiful citizens can report to the authorities if they find edible oil with artificial odour because

this is harmful to local consumers, officials said.

In the local consumer market, there are lots of harmful kinds of cooking oil with harmful additives such as soybean oil, used cooking oil, corn oil and cottonseed oil.

Local consumers not only suffer the ill effects by eating these types of substandard cooking oils, but the oil enterprises dealing in peanut oil and sesame oil also suffer losses, U Khin Soe said. —200

Users of products sold in online market to complain to FDA

CUSTOMERS who are using products sold in online markets such as food, medicine, clothes and cosmetics can complain to Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

According to Dr Tun Zaw, director of the FDA, the products bought through online are often different from products available in markets, though this is not immediately evident when shopping on the internet. Customers should check the reputations of the companies from which they are going to buy products. Moreover, they should look at the reviews from other customers before they buy.

The consumers can ask for

recommendations from the FDA, including the brand name and expiry dates. Also, the FDA often announces product lists which have FDA recommendations.

A customer named Ma Thandar, an online consumer, she said doesn't buy food online, but does purchase clothes and also medicines.

There have been complaints to the FDA for the safety and quality of food. Customers who face problems with online products can send complaint letters to the FDA director, Naypyidaw, and also to www.FDA.Myanmar.gov.mm. —Htwai san (Myitmakha)

Emergency phones and vehicles on Dawei district highway road



Emergency cars being seen. PHOTO: SHAR NYO (MYITMAKHA)

URGENTLY needed cars and phones for emergency patients on Dawei district highway, located in Yayphu Township, Dawei district, Tanintharyi Region, will be provided by a local emergency patient organisation.

"They will support one emergency car and a spare car and those cars will be used in the early evening up to the ear-

ly morning on that highway," said U Naing Myo Thwin, the chairman of Zabuthiri emergent patient supporting organisation.

His organisation has formed 24 groups which will aid emergency patients with Dawei district emergency vehicles for the emergency patients' network. This process will commence in the second week of October.

Presently, there are emergency cars for patients that will operate three days per week on the highway between Yay Phyu town and Malwal mountain. On other days, an authorised person will quickly get help for emergency patients by linking them with regional emergency cars and organisations.

"If there is an accident, there are no emergency cars on the highway", said U Naing Myo Thwin. "If the accident happens near a village, it is not too difficult to get help. On the other hand, it is not easy to get assistance for an emergency case. So our organization forms the above kind of groups which can help immediately to emergency accidents on the highway.

Zabuthiri saving emergent patients organization was formed in 2013. They have seven emergency vehicles, one spare car and one local used car for monks. From 1st January 2016 up to 24th September, they have helped 835 emergency patients from Dawei district. —Shar nyo (Myitmakha)

MFVP and CCPIA to jointly distribute quality fertilizer

MYANMAR Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Producer and Exporter Association (MFVP) and China based China Crop Protection Industry Association (CCPIA) cooperated to distribute quality fertilizer in the domestic market.

MFVP will demonstrate the experimental plantations of the

watermelons, muskmelons and mangoes with the use of products from CCPIA, it is learnt.

Additionally, CCPIA will participate in the expos organized by MFVP: the fourth festival of mangoes and first festival of tea leaf.

CCPIA has planned to dis-

play their products with over 30 shops in the expo. This association has a plan to jointly engage in Myanmar's agriculture and vegetable trading sector, it is learnt. Some China-made pesticides and fertilizers currently used in Myanmar are of low quality.—200

Correction

PLEASE read "OHCHR" instead of "UNHCR," in the headline of the news story "State Counsellor meets with WEF, Open Society Foundation & OHCHR" on page-3 of September 24 Issue of the Global New Light of Myanmar.—Ed

Vice President attends reception to mark 67th anniversary of the founding of the PRC

VICE President U Henry Van Thio attended a dinner reception hosted by Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Hong Lian and wife to mark the 67th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China at the Myanmar National Convention Center-2 in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The Vice President, Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko, the Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar and officials formally opened a gallery of artwork by Myanmar and Chinese painters in commemoration of the 67th Anniversary of the Founding of the PRC, and toured the gallery.

The Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar extended greetings, and the Vice President reciprocated.

In his greetings, the Vice

President thanked China for supporting Myanmar in its efforts on implementation of national reconciliation and internal peace, socio-economic development of the people and establishment of a democratic federal Union in the time of the new government.

The Vice President welcomed new, responsible investments from China, Myanmar's largest trading partner. Myanmar is looking to adopt trade and investment policies that bring mutual benefits to the two countries.

The Vice President also pledged closer cooperation with China in the regional and international arenas for ensuring regional peace, stability and security.

Speaking on the occasion, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Hong Liang said China wishes sound and stable development



Vice President U Henry Van Thio visits the 67th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China at the Myanmar National Convention Center-2 in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

of relations with Myanmar and ever lasting Paukphaw (fraternal) friendship.

Hong noted that China and Myanmar have been enjoying good relations since diplomatic ties were established in 1950.

Guided by the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence, China and Myanmar have estab-

lished a comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership and the bilateral relations are in good momentum, he said.

The Vice President cut the ceremonial cake along with the Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar and wife to mark the occasion.

Also present at the din-

ner were Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defense Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice Senior General Soe Win, Union ministers, senior military officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), deputy ministers, permanent secretaries, departmental heads and officials.—GNLM with Xinhua

VP U Henry Van Thio calls for special emphasis on disaster response plan

VICE President U Henry Van Thio, chairman of the National Natural Disaster Management Committee, yesterday stressed the need to place special emphasis on responses to natural disasters in Asia and the Pacific, the area in the world that is most prone to natural disasters.

In his address at the committee's (2/2016) work coordination meeting, the Vice President called for coordinated implementation of rehabilitation works, pointing out human trafficking cases and the issues of internal migration and illegal migrant workers due to weaknesses in resettling and rehousing the people after a disaster.

He highlighted the importance of rebuilding agriculture and road transport sectors, the livelihoods of recent flood victims and seeking ways for necessary assistance suitable for their own regions to the affected areas before harvest.

He also emphasized the need to develop a national plan to conserve and maintain rivers and dams.

The Vice President called on those present to submit monthly reports on use of funds to the committee.

Next, Permanent Secretary U Soe Aung, the secretary of the committee, and Union Ministers Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, Dr Win Myat

Aye, Dr Aung Thu, U Thant Sin Maung and U Win Khaing, chairmen of work committees, reported to the Vice-President on sector-wise matters.

In his concluding remarks, the Vice President called for systematic and accurate disaster funding statistics and data, field trips to be made by officials concerned, collaborative efforts between the departments concerned and the regional governments on river bank erosion evacuation process.

According to the NNDMC, the committee spent K5.4billion on disaster recovery during the period from 1 April to 21 September this year.—Myanmar News Agency



Vice President U Henry Van Thio addresses the meeting of the National Natural Disaster Management Committee in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

U Maung Wai appointed as ambassador to Republic of India

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Maung Wai, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of India.—Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Appointments of service organization heads confirmed

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointments of Managing Director U Tin Soe of Myanma Shipyards under the Ministry of Transport and Communications, Director-General Daw Aye Aye Win of Directorate of Industrial Supervision and Inspection under the Ministry of Industry, Director-General U Aung Aung of Administration and Human Resource Development Department under the Central Bank of Myanmar and Director-General Daw Than Than Swe of Accounts Department under the Central Bank of Myanmar from the date on the expiry of one-year probationary period.—Myanmar News Agency

Pyithu Hluttaw passes proposal to take action against some members

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"Our commission has no legal rights to pass judgement or take action against human rights perpetrators, unlike human rights commissions in other countries," said U Zaw Win.

The commission can only send suggestion and advice for handling the case to the concerned departments and organizations.

The Commission carried

out measures to remedy the sufferings and losses of the victims with honest intent, he added.

"That's why we reached out to the Yangon regional police and urged them to deal with the case accordingly. We notified the concerned department to deal with the case and then negotiated between the victims and the tailoring only with the most honest intentions," said U Zaw Win.—GNLM

LOCAL Business

Mon State gov and Seribu Bio-System to jointly undertake crab farming venture

MON state government and Seribu Bio-System, a Malaysian company, will jointly conduct crab farming in Mon State, said U Tun Htay, the minister for Mon State Agriculture, Livestock and Communication.

"This Malaysian company has technical know-how in the crab farming business", U Tun Htay said. "We believe that this joint venture will bring fruitful results".

The crab farming effort will be carried out on 5,000

acres of land, including the mangrove areas in Mon State. Its production will be widely distributed to domestic as well as foreign markets, U Tun Htay said.

This crab culture will be eco-friendly and will also result in conservation efforts in the mangrove areas.

Mud crab farming is popular in Southeast Asian countries. The local consumers prefer hard shell crabs to the soft shell ones.—200

CIF value for brand new cars to be set upon invoice

COST, Insurance and freight (CIF) values for imported brand new cars in 2017 will be set on the basis of invoice from the direct importing company, it is learnt.

Businessmen usually use the invoice of the companies which indirectly import the cars to set the price of brand new cars. As a result, some car showrooms fail to provide the actual invoice, said an official from the Internal Revenue Department.

To correct this, the CIF value will be set depending on the invoice of the direct importing companies starting next year. The limitation of the model years of imported cars in 2017

will be revealed in an announcement in October, it is learnt.

Advanced income tax on over 8,300 cars is paid from June to September each year.

There are widespread rumours in the automobile market that model year limits are from 2011 to 2014 for cars with a permit, from 2015 to 2017 for permit-free cars and from 2007 to 2014 for commercial used cars.

Currently, the negotiations relating to the limitation of the model years for imported cars are being conducted. A supervisory committee for motor vehicle imports will release an official announcement after confirmation of the model year.—Ko Htet

Myanmar-American trade fetched over US\$134million

THE value of trade between Myanmar and America as of 9th September in this fiscal year of 2016-2017 amounted to over US\$134million, with an export value of over US\$76.185million, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

The import worth US\$58.311million was flowed into Myanmar from America. Trade value has totaled US\$134.496million, said an official from the Ministry of Commerce.

The bilateral trade value in 2014-2015 fiscal year was US\$550million whereas that in last fiscal year 2015-2016 was over US\$200million.

The agricultural products, fisheries products and finished

industrial products are mainly exported to America while Myanmar mainly imported personal goods, capital goods and industrial raw materials from America.

US President Barack Obama has pledged to reinstate Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) benefits for Myanmar. The United States suspended Myanmar's GSP benefits in 1989. The restoration of GSP can enhance the export sector and help Myanmar economy to take off.

The GSP is the largest and oldest US Trade Preference Program, providing opportunities for the developing and poor countries to effectuate the economic development.—Mon Mon

Prices of jade and jewelry set to sell at Myanmar gems and jewelry emporium



Merchants appraise a jade stone at the 53rd Myanmar Gems Emporium in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: AUNG SHINE OO

THE floor prices of gems and jewelry are already set for competitive bidding and open tender system at Myanmar's gems and jewelry emporium which is slated to kick off from 20th to 29th November at Mani Yadan Jade Hall, Nay Pyi Taw, according to an announcement released by Myanmar gems expo committee.

The jewelry prices are from 500 to 20,000 euros in open tender system whereas the competitive bidding prices are above 20,001 euros. The jade prices are from 4,000 to 200,000 euros in open tender system whereas the

competitive prices of jade are set above 200,001 euros.

Similarly, the prices of jade finished products are set from 1,000 to 200,000 euros in open tender system.

The emporium will feature the raw materials and finished products of jade, the jewelry, the gold and silver accessories and the paintings decorated with gems and the gems and jewelry will sell in euro, it is learnt from the said committee.

The citizen gems and jewelry entrepreneurs will have to submit the list of jade lots which

they will trade at expo to the jade enterprise committee between 27th September and 6th October, 2016, according to an announcement. The gems lots will be checked from 10th October to 4th November whereas the jade lots will be checked from 18th October to 4th November.

Those who have already sought licences and permission in accordance with the rules and policies of Myanmar's gems are entitled to sell these gems and jewelry displayed at the Myanmar gems and jewelry emporium.—Ko Htet

Association of carpenters and masons to be formed in Kyaukphyu Township

AN association of carpenters and masons will be formed to help deal with the shortage of job opportunities for the locals in Kyaukphyu Township.

The carpenters and masons in Kyaukphyu Township reportedly met to found the association on 25th September, inviting the local authorities and the organisations concerned. The formation of the association aims at organising the carpenters and masons from Kyaukphyu and other townships so that they cannot be individually engaged in construction, said U Hla Maung, a local carpenter.

They will submit the registra-

tion to the township labor organisation, an association official said. Officials from construction companies said the skill level of the workers is of prime importance.

"We always give priority to the local carpenters and masons whenever we have the contract to develop a building. But, skilled labourers are required, and therefore, we will ask for skilled labourers from other townships", said Ko Myo Lin Tun, an engineer from Thanda Hla Construction Company from Kyaukphyu Township.

About one thousand carpenters from other townships came to

seek job opportunities in Kyaukphyu for a special economic zone project. In some cases, this caused local labourers to suffer from a shortage of job opportunities.

Kyaukphyu Special Economic Zone has not yet commenced operations. However, the construction and upgrading of the buildings near the zone are being implemented with the hope of a promising economic project.

The association of carpenters and masons in Rakhine State was founded in 2012. Kyaukphyu Township is the second to form such an association.—Myitmakha News Agency

TPP, Constitution in focus as extraordinary Diet session kicks off



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe delivers a policy speech in Tokyo on 26 September, 2016, at the outset of a 66-day extraordinary parliamentary session. The session is likely to be dominated by the government's efforts to speedily ratify the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade pact, as well as debate on potential amendments to the Japanese Constitution. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

TOKYO — Japan's Diet will convene a 66-day extraordinary session Monday, likely to be dominated by the government's aim for the speedy ratification of the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade pact and debate over potential amendments to the Japanese Constitution.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is pitching the session through 30 November as a chance to "speed up Abenomics," referring to his administration's policy package of monetary and fiscal stimulus and structural reforms.

The premier will kick off the session with a policy speech and will take questions on its contents from ruling and opposition lawmakers in both houses of the Diet for three days starting Tuesday.

Bills related to the TPP will be high on the government's agenda during the session. Abe has repeatedly called for the pact's swift ratification since it was

signed by Japan and 11 other Pacific Rim countries in February.

The Abe government will also aim to push through bills relating to a second supplementary budget for the current fiscal year ending in March.

The supplementary budget plan, which includes a range of economic measures ostensibly aimed at powering up Abenomics' effectiveness, could be enacted in the middle of next month following deliberation in Diet budget committees.

While Abe has endeavored to keep the spotlight on the economy, a planned amendment to the Japanese Constitution is sure to cast a shadow over the session. Reforming the war-renouncing document, which has remained unaltered since its formulation in the ashes of World War II, is one of the premier's long-standing ambitions.

Gains in July's upper house race gave Abe's Lib-

eral Democratic Party, its coalition partner Komeito and like-minded lawmakers in favour of amending the Constitution the two-thirds majority in both Diet houses legally required to propose constitutional amendments, which must then gain a majority in a national referendum.

Mindful of the public's sensitivity on the Constitution, the ruling parties are expected to seek a consensus with the opposition in debating the issue within constitutional review commissions in each house of the Diet. LDP heavyweights have indicated the party does not expect its proposed amendments to the Constitution to obtain consensus in their current form.

The main opposition Democratic Party, for its part, has indicated a willingness to actively participate in the constitutional commissions. The party, which lost ground in July's upper house race, has vowed to fight

toe-to-toe with the ruling coalition under a refreshed leadership helmed by former administrative reform minister Renho, who was elected as party leader on 15 September.

The Democratic Party and smaller opposition parties agreed last week to work together during the session and are expected to take every opportunity to slow down the TPP ratification process, as well as grill the ruling coalition on the budget. Abe's eagerness to make progress on the TPP during this session reflects concerns that the outcome of the US presidential election on 8 November could complicate the situation.

While US President Barack Obama has vowed to get the TPP ratified before he leaves office in January next year, both the Democratic and Republican nominees vying to succeed him have indicated their opposition to the pact in its current form.—Kyodo News

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In Indonesia, disabled drivers join ride-hailing service boom

YOGYAKARTA — Polio did not stop Triyono from cashing in on Indonesia's booming ride-hailing business last year, when he launched a motorcycle taxi service run exclusively by disabled drivers.

With a crew of 20 drivers and modified three-wheeled motorbikes, Triyono, 35, is filling a gap in a public transport service that is not particularly disabled-friendly in the world's fourth-most populous country. "It started as a social activity with the hope of assisting disabled people. Then we gave them motorbikes to support their mobility and make sure their business runs smoothly," he said, adding that all drivers are certified with a handicapped drivers licence.

While the service is

aimed at providing rides for other disabled people, anyone can use the service.

He planning to expand and launch a mobile phone app in November, joining the stiff competition between the popular app-based transport services provided by home-grown company Gojek and Singapore-based Grab.

Triyono said he hoped to help more disabled people find employment in his hometown of Yogyakarta, a tourist destination and base for visiting nearby Borobudur, the world's largest Buddhist temple.

According to government data, about 11 per cent of Indonesia's population of 250 million are living with disabilities and many of them are poor.

For former fruit seller Aris Wahyudi driving a

"difajek" — a combination of the Indonesian words for "disabled" and "motorcycle taxi" — often meant more than doubling his income, which used to be less than \$3 a day.

"Now I can bring in a minimum of 50,000 rupiah (\$3.80) home every day, and on average around 100,000 rupiah (\$7.60) a day. So there's an increment," said Wahyudi, who has a disabled arm and leg.

For many customers, the fact the service employs people with disabilities is a key selling point. "I choose disabled motorbike taxi service because it makes me feel comfortable. The driver is disabled, and I am disabled too. We can trust each other," said Yuli Siswanto, who lost a leg in a motorcycle accident several years ago.—Reuters

India launches multiple satellites from 1 rocket into 2 orbits

NEW DELHI — India achieved a new milestone in its space programme Monday by launching eight satellites from a single rocket into two different orbits.

The PSLV-C35 rocket was launched from the Satish Dhawan Space Center in the eastern state of Andhra Pradesh at 9:12 am carrying three satellites for

India, three from Algeria, and one each from Canada and the United States, the Indian Space Research Organisation said in a statement.

It said one of the eight payloads, an advanced weather satellite developed by ISRO, was placed into a 720-kilometre polar orbit, while the other seven were placed into a 670-km polar

orbit. ISRO Chairman AS Kiran Kumar earlier told NDTV that the challenging two-in-one mission "puts India in a unique league of nations having the capability to achieve two different orbits in a single mission."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi called the successful launch "a moment of immense joy and pride for India."—Kyodo News

China-Eurasia Expo closes, 18 billion USD contracts signed

URUMQI — A total of 18 billion US dollars worth of contracts were signed during the fifth China-Eurasia Expo in Urumqi, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region.

During the expo, held from 20 to 25 September, contracts were signed covering areas such as science, agriculture, mineral resources, energy, manufacturing and finance. A total of 16 corporate finance cooperation projects were signed.

Delegates from 57 countries and regions and six international organisations attended the expo, along with 3,500 professional purchasers. A total of 2,192 companies, including 418 overseas firms, took part in the expo. The previous expo saw 6 billion US dollars worth of foreign trade contracts signed with Chinese companies. Li Jingyuan, head of the expo's secretariat, said the expo further strengthened Xinjiang's overseas cooperation, and played an increasingly important role in promoting the Silk Road Economic Belt construction.—Xinhua

China to build outposts for Tajik guards on Tajikistan-Afghanistan border

DUSHANBE — China plans to finance and build several outposts and other facilities to beef up Tajikistan's defence capabilities along its border with Afghanistan, the Tajik government said on Monday.

The Central Asian nation's 1,345-km border with its southern neighbour is leaky and Dushanbe routinely reports clashes between border guards and armed drug smugglers there.

The increased activity of Afghan Taliban in the northern Kunduz province is another source of concern.

A large part of the main highway connecting Tajikistan's

most populous regions to China lies along the same border and armed trespassers this year kidnapped several Tajiks doing maintenance works on that road.

In a decree published on Monday, the government instructed the State National Security Committee to sign an agreement with the Chinese side which provides for the construction of eleven outposts of different sizes and a training centre for border guards.

China, which according to official statistics sells goods worth \$2.5 billion a year to Tajikistan has already built one outpost on the Tajik-Afghan



A view of a bridge to Afghanistan across Panj river in Panji Poyon border outpost, south of Dushanbe, Tajikistan, on 31 May, 2008. PHOTO: REUTERS

border, its first one, earlier this year.

Russia used to station its own border guards on the fron-

tier until 2005, and after that kept a regiment in the Tajik city of Kulyab, 42 km (25 miles) from the Afghan border. But Moscow

pulled the regiment out in December last year and moved it to the capital, Dushanbe, about 200 km further away.—Reuters

China probes North Korea bank suspected of nuclear link — South Korea paper

SEOUL — China is investigating executives of a North Korean bank believed to finance the illicit procurement of arms and materials related to the isolated country's banned nuclear programme, South Korea's *JoongAng Daily* reported on Monday.

China and the United States have agreed to step up cooperation in the UN Security Council and in law enforcement channels after North Korea's fifth nuclear test on 9 September, the White House said last week.

While China is North Korea's sole major ally, it disapproves of its nuclear and missile programmes.

The Chinese-US cooperation includes targeting the finances of Liaoning Hongxiang Industrial, a Chinese conglomerate headed by a Communist Party cadre, that the Obama administration thinks has had a role in helping North Korea's nuclear programme, the *Wall Street Journal* reported at the time.

The *JoongAng Daily* said Chinese authorities were investigating a top official of the Kwangson Banking Corporation at its branch in the Chinese border city of Dandong.

The US Treasury designated the bank in 2009 under an order that targets entities supporting North Korea's arms trafficking because of its suspected involvement in procuring "dual-use" technology with both civilian and military application.

"The head of the branch, Ri Il Ho, temporarily returned to North Korea, so the deputy executive is being investigated," a

source told the *JoongAng Daily*.

The paper did not identify its source, who it said was "well-informed on North Korea affairs".

In March, after the latest round of UN sanctions, the United Nations extended an asset freeze to all funds held abroad by the bank.

The bank branch in Dandong then moved to an office in a building also used by Hongxiang and continued to operate, though without a sign, the *JoongAng Daily* said.

Asked about the report of the Kwangson probe, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said he did "not understand" the situation.

But China has fully followed United Nations resolutions on North Korea, which put wide-ranging sanctions on the country, and fulfils its international obligations when it comes to non-proliferation export controls, Geng added.

A report by the Asan Institute for Policy Studies in Seoul and the C4ADS think-tank in Washington last week identified more than \$500 million (386.76 million pounds) in trade from January 2011 to September 2015 between the North and the Liaoning Hongxiang Group, which states on its website that it trades heavily with the North.

More than 20 customs and city officials in Dandong are being investigated over favours to Ma Xiaohong, Hongxiang's founder and top executive, the *JoongAng* reported, citing a source "knowledgeable about relations between Beijing and Pyongyang".—Reuters

Snake found inside bullet train from Tokyo, prompts unscheduled halt

SHIZUOKA — A snake was found near a passenger seat of a shinkansen bullet train bound for Hiroshima from Tokyo Monday morning, prompting the train to make a brief emergency stop in Shizuoka Prefecture.

A passenger spotted the animal, believed to be a non-venomous snake about 30 centimetres long, in a gap between a train seat and wall in car No.12 of the Nozomi 103 service around 10 a.m., according to local police and train operator Central Japan Railway Co. Police officers at JR Hamamatsu Station captured the reptile during a minute-long stop, and the bullet train arrived at Hiroshima Station as scheduled. No injuries have been reported in the incident.

While train staff made announcements inside the shinkansen asking if any passenger had lost a snake, no one came



Photo shows a snake, believed to be a kind of python, that was found by a passenger on a Tokaido Shinkansen bullet train traveling from JR Tokyo Station to Hiroshima on 26 September 2016. The 30-centimetre-long snake was captured by police as the train made an emergency stop at JR Hamamatsu Station. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

forward, they said. The police are still looking for the owner. It is not the first time a snake was found inside a train on the Tokaido Shinkansen Line. In 2011,

a 1-metre-long non-venomous Honduran milk snake was discovered on a passenger seat between Shin-Osaka and Kyoto.—Kyodo News

Japan foreign minister, ex-China diplomat agree to promote ties

TOKYO — Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida and former top Chinese diplomat Tang Jiaxuan agreed Monday to promote bilateral ties ahead of an expected trilateral summit also involving South Korea likely to be held in Japan later this year.

"I would like to advance the bilateral relationship by properly dealing with outstanding issues while further developing positive aspects," Kishida said at the outset of the meeting with Tang, which was open to the media. Tang, a former state councilor and foreign minister who heads the Chi-

na-Japan Friendship Association, said, "My principal aim in visiting Japan is to promote friendly ties between China and Japan." High-level political dialogue between the world's second- and third-largest economies has often been impeded by tensions over a Japanese-administered, Chinese-claimed group of uninhabited islets in the East China Sea as well as wartime history. But in a sign of improvement in their ties, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Chinese President Xi Jinping held face-to-face talks earlier this month for the first time

in nearly a year and a half on the sidelines of the Group of 20 summit in China. Tang's trip may be part of Chinese efforts to create a better environment for Premier Li Keqiang to take part in the trilateral summit in Japan, which may be held as early as November.

Earlier Monday, Tang met separately with Natsuo Yamaguchi, the chief of the Komeito party, the ruling Liberal Democratic Party's junior coalition partner, and LDP Vice President Masahiko Komura who heads the Japan-China Friendship Parliamentarians' Union.—Kyodo News

Hollande confirms Calais migrant camp shutdown, urges UK help

CALAIS (France) — President Francois Hollande said on Monday that France will completely shut down “the Jungle” migrant camp in Calais and called on London to help deal with the plight of thousands of people whose dream is ultimately to get to Britain.

“The situation is unacceptable and everyone here knows it,” Hollande said on a visit to the northern port city where as many as 10,000 migrants from war-torn countries such as Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan live in squalour.

“We must dismantle the camp completely and definitively,” he said. France plans to relocate the migrants in small groups around the country but right-wing opponents of the Socialist leader are raising the heat ahead of the election in April, accusing him of mismanaging a problem that is ultimately a British one.

The migrants want to enter Britain, but the government in London argues that migrants seeking asylum need to do so under European Union law in the country where they enter.

Immigration was one of the main drivers of Britain’s vote this year to leave the EU. It is also likely to be major factor in France’s presidential election. If France stopped trying to prevent migrants from

entering Britain, Britain would ultimately find itself obliged to deal with the matter when asylum-seekers land on its shores a short distance by ferry or subsea train from France’s Calais coast.

Hollande bluntly reminded Britain of that, saying that he expected London to fully honour agreements on managing a flow of migrants. “I also want to restate my determination that the British authorities play their part in the

humanitarian effort that France is undertaking and that they continue to do that in the future,” Hollande said.

London and Paris have struck agreements on issues such as the recently begun construction of a giant wall on the approach road to Calais port in an attempt to try to stop migrants who attempt daily to board cargo trucks bound for Britain. —Reuters



French President Francois Hollande (C), Interior minister Bernard Cazeneuve (L) and housing minister Emmanuelle Cosse (R) attend a meeting at the Sub-Prefecture of Calais as part of his visit to the northern French port which is home to the ‘Jungle’ migrant camp, on 26 September, 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

UK opposition Labour Party says will ban fracking if elected

LIVERPOOL — Britain’s opposition Labour Party pledged on Monday to ban fracking if elected in 2020, putting it at odds with the Conservative government and raising the risk for investors looking to put money into the nascent industry.

“Fracking locks the UK into an energy infrastructure that is based on fossil fuels long after our country needs to have moved to renewables,” said Barry Gardiner, Labour’s energy and climate change spokesman.

He told the party’s annual

conference in the northwestern city of Liverpool that a Labour government would focus on developing a low carbon energy industry.

Britain is estimated to have substantial amounts of shale gas trapped in underground rocks yet fracking applications have struggled to find approval from local communities, concerned about noise and environmental impacts.

The industry has the full backing of Conservative Prime Minister Theresa May who in

August said some tax proceeds from shale gas developments could be given directly to residents, to try to help win public support for private sector investment.

Britain is not scheduled to hold a national election until 2020. But Labour say Britain’s vote to leave the European Union, which forced David Cameron to resign as prime minister, will push his successor May to call one sooner.

May has said she has no need to do so.—Reuters

Ahead of debate, Trump endorsed by US immigration officers

NEW YORK — Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump picked up the endorsement on Monday of the union representing 5,000 federal immigration officers, a boost of support for his immigration policy ahead of his first debate with Democrat Hillary Clinton.

Trump has laid out a hard-line position on illegal immigration, proposing to build a wall along the US southern border with Mexico and take other steps to crack down on the flow of undocumented people crossing into

the United States.

With immigration likely to be discussed at the debate, the National Immigration and Customs Enforcement Council, a union representing 5,000 federal immigration officers and law enforcement support staff, announced it would support Trump, in what was described as its first endorsement of a candidate for elected office.

The union’s president, Chris Crane, outlined in a statement why his group is backing Trump, saying his union mem-

bers are “the last line of defence for American communities” and that his members “are prevented from enforcing the most basic immigration laws.”

A CNN/ORC poll released on 7 September said that among registered voters, 49 per cent said they trusted Clinton to handle immigration, a slight advantage over Trump, who was at 47 per cent. Crane said the endorsement was conducted by a vote of the union’s membership and that Clinton received only 5 per cent of the vote.—Reuters



NEWS IN BRIEF

Kremlin worried about ‘terrorists’ regrouping for attacks in Syria

MOSCOW — The Kremlin said on Monday it was gravely concerned by the situation in Syria where “terrorists” were using a ceasefire to regroup their forces and wage offensives against government troops.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told a conference call with reporters that tough rhetoric used by British and US envoys to the United Nations may damage the possibility of solving the Syria crisis and hurt bilateral relations with Russia.

Russia still hopes for a political process in Syria and is not losing hope and political will, he said.—Reuters

Russia says West not coping with obligations on Syria

MOSCOW — Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on Monday that Western countries were not coping with their obligations on Syria, Interfax news agency quoted him as saying.

Lavrov also said the United States wanted to put forward additional conditions before implementing a deal on Syria and that Russia would demand a very thorough investigation into a strike on an aid convoy in Syria, RIA, another Russian news agency, cited him as saying.—Reuters

Hague court to arbitrate in East Timor-Australia maritime border dispute

AMSTERDAM — The Permanent Court of Arbitration in the Hague will oversee a compulsory arbitration between East Timor and Australia on their maritime boundary, it said on Monday, rejecting Australian objections.

East Timor asked for the process which could decide on which side of the border lies a large oil and gas field over which the two countries have a revenue-sharing agreement. The island nation said Australian espionage on its diplomats rendered recent agreements between them flawed.

Australia has resisted negotiating a permanent border until 2056 at the earliest. The conciliation process will take place behind closed doors over the next year, the court said. —Reuters

British police, following new clues, seek missing toddler on Greek island

ATHENS — British police started excavations on Monday as part of a 25-year investigation into the vanishing of a British toddler near his family’s holiday home on the Greek island of Kos.

South Yorkshire Police, who are leading the probe, said they would focus their attention on two sites on the island, close to where the child, Ben Needham, was last seen on 24 July 1991. New information on the case surfaced in May, following a public appeal, they said.

British newspapers recently reported there was speculation the child may have been crushed by a digger in an accident.

He was only 21 months old when he disappeared as he played outside a farmhouse that his family was renovating. Despite repeated appeals and hundreds of possible sightings, the boy has never been found and few firm clues have emerged.

The hunt is one of Britain’s longest-running missing-person inquiries.—Reuters

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Policy instruments approach — a policy implementation tool of the government

Khin Maung Aye

AMIDST the several theories of governance, the policy instruments approach concentrates upon the political consequences of the instrument choice. According to Woods (1998), in the contemporary political environment this political factor means primarily that governments will select the least intrusive instruments.

The argument of this approach is that the choices of tools made by the government to govern will not only have an impact upon the policy area, but also have a secondary impact on the economy as well as on the society. Moreover, it will also impact the government itself. The instrument approach is not much

concerned with the relationship between the state and the society. According to this approach, there is a government process and means in place for making choices for achievement of the policy goals. This being so, this approach connects the governance with the large body of public research in political science and public administration.

Under the policy instruments approach, governance is reviewed more in the light of the capacity of the government to formulate and implement policy. A tool is regarded as having captured the fundamental question in goal achievement and it provides a means of understanding one of the variables central to

success. This approach is an operational view of the governance, which fundamentally concentrates upon the capacity of the government to implement those choices and identify the multiple characteristics of the instrument selected for achieving targets.

In the opinion of the opponents of the tools approach, this approach is based upon the assumption that all the tools are available to all the government, which in fact is simply not the case. It depends very much upon the context of a particular state— e.g. tools such as moral inducement are dependent only upon the degree of legitimacy. In the second place, certain governments are financially stronger

and thus can spend more on achievement of their goals. Thirdly, certain governments can use coercion more readily than others and even though it is the most ineffective means to realize their goals, it is often treated as basic to the policy objectives. The opponents to this approach also argue that any tools invented by the government can be dodged by the self-organizing capacity of the society. In this context, one can say that the government can govern to the extent allowed by the society. This view of governing by secrecy runs opposite to the contemporary concern about transparency in the public sector.

International Day of Older Persons

Khin Maung Myint

OCTOBER 1 of every year is designated as the **International Day of the Older Persons**, which is observed in many countries around the world. It all started on December 14, 1990. On that date the United Nations General Assembly voted to designate 1 October as the International Day of Older Persons. It was observed for the first time on 1 October, 1991.

In some countries it is a holiday. Each year there was a different theme chosen for the celebrations. For 2016 the theme is "**Take A Stand Against Ageism**". The themes for the last five years were--

2011: "The Growing Opportunities and Challenges of Global Aging"

2012: "Longevity: Shaping the Future"

2013: "The future we want: what the older persons are saying"

2014: "Leaving No One Behind: Promoting a Society for all"

2015: "Sustainability of Age Inclusive in the Urban Environment"

By observing the above mentioned themes, one can realize the importance and the priority placed on the older persons. Their roles and contributions, to the society and building of the future, during their younger days shouldn't be ignored. They should have their rightful places in the society in their old ages and shouldn't be discriminated. Discriminations

against and prejudices towards the old people amount to **ageism**, which is highlighted in this year's theme. It was this growing **ageist**

attitude towards the older people, which necessitates the UN to intervene.

As I had mentioned in my previous article: "**Healthy Aging**" (19/9/2016 GNLM), the life expectancy of the world population is dramatically increasing. According to the UN and WHO documents, between 1950 and 2010 the life expectancy rose from 46 to 68 and is projected to reach 81 by the end of the century. The demographic revolution is underway throughout the world. There are now almost 700 million people over the age of 60 worldwide. By 2050, 2 billion or 20 percent of the world population will be over 60, and for the first time in human history, the number of people over sixty will exceed the number of children. The increase in the numbers of the older people are the largest and most rapid in the developing countries, and Asia has the largest share.

As the life expectancy of the people are increasing they are becoming more healthier physically and mentally than before—generally. However, judging from the above mentioned statics, we are headed towards human resource shortages, if we stick to the present age criteria set for employments. That would reduce the work force and thus affect the productions and the economy, as the number of young people are on the decline. Thus, if we don't start finding solutions, now, to overcome the work force depletions we are definitely headed for trouble. For example: the retirement age for civil servants should be increased to a certain appropriate level or extend the services of those who are still in optimum health conditions in body and mind, on case by case basis.

The common concept that Alzheimer's disease, dementia and cognitive decline are normal part of aging may be true for some, but for those who know how to age healthily, their quality of life could be greatly enhanced. Though they may be physically not as able as in their youthful days, their minds would still be sharp and alert. They can still be able to perform the intellectual duties assigned to them on par with, if not better than, their younger counterparts.

In most countries, **ageism** is becoming an everyday, yet heart-breaking challenge for most of the older persons. They are being overlooked in employments, restricted from doing social services, regarded as debilitated, unworthy of attention and are even stereotyped as senile persons in the media, such as the television series and are being marginalized from the community. They are being discriminated against due to their age. Though the older persons may not be able physically as their younger counterparts, their experiences, wisdoms and knowledges are invaluable. Thus they shouldn't be subjected to **ageism**.

Many governments in the developed and the developing countries have designed or piloted innovative policies in the health, social security or welfare systems. In addition, several policy framework documents, including national plans of action on aging have been enacted. Specific age-related legislative measures in areas as varied as building codes, licensing and monitoring of care centers and vocational training have also begun to emerge. All these are done with the aim of helping the older persons to be able to face and overcome the everyday challenges of



aging. I hope our authorities are aware of such measures being taken in other countries and introduce them to our country, too.

At present, there are some care centers for the aged established in our country by the government and some charity and religious groups. However, the number of elders enjoying the services of such facilities are very few as there are not enough to accommodate everyone who needs their help. Thus more care centers should be established to accommodate more elderlies whose numbers are dramatically rising. That would provide the older persons some relieve from the everyday challenges they have to face.

In conclusion, I would like to urge my contemporaries not to yield to aging. As for me, I viewed a person's age is just a number; it shouldn't become an obstacle in one's life. Don't take for granted

that just because you are getting older, you will become forgetful and you cannot learn anymore. Keep trying and you will be surprised that you are still capable of learning anything and prove to others that you are still capable and useful to the society. However, many old people are reluctant to learn or thought they are incapable of learning anymore, and that is very wrong. By learning something, for example the use of computers, you will be accessible to the latest informations and technologies. It will be a great asset for you that would work to your advantage and keep you abreast of the younger generations and, in a way, will assist in **taking a stand against ageism**.

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Change of Guard in UMFCCI



U Zaw Min Win, the new president of UMFCCI. PHOTO: NANDA WIN

THE Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) is set to replace its existing polices after conducting studies on the rules and practices of international trade associations and seeking suggestions from legal experts, according to U Zaw Min Win, newly-elected UMFCCI President.

New policies will be laid down to improve the performances of the 72 region/state associations and affiliated trades and services, said the new leader of the country's top business association.

Weaknesses in rules and regulations of the federation's organisation will be cleared within a few months as all members requested, added the UMFCCI President.

Expressing his view on the country's present economic situation, the UMFCCI President

stressed the need for more assistance to small and medium-sized businesses that represent over 95 per cent of private enterprises in Myanmar, pointing out that they are facing difficulties in financing, technology and market access. The government's sound policies, financial assistance to SMEs and international financial and technological support will help the country's current stagnant economy to gradually bounce back, added the UMFCCI President.

He also highlighted the importance of the adoption of sound and strong economic policies as well as a review on taxation and called for human resources development programmes to nurture skilled workers and technicians as foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows are expected to increase significantly.—Win Win Maw/ Nanda Win

Forestry ministry partners with foreign organisations for tiger preservation project in Tanintharyi Region

ACCORDING to an authorised person of the Ministry of Forestry in Tanintharyi region, they will cooperate with foreign organisations to help preserve endangered tiger species. The 3-year project will start this year and continue up to 2018.

The forestry ministry and the environmental NGO Flora and Fauna International (FFI) signed

the agreement in 2014 to conduct other projects besides this preservation of the endangered tiger species. The forested areas frequented by hunters in Myanmar and Thailand are vast, so there is little space for the tigers to find food in the forest. Thus, preservation of endangered species is needed, officials said.

Currently, within Tanintharyi region, endangered tiger species are being kept in Laymyar National park and Tanintharyi National park. There are over ten tigers in Tanintharyi national park and four to five in Laymyar national park.

At the moment, there are about 85 tigers left in Myanmar and only 3,200 tigers worldwide.

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Police, families clean up ancient historic pagoda in Taungoo in honour of 52nd Police Force Day

MEMBERS of the Myanmar Police Force (MPF) and their families cleaned up an ancient historic pagoda in Taungoo, Bago Region yesterday in commemoration of 52nd Myanmar

Police Force Day, which falls on 1st October.

The deputy police commander of the No. 11 Security Police Force, Police Major Win Kyaw under the supervision

of No 1 Security Police Force, led police and their families to carry out sanitation work in the compound of the ancient historic Myatsawnyinaung Pagoda in Taungoo. —017



Family members of police officers help clean up the historic Myatsawnyinaung Pagoda in Taungoo. PHOTO: 017

Crime NEWS

Drug, yaba pills seized in Kawthaung, Tharsi, Kalaw Townships

A local anti-drug squad seized 27.465 kilos of illegal drugs, locally called "bein-sar" powder, on 24 September in Kawthaung, according to police.



Oe Nge and Htein Lin. PHOTO: MPF

The squad found the drugs hidden in a bag after interrogating two men in a wooden boat near Barliaw Village in Kawthaung Township, said police.

The police arrested Oe Nge and Htein Lin and found the bag containing the drugs.

In a separate incident on the same day, the anti-drug squad stopped and searched a motorcycle driven by Soe Win and discovered 2,970 yaba pills.

On 25 September, a combined team comprising members of a local anti-drug squad and police force searched a bus, acting on a tip-off, near Kalaw and found 770 yaba pills on the passenger bus. —GNLM

Narcotics cases rise in Kachin State

NARCOTICS cases are on the rise in Kachin State even after the 100-day plan of the Kachin State government, said Myo Thura Naung, the inspector from the state police office.

The difficulty in collecting the number of migrant workers in Kachin State resulted in problems in combating the narcotics cases.

Although the heavy cases decline because of the 100-day plan, the narcotics cases are still rising. Currently, awareness campaigns are being carried out across the nation with the mobile library, he added.

Hpakant is seen to have the highest cases of narcotics in Moe Nyin District in Kachin State, whereas Putao has the fewest narcotics cases with sev-

en, it is learnt from Kachin State Police.

To crackdown on narcotics, the authorities have to seize the drug addicts as well as the major distributors without any favoritism, said locals from Hpakant.

"The wholesalers need to be caught in order to combat the narcotics problem", said a local from Lone Khin village tract in Hpakant Township. "What is happening is that large seizures of narcotics have been found to be ownerless. The patrol squad should need to closely monitor and track the distributors."

Out of a total of 328 criminal cases during August in Kachin, 195 cases were narcotics cases. That is 44 cases more than the previous month of July. —Myitmakha News Agency

Charlotte protesters march for sixth night despite shooting video release

CHARLOTTE, (N.C.) — A couple hundred demonstrators chanted and marched through Charlotte on Sunday, as protests persisted after the release of two videos showing the fatal shooting of a black man by police officers in North Carolina's largest city.

Angry protesters have filled the streets of Charlotte every day since the Tuesday killing of Keith Scott, 43, whom police said was armed when officers shot him.

Crowds were smaller on Sunday than earlier in the week, but protesters said they would continue until police, who on Saturday released portions of videos showing Scott's death, published all the footage.

The video released offered no clear evidence that Scott was holding a gun when he was shot.

"It's one word: transparency," said, Kerby McLean, 26, a pastor at Perpetual Hope Kingdom International church in Charlotte, calling on elected leaders to get the tape.

"We're protesting until they respond to what we want them to do," he said.

The fast-growing Sun Belt city, a banking centre, became the latest flashpoint in two years of tense protests over US police killings of black men, many of them unarmed.

The protests in Charlotte, one of the US Southeast's most vibrant urban centres, have stayed peaceful for the most part but on Wednesday violent clashes erupted between protesters.

Flanked by police on



Marchers rally outside Bank of America stadium during an NFL game to protest the police shooting of Keith Scott in Charlotte, North Carolina, US on 25 September 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

bicycles, the marchers went through the centre of Charlotte and out into residential neighbourhoods on Sunday. The city lifted a midnight curfew that had been in effect, though irregularly enforced, for three days.

A smaller crowd of about 100 also protested at a National Football League game in the city earlier in the day. Small groups of police in riot gear chatted with fans as they arrived.

Inside the stadium, Carolina Panthers quarterback Cam Newton signalled his support during the pre-game workout by wearing a T-shirt with a

Martin Luther King Jr. quote: "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

About two thirds of NFL players are black, and several players in the league, including San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick, have taken to bending down on one knee during the pre-game singing of the national anthem in protest at police violence.

The Charlotte Panthers lost to the Minnesota Vikings, and protesters and fans alike began leaving before the game ended.

A Panthers fan sympathized with the protest-

ers but did not think they would succeed in changing policing.

"I get the message the protesters are trying to send," Joe Mader, 24, said. "I think it's smart that they're out here. I'm happy to have them here."

On Saturday, police released several minutes of videos showing Scott's shooting in the parking lot of a Charlotte apartment complex.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Chief Kerr Putney acknowledged that the videos themselves were "insufficient" to prove Scott held a gun but said other evidence completed the

picture.

Police said officers trying to serve an arrest warrant for a different person caught sight of Scott with marijuana and a gun, sitting in a car in a parking lot.

Both Scott's family and protesters have disputed the police statements that Scott was carrying a gun.

One of the released videos from a police dashboard camera shows Scott exiting his car and backing away from it, hands at side. Police shout to him to drop the gun, but it is not clear that he has anything in his hand. Then shots break out and Scott drops to the ground.—Reuters

Oman court jails journalists, closes down newspaper

MUSCAT — A court in Oman on Monday ordered the permanent closure of a newspaper which had reported on alleged corruption within the judiciary, and jailed three of its journalists on charges that included undermining the prestige of the state.

Witnesses at the court said Ibrahim al-Mamari, editor-in-chief of the privately owned Azamn newspaper, and his deputy and managing editor Youssef al-Balushi, were jailed for three years and fined 3,000 rials (\$7,800) each. A third journalist was jailed for a year.

Azamn had extensively covered a series of corruption cases in 2014 in which several company executives were convicted. Omani authorities suspended the newspaper in August for a month after detaining the three journalists. In a statement which did not mention Azamn by name, they said it had exceeded the limits of free speech and "drifted into ... harming one of the pillars of the state, the judiciary." Amnesty International said at the time it appeared the journalists were being punished for carrying out "legitimate journalistic work". The Muscat Court of First Instance found Mamari and Balushi guilty on four charges, including undermining the prestige of the state, disturbing public order, misusing the internet, and publishing details of a personal status case.—Reuters

Debates to help half of US voters decide between Clinton, Trump — Reuters poll

WASHINGTON — Half of America's likely voters will rely on the presidential debates to help them make their choice between Republican Donald Trump and Democrat Hillary Clinton in the 8 November election, according to a Reuters/Ipsos poll released on Monday.

The results show the stakes for the White House rivals as they prepare to face off on Monday at Hofstra University in Long Island, New York, for their first of three one-on-one debates, a prime-time TV spectacle

expected to draw a Super Bowl-sized audience of 100 million Americans.

Some 50 per cent of likely voters think the debates will help inform their decision of whom to support, including 10 per cent who say they are not currently leaning either way, according to the opinion poll.

Some 39 per cent said the debates will not help, and 11 per cent said they did not know how the debates would affect them.

In a strong signal that most viewers will also be

hoping the debates bring clarity, some 72 per cent of respondents said they want to see moderators point out when a candidate says something that is untrue. That included 73 per cent of people who identified themselves as Trump supporters and 82 per cent of those who said they back Clinton, according to the results.

"It helps the audience, particularly me, to recognise what's bull crap and what's real," said Harvey Leven, 63, a teacher from Farmington Hills, Michigan. "It's easy for the can-

didates to quote a statistic and people accept it."

Clinton currently leads in most national polls and holds critical advantages in key swing states like Ohio and North Carolina. The latest Reuters/Ipsos poll finds Clinton leading Trump nationally by 4 percentage points.

Clinton had seen her popularity dip in recent weeks after more questions arose about her family foundation and the use of a private email server while she was secretary of state.—Reuters

INVITATION FOR QUOTATION

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A medical assistant holds up a H1N1 flu shot at the Health Ministry in Algiers in 2009. PHOTO: REUTERS

Over 100 Vietnamese workers infected with H1N1

HO CHI MINH CITY — A total of 117 workers of a garment factory in Viet Nam have been confirmed to have contracted flu virus H1N1, local media reported Monday.

Of the 117 workers of Vinatex Kien Giang factory in Kien Giang Province, 34 have been hospitalized, daily newspaper *Sai Gon Giai Phong (Saigon Liberation)* reported. Samples taken from them have been tested positive to H1N1, according to the Ho Chi Minh City

Pasteur Institute.

The factory, which houses nearly 1,000 workers, has been asked to take preventive measures to prevent further spread of the flu, such as encouraging its employees to wear facial masks and disinfect workshops, canteens and water closets. Some strains of H1N1 are endemic in humans and cause a small fraction of all seasonal flu. Other strains of H1N1 are endemic in pigs (swine flu) and in birds

(avian flu).

In June 2009, the World Health Organisation (WHO) declared the new strain of swine-origin H1N1 as a pandemic which spread worldwide and caused about 17,000 deaths by the start of 2010.

In August 2010, the WHO declared the H1N1 flu pandemic over, saying worldwide flu activity had returned to typical seasonal patterns.—*Xinhua*

Philippines confirms three new Zika cases, bringing the total to 12

MANILA — The Philippine health department reported on Monday three new cases of Zika virus, bringing to 12 the total number of locally-transmitted Zika virus cases in the Philippines this year.

Health Secretary Paulyn Ubial told a news conference that one of the three new cases were reported from Iloilo City in the central Philippines.

Ubial said all 12 cases were locally transmitted, and that no other transmissions apart from mosquito bite has been recorded.

“These cases did not have

history of travel to an affected country a month prior to the onset of their illness,” the department said in a statement.

It added “All of these confirmed cases presented with skin rashes with any one of the following: fever, muscle or joint pains, conjunctivitis without eye discharge.”

“All have recovered from their mild illness,” the department said.

Ubial has ordered all health workers especially in regions where there are Zika cases to be more vigilant and to wage a more

intensive mosquito control campaigns to eradicate mosquitos.

Zika virus is acquired through bites from infected *Aedes aegypti* mosquitos, the same type of mosquito that spreads dengue and chikungunya. Common symptoms include fever, skin rash, joint pains and conjunctivitis.

There is no available vaccine to prevent the mosquito-borne virus. But experts said the symptoms of Zika virus could be treated with common pain and fever medicine, rest and enough water intake.—*Xinhua*



A member of a pest control team shows a container of mosquito larvae that they collected during their inspections at Zika clusters in Singapore on 5 September 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Aussie diets ‘worse than first thought’: peak scientific body

CANBERRA — The largest dietary survey ever undertaken in Australia has found the average Aussie diet would be graded a “fail”, with the overall median score just 59/100 after more than 85,000 people responded to the survey.

The Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) released the results of its Healthy Diet Score report on Monday, which collated survey results from 86,500 Australian adults across a 12 month period.

Professor Manny Noakes, CSIRO Research Director and co-author of the CSIRO Total Wellbeing Diet, said Australians are normally thought of as fit and healthy. However, the result of the survey suggested there is much that can be done to improve diets across the nation.

According to the 2016 Healthy Diet Score, 80 per cent of those who responded to the survey recorded an individual score below 70/100, a benchmark figure, according to the CSIRO.

“We have an image of be-

ing fit and healthy, but with a collective diet score of 59/100, that image could be very different unless we act now,” Noakes said in a statement.

“If we can raise our collective score by just over 10 points, we help Australia mitigate against the growing rates of obesity and lifestyle diseases such as heart disease, Type 2 diabetes and a third of all cancers.”

Noakes said a slight shift towards more positive dietary habits would drastically change the results of the survey in future years.

“All people need to do is halve the bad and double the good. In other words, halve the amount of discretionary food you eat and double your vegetable intake,” he said.

“It is never too late to eat better and increase your score, and the nation’s (overall score).”

“We encourage people to also take the test regularly to ensure they are improving their eating behavior and overall health and wellbeing.”—*Xinhua*

Tiangong-2 space lab enters preset orbit for docking with manned spacecraft

BEIJING — Chinese scientists on Sunday maneuvered the country’s Tiangong-2 space lab to a preset orbit 393 kilometres above Earth’s surface, in preparation for a planned docking with the Shenzhou-11 manned spacecraft set to launch next month.

Tiangong-2, which blasted off from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre on the back of a Long March-2F T2 rocket on 15 September, has already gone through about nine days of on-orbit testing before Sunday’s maneuver, according to Li Jian, deputy head of the Beijing Aerospace Control Centre.

“All test results suggest the space lab is in good condition,” Li said. Earlier reports said China’s future space station, which the country plans to put into service around 2022, will also

be orbiting the Earth at approximately the same height — 393 kilometres above ground.

The Shenzhou-11 manned spacecraft is expected to carry two astronauts into space to dock with the Tiangong-2 in October. The astronauts will work in the lab for 30 days before returning to Earth.

Li said the docking will be the country’s first-ever simulation of future space station docking technologies, which will see the manned spacecraft “catching up with the space station using its own space maneuvering capacities.”

In April 2017, China’s first space cargo ship Tianzhou-1, which literally means heavenly vessel, will also be sent into orbit to dock with the space lab, providing it with fuel and other supplies.—*Xinhua*

Germany to Britain: Live up to promise not to block EU reforms

BERLIN — German Defence Minister Ursula von der Leyen said she does not expect Britain to block a Franco-German initiative to deepen military cooperation among the 27 remaining European Union members after Britain’s vote to leave the bloc.

Berlin and Paris have proposed reviving EU common defence plans long blocked by Britain, partly to give the bloc a sense of purpose after Britons voted to quit the EU and also to counter the loss of the union’s biggest defence spender.

British Defence Secretary Michael Fallon told *The Times* newspaper this month that London would resist any attempts to duplicate infrastructure that already existed in NATO.

However, von der Leyen told Reuters in an interview that she expected Britain to “make good its promise that it will not hinder important European



Germany’s Defence Minister Ursula von der Leyen attends a cabinet meeting at the Chancellery in Berlin, Germany, on 8 June 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Union reforms.”

She said she had called Fallon before the initiative was unveiled to tell him that it was not directed against Britain.

“I told him the initiative is designed for a strong Europe, and that this Europe also wants to have good relations with Britain in the future, especially in the area of defence.”

Von der Leyen and the other EU defence ministers will discuss the proposals in Bratislava on Monday evening and Tuesday.

She said all members were welcome to participate in the initiative, but it was not mandatory.

The proposals include a joint and permanent EU headquarters for civilian and military missions, possibly in Brussels, which

London says will drain away finite resources when NATO already has its military command centre, also in Belgium.

Negotiations on Britain leaving the EU could last up to two years once London triggers divorce proceedings, which British officials have suggested could happen early next year.

Most EU members, including Britain, France and Germany, are also NATO allies. But Europe wants to be able to act independently of the United States in its neighbourhood.

Von der Leyen was upbeat about the initiative’s chances, noting that some of her EU counterparts and even some government leaders had already expressed interest.

“There is definitely a chance that we can finally take a step forward that is long overdue,” the minister said. “After Brexit, the EU must show that it is capable of acting and that the bloc offers specific advantages.”

A majority of people in the EU wanted quicker and more aggressive action on external security issues, von der Leyen said, citing the EU’s response to the Ebola epidemic and the need to address problems prompting Africans to flee their homes.

She insisted the goal of the initiative was not to found a European army, but to tackle projects already covered under the EU treaty but never fully realised.

Von der Leyen rejected the idea that Germany would take over the military leadership of the EU, saying: “The idea is to become stronger and more efficient by working together. None of us can solve the big crises on our own,” she said.

She said deeper EU defence ties could start early next year if EU leaders agreed to move forward at their meeting in December. —Reuters

Majority of UK CEOs considering moving operations abroad post-Brexit — survey

WASHINGTON — Three-quarters of British company bosses are considering moving operations abroad following the vote to leave the European Union, according to a survey published on Monday.

The KPMG survey of 100 UK chief executives, from companies with revenues between 100 million pounds and 1 billion pounds (\$130 million-\$1.30 billion), found 86 per cent were confident about their company’s growth prospects and 69 per cent were confident about the British economy’s growth prospects over the next three years.

However, 76 per cent said they were considering moving either their headquarters or their operations outside Britain because of the 23 June “Brexit” vote.

“CEOs are reacting to the prevailing uncertainty with contingency planning,” said Simon Collins, KPMG UK chairman.

“Over half believe the UK’s ability to do business will be disrupted once we Brexit and therefore, for many CEOs, it is important that they plan different scenarios to hedge against future disruption.”

The June vote has created uncertainty over Britain’s future economic and trade relationship with the European Union.

John Nelson, chairman of Lloyd’s of London, told Reuters last week that the insurance market would be ready to move some of its business to the EU as soon as Britain invoked Article 50 of the EU’s Lisbon Treaty, which triggers the start of exit from the bloc.

Aides to Prime Minister Theresa May have suggested she hopes to trigger Article 50 early next year, opening the way for up to two years of negotiations.—Reuters

Colombia to sign peace with Marxist rebels, ending 52-year war

CARTAGENA, (Colombia) — Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos and Marxist rebel leader Timochenko will sign a deal on Monday ending a half-century war that killed a quarter of a million people, stymied the economy and made Colombia a byword for violence.

After four years of negotiations in Havana, Santos, 65, and Timochenko, a nom de guerre for the 57-year-old revolutionary, will shake hands for the first time on Colombian soil in front of world leaders.

Their deal to end Latin America’s longest-running conflict will turn the FARC guerrilla group into a political party fighting at the ballot box instead of the battlefield it has occupied since 1964.

Some 2,500 foreign and local dignitaries will attend the ceremony in the colonial city of Cartagena, where huge billboards call on Colombians to accept the peace plan.

“I can’t believe this day has finally come, peace is coming to Colombia,” said Juan Gamarra, 43, who sells jewellery in the walled city.

Guests include UN head Ban Ki-moon, Cuban President Raul Castro,



Colombia’s President Juan Manuel Santos gestures during a news conference in Cartagena, Colombia, on 25 September 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) — which began as a peasant revolt, became big players in the cocaine trade and had as many as 20,000 fighters at their strongest — will hand over weapons to the United Nations within 180 days.

“It’s such an important day — now we can fight politically, without blood, without war,” said Duvier, a 25-year-old rebel attending a FARC congress last week in the southern Yari Plains.

Colombians are nervous over how the remaining 7,000 rebels will integrate into society, but most are optimistic peace will bring more positives than problems.

Colombia’s economy has performed well relative to neighbours in recent years, and peace should reduce security costs and open new areas for mining and oil companies. But crime gangs could try to fill the void and landmines hinder development.

With peace behind him, Santos, the scion of a wealthy Bogota family, will hope to use the political capital to push his economic agenda, especially tax reforms to compensate for a drop in oil income caused by a fall in oil prices.—Reuters

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Squeezing North Korea — old friends take steps to isolate regime

SEOUL — From kicking out North Korean workers and ending visa-free travel for its citizens, to stripping flags of convenience from its ships, Cold War-era allies from Poland to Mongolia are taking measures to squeeze the isolated country.

More such moves, with prodding from South Korea and the United States, are expected after North Korea recently defied UN resolutions to conduct its fifth nuclear test.

North Korea's limited global links leave most countries with few targets for penalising the regime on their own.

Mounting sanctions over the years have made Pyongyang more adept at evasion and finding alternative sources for procurement, a recent paper by experts at Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology found.

Nonetheless, South Korea has been especially active in pushing the North's allies for unilateral action in hopes of reining in Pyongyang's arms pro-

gramme.

"If long-standing friends of North Korea continue to publicly curb their ties with the country, Pyongyang will have fewer places overseas where its illicit networks can operate unhindered or with political cover from the host capital," said Andrea Berger, deputy director of the proliferation and nuclear policy program at the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI).

South Korean officials have declined to say whether they have made inducements to countries to punish North Korea.

"Presumably in the course of that diplomatic interaction it is also being made clear to Pyongyang's partners that deeper trade ties with economies like South Korea will not be fully realisable" without taking steps against North Korea, Berger said.

Angola, for one, has suspended all commercial trade with Pyongyang, banning North Korean companies from operating there since the UN toughened sanctions in March, a South Korean foreign ministry of-



Trucks cross Friendship Bridge from China's Dandong, Liaoning Province, to North Korea's Sinuiju on 12 September 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

ficial told Reuters recently.

Angola was suspected of buying military equipment in 2011 from North Korea's Green Pine Associated Corp, which is under UN sanction, according to a 2016 UN report. North Korea had also cooperated with Angola in health care, IT and construction, South Korea's embassy there said in December.

Angolan officials did not respond to requests for comment, but the country told the UN in July it had not imported any light weapons from North Korea in recent years.

North Korea's export of cheap labour has also been targeted.

Earlier this year, Washington urged countries to curb the use of North Ko-

rean workers, who number roughly 50,000 and generate between \$1.2 billion and \$2.3 billion annually for Pyongyang, according to a 2015 UN report.

Poland, which hosted as many as 800 North Korean workers, according to some estimates, this year stopped renewing visas, as did Malta. Travel restrictions have also increased,

with Ukraine recently revoking a Soviet-era deal that allowed visa-free visits for North Koreans.

Singapore, which has been a hub for North Korea-linked trade, will require visitors from the country to apply for visas starting next month, its immigration authority said in July.

The vast majority of North Korea's trade is with China, and experts warn sanctions will have limited impact without Beijing's backing. China condemns Pyongyang's nuclear programme but is also its chief ally and is unwilling to pressure leader Kim Jong Un's regime too far, fearing a collapse that would destabilise the entire region. That means agreeing significantly tightened UN sanctions could be difficult.

Some of the most tangible results of recent efforts to isolate North Korea have seen countries ban its ships from their registries. North Korean-owned vessels are suspected of using other flags to camouflage the movement of illicit cargo.—Reuters

On the Majestic Maersk, mega-ship dreams obscure cloudy future for shipping

SHANGHAI — For Captain Dick S. Danielsen, the childhood dream has been to sail the world's biggest ships.

The Danish seaman got his chance three years ago when he was asked to helm the Majestic Maersk, a mammoth, baby blue-painted vessel that at 400 metres (1,312 feet) is longer than a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier. The ship can hold up to 18,270 twenty-foot (TEU) shipping containers and is owned by the world's largest container shipping firm, A.P. Moller-Maersk.

"If you're going to be a captain and the company asks you, do you want to be on our biggest ship in the fleet, everybody would be proud. If they don't, then I think they're lying," he told Reuters from his ship during a 24 hour-long stop in Shanghai's port last Saturday.

Danielsen's dreams reflect the wider vision of his industry, whose firms are in the midst of a spending spree during the last few years to build the biggest ships.

While hailed as engineering feats, these mega-ships are now being blamed for contributing to

the overcapacity glut plaguing the container industry, which saw its first major casualty with the August collapse of South Korea's Hanjin Shipping.

The Triple-E class mega-ships ordered by Maersk's container arm in 2011 were almost 20 per cent larger than the biggest vessels at the time and the economies of scale slashed shipping costs by up to 30 per cent.

But capacity growth outpaced trade, battering freight rates and company profits. As of this spring, 7.4 per cent of container ships worldwide have been idle, according to shipping industry data provider Alphaliner.

The Majestic Maersk is no longer even among the top ten of the world's largest ships, overtaken by vessels owned by Switzerland's Mediterranean Shipping Co, China COSCO Holdings and the United Arab Shipping Co. There are 45 vessels that can carry over 18,000 TEU currently sailing and another 76 are being built, with the largest able to carry 21,000 TEU, according to valuation firm VesselsValue.—Reuters

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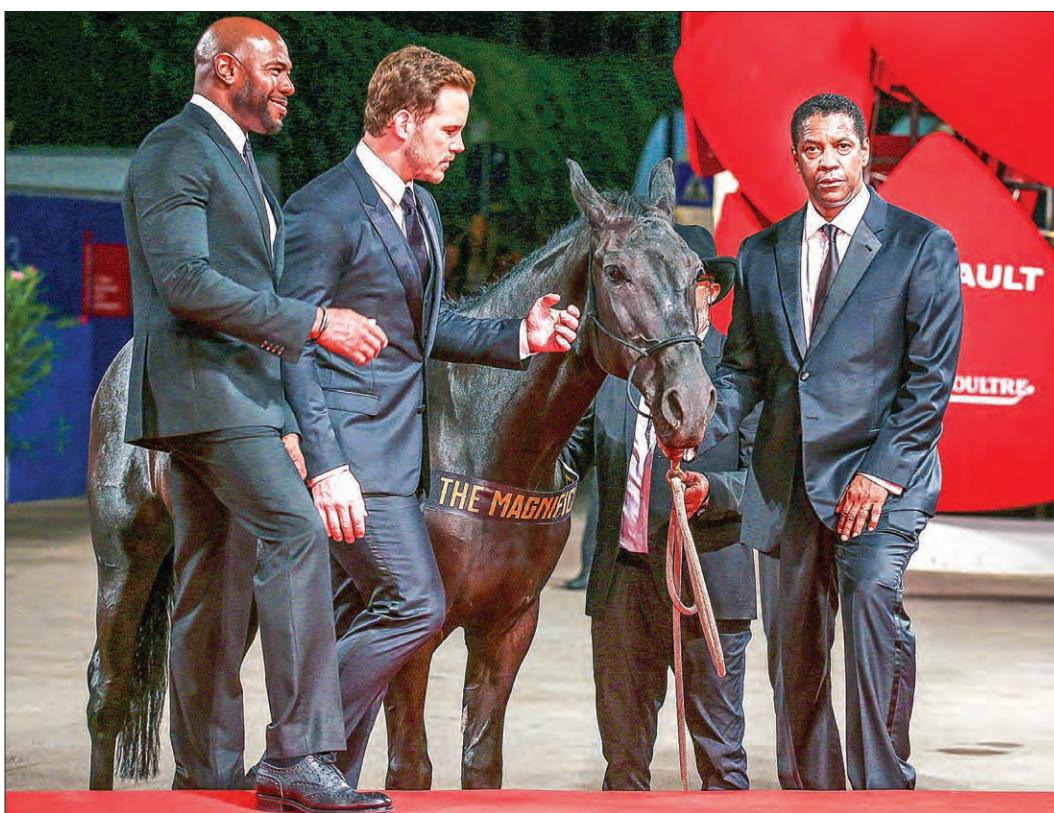
'Magnificent Seven' hits bullseye with \$35 million debut

LOS ANGELES — Denzel Washington hit the bullseye again. "The Magnificent Seven," the Oscar-winner's first western, topped the box office, picking up a solid \$35 million.

Hollywood's star system has shriveled in the past decade, with few new talents emerging to reanimate the ranks and stand alongside Leo and Julia and Johnny and George and Brad. Some of their stars have dimmed, but Washington's still shines brightly. He hasn't had a film open to less than \$20 million since 2007's "The Great Debaters." He'll be back on screens at the end of the year in "Fences," an adaptation of August Wilson's play, that he directs and stars in alongside Viola Davis. It is expected to be an Oscar contender.

"The Magnificent Seven" easily snagged the crown from "Sully," the retelling of the "Miracle on the Hudson" landing that topped the box office for two weeks. The drama slid to third place with \$13.8 million, bringing its stateside total to a healthy \$92.4 million.

"Storks," an animated comedy from Warner Bros., came in second with \$21.8 million. It's a disappointing result given that the picture had been tracking to open to \$30 million or higher. The film centers on a group of storks who have transitioned from baby delivering to hauling packed for an e-commerce behemoth. Andy



Actors Denzel Washington and Chris Pratt pose with a horse during the red carpet of the movie "The Magnificent Seven" at the 73rd Venice Film Festival in Venice, Italy on 10 September. PHOTO: REUTERS

Samberg, Kelsey Grammer, Jennifer Aniston, Keegan-Michael Key, and Jordan Peele are among the recognizable voices providing some of the film's aural texture. The film cost \$70 million to produce and is part of Warner Bros. effort to reinvigorate its animation division after the studio scored a hit with 2014's "The Lego Movie." It

had more or less abandoned the genre to the likes of Disney and DreamWorks Animation, before undergoing a course correction.

"The Magnificent Seven's" success is welcome news for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, which was body checked this summer after "Ben-Hur," its \$100 million-plus Biblical epic, collapsed at the box office, re-

sulting in at least \$70 million in losses for the studio and its production co-financiers. Earlier this month, MGM reduced its annual profit projections by roughly \$50 million because of "Ben-Hur's" failure.

But "The Magnificent Seven" counts as a win for the company. It also proves the viability of remaking older films,

provided there is some novel spin to provide. In this case, Washington and director Antoine Fuqua, were able to stage balletic shoot-outs that rivaled those in John Sturges' original 1960 film. They also played up the diversity of their cast, rounding out the cast of mercenaries with South Korean actor Byung-hun Lee, Mexican actor Manuel Garcia-Rulfo, and Native American actor Martin Sensmeier. That multi-cultural aspect seemed to resonate in a post-#OscarsSoWhite era. Sony Pictures distributed "The Magnificent Seven" and teamed with MGM, LStar Capital, and Village Roadshow to finance the \$90 million production.

"Bridget Jones's Baby" took fourth place with \$4.5 million, pushing the romantic comedy's domestic total to a lackluster \$16.5 million after two weeks of release. "Blair Witch" rounded out the top five, earning just under \$4 million and bringing its total to roughly \$16 million.

In limited release, "The Dressmaker," an Australian comedy with Kate Winslet, opened to \$180,522 in 38 locations. Broad Green is distributing the film on behalf of Amazon Studios. Disney's "Queen of Katwe," an inspirational drama about a chess prodigy from Uganda, debuted in 55 theaters to \$305,000. It will expand next weekend to roughly 1,500 locations.—Reuters



Actor Leonardo DiCaprio is surrounded by fans as he arrives for the premier of the film "Before the Flood" at TIFF the Toronto International Film Festival in Toronto, on 9 September 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Obama, DiCaprio to discuss climate change at SXSL Festival

LOS ANGELES — US President Barack Obama and Oscar-winning actor Leonardo DiCaprio will discuss ways to tackle climate change issue at the White House festival, SXSL, next week.

The conversation will be followed by a screening of DiCaprio's new climate documentary "Before the Flood", according to The Hollywood Reporter.

At the inaugural South by South Lawn: A White House

Festival of ideas, art, and action, the commander-in-chief and the 41-year-old star will take part in a conversation with climate scientist Dr Katharine Hayhoe about the importance of protecting the planet for future generations. "The Revenant" star expressed his excitement for the upcoming event by tweeting, "Looking forward to sitting down with @POTUS and @KHayhoe for a discussion on #climatechange.—PTI

Japanese animated film 'your name.' taking nation by storm

TOKYO — The animated film "your name." is taking Japan by storm, with its box office revenues surpassing the 10 billion yen (\$99 million) mark in just 28 days since its release, marking a milestone for a Japanese animation other than the works of renowned director Hayao Miyazaki.

Since Makoto Shinkai's blockbuster hit about two teenagers in a body-swapping fantasy opened at cinemas on 26 August, it has drawn 7.74 million people and throngs of fans have scurried to visit destinations featured in the film.

It is now the ninth-highest grossing Japanese film, and the only Japanese animation to rack up more than 10 billion yen in revenues apart from Miyazaki's works.

Miyazaki, whose works have been big hits in Japan and abroad and who produced award-winning films such as "Spirited Away," said in 2013 he will retire due to age. He is now 75.

Propelled by the popularity

of his latest film, Shinkai, who has already made a name for himself in the Japanese animation industry scene, is being touted as a successor to Miyazaki.

The story depicts the strange gender-swapping between a senior high school girl who lives in the countryside and a senior high school boy in Tokyo in their dreams, as their fates become intertwined by the once-in-a-thousand-year fall of a comet.

One of the film's attractions is its beautiful cinematography with its focus on the use of light. The story, based on a novel by Shinkai that has sold more than 1 million copies, features many real-life locations such as Shinkai's hometown in Nagano Prefecture in central Japan, neighbouring Gifu Prefecture, and Tokyo.

Illustrating the film's appeal, many people were seen late this month visiting one such spot — stairs beside a Shinto shrine in Tokyo's Shinjuku Ward — to take photos of it during daytime on a weekday.

Among them was Yasuko Nakamura, a third-year universi-

ty student in Tokyo, who chatted with her friend at the spot where the paths of the hero and heroine crossed. "It really exists," she mused.

Yurika Aoki, another visitor, said she usually does not watch animations except for Disney films, but was encouraged to watch "your name." on the large screen due to the rave reviews.

"There were a lot of comments on social media, praising the film as 'awesome'," Aoki said.

Four songs by popular Japanese rock band RADWIMPS featured in the film have also boosted its popularity.

Yoshiteru Mahata, a third-year university student from Sendai, Miyagi Prefecture, in north-eastern Japan, said he saw the film "thanks to word of mouth and RAD songs."

But the film's soaring popularity has also prodded movie production staff to urge fans to observe their conduct when visiting the places featured in the film amid complaints about their behaviour.—Kyodo News

Italian art installation a call for help over plastic waste

ROME — Five million brightly coloured plastic bottle tops have been laid out on a Mediterranean island, spelling the word “HELP” in an art installation that aims to draw attention to marine pollution.

The work, symbolising the “Age of Plastic”, was created by Italian artist Maria Cristina Finucci and opened on Sunday on the tiny island of Mozia, just off the coast of Sicily.

The project is part of a broader initiative that Finucci has been working on since 2013, entitled the “Garbage Patch State”, which highlights concern over the accumulation of plastic waste in oceans and seas that threatens marine life and biodiversity.

Carried by winds and currents, plastic particles have amalgamated with other debris to form gigantic, swirling patches, or gyres, in the world’s oceans.

The United Nations has estimated that they might cover as much as 16 million square kilometres (6.2 square miles) of sea.

“When I first read about this phenomenon I felt a strong compulsion to do something about it. I wanted to raise some sort of an image and outcry that would capture the sheer scale of this environmental disaster,” said

Finucci.

Her exhibits have been shown in Paris, Rome, Venice and the United Nations’ headquarters in New York, but the Mozia installation is her most ambitious installation to date.

The millions of bottle tops, weighing two tonnes and strung out in red netting, are clustered together in huge mesh cases, some of them four metres (13 ft) high, that form giant letters on the sun soaked landscape and are lit up at night.

They lie adjacent to ruins dating back to the civilizations of ancient Rome and Carthage, following a similar contour to the piles of weather-worn stone. The word ‘HELP’ is only visible from the air.

Just as archaeologists today sift through the remains of lost empires, so Finucci imagined people in the future trying to make sense of our era.

“Each and everyone of us has participated in the shaping of this garbage patch, which is made up of bottles that were only used once... flip flops left on a beach, plastic cups and plates that were thrown away,” said Finucci. “It has taken us just 60 years to create this reality.”

The Mozia installation will remain open until 8 January, 2017.—Reuters

Opening ceremony of 5th Asian Beach Games held in Viet Nam



Photo taken on 24 September, 2016 shows the opening ceremony of the 5th Asian Beach Games in Viet Nam’s central Da Nang City. The 5th Asian Beach Games kicked off in Viet Nam’s central Da Nang City on Saturday evening, with the participation of nearly 10,000 people. PHOTO: XINHUA

Dolce & Gabbana mixes tropics with traditions at Milan fashion show



Models present creations at the Dolce & Gabbana fashion show during Milan Fashion Week Spring/Summer 2017 in Milan, Italy, on 25 September 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

MILAN — Italian fashion brand Dolce & Gabbana transported guests to a warm and busy Italian street setting for their spring/summer 17 catwalk show on Sunday, in one of the most flamboyant displays of Milan fashion week.

A big red “Tropico Italiano” sign hanging from the ceiling, banana trees, coconuts and white sand contrasted the ambience of an Italian village festival as soon as lights went off and young street dancers hit the catwalk, moving to the beat of tarantella folk music.

The loud and bright collection by Domenico Dolce and Stefano Gabbana, known for their rich and embellished looks, carried all the typical elements of their style throughout the years, in a jubilation of gold, laces, embroidery, sequins, flowers, Madonnas, food, animal prints and lights.

Skirts and dresses seemed more like canvases, with pasta, fish, tomatoes, bread as well as roses and sunflowers and drums, Italian flags, portraits of the Madonna and crucifixes.

The brand has frequently resorted to Italian imagery for its clothes, accessories and commu-

nication, with the latest advertisement campaigns depicting Mediterranean looking models, including Italian actress Sophia Loren, in old Sicilian and Neapolitan alleys. One of the models wore a dress made out of a jute bag with a print resembling an old-style poster saying “True Italian peeled plum tomatoes, sweet and genuine, with basil”. —Reuters

China August lottery sales up 10.4%

BEIJING — China’s lottery sales rose 10.4 per cent year on year to 31 billion yuan (4.7 billion US dollars) in August, according to the Ministry of Finance.

Sales of welfare lottery tickets increased 5.8 per cent year on year to 15.9 billion yuan in August, while sports lottery sales jumped 15.7 per cent to 15.1 billion yuan, the ministry said in a statement.

August’s lottery sales in Hunan Province rose by 439 million yuan year on year, while Shandong, Hubei, Zhejiang and Guangdong provinces also posted large increases, the statement said. In the first eight months of 2016, total lottery sales stood at 257.7 billion yuan, an increase of 6.1 per cent from a year earlier. Under lottery management rules, money from ticket sales must cover administrative fees, public welfare projects and prize money.—Xinhua

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Rory McIlroy wins Tour Championship, \$10m bonus

ATLANTA (Georgia) — Northern Irishman Rory McIlroy capped a stunning comeback with a birdie at the fourth playoff hole to win the season-ending Tour Championship on Sunday, along with FedExCup honours and the mind-boggling \$10 million bonus.

McIlroy rolled in a 15-foot putt at East Lake's par-four 16th to beat American Ryan Moore, sending the large gallery into a frenzy that might more likely be expected at next week's Ryder Cup.

"It was incredible," former world number McIlroy said at the victory presentation. "Sorry for the hoarse voice. I sort of lost my voice screaming at the end."

"I feel my game is coming together at the right time. Two wins in the last three feels pretty nice."

McIlroy, 27, vaulted into the playoff with a barnstorming finish to his final round, holing out from 140 yards to eagle the same hole where he would clinch the win 90 minutes later.

He closed his final-round 64 with a tap-in birdie at the par-five 18th and only joined the playoff with American Kevin Chappell (66) and Moore (64) when the latter's eight-footer to win in regulation lipped out.

McIlroy then squandered a golden chance to win it at the first extra hole when he missed a six-footer. Chappell was eliminated on the first extra hole.



Rory McIlroy celebrates his win on the final playoff hole of the Tour Championship at East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta, GA, USA on 25 September 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

McIlroy looked shell-shocked but regrouped to sink a seven-footer and stave off defeat at the third extra hole, before clinching it at the next.

"It was such a nice one, uphill, just outside the right edge," McIlroy he said of his winning putt.

"I knew if I hit a good putt it had a great chance of going in. To see that ball drop, everything has come together for me. To be

able to come here and pull it off is really special.

"I've won the money list a few times in Europe but never been able to quite do it here, the FedExCup in the US. When you put your mind to it, great things happen."

McIlroy's gain was Dustin Johnson's loss as the US Open champion would have won the FedExCup had either Moore or Chappell won the playoff.

Johnson started the final round tied for the lead with Chappell, but struggled to a 73 in ideal conditions to plunge to into a tie for sixth at five-under.

So instead it was McIlroy, the only member of the European Ryder Cup team in the field at East Lake, who clinched the season-long points race and \$10 million bonus along with \$1.53 million for the tournament victory.—Reuters

Leicester need to adapt to grappling clampdown—Simpson

LONDON — Defender Danny Simpson says Leicester City need to adapt quickly to a clampdown by referees on pushing and holding in the penalty area after Saturday's 4-1 defeat by Manchester United.

Last season, centre backs Wes Morgan and Robert Huth provided Leicester with great defensive solidity and they conceded only 36 goals on their fairytale run to the title.

They have already conceded 11 in six games this campaign, including the four at Old Trafford at the weekend — three of which came from corners. Simpson said the new interpretation of the rules could be contributing to the club's defensive frailty.

"Err, I have to be careful what I say," Simpson told British media.

"It is in your mind, yes, we have seen a few decisions this season. It is in your mind. It is something we have to learn to adapt to as players. They have changed the rules. "The way it was last season, I thought we were very good at defending set-pieces and we made it tough for the opponents.

"You have been doing that for all your career and suddenly you have got to change it, but it's the same for everyone, it's something we have got to work on and look at."—Reuters

Man City's Sterling credits Guardiola for rise in form

LONDON — Raheem Sterling has hailed Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola for helping him turn around his year, in particular for encouraging the winger to "enjoy scoring goals".

Sterling found the back of the net only six times in 31 Premier League games last season and was vilified by a section of England's fans after the country's poor Euro 2016 campaign.

However, the 21-year-old has impressed under Guardiola this campaign, scoring four goals in six league games. He was also named the Premier League's player of the month for August.

"The manager has told me to enjoy scoring goals and seeing the ball go into the back of the net. He gives everyone the confidence, not just me," Sterling told British media.



Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola during Premier League at Liberty Stadium on 24 September 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Sterling scored in City's 3-1 win at Swansea City on Saturday, a victory that stretched their early lead at the top of the table to four points.

"He gives everyone the belief and the motivation. His speech before (the game) was fantastic and it means that when you go out on to the pitch you are really fired up for the game," Sterling added.

Guardiola, who has guided

the club to six straight league wins this season, said Sterling and the rest of the team needed to step up in the absence of midfielder Kevin de Bruyne, who limped off with a hamstring problem at the Liberty Stadium.

"Kevin is not going to play the next games and now we need to keep going and win the games without him. We have to do that," Guardiola said.—Reuters

Mourinho's pre-match message inspired United — Smalling

LONDON — Manager Jose Mourinho's pre-match message of embracing the occasion of playing in front of a packed Old Trafford crowd inspired Manchester United to a 4-1 rout of Premier League champions Leicester City, defender Chris Smalling has said.

After back-to-back Premier League defeats by Manchester City and Watford, United were under pressure from their fans and returned to winning ways with Smalling beginning the rout of the champions with a first half header.

"The boss really wanted to get the enjoyment factor across," Smalling told the club's website (www.manutd.com). "He stressed how there is 70-odd thousand people in the stands who want to be in our shoes and in his shoes.

"It's a case of realising how lucky we are and how we should go out there and enjoy it.

You can see that everyone did enjoy it and the message clearly did get across."

The victory moved United to sixth on the table with 12 points from six games and released the pressure on the club and Mourinho, though his decision to relegate England captain Wayne Rooney to the bench created more speculation.

Smalling, however, said the 30-year-old is still the "main man" under Mourinho.

"He was the same, as in before the game when we're all getting ready. He is often one of the most vocal and he was the same on Saturday," Smalling added.

"Regardless of whatever the situation is, whatever game, whether he is on the bench or playing or whatever, he is always that same type of character and that's why he is England's main man and our main man."—Reuters