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State Counsellor responds to violent armed attacks in Rakhine State

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi said no accusations will be made at the present time about the recent armed attacks in Rakhine State because the government has not yet ascertained the cause. If there is ever receipt of relevant evidence, at that point the government will take it to trial, she said.

While responding to questions made by reporters at the joint press conference with the Netherlands Foreign Minister Mr Bert Koenders in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi also sent a message to all countries across the world that the country is doing its best to deal with the cause and resolution of the violent attacks in western Myanmar by all legal means.

“The government is dealing with the current issue in Rakhine State exercising the rule of law so that the government can reach the best and most just settlement, said the State Counsellor.

She also said the Myanmar government is dealing with human rights issues, in particular investigating complaints over rights violations. Every country is being faced with human rights issues, she said.

The State Counsellor called on every individual to understand the meaning of human rights.

“In dealing with human rights issues, the government alone cannot solve this issue” she said. “It also requires the cooperation of the people”.

The government is performing its duties for peace and stability of the country to the best of its ability, she added.

The Netherlands Foreign Minister replied that the official visit to the western part of Myanmar is of benefit to all civil society organisations. He added that the Union



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi talks to media at a press conference in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

Government was solving the complicated issues as best as it can.

He also stressed the need to take adjustable and systematic approaches to solving ethnic issues and complicated disputes.

During its visit to northern Rakhine State on Tuesday, the Netherlands delegation could hold constructive discussions with locals, CSOs and responsible officials, he said.

“It is of great importance for humanitarian aid to reach people in trouble, especially we want to express our thanks to the Myanmar government for letting us open the embassy of the Netherlands”, Mr Koenders said.

Mr Koenders and his delegation from the Netherlands are in Myanmar to officially open the new Dutch embassy in Yangon. The Netherlands is not only interested in promoting trade with Myanmar, but also in investing in democratisation and improving the country’s human rights situation.

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi said they discussed promoting bilateral cooperation, noting the friendly relations Myanmar has had with the Netherlands since 1948 when Myanmar gained its independence.

Mr Koenders said the first part of their discussion included how to promote relations between the two countries and develop capacity building in implementing water resources management and related projects, he added. The two countries will also enhance existing cooperation in the agriculture and animal husbandry sectors, he said.

After visiting Myanmar, the minister will travel to Thailand, where he will take part in a meeting of the Association of South-east Asian Nations (ASEAN) with the European Union.—Myanmar News Agency



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State Counsellor receives foreign guests

DAW Aung San Suu Kyi, State Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, received Foreign Minister of Netherlands, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria, United Nations Under Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday.

At the meeting with the Netherlands Foreign Affairs Minister, they exchanged views on the bilateral relations and cooperation, peace process and transitional process in Myanmar, and the pro-

motion of cooperation on agriculture and integrated water resource management between Myanmar and the Netherlands.

At the meeting with Mr Jean Asselborn, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, they exchanged views on the promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation between Myanmar and Luxembourg, and the peace process and transitional process in Myanmar.

At the meeting with Dr Michael Linhart, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria, they exchanged views on the promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation between Myanmar and Austria. At the meeting



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi holds talks with Dr Michael Linhart, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Austria. PHOTO: MNA

with Mr Stephen O' Brien, United Nations Under Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, they exchanged views on matters

pertaining to the Government's initiatives in peace and national reconciliation, providing humanitarian assistance in Myanmar including Rakhine and Kachin

States and ongoing cooperation between the Government the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. — Myanmar News Agency



Vice President U Henry Van Thio welcomes Mr Stephen O' Brien in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

Vice President U Henry Van Thio holds talks with UN envoy, Netherlands FM

VICE PRESIDENT U Henry Van Thio received Mr Stephen O' Brien, United Nations Under Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

At the meeting, they discussed matters related to UN's assistance in response to natu-

ral disasters and humanitarian issues related to internally displaced persons in Rakhine and Kachin States.

The Vice President also held talks with Foreign Minister of the Netherlands Mr Bert Koenders over bilateral cooperation in water resources management and applying in Myanmar. — Myanmar News Agency

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives foreign guests

U WIN MYINT, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw, received Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Foreign Minister of the Netherlands at Zabuthiri Hall of the Pyithu Hluttaw in Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday.

At the meeting with Dr Michael Linhart, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria, they discussed bilateral friendship and cooperation.

At the meeting with Mr Jean Asselborn, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg,



Speaker U Win Myint holds talks with Dr Michael Linhart in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

they discussed matters related to cooperation between governments, parliaments and peoples between the two countries.

At the meeting with Neth-

erlands Foreign Affairs Minister, they discussed matters on legislation, bilateral friendship and cooperation. — Myanmar News Agency

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker receives Luxembourg Foreign and European Affairs Minister

MAHN WIN KHAING THAN, Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw, received Mr Jean Asselborn, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, at Amyotha Hluttaw building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

At the meeting, they discussed promotion of bilateral friendship between the two countries.



Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than holds talks with Mr Jean Asselborn in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

Also present at the call were Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Aye Thar Aung and officials of the office of Amyotha Hluttaw. — Myanmar News Agency

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs receives Dy FM of Austria

U KYAW TIN, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, received Dr. Michael Linhart, Deputy Minister for

Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nay Pyi Taw at 13:00 hrs on 12 October 2016, and exchanged views on

the promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation in the areas of economy, education and culture. — Myanmar News Agency

Deepavali National Holiday to fall on 30 October

The Union Government announced yesterday that the Hindu festival of Deepavali, which is also known as Dewali, falls on 30th October and is a public holiday under Section 25 of the Negotiable Instruments Act.

President U Htin Kyaw receives Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

PRESIDENT U Htin Kyaw received Mr Jean Asselborn, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

At the meeting, they openly discussed matters on promotion of bilateral

cooperation between the two countries, assistance from Luxembourg to Myanmar and transitional process to democracy in Myanmar.

Also present at the call were Union ministers Dr Than Myint and U Ohn Maung and officials.—*Myanmar News Agency*



President U Htin Kyaw welcomes Mr Jean Asselborn at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA



President U Htin Kyaw accepting credentials of H.E. Mr. SOK Chea, the newly accredited Ambassador of the Kingdom of Cambodia in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

President U Htin Kyaw accepts credentials of Vietnamese, Cambodian, Egyptian ambassadors

PRESIDENT U Htin Kyaw accepted credentials of newly accredited ambassadors from Viet Nam, Cambodian and Egypt to Myanmar separately at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

H.E. Mrs. Luan Thuy Duong, the newly accredited Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, H.E. Mr. SOK Chea, the newly accredited Ambassador of the Kingdom of Cambo-

dia and H.E. Mr. Khaled Mohamed Abdelrahman Abdelsalam, the newly accredited Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to Myanmar presented their credentials to the president.

Present on the occasions were Minister of State for Foreign Affairs H.E. U Kyaw Tin and Director-General U Ko Ko Naing of the Protocol Department.—*Myanmar news Agency*

Troops kills 10 violent armed attackers in area clearance operation in Maungtaw Tsp

WHILE conducting an area clearance operation near the village of Kyety-oepyin Village, Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State yesterday, troops of the Tatmadaw responded to an assault by armed attackers, killing 10 attackers and seizing a rifle.

After the violent exchange during yesterday's 7 a.m. clearance operation in the village of Kyety-oepyin, armed attackers fled to the western part of the village.

While pursuing them, the troops were fought by the attackers with guns,

swords and sticks. The troops will continue to conduct clearance operations not to make it easy for attackers to hide in nearby villages, for the sake of peace and stability in the area and for the protection of local residents.—*Myawady*

Armed men violently attack Kyikanpyin border outpost, set fire to 25 houses in Warpaik Village

VIOLENT armed men attacked the staff quarters of No.1 border post near Kyikanpyin Village, Maungtaw Township, and set fire to dozens of houses in Warpaik Village in the township yesterday.

About five attackers shot at the staff quarters

from a distant hideout, but retreated when Tatmadaw troops fought back.

The attackers then set fire to Warpaik Village, destroying around 25 houses, before withdrawing in a southeast direction.

The attackers who

were hiding in the village set fire to the homes when the troops of the Tatmadaw were conducting a clearance mission in the village.

The troops will continue to conduct clearance operations in nearby villages, it is learnt.—*Myawady*

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VP U Henry Van Thio inspects sites to hold 22nd Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competition



VP U Henry Van Thio giving instructions to the union ministers and officials. PHOTO: MNA

ACCOMPANIED by Union ministers, Vice President U Henry Van Thio, Chairman of the Leading Committee for 22nd Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competitions, inspected sites and lodging hostels for participants yesterday.

On arriving at Ywa Taw camp in which contestants will lodge, the vice president was reported by responsible officials

on accommodation, environmental sanitation, preparation of emergency health care service, transportation of contestants to designated places, situations on security and control of discipline, followed by the inspection of clinics and dining rooms.

Afterwards, the vice president and party visited Yezin University, Nay Pyi Taw, inspecting preparations for com-

petition places. During the inspection, Vice President U Henry Van Thio stressed the need for systematic examination on food in protection against cholera disease, ensuring safety, security and transportation.

The 22nd Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competitions — 2016 will be held from 18th to 25th October.—*Myanmar News Agency*

Residents in Maungtaw urged to restrain, not to believe false information



Union ministers meeting officials and local people. PHOTO: MNA

A governmental mission comprising Union ministers met with residents and departmental staff in Maungtaw yesterday, calling for not believing false information and for exercising restraint at a time when the state is facing instability.

At the meeting, local people pointed out the weakness of the rule of law in Maungtaw, urging the authorities to assist the local ethnic people in their livelihood and security.

They also urged the government to take severe action when they scrutinize the citizenship issue in accordance with the 1982 Citizenship Law and to enforce the monogamy law to

be able to control the population in the area for the sake of the development.

Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Soe said that the forces of the Tatmadaw are providing security to the local people, pledging that it would provide food to the people.

In response to the question on organizing militia in villages, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Aung Soe said that he would submit the idea to the policy makers.

Rakhine State Security and Border Affairs Minister Col Htein Lin expressed thanks to the people for their cooperation in dealing with the current cri-

sis, assuring that teachers and health staff in far-flung areas are in safe condition and they would be brought back to Maungtaw when the weather is fine.

The authorities have already collected a total of 285 teachers from villages in Maungtaw and another 104 teachers have returned home, he added.

Rakhine State Social Affairs Minister Dr Chan Tha said that authorities will distribute rice and edible oil to 35 villages in Maungtaw Township and will provide cash assistance to families of nine policemen who fell in fighting with armed attackers and to the injured.—*Myanmar News Agency*

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi to visit India on 16 October

At the invitation of His Excellency Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of the Republic of India, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, State Counsellor of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, will leave for the Republic of India to attend BRICS-BIMSTEC Outreach Summit to be held in Goa, India on 16 October 2016 and to pay a State Visit to the Republic of India to strengthen bilateral relations between the two countries.—*Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

Education Policy Commission holds its first meeting



Education Policy Commission meeting in progress. PHOTO: MNA

THE NATIONAL Education Policy Commission (NEPC) commenced its meeting (1/2016) at the office of NEPC in Yangon yesterday, with the opening addresses by Dr. Myo Myint, chairman and Dr Nyi Hla Nge, vice-chairman of the commission.

In the opening address, Dr Myo Myint said: "The education sector is related to development of all other sectors. This formation of NEPC will help develop other sectors in return. This commission is a free institution which consists of scholars with a chairman and vice-chairman elected by all members, unlike the previous ones. Responsibilities to be performed by the commission include: laying down national education targets and educational principles; assignment of du-

ties to newly-formed curriculum committee; assessment committee for national education status and quality assurance; consulting bodies for acquiring subvention from government and local administrative bodies; policy making for acceptance of monetary aids and subsidies from home and abroad; laying down policy on opening and closing schools; submission of reports on 6-month activities to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and the Union Government.

Afterward, the Director-General of the Education Ministry and related ministries discussed the implementation of education projects and legislation of educational policies. It is learnt that an educational process to be prioritized by NEPC will be discussed on 18 October. — *MNA*

Crime NEWS

Drug trafficking fugitive brought to justice

A DRUGS fugitive on Tuesday has been brought to justice seven years after he went on the run, according to a police report.

Htay Aung, who is described by police as a major supplier of drugs, escaped from police while authorities arrested other suspected drug dealers at a shop in Myawady Ward in Monywa Township of Sagaing Region in 2009.

Acting on a tip-off, local police recently searched the same shop and arrested two people after they were found in possession of a cache of illegal stimulants. The two drug traffickers said they received those illegal drugs from Htay Aung. Police arrested the fugitive in Monywa Township. The suspect has been charged under

Section 15/ 16 (c)/ 20 (a) and 21 of the anti-drug law and Section 512 of the Penal Code.—*Myitmakha News Agency*



Htay Aung.
PHOTO: MYITMAKHA NEWS AGENCY

LOCAL Business

Fifty-two foreign enterprises approved by investment commission this year

FIFTY-two foreign enterprises were established in Myanmar as of mid-October this fiscal year, making investments of US\$662.835million, said U Aung Naing Oo, the director-general of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) approved a total of 14 foreign investment businesses, according to Myanmar Investment Commission Meeting (18/2016) and (19/2016), with a total of US\$278.958million invested. Thirteen permitted foreign enterprises will be engaged in industrial businesses. The remaining business will make an investment in transportation and communication. These fourteen permitted enterprises will create a total of 8,859 jobs.

In keeping with Myanmar Citizen Investment Law, Myanmar Citizen Investment was permitted in industrial business, with investments of US\$3.827million and Ks5,946,7,442 resulting in 85 jobs according to MIC Meeting (18/2016).—*Myint Maung Soe (MMAL)*

Nanpharlon gate reopened, businessmen doing well

NANPHARLON gate, which was shut down to ensure the security of the people living in the border areas of Myanmar and India, has been reopened, to the relief of local businessmen.

The Nanpharlon gate was closed after explosion in Moreh and a shooting in Tamu. Authorities from the two countries agreed to shut down the gate for security reasons, said Tint Wai, Police Superintendent from Tamu District Police office.

“We are very satisfied with the reopening of the gate because we are trading with the Nanpharlon market”, said the sellers.

However, some locals are concerned that another shooting or bombing will happen again, said Daw Khin Yadanar Moe, a local from Tamu. The gate between Myanmar and India was closed for six days, it is learnt.—*Myitmakha News Agency*



Farmers plant paddy traditionally on a field at Pauktal Village, Bago Region. PHOTO: THANT ZIN WIN

Rice and broken rice exports fetch over US\$177million

THE export of rice and broken rice as of 30th September in the 2016-2017 fiscal year fetched over US\$177million, with a total volume of over 510,000 tonnes.

The export value of rice and broken rice in this fiscal year has slumped by over US\$63million when compared to that of a similar period in the last fiscal year, it is learnt from the statistics released by the Ministry of Commerce.

merce.

The export volume of rice and broken rice within six months of this fiscal year totalled 514,448 tonnes worth US\$177.272million, with the rice export volume of over 387,000 tonnes worth over US\$139million and with the broken rice volume of over 127,000 tonnes worth over US\$38million, it is learnt.

During the last week of September, 7,717 tonnes of rice worth US\$2.892million were exported to China through China-Myanmar border trade camps. The export volume of rice slumped by 1,665 tonnes compared to that of the third week of September.

In a similar period, 1,480 tonnes of broken rice worth US\$0.481million were also ex-

ported to China through border camps.

During last month, 35,856 tonnes of rice worth US\$13.193million and 5,747 tonnes of broken rice worth US\$1.868million were exported to China. However, the export volume of rice and broken rice respectively declined when compared to a similar period of last fiscal year.—*Ko Htet*

Islands from Kyunsu Township designated as restricted areas for fishing

THE islands situated 15 nautical miles away from Sa Khan Thit village, Kyunsu Township, Taninthayi Region have been designated for the first time as restricted areas for fishing, it is learnt from Kyunsu Township Fisheries Department.

The territorial waters near Tharmyar Ami island and Wetphyu Taung island, 15 nautical miles away from the village, will

be off-limits for fishing starting on 10th October. This action is being taken to protect the fingerlings near these islands from being caught. Fish larvae that develop into fingerlings are hatched near the islands, it is learnt.

The department will conduct an awareness campaign at the places where the fishermen stop to rest, said U San Mhwe from the fisheries department.

It is the first time that the fisheries department has restricted the areas for fishing, posting warning signs along waterways. The fisheries department will place vinyl markers between these two islands to caution the fishermen to keep out of the restricted areas. Additionally, they will carry out patrols around the restricted areas to make sure there is no illegal fishing. Viola-

tors will face penalties.

To conserve the fish resources, locals need to participate in the effort. The activities protecting the aquaculture which will be carried out by the fisheries department in cooperation with FAUNA and Flora International (FFI) have been submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, it is learnt.—*Myitmakha News Agency*

Master Card and Visa Card users of CB Bank can deposit a minimum of US\$10

MASTERCARD and Visa card customers of Co-operative Bank (CB Bank) can now deposit a minimum of US\$10 through Mobile Banking of CB Bank, it is learnt from an announcement released by CB Bank on 11th October.

Previously, MasterCard and Visa card users had to deposit a minimum of US\$50. But they can now make deposit of US\$10

into their accounts. However, they still need to initially deposit US\$50 when opening the accounts, and can then pay US\$10 into their accounts thereafter, it is learnt.

The money can be deposited into MasterCard and Visa through mobile banking with their own local currency account, after calculating the prevailing dollar price.

Account holders at CB Bank can now easily make use of mobile banking, which can facilitate remittance to other bank accounts, phone top-up, payment for online shopping, bill payment for car tickets, air tickets etc with the corporations linked with CB Bank.

Use of credit cards and mobile banking is slowly gaining acceptance.

“I am not used to utilising mobile banking yet”, said Ko Thiha, a local merchant. “It is good the phone top-up can be bought with mobile banking. This system can also facilitate online payment. However, the withdrawal with ATM cards is sometimes disturbing because of the breakdown of ATM machines”.—*Myitmakha News Agency*

South Korean army to create special operation aviation unit to infiltrate into DPRK

SEOUL — South Korea's special warfare command is seeking to create an aviation unit to send commandos into the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) in times of military conflicts, local media reports showed on Wednesday.

The command is seeking to create a special operation aviation unit to make it possible for special forces to infiltrate into the DPRK in times of contingency by securing its own aviation assets. The plan is based on a report submitted by the special warfare command to the National Assembly's national defence committee. Lawmakers have been inspecting government offices for its regular session.

The special unit creation reportedly aims to allow the special warfare command to secure its own capability of dispatching commandos through its aviation assets without support from US Forces Korea (USFK) or South Korean army's aviation operation command.

The command is also pushing to create a special operation unit to carry out a strategically special mission.

What the special mission is hasn't been known, but it was estimated by local news organisations that the mission is to eliminate the DPRK's leadership and major nuclear facilities in the event of military conflicts.—Xinhua

Blackout occurs in parts of Tokyo, some gov't buildings affected

TOKYO — A temporary blackout occurred in some areas of Tokyo on Wednesday afternoon, affecting some government buildings in the Kasumigaseki District, Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings Inc. said.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told a news conference that power had been fully restored before 4 pm and the government was confirming the facts of the blackout.

Up to 350,000 households and buildings in a wide area of Tokyo including Nerima and Minato wards were affected by the power outage, which the utility said may have been caused by a fire at a facility in Niiza, near Tokyo. Police and firefighters said smoke was detected at the facility around 2:55 pm.

In the Kasumigaseki district, where many



People inquire about the situation at Tokyo's Seibu Shinjuku train station as Seibu Shinjuku Line services are halted following a blackout affecting a wide area of the capital on 12 October 2016. Up to 350,000 households and buildings were affected by the power outage, which Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings Inc. said may have been caused by a fire at a facility in Niiza, near Tokyo. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

central government offices are located, lights went out temporarily at the Finance Ministry, the Foreign Min-

istry and other buildings.

Seibu Railway Co. suspended most train operations in the wake of the

blackout, it said. The utility said the problem was nearly resolved by around 4:30 pm.—Kyodo News

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Philippines invites UN rapporteur to probe drug-related killings

MANILA — The Philippines has sent an invitation to the United Nations rapporteur Agnes Callamard to probe the increasing number of drug-related killings in the country, a government spokesman said on Wednesday.

"Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea said the palace has sent the invitation to the UN rapporteur Agnes Callamard and is awaiting her response," Presidential spokesperson Ernesto Abella told a news conference at the Malacanang presidential palace. In the invitation,

Abella said the "palace also urged — and I think it is notable — the UN rapporteur to include in her investigation the killing of law enforcers by drug suspects so she could obtain accurate perspective of the drug problem in the country."

He said the Philippine government is urging Callamard to also look into the killings of law enforcers who were also killed in the campaign to eradicate illicit drugs.

News reports said more than 3,000 suspects had been killed, some extrajudicially, in the fight

against drugs since President Rodrigo Duterte took the presidency on 30 June.

Duterte said there are at least 4 million Filipinos who are into drugs. He warned that if not eradicated, the Philippines will continue to be governed by narco-politicians.

The Philippine senate and the House of Representatives have conducted investigations into the drug menace. The UN, US, European Union and other international human rights groups have criticised the Duterte administration for carrying out a bloody an-

ti-drug campaign, prompting Duterte to lash at these critics. Despite the intense criticisms, Duterte has vowed to continue his anti-drug campaign.

As of 10 October, the Philippine National Police said that a total of 1,550 suspected drug users and pushers have been killed since 1 July. On the other hand, the police said at least 13 policemen and three soldiers were killed.

The police also said that close to 800,000 drugs suspects have "surrendered" since the campaign was launched.—Xinhua



Kenji Kitahashi (L), mayor of Kitakyushu, Japan, and Ren Yong, chief of the Sino-Japan Friendship Centre for Environmental Protection, pose for photos in Kitakyushu on 12 October 2016 after signing a memorandum of understanding to help China combat air pollution, the first time that a Japanese municipality has signed such an agreement with the Chinese government affiliate. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

Kitakyushu city to help China tackle air pollution

KITAKYUSHU — The city of Kitakyushu in southwestern Japan signed a memorandum of understanding Wednesday with a unit of China's Ministry of Environmental Protection to help the country combat air pollution. It is the first time that a Japanese municipality has signed such an agreement with the Sino-Japan Friendship Centre for Environmental Protection, according to officials of the city, located in Fukuoka Prefecture on the island of Kyushu.

Under the agreement, signed to coincide with an

international conference on air pollution in China, the municipality and the Chinese government office will exchange information and personnel to address air pollution and improve urban environments. The Japanese Environment Ministry has embarked on a five-year project through fiscal 2018 to help tackle air pollution in China through personnel exchanges. Kitakyushu city has so far sent around 80 researchers to six Chinese cities to provide advice on how to limit air pollutants.—Kyodo News

Japan gov't widens counter-cyberattack protection to more entities

TOKYO — The Japanese government decided on Wednesday to extend its counter-cyberattack monitoring of key government agencies to include nine government-affiliated bodies, including the national pension operator that saw more than 1 million sets of personal information leaked in a high-profile attack.

The government's cybersecurity strategy task force selected the bodies for monitoring by the National Centre of Incident Readiness and Strategy for Cybersecurity, or NISC, in line with an amended cybersecurity law that came into force this month following its enactment in April.

Previously, the scope of monitoring was only government ministries and agencies.

"The government must steadily administer the amended law to thoroughly deal with cyber measures for these organisations," Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said at a meeting of the task force Wednesday.

The Japan Pension Service, a special public corporation administered by the Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare to oversee the country's universal pension programme, came under a targeted email attack in May last year.

A review committee set up by the welfare ministry to look into the incident said the pension operator was not sufficiently conscious of the threat of cyberattacks and failed to prepare for them.

Suga also said on Wednesday



Japanese Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga (2nd from R) addresses a cybersecurity strategy task force meeting at the prime minister's office in Tokyo on 12 October 2016. Japan decided the same day to extend its counter-cyberattack monitoring of key government agencies to include nine government-affiliated bodies, including the national pension operator that saw more than 1 million sets of personal information leaked in a high-profile attack. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

day the government is considering how to fortify Japan's cybersecurity measures for crucial infrastructure in the lead-up to the 2020 Olympics and Paralympics in Tokyo.

On Tuesday, central banks and finance ministries in the Group of Seven industrialised nations hailed the G-7's formulation of guidelines for financial institutions aimed at warding off cyberattacks.

The nonbinding guidelines call for institutions to clarify their personnel's roles and responsibilities in dealing with the attacks, share information on attacks and threats with stakeholders in a timely manner and review cybersecurity strategy regularly.

The G-7 comprises Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States. —Kyodo News

Jack Ma to work with Thai government to help small business, boost e-payment

BANGKOK — Jack Ma, founder and chairman of China's e-commerce giant Alibaba, said here on Tuesday that his company was going to work with the Thai government to help small business in the country to develop and also to boost e-payment.

During a speech in Thai ministry of foreign affairs, Jack Ma said he earlier had a talk for over two hours with high ranking officials of the Thai government, during which they agreed to work on several areas together including offering help to small business and training them for online trade.

"We want to hire at least 30 Thai young people to work at the Alibaba headquarter in Hangzhou for one or two years and send them back, so they understand our system and can support more people here," Ma said. Ma also mentioned that he and the Thai government had also talked about making it more convenient for Chinese tourists visiting the kingdom.

"We want to make every shop connected with tourists to use mobile payment," Ma said during his speech as this will be more convenient for Chinese tourists, especially the younger generation which has already got accustomed to mobile phone payment developed rapidly in China in recent years."

Nowadays, Chinese tourists can already use Alibaba's online payment system, Alipay, in many 7-eleven convenient stores around Bangkok. According to Somkid Jatusripitak, Thai deputy prime minister who met Ma earlier on Tuesday morning, Ma also expressed

his intention to develop an effective e-payment system with the Thai government, focusing on fraud prevention.

For e-payment, Ma emphasized "We can expect an e-payment society without cash in the future and e-payment will make our society very transparent as all data will be recorded by machines."

Ma also said in his speech that he and the Thai government also talked about "empowering" Thai consumers and promoting free trade areas for small and medium-sized enterprises.

Alibaba and the Thai government would form a joint working group to formulate an action plan for the e-commerce development, Somkid said, according to Thai media *Bangkok Post*. Besides, Ma said agricultural products of Thailand have a great potential, and that people in rural areas should be trained to use the online trade platform to plant and sell their products according to consumers' need, which will make a great difference in the rural areas.

He also asked governments to formulate new policies for small business to export and import quickly, to develop logistics networks and e-payments.

In his speech, Ma kept saying that his company is just a platform to help small business to develop while also mentioning the goal of his company in 20 years, which is to create 100 million jobs for the world, to make 10 million small businesses successful and profitable and to serve 2 billion population. —Xinhua

Inflation seen cooling to one-year low in September — Reuters poll

BENGALURU — Inflation in India is expected to have cooled to a one-year low in September as good monsoon rains kept a lid on food prices, a Reuters poll showed, possibly giving more room to the central bank to cut rates again by the end of this year.

The recently formed Reserve Bank of India Monetary Policy Committee, under new Governor Urjit Patel, cut rates by 25 basis points to 6.25 per cent in a surprise move earlier this month, after inflation hit a five-month low in August.

The latest poll of over 30 economists showed retail inflation probably eased further last month to 4.80 per cent, the lowest since September 2015, from 5.05 per cent in August.

"The favourable impact of the monsoon is now coming

through the system. We saw quite a strong deflation in terms of food prices in August. We expect that to continue in September as well," said Tushar Arora, senior economist at HDFC Bank.

If the reading moderates in line with forecasts, it is likely to fan bets of further rate cuts this year and put the RBI in line with many other major central banks that are also loosening policy.

Another rate cut by the RBI would support government efforts to boost economic growth to above 8 per cent to create jobs for millions of unemployed youth.

"The RBI MPC has come out as a more dovish committee... We are expecting one more 25 basis points rate cut by the end of this fiscal year," said Arora. "There might be a long pause after that, possibly due to a rise



A vendor reads a newspaper at his vegetable shop as he waits for customers in Kolkata, on 12 September 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

in rural demand and demand-side pressures in general next year."

India's central bank has softened its stance on the timeline for meeting its inflation goal and lowered the real interest rate tar-

get, giving it room to cut rates further.

However, economists in the poll expressed concern that prices could rise quickly after a pay hike for millions of government

employees and pensioners.

Wholesale price inflation likely edged up to 3.89 per cent last month versus 3.74 per cent in August, the poll found. —Reuters

Opinion

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Matching challenges with demand

Khin Maung Aye

WITH the advent of the quasi-civilian government in 2011, the then president formulated a reform strategy that was aimed at transforming the country into a modern, developed, democratic country. Since then, Myanmar has witnessed dramatic growth and development. Nevertheless, there is a general consensus that sustainable development requires structural reforms inclusive of reformation of labour market institutions. In fact, one important prerequisite for sustained growth and development is transformation of labour market institutions, which are especially critical to effectuate inclusive and sustainable economic growth. The business en-

vironment needs to be enabled. Better employment opportunities offering decent remuneration packages, safe, healthy working conditions and strong industrial relations are major conditions to attract FDIs as well as to effectuate export-led economic growth.

At present, however, labour market institutions are still rather weak in our country. This is the reason why the incumbent government has been committed to make further reforms of the legal framework, to provide support to those institutions which are responsible for implementation and enforcement of the new laws and to promote capacity building for labour market actors in order

that they can be effectively engaged in social dialogue.

In this regard, it is worth recalling that Denmark is noted for being a pioneer in the field of occupational safety and health (OSH). Furthermore, it has a proven track record of combining the promotion of workers' rights with high productivity and economic growth through a particularly well-developed model of social dialogue. This being so, the previous government has decided to co-operate with the Denmark government, and signed an MoU last year that laid the foundation for strategic sector co-operation (SSC) on labour market affairs. In this function, a growth counsellor has been recruited and as-

signed to Denmark Embassy in Myanmar.

An SSC preparation project has been concluded with the result that a full SSC project was approved in March of this year with a focus on strengthening capacity of the Factories and General Labour Laws Inspection Department (FGLLID) to advise on, implement and enforce the OSH legal framework; improving OSH legislation to facilitate transparent, uniform and effective enforcement of the OSA legal framework, and the practice of social dialogue; and improving social dialogue. In fact, co-operation with Denmark is a good match for meeting Myanmar challenges, said the Danish growth counsellor.

Let's adapt to the theme for World Food Day 2016: "Climate is changing. Food and agriculture must too"

Maung Maung

ON 16 October 1945, 42 countries assembled in Quebec, Canada, to create the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Its three main goals are: the eradication of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition; the elimination of poverty and the driving forward of economic and social progress for all; and, the sustainable management and utilization of natural resources, including land, water, air, climate and genetic resources for the benefit of present and future generations.

FAO celebrates World Food Day event each year on 16 October to commemorate the founding of the Organization in 1945. Events are organized in over 150 countries across the world, including Myanmar, making it one of the most celebrated days of the UN calendar. These events promote worldwide awareness and action for those who suffer from hunger and for the need to ensure food security and nutritious diets for all. Thus, FAO has been set out various themes for the World Food Day event since 1980 and now the theme for the World Food Day 2016 is **"Climate is changing. Food and agriculture must too."**

Myanmar became a member of the FAO on the 11th of September 1947, two years subse-

quent to the founding of FAO in 1945, and the appointment of an FAO Representative and the establishment of this office in Myanmar was made in 1978 through the exchange of letters between the (Ministry of Agriculture & Forest), now it was reconstituted under the name (Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation) and the Director General of Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). Myanmar has been closely associated with the FAO since its Representation was established in 1978 and implementing various humanitarian assistance projects, mainly focused on achieving food security for all in line with the MDG Goal-1: **"Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger"**. Myanmar being a member country of FAO also organized and celebrated this global event of World Food Day every year on 16 October.

World Food Day's theme for 2016 highlights on climate change and its impact on agriculture sector in terms of food security. The effects of climate change on our ecosystems are already severe and widespread, and ensuring food security in the face of climate change is among the most daunting challenges facing humankind. At the same time, the global population is growing steadily and is expected to reach **9.6 billion by 2050**. To meet such a heavy demand, agriculture and food systems will need to adapt to the adverse effects of climate change and become more resil-

ient, productive and sustainable. FAO estimates agricultural production (crops, livestock, fisheries and aquaculture) will have to increase by about 60% by 2050 to feed a growing global population. To feed a growing global population in a changing climate, the world must transition to more productive, resilient and sustainable forms of agricultural development.

FAO estimates that degradation of the world's forests is proceeding at an alarming rate. Each year about 13 million hectares of forest are lost or converted to other land uses. Deforestation and forest degradation has a considerable impact on the climate, accounting for 10-11% of global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Deforestation also has a significant effect on poor populations who earn income from forestry activity. In addition, FAO estimates the livestock sector contributes nearly two-thirds of agricultural greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and 78% of agricultural methane emissions. While some of the problems associated with climate change are emerging gradually, action is urgently needed now in order to allow enough time to build resilience into agricultural production systems. In this context, Climate-Smart Agriculture (CSA) approach offers one promising avenue for doing so. CSA aims to achieve three main objectives: sustainably increase agricultural productivity and in-

comes, adapt and build resilience to climate change, and reduce and/or remove greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, where possible.

Agriculture sector of Myanmar provides the backbone of the country's economy. However, the Global Climate Risk Index 2016 (German watch) considers Myanmar as one of the developing countries most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change between 1995 and 2014. For farmers, the unstable weather of recent years – both floods and droughts – has resulted in lost production and rising indebtedness.

Myanmar experienced several natural disasters outbreak in the past such as Cyclone Nargis in 2008, Cyclone Giri in 2010 and Cyclone Oman in 2015. These disasters are exacerbated by climate change and are increasing in frequency and intensity. Among them, Cyclone Nargis in May 2008 is the hardest hit and devastated the major rice bowl of Myanmar, in particular the Ayeyarwady, Yangon and Bago Divisions. The disaster also caused significant damages to the livestock and fisheries sector, on which the people of the delta depend upon for their livelihoods. The disaster killed more than 100,000 people and affected the lives of some 2.4 million people. This dreadful catastrophe had been given a huge lesson to Myanmar resulted from climate change. In fact, it was due to the lack of concerted action in build-

ing climate resilience, disasters preparedness plan and proper emergency response system in Myanmar at that time.

Climate change is having a major impact on food security. Over 70% of the world's poor rely on agriculture and natural resources for their livelihood. Many of the 800 million people suffering from chronic undernourishment are small-scale farmers, fishers and pastoralists who are hardest hit by higher temperatures and in weather related disasters. Without concerted action to build resilience, many of the world's poorest and most vulnerable inhabitants will struggle to generate enough food and income to feed themselves and their families.

Achieving food security for all is at the heart of FAO's efforts – to make sure people have regular access to enough high-quality food to lead active, healthy lives. There, I would like to mention the definition of the term Food Security: **"Food security exists when all people at all times, have physical and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food to meet their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life"** (World Food Summit 1996). Food insecurity is the main cause for poverty, hunger, malnutrition and chronic diseases are compromising food and nutrition security of all people in many developing countries.

To be continued >>

Senior General responds to armed attacks in Rakhine State

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing responded to the ongoing violent attacks in Rakhine State, calling them “instigation-related occurrences, not religious disputes” at a meeting with Mr. Bert Koenders, the minister for Foreign Affairs, the Netherlands, yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

He stressed the importance of abiding by the existing laws of the country regarding the current issues in Rakhine State.

“Tatmadaw is here to protect the citizens from depredation as a priority, and to co-operate with all countries in accord with international laws and regulations”, said the Senior General.

In answer to questions as to Tatmadaw’s attitude towards difficult situations that involve two different societies, a rise in disputes in Rakhine State and other challenges, the Commander-in- Chief of Defence Services replied: “ Under colonial rule, the Bengalis from Bangladesh arrived Rakhine State as labourers and a lot gathered here in the state.

They did not go back to their origins, causing disputes with the locals. Rakhine local residents could not tolerate this, as that community did not follow Myanmar traditions. Those Bengalis did not undergo the process of 1982 citizenship law”.

He also pledged that the Tatmadaw will help them with the process to acquire the rights they deserve and to have those entitled to the law decided under the programme of UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees)”. Senior General Min Aung Hlaing also received Ambassador of Norway to Myanmar Ms Tone Tinnes yesterday, discussing peace making process in Myanmar.

At the meeting, the Senior General stressed the importance of willingness of armed groups to achieve peace and to understand the nature of the democracy.

They also discussed the role of the Tatmadaw in peace making process in Myanmar and assistance from Norway to the peace making in the country.

At the meeting, Senior General also stressed the need for ethnic armed organizations to participate in the Union Peace Conference in 2017 based on the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement.— *Myawady*



Senior General holds talks with the Netherlands Foreign Minister Mr. Bert Koenders. PHOTO: MYAWADY

Governmental mission meets Islam community in Maungtaw

A governmental mission comprising Union ministers and Rakhine State Chief Minister met with Islamic community in Maungtaw, Rakhine State yesterday, pledging to bring those who are involved in the violent armed attacks to the court.

At the meeting, Union Ministers Dr Pe Myint and U Thein Swe and Chief Minister of Rakhine State U Nyi Pu expressed their sympathy with the peoples as the local communities have anxiety for their security and livelihood due to the instability in the area.



Islam community in Maungtaw has urged the authorities to take punitive actions against the violent armed attackers. Photo: MNA

The mission also expressed the government’s commitment to restore law and order to the areas in Maungtaw Township, pledging that the authorities have no tolerance to any form of violation of the justice and community peace.

The local Islam community also denounced the violent armed attackers, pledging their cooperation with the authorities for such kind of attacks not to happen in future. *Myanmar News Agency*

Union ministers meet Ovadacariya Sayadaws in Maungtaw



Union ministers meeting Ovadacariya Sayadaws in Maungtaw PHOTO: MNA

A governmental mission comprising Union ministers and Rakhine State Chief Minister sought advice from Ovadacariya Sayadaws in Maungtaw yesterday, clarifying the efforts of the authorities for peace and stability in the area.

At the meeting, U Manisara of Alodawpyai Monastery has urged the Union ministers and the state chief minister to restore normality in to the area and to provide security to the local people.

Union Ministers Dr Pe Myint and U Thein Swe, Chief Minister U Nyi Pu and Deputy Minister for Home Affairs clarified the current measures taken by the authorities to bring the arms seized by the violent attackers back to the local authorities.— *Myanmar News Agency*

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Transfer of heads of service organizations

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has transferred the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Appointment
(1) U Kyaw Swa Soe	Rector
Permanent Secretary (Science and Technology)/ Acting Director-General Department of Technology Promotion and Coordination Ministry of Education	Computer University (Mandalay) Department of Technology Promotion and Coordination Ministry of Education
(2) Dr Daw Win Aye	Rector
Rector Computer University (Mandalay) Department of Technology Promotion and Coordination Ministry of Education	Myanmar Information and Technology University Department of Technology Promotion and Coordination Ministry of Education

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Notification 19 / 2016
10 Waxing of Thadingyut 1378 M.E
11 October 2016

Letting Party for United Peasant Forces Rename Party for United Peasant Worker Forces

- United Peasant Forces registered under registration No 99 in the Union Election Commission under section 9 of Registration Law of Political parties, tendered application to allow its name to be renamed Party for United Peasant Worker Forces.
- Following legal scrutiny of its submission, the Union Election Commission agreed to accept it, announcing to acknowledge it name to be Party of United Peasant Worker Forces, with effect from 11 October 2016.

By order
(Tin Tun)
Secretary
Union Election Commission

Russian jets resume heavy bombing of eastern Aleppo — rebels, monitor

BEIRUT — Russian jets resumed heavy bombing of rebel-held eastern Aleppo on Tuesday after several days of relative calm, a rebel official and the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights monitoring group said.

Air strikes mostly hit the Bustan al-Qasr neighbourhood, Zakaria Malhifji of the Aleppo-based Fastaqim rebel group told Reuters.

“There is renewed bombardment and it is heavy,” he said.

The Observatory said the death toll from bombing in Bustan al-Qasr, Fardous and other neighbourhoods rose to at least 25, with scores of wounded.

At least 50 civilians were killed by strikes on the rebel-held part of the city and nearby villages controlled by insurgents, residents and rescue workers said. In Bustan al Qasr, residents said, the strikes hit a medical centre and a children’s playground.

The Syrian army,



Rebel fighters drive their vehicles celebrating what they said was the taking over of Baraghedeh and Kafr-Ghan towns, in al-Rai town, northern Aleppo countryside, Syria on 10 October 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

backed by Iranian-backed militias, also said it had consolidated its control of the al Jandoul traffic circle at a major road intersection on the northern outskirts of Aleppo.

Moscow and Damascus reduced air raids in the northern city last week.

The Syrian army said that was partly to allow civilians to leave opposition-held eastern neighbourhoods.

The Syrian government said rebels holed up in Aleppo can leave with their families if they lay down their arms. Insur-

gents denounced that offer as a deception. President Bashar al-Assad seeks the complete recapture of Aleppo, Syria’s biggest city before the 5 1/2-year war, which has been divided between government and opposition control for years.—Reuters

Lauded security boss in Rio quits as crime, violence surge

RIO DE JANEIRO — The state security secretary of Rio de Janeiro will step down from his post at month’s end, as violence and crime rebound in the Brazilian city and erase many of the gains made during the near-decade he was in the job.

Jose Mariano Beltrame, a former police officer who was lauded in recent years because of reduced violence and inroads against criminal gangs in Rio, on Monday submitted his resignation. In recent months he had decried a lack of resources and political commitment by the state government on security issues.

The state on Tuesday confirmed his departure following the completion of municipal elections on 30 October.

Rio Governor Luiz Fernando Pezão, who will soon return from leave after a bout with cancer, told Reuters the state reluctant-

ly accepted Beltrame’s resignation. “It was 10 years of service, lots of wear and lots of pressure,” Pezão said.

Beltrame, 59, brought more stability to once-dangerous slums and paved the way for Rio, Brazil’s second-biggest city and a metropolitan region of more than 12 million people, to host the 2014 World Cup and the Olympic Games earlier this year.

He also increasingly criticised parts of the state and municipal governments for a lack of follow-through with public services, from basic sanitation to health and education, needed to build upon security advances and truly fold marginalized neighbourhoods into Rio’s social fabric.

After an economic boom fizzled in recent years, the state is slashing its security budget and other public expenditures.—Reuters

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MV MAX CRUSADER VOY. NO (017N)

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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim’s Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY HOLIDAY NOTICE

As the wharves, warehouses and chellan Offices of Yangon Port will be closed on the 16th OCTOBER 2016 (FULLMOON of Thadinkhut). Loading, Unloading and delivery for Goods will be received on Payment as Holiday Fees.

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim’s Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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YANGON TO BANGKOK			
Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
TG-304	09:50	11:45	Daily
TG-2302	15:00	16:55	Daily
TG-306	19:45	21:40	Daily
PG-706	6:15	8:30	Daily
PG-702	10:30	12:25	Daily
PG-708	15:20	17:15	Daily
PG-708	18:20	20:15	3
PG-704	20:00	21:55	Daily
8M-335	7:40	9:25	Daily
8M-331	16:30	18:15	Daily
UB-017	15:10	19:20	1,3,5
UB-017	17:50	19:20	2,4,6,7
UB-019	8:05	9:35	7
UB-019	6:30	8:00	1,2,3,4,5,6

BANGKOK TO YANGON			
Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
TG-303	7:55	8:50	Daily
TG-2301	13:15	14:10	Daily
TG-305	17:50	18:45	Daily
PG-701	8:50	9:40	Daily
PG-707	13:45	14:35	Daily
PG-703	18:25	19:15	3
PG-703	16:45	17:35	Daily
PG-705	20:30	21:45	Daily
8M-336	10:40	11:25	Daily
8M-332	19:15	20:00	Daily
UB-020	11:00	11:30	7
UB-018	20:20	20:50	Daily
UB-020	9:15	9:45	1,2,4,5,6

RGN TO DMK			
Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
FD-252	8:30	10:15	Daily
FD-256	13:25	15:10	Daily
FD-254	17:30	19:05	Daily
FD-258	20:05	21:55	Daily
DD-4231	08:00	9:50	Daily
DD-4235	12:00	13:45	Daily
DD-4239	21:00	22:45	Daily
SL-201	11:00	13:00	Daily
SL-207	20:05	21:45	"Daily"

DMK TO RGN			
Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
FD-251	7:15	8:00	Daily
FD-255	12:05	12:55	Daily
FD-253	16:20	17:00	Daily
FD-257	18:05	18:55	Daily
DD-4234	10:25	11:15	Daily
DD-4230	6:20	7:05	Daily
DD-4238	19:30	20:15	Daily
SL-200	9:05	10:00	Daily
SL-206	18:15	19:05	"Daily"

RGN TO CAN			
Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
8M-711	20:30	01:05+1	5
8M-711	8:40	13:15	2,4,7
CZ-3056	11:25	16:15	3,6
CZ-3056	17:30	22:35	1,5

CAN TO RGN			
Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
8M-712	2:45	4:20	6
8M-712	14:15	15:50	2,4,7
CZ-3055	8:50	10:25	3,6
CZ-3055	14:40	16:30	1,5

RGN TO SIN			
Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
8M-231	8:20	12:50	Daily
SQ-997	10:35	15:10	Daily
MI-515	14:20	18:50	1,5
MI-519	17:35	22:10	Daily
MI-522	15:45	20:15	4,6
MI-533	13:10	20:15	2
3k-584	19:15	23:50	2,5
3K-582	11:15	15:50	1,3,4,5,6,7
TR-2823	9:45	2:15	Daily
UB-001	7:30	12:00	Daily

SIN TO RGN			
Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
8M-232	13:50	15:20	Daily
SQ-998	07:55	09:20	Daily
MI-522	11:00	12:20	4,6
MI-518	15:15	16:40	Daily
MI-516	12:00	13:25	1,5
MI-533	11:00	12:20	2
3K-583	17:05	18:35	2,5
3k-581	8:55	10:25	1,3,4,5,6,7
TR-2822	7:20	8:45	Daily
UB-002	13:15	14:45	Daily

RGN TO NRT			
Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
NH-814	21:45	06:50+1	Daily

NRT TO RGN			
Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
NH-813	11:00	15:40	Daily

RGN TO ICN			
Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
KE-472	23:30	7:50	Daily

ICN TO RGN			
Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
KE-471	18:45	22:25	Daily

RGN TO KUL			
Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
AK-505	8:30	12:45	Daily
AK-503	19:30	23:45	Daily
8M-501	7:50	11:50	1,3,5
MH-741	12:15	16:30	Daily
MH-743	15:45	20:05	1,4,6,7

KUL TO RGN			
Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
AK-502	6:55	8:00	Daily
AK-502	17:50	19:00	Daily
8M-502	12:50	13:50	1,3,5
MH-742	13:40	14:50	1,6,7
MH-740	10:05	11:15	Daily

RGN TO KMG			
Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
CA-416	12:15	15:45	Daily
MU-2032	15:20	18:40	2,4,5,6,7
MU-2012	12:25	18:40	3

KMG TO RGN			
Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
CA-415	10:45	11:15	Daily
MU-2031	14:00	14:30	1
MU-2011	08:15	11:25	3
MU-2031	13:55	14:30	2,4,5,6,7

RGN TO TPE			
Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
CI-7916	10:45	16:15	1,2,3,4,6

TPE TO RGN			
Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
CI-7915	7:00	9:45	1,2,3,4,6

RGN TO PEK			
Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
CA-906	23:50	0550+1	3,7

PEK TO RGN			
Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
CA-905	19:30	22:50	3,7

RGN TO HAN			
Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
VN-956	19:10	21:30	1,3,5,6,7

HAN TO RGN			
Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
VN-957	16:50	18:10	1,3,5,6,7

RGN TO SGN			
Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
VN-942	12:10	15:00	2,3,4,5,7

SGN TO RGN			
Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
VN-943	9:35	11:10	2,3,4,5,7

RGN TO HKG			
Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
KA-251	1:10	5:45	1,2,3,4,6,7
KA-251	1:30	5:55	5
UB-8027	9:45	14:15	1,5,7

HKG TO RGN			
Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
KA-250	21:45	23:30	1,2,3,5,6,7
KA-252	22:50	00:30+1	4
UB-8028	15:15	16:55	1,5,7

RGN TO DOH			
Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
QR-919	8:15	10:55	1,4,6

DOH TO RGN			
Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
QR-918	20:40	6:25	3,5,6

RGN TO CNX			
Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
PG-724	13:10	15:05	Daily

CNX TO RGN			
Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
PG-723	11:40	12:35	Daily

RGN TO DAC			
Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
BG-061	16:15	18:00	1,3,6

DAC TO RGN			
Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
BG-060	12:45	15:30	1,3,6

MDL TO DMK			
Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
FD-245	12:45	15:00	Daily

DMK TO MDL			
Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
FD-244	10:50	12:15	Daily

MDL TO SIN			
Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
MI-533	15:20	20:15	2
MI-522	13:40	20:15	2,6

SIN TO MDL			
Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
MI-522	11:00	12:50	2,6
MI-533	11:00	14:25	2

MDL TO BKK			
Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
PG-710	14:05	16:30	Daily

BKK TO MDL			
Flight no.	Dep	Arv	Days
PG-709	12:00	13:20	Daily

MDL TO KMG			
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MU-2030	14:05	16:45	Daily

KMG TO MDL			
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MU-2029	13:20	13:15	Daily

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Obama says work has begun on habitats to help humans reach Mars

WASHINGTON — US President Barack Obama, highlighting his pledge to send people to Mars by the 2030s, on Tuesday announced further public-private efforts to build habitats that could help humans live long-term far from the Earth.

“We are working with our commercial partners to build new habitats that can sustain and transport astronauts on long-duration missions in deep space. These missions will teach us how humans can live far from Earth - something we’ll need for the long journey to Mars,” Obama said in an opinion piece on CNN’s website.

His comments come ahead of a meeting planned by the White House in Pittsburgh this week to team up scientists, students and others to advance the commercial space market, Obama said.

NASA separately said it was coordinating with commercial space companies to develop “deep space habitat modules” and create opportunities for companies to use the International Space Station’s docking port.

Obama has previously sought to boost space exploration and renewed that pledge on Tuesday: “We have set a clear goal vital to the next chapter of America’s story in space: sending humans to Mars by the 2030s and returning them safely to Earth, with the ultimate ambition to one day remain there for an extended time.”

The two-term president’s recommitment comes in the final months of his tenure and faces an uncertain future after he leaves office in January. His successors will be chosen on Nov. 8 in an election that could also reshape Congress, which allocates government funding.

Obama, a self-described “nerd” who last year hosted budding astronomers at the White House, has made known his love of space. Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton and

her rival, Republican Donald Trump, have given little, if any, attention to the issue on the campaign trail.

Humans have yet to travel to Mars, Earth’s neighbor some 35 million miles (56 million km) away. Like Earth, the so-called Red Planet also has seasons, and a 2012 National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) mission found conditions there once supported microbial life, according to the US space agency.

It would take about eight months to get there, depending on rocket velocity, according to NASA experts.

Efforts to fund the space program have faltered in recent years over concerns about fiscal priorities.

As part of the space habitat effort, NASA said on Tuesday it was entering the so-called “proving ground” stage to demonstrate and test various technologies over the next 10 years.—*Reuters*

Tax sugary drinks to fight obesity, WHO urges governments

GENEVA — Governments should tax sugary drinks to fight the global epidemics of obesity and diabetes, the World Health Organisation said on Tuesday, recommending industry swiftly branded “discriminatory” and “unproven”.

A 20 per cent price increase could reduce consumption of sweet drinks by the same proportion, the WHO said in “Fiscal Policies for Diet and Prevention of Noncommunicable Diseases”, a report issued on World Obesity Day.

Drinking fewer caloric sweet drinks is the best way to curb excessive weight and prevent chronic diseases such as diabetes, although fat and salt in processed foods are also at fault, WHO officials said.

“We are now in a place where we can say there is enough evidence to move on this and we encourage countries to implement effective tax on sugar-sweetened beverages to prevent obesity,” Temo Waqanivalu, of WHO’s department of Noncommunicable Diseases and Health Promotion, told a briefing.



A competitor prepares to go in front of judges at a casting call for the second season of the reality television programme “Dance Your Ass Off”, during which overweight or obese contestants hope to lose weight by dancing, in New York in 2009. PHOTO: REUTERS

Obesity more than doubled worldwide between 1980 and 2014, with 11 per cent of men and 15 per cent of women classified as obese — more than 500 million people, the report said.

“Smart policies can help to turn the tides on this deadly epidemic, especially those aimed at reducing consumption of sugary drinks, which is fuelling obesity rates,” former New York mayor Michael Bloomberg, a WHO ambassador for noncommunicable diseases, said in a statement.

The global soft drink market is worth nearly \$870 billion in annual sales. 2016 could be the year of the sugar tax, as several large nations consider levies on sweetened food and drinks to battle obesity and fatten government coffers.

The US-based soft drinks industry’s lobbying arm — whose members include Coca-Cola Co, PepsiCo Inc and Red Bull — strongly disagreed with what it called “discriminatory taxation”.—*Reuters*

Trump assails US House speaker Ryan, McCain as 'disloyal'

WASHINGTON — Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump lashed out at US House Speaker Paul Ryan and other "disloyal" Republicans on Tuesday and vowed to campaign in whatever style he wants now that the party establishment has largely abandoned him.

Trump, in a barrage of stinging Twitter posts, condemned the Republicans who have backed away from his White House run, deepening a dramatic rift in the party over his struggling campaign for the 8 November election. "It is so nice that the shackles have been taken off me and I can now fight for America the way I want to," Trump said on Twitter, adding he would engage Democratic rival Hillary Clinton on his own terms.

Describing "disloyal" Republicans as more difficult than Clinton, he said: "They come at you from all sides. They don't know how to win — I will teach them!" A string of Republican officials and officeholders have distanced themselves from Trump since a 2005 video surfaced on Friday showing him bragging crudely to a reporter about groping women and making unwanted sexual advances.—*Reuters*

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Clinton opposition to Asia trade pact 'close call' — hacked emails



US Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton.
PHOTO: REUTERS

NEW YORK — Hillary Clinton's campaign was worried about the "hard balance" she would need to strike as the presidential candidate prepared to oppose a Pacific trade pact championed by President

Barack Obama that she once supported, according to emails published on Tuesday by WikiLeaks.

WikiLeaks released its latest batch of apparently hacked personal emails of Clinton campaign chair

John Podesta with exactly four weeks left in the 2016 presidential campaign before the 8 November election.

White House hopefuls have made trade a key theme of their campaigns, with the 12-nation Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), a prime target for criticism by both Democrat Clinton and Republican opponent Donald Trump.

In an 6 October, 2015, email the day after the Obama administration finalised the details of the TPP, Clinton speechwriter Dan Schwerin circulated a new draft of a statement the campaign was preparing about Clinton's position, according to WikiLeaks.

"This is indeed a hard balance to strike," Schwerin wrote in the email to a handful of top advisers, "since we don't want to invite mockery for being too enthusiastically opposed to a deal she once championed, or over-claiming how bad it is, since it's a very close call on

the merits." The next day, as she campaigned in Iowa, the first state to pick candidates during the nominating contest, the campaign released a statement from Clinton saying the pact did not meet the "very high" bar she had set to earn her support.

The Clinton campaign declined to verify the authenticity of the latest batch of Podesta emails released by WikiLeaks. Podesta told reporters on Tuesday that the Federal Bureau of Investigation notified him it is investigating the "criminal" hack of his emails published by WikiLeaks as part of a broader political hacking probe. The US government last week formally accused Russia of hacking Democratic Party organisations in an effort to influence the presidential election, a charge Russia has denied. As a result, Clinton campaign officials and supporters have warned that such email releases could include fraudulent or misleading documents among genuine

emails.

Clinton's October 2015 announcement on the TPP came just a week before the first debate in her primary race against US Senator Bernie Sanders, a vocal opponent of the deal. Key Democratic constituencies, such as progressives and organised labour, have also criticized the pact.

Clinton had previously declined to say whether she would support the TPP, a main tenet of Obama's strategic pivot to Asia that began when she was his secretary of state from 2009 to 2013, explaining that she wanted to wait to assess the final negotiated terms.

"I accept the position we're taking but she has generally been more pro-trade than anti," Clinton strategist Joel Benenson responded to the draft from Schwerin. "While we're opposing this, don't we want to say something generally about ensuring American manufacturers can compete around the world?"—*Reuters*

Trump would be 'dangerous' from global viewpoint: UN rights boss

GENEVA — If Republican candidate Donald Trump is elected president of the United States, it would be "dangerous from an international point of view", the top United Nations human rights official said on Wednesday.

UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad al Hussein cited Trump's views on vulnerable communities and his

talk of using torture, banned under international law, as "deeply unsettling and disturbing".

"If Donald Trump is elected on the basis of what he has said already — and unless that changes — I think it is without a doubt that he would be dangerous from an international point of view," Zeid told a news briefing in Geneva.—*Reuters*



German Chancellor Angela Merkel gestures next to Ethiopian Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn (R) during a news conference in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 11 October 2016.
PHOTO: REUTERS

German leader calls for Ethiopia to open up politics after unrest

ADDIS ABABA — German Chancellor Angela Merkel urged Ethiopia on Tuesday to open up its politics and ensure police do not use heavy-handed tactics against protesters, after more than a year of unrest that rights groups say has led to about 500 deaths.

Merkel, who spoke at a news conference with Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn, arrived in Ethiopia after a fresh flare-up near the capital of the clashes that have cast a shadow over a nation with one of Africa's fastest-growing economies.

The violence prompted the government to declare a nationwide state of emergency on Sunday. It

says the death toll cited by rights groups is exaggerated and blames the wave of violence on "armed gangs" backed by foreigners.

The United States expressed concern on Tuesday about the state of emergency. State Department spokesman John Kirby said measures that restore order but deprive people of rights like freedom of speech and assembly were a "self-defeating tactic that exacerbates rather than addresses the grievances."

Kirby said the US administration encouraged the Ethiopian government to take action on land rights, electoral reform and other issues raised by the protesters, as suggested by

President Mulatu Teshome Wirtu in a speech on Monday.

"We're obviously very concerned," Kirby said. "We encourage the government to act decisively on those proposals."

Western states, which are among the biggest donors to what is still a poor nation, want their companies to win deals in Ethiopia but have become increasingly concerned by the government's authoritarian approach to development.

"I made the case that you should have open talks with people who have problems," Merkel told Hailemariam, adding that police should respond proportionately to protests.—*Reuters*

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Haiti funding hurricane relief, aid must prioritise growth — president

PORT-AU-PRINCE — Haitian interim President Jocelerme Privert on Tuesday played down the international aid response to Hurricane Matthew, saying some promised foreign aid had yet to materialise and that the devastated country was mostly funding its own recovery.

Southwestern Haiti was smashed by the Category 4 hurricane on 4 October, which barrelled through the southern coast of the poor island nation, killing some 1,000 people and displacing hundreds of

thousands.

The storm has most acutely hit farmers in southern rural areas, six years after a 7.0-magnitude earthquake levelled much of the nation's capital Port-au-Prince, where reconstruction is still ongoing and disillusionment about the involvement of the international community in the rebuilding still runs high.

Privert said the Haitian government had managed and steered aid to the proper channels and had opened up accessibility to many

areas that had been cut off after the storm because of flooding, landslides, downed trees and debris.

"Many countries have promised us aid — some support in kind, but others have made promises that have not yet materialized," said Privert.

"What we have done up to now, we have done with public resources withdrawn from the national treasury."

Privert called for the rebuilding of infrastructure and urged investment to the area, which was for-

merly green and relatively tree-covered in a country that has long had issues with deforestation, saying that the short-term response could not come at the expense of long-term reconstruction.

"The emergency is to assist the displaced people, those who find themselves in temporary shelters, who are deprived of water, deprived of food, of medication," said Privert.

"It's necessary to bring assistance with haste.

The assistance would not need to be of an indef-

inite nature. We need to make sure that...people can return to their homes, rebuild their lives, restart agriculture to avoid that, after this state of emergency, that the country does not plunge into a food crisis, into a more serious crisis than the one caused by the hurricane.”

Privert to manage a caretaker government until an elected successor could take office.

The vote, scheduled for 9 October, was cancelled when the hurricane hit and has not yet been rescheduled. An announcement on a new date is expected for later in the week.

"If the (provisional electoral) council asks me tomorrow to publish a presidential decree inviting the people to the polls for such and such date, I will take that decision," said Privert.—*Reuters*

Proposal to increase pension age faces outcry in Viet Nam

HANOI — A proposal on increasing pension age recently raised by Viet Nam's Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs (MoLISA) has faced outcry in the country.

In the proposal, the pension age in Viet Nam is said to hike to 60 from the current 55 for women, and to 62 from 60 for men.

The increase of pension age of labourers is “an inevitable trend” and carried out by many countries, Mai Tien Dung, minister of MoLISA, was quoted by local Tuoi Tre (Youth) online newspaper as saying Wednesday.

The existing retirement age in Viet Nam has been fixed for a long time. Since then, many factors have changed including improved health and average lifespan of Vietnamese people, Dung argued.

The proposal drew great attention among local specialists and citizens. Contrary to the MoLISA's idea, most of them showed concerns over the possible adjustment.

Prof. Nguyen Dinh Cu, former head of Institute for Population and Social Studies said there are many issues that need well addressing on raising retirement age of Vietnamese workers.

“The elderly in Viet Nam now is a generation that underwent war and harsh economic times. These factors have had big impact on their health,” Cu said, citing a national survey on the elderly and saying that two thirds of the over-60-year-old people in the survey said their health conditions were weak and very weak.

In addition, in Vietnamese society and family model, the role of grandparents is of great impor-

tance. While their kids are at working age, the elderly, who have retired, will help them in taking care of grandchildren and houses, said Cu.

“As a result, from a population perspective, I do not support the proposal,” said the professor.

Echoing Cu, Dr. Nguyen Hoai Nam from southern Ho Chi Minh City's Medicine and Pharmacy University, said the country should not compare the situation of developed countries to that of Viet Nam.

“Currently, the rate of unemployment among Vietnamese youth remains high. If the old did not retire, how would the young find jobs?” Nam questioned.

According to the General Statistics Office, in the first nine months this year, as many as 40,000 more people were jobless, compared to that of 25,000 during the same period last year.

Meanwhile, the national unemployment rate at working age stood at 2.29 per cent.

State employee Phan Thi Kim Lien, 53, told Xinhua that she is preparing to retire in the next two years.

"I want the current legal regulation on the issue to be maintained. Although I am in a stable health condition, sometimes I see my colleagues show signs of aging, feeling tired and want to rest. We have worked for 30-40 years now. It's time for us to rest and give chance for the young generation," said Lien.

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Kim Kardashian sues over claims she faked Paris robbery



Kim Kardashian West participates in a television interview as she arrives for the 20th Annual Webby Awards in Manhattan, New York, US, on 16 May, 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

NEW YORK — Kim Kardashian on Tuesday sued a website for claiming she had staged an armed robbery in Paris that her sister said had left her terrorized and traumatized.

The reality TV star filed a defamation lawsuit in federal court in New York against the US celebrity gossip site MediaTakeOut.com for reporting that she had faked the robbery, and

then filed a fraudulent insurance claim.

Paris police said the 35-year-old celebrity was robbed at gunpoint of some \$10 million in jewelry by masked men who tied her

up in her Paris apartment early on 3 October.

The website did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Kardashian's TV show "Keeping Up With the Kardashians" has been put on hold since the robbery and Kim has stopped her other business and social engagements.

In the first TV appearance on Tuesday by a Kardashian member since the Paris incident, her sister Khloe said the robbery had proved a "wake-up call" to the family, who chronicle almost every aspect of their lives on TV and social media.

"She's not doing that well. I mean, it's incredibly traumatic what happened to her, but our family is super close and great and we'll get through it together," Khloe Kardashian told US chat show host Ellen DeGeneres.

"It's just a wake up call to make a lot of life adjustments. This is a really serious matter for Kim I think that's really personal," she said, adding that Kim had suffered "emotional terror."

Tuesday's lawsuit seeks unspecified damages for defamation and names both MediaTakeOut.com and its founder, Fred Mwanguhunga, as defendants.

"After having been the victim of a horrific and traumatic armed robbery in France, Kim Kardashian returned to the United States only to again be victimized, but this time by an online gossip tabloid that published a series of articles in early October 2016 referring to her a liar and thief," the lawsuit said.

It said that Mwanguhunga refused to publish a retraction and an apology. Kardashian has been criticized for making herself vulnerable by posting photos of her \$4 million dollar engagement ring and other jewelry in the days before the Paris attack.

Others have made fun of the robbery. One California-based company is selling a Halloween costume called "Parisian Heist Robbery Victim" that consists of a long black wig, sunglasses, a white bathrobe, rope, a mouth gag and a large plastic ring. —Reuters

Arise Sir Roderrick — Singer Rod Stewart gets a knighthood

LONDON — Pop singer Rod Stewart can now call himself Sir Roderrick.

The London-born singer, whose career includes such hits as "Maggie May," "You Wear It Well" and "Tonight's the Night," was knighted by Prince William at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday for his services to music and charity after more than 50 years in show business.

"It feels wonderful, it really, really does. It's mind-blowing," Stewart, 71, told reporters afterward. The three-times-married Stewart was accompanied to the ceremony by his wife, Penny Lancaster, and his two youngest children, Aiden and Alastair.

Stewart said Prince William had asked if he expected to keep touring and recording. —Reuters



Singer Rod Stewart poses at Buckingham Palace with his wife, Penny Lancaster after receiving his knighthood, in London, Britain, on 11 October 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

'Thrones' actor surprises Syrian refugee now settled in Germany

STUTTGART (Germany) — "Game of Thrones" actor Liam Cunningham paid a surprise visit on Tuesday to a teenage Syrian refugee now in possession of a German visa and living in Stuttgart, a month after first meeting him in Jordan.

Cunningham, who plays Ser Davos Seaworth in the HBO television channel hit medieval fantasy first met 16-year-old Hussam when he visited Jordan's northern city of Irbid in early September, as part of a project by the charity World Vision to raise awareness about the plight of refugees.

The Irish actor and his British co-stars, Lena Headey and Maisie Williams, have also visited refugee camps in Greece earlier this year.

Hussam told Reuters he was "really happy, really happy" when Cunningham surprised him, adding, "It is like seeing my father."

Hussam fled first to Jordan after his school in Syria was struck by missiles during his final exams.

"A plane shot the school with missiles. So, many students (and) my friends are dead and killed," Hussam said.

Hussam is one of more than four million Syrians who have fled the country's war, which began in 2011 after a popular uprising against President Bashar al-Assad and his family's rule. The war has killed more than 300,000 people, half the population has been displaced and much of urban Syria has become a wasteland.

According to World Vision, Hussam's father and brother are already legally settled in Germany. Hussam is now staying in a hotel in Stuttgart with his mother until they find accommodation and the teenager has been teaching himself to speak German. —Reuters



Games of Thrones star Liam Cunningham smiles together with his supporter Syrian migrant Hussam Alheraky as he made a surprise visit in Stuttgart, Germany, on 11 October 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Japanese police novel 'Six Four' misses British literary award

LONDON — The popular Japanese police novel "Six Four" by Hideo Yokoyama missed out on the International Dagger award for translated crime novels on Tuesday.

The Crime Writers' Association awarded the prize to "The Great Swindle" by Pierre Lemaitre of France.

Six Four had been the first Japanese writer's novel to be

shortlisted for the award, given to the best crime novel of the year that has been translated into English for publication in Britain.

Yokoyama, born in Tokyo in 1957, has been a mystery writer in Japan since 1991 after working as a journalist for the Jomo Shimbun daily in Gunma Prefecture, north of Tokyo. He has received many awards in the country for his works.

Six Four was published in Japan in 2012 and has sold over 1.7 million copies, according to its publisher. It was translated into English by Jonathan Lloyd-Davis and hit bookstores in Britain in March this year.

The novel was shortlisted on 28 July along with four other works, including "The Truth and Other Lies" by Sascha Arango of Germany. —Kyodo News

Celebrating the Ute – Australia’s modern day workhorse

SYDNEY — In the small rural town of Deniliquin, on the edge of Australia’s vast outback, around 20,000 “ute” lovers gathered in the mud to champion a national treasure deemed surplus to requirements by the big car manufacturers.

Part car, part pickup truck, the Australian-made utility vehicle has become synonymous with farmers Down Under and is the centerpiece of the annual Deni Ute Muster festival, a two-day alcohol-fuelled celebration of all things rural Australia.

Now in its 18th year, the festival has grown to include country music performances from Grammy award-winning artist Keith Urban, a rodeo, whip-cracking championship and gallery of artwork

created with chainsaws. But it’s the “utes” that keep the revelers coming back, even though a deluge of rain turned the usually dusty New South Wales state venue, some 300 km (186 miles) north of Melbourne, into a mud pit.

Sky Fulcher drove her black and pink Ford Falcon XR8 named “Rumble Princess” around 3,300km (2050 miles) from Perth for three days across the Nullabor Plain to attend the festivities, played out at a difficult time for the vehicle in Australia.

Ford rolled their last Australian-made Falcon “ute” off the production line in July and Holden said they will cease making similar vehicles in 2017 as buyers look to more fuel-efficient, smaller cars.

Both brands trail Toyota, Mazda and Hyundai, according to September sales data for the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries.

“It is extremely sad that they (Ford) are closing down production in Australia, but we don’t believe that this will affect our festival,” Anika Ahmad Bull, part of the organizing team, told Reuters.

Folklore says the humble “ute” was born when a farmer’s wife wrote to a car manufacturer in the 1930s asking for a vehicle that could go to church on Sunday and carry the pigs to market on Monday.

While nationwide popularity has dropped, Bull and her not-for-profit team have been able to buck the trend and grow



Bull rider Sam Woodall from Heywood in the Australian state of Victoria is thrown off a bull during competition at the Deni Ute Muster in Deniliquin, New South Wales, on 1 October 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

the festival from a humble vehicle ‘show and shine’ into a wild celebration of all things Australian country.

A A\$10,000 (\$7,500) prize was up for grabs for the ‘Ute of the Year’, while

A\$500 rewards were on offer in 13 other categories including best ‘chick’s ute’ and best ‘refurbished ute’.

Others, though, just wanted to drink in the mood.

“It’s a party that

doesn’t stop, it’s a great atmosphere and everyone gets on with everyone,” said 27-year-old delivery driver Darren McGarvie, who used the backtray of his “ute” as a bed for the festival.—Reuters

Brussels residents petition to keep lewd mural

BRUSSELS — An online petition to prevent the removal of an explicit mural in Brussels has gained thousands of signatures, highlighting a wave of graphic street art in the city known for its cartoon-inspired murals.

Painted last month by an anonymous artist in pointillist style, in black and white, the penis covers a two-storey wall on the side of a house. Shortly after its appearance, local council members voted in late September for it to be removed.

However, a petition started by residents of the Brussels district of Saint-Gilles who want it to stay has now won nearly 3,000 signatures.

“Everybody likes it, I think,” said one Saint-Gilles resident interviewed

by Reuters.

“People pretend to be shocked but they like it. Why shouldn’t they like it?”

The council said it recognised that the wall was ideal for street art, and will find an artist to fill the space after the penis is removed.

Other explicit murals in Brussels include depictions of intercourse, and a woman masturbating.

Another painting of an anus covers an advert for home appliance producer Zanussi, with the first letter and last two letters of the brand name covered. Graffiti of a birth, which was added in early October, is on the other side of the same building.

Darren, a Brussels resident who goes to a restaurant across the street



A sculpture is seen near an explicit graffiti painted on the side of a building in central Brussels, Belgium, on 11 October 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

from the mural portraying intercourse, likes the mural because it is unique.

“When you walk around here and you get stuck (in traffic), you look around,” he said. “You don’t see things like that everywhere, it’s important to have things that are a

bit different and cannot be found everywhere.”

Belgium and its capital Brussels are the home of some of the best known cartoon artists such as Herge who created the adventures of Tintin and Peyo who created the Smurfs.—Reuters

300 schools damaged in Haiti, 100,000 children out of school, UNICEF says

UNITED NATIONS — One week after Hurricane Matthew slammed into Haiti, and as schools reopen across the small island country, more than 100,000 children will be missing out on learning after their schools were either damaged or converted into shelters, the UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF) said here Tuesday.

“At least 100,000 children today will not experience the joy, safety and stimulation that being in a classroom brings,” said Jean Metenier, the UNICEF deputy representative in Haiti. “We need to get them back to learning as soon as possible.”

“Hurricane Matthew took away their schools, homes and textbooks. It shouldn’t take away their sense of hope,” Metenier said in a press release issued here.

According to initial national estimates, at least 300 public schools have been partially or entirely damaged in the Caribbean country and many others are being used to shelter displaced families. Schools in Sud and Grande Anse departments

will remain closed for at least another week.

UNICEF is working with partners to help set up temporary learning spaces and deliver school supplies. Priorities include the efforts to rehabilitate damaged schools, provide students and teachers with adequate school supplies, schools furniture and teaching materials; and provide children with psychosocial support. In Haiti, around 20,000 houses were destroyed, more than 15,600 people were evacuated and the death toll could reach over one thousand, once the problems surrounding communication, electricity and roads corroborate the magnitude of the damage, according to figures from the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). Hurricane Matthew is considered to be the strongest one in the tropical Atlantic since “Felix” in 2007 and one of the most worrisome consequences in Haiti is the possible return of the cholera epidemic which has not been completely eradicated from the island since the 2010 earthquake.—Xinhua



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Brazil's Willian (19) and Venezuela's Rolf Feltscher (2nd R) in action during World Cup 2018 Qualifiers at Metropolitan Stadium, Merida, Venezuela, on 11 October 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS

Brazil beat Venezuela to go top of South American group

MERIDA (Venezuela) — Brazil went top of the South American World Cup qualifying group on Tuesday with a 2-0 win over Venezuela in a match played in torrential rain and halted for almost half an hour when the floodlights failed in Merida.

The five-times World Cup winners, who were without suspended Barcelona striker Neymar, took just eight minutes to open the scoring with a goal that mixed comedy and beauty.

Venezuela goalkeeper Daniel Hernandez tried to pass the ball to his centre half 30 yards from goal only for Gabriel Jesus to pounce on the woeful attempt and lift the ball over the keeper from 20 me-

tres with the loveliest of chips.

Brazil controlled the game against a team that had not won in their nine previous qualifiers and they got a second their play deserved after 53 minutes when Willian snuck in at the back post to finish off a low cross from Renato Augusto.

Venezuela improved slightly as the game progressed but although Alejandro Guerra came close after an hour and Alisson saved well from Salomon Rondon with minutes to go, they never looked like halting the progress of their dominant rivals.

The only major disruption to the Brazilian march to victory came when the lights in the Met-

ropolitano stadium went out after 73 minutes.

The game restarted little more than 20 minutes later but there was not much more excitement and Brazil coach Tite, who replaced Dunga in July, was delighted to record his fourth win in four games at the head of the national side.

The result allowed Brazil to leapfrog Uruguay, who started the day top of the table but could only draw 2-2 away at Colombia, into first place in the South American group.

The first four in the 10-team group qualify automatically for Russia and the fifth-placed side go into a playoff with a team from Oceania.—Reuters

Sharapova returns to court in Las Vegas charity event

LAS VEGAS — Maria Sharapova returned to the tennis court for two exhibition matches on Monday, her first appearance since testing positive for the banned substance meldonium at the Australian Open in January.

The Russian former world number one played at the World Team Tennis "Smash Hits" event in Las Vegas, which raises money for the Elton John Aids Foundation.

Sharapova, who has slipped to 93rd in the world rankings, partnered American Taylor Johnson and lost her first match to Martina Navratilova and Lieke Martens.

"It's very special to be back on the court," she told reporters before the match. "It's been about seven months since I've played in front of spectators and played in a stadium environment. Obviously, very thankful for the invitation, happy to be part of this cause."

"It's been around for 24 years and it's my first attendance. Thrilled to be part of it."



PHOTO: REUTERS

Sharapova, whose ban was cut from two years to 15 months by the Court of Arbitration last week, can return to competition in April, one month before the French Open. The 29-year-old, who teamed up with John McEnroe to beat Navratilova and Andy Roddick in her second match, acknowledged that the journey back would be a tough one.

"Yeah, I will look to play maybe a couple of exhibition events leading up to my first tournament in April," she added.

"I don't know what those will be, but I think that's one of the things that will be really important because match play, you can never really replicate it. You can practise as much as you want but there's nothing really like it."—Reuters

Liverpool bid to end woeful league run against United

LONDON — Liverpool will be looking to end a dismal Premier League run against Manchester United and build on a promising start to the campaign with victory over their bitter north west rivals on Monday.

Resurgent Liverpool are three points ahead of United in the table as Jose Mourinho's rebuilding programme stutters, but their current run of four successive league defeats to the Old Trafford club is their worst against them for eight years.

Liverpool, who knocked

United out of the Europa League last season, have not beaten them in domestic competition since March 2014, but they meet for the first time in this campaign with Juergen Klopp's men in supreme form. They have won their last four Premier League matches and suffered only one defeat in all competitions so far.

In contrast, Mourinho's men have won just one and lost two of their last four in the league, crashing 3-1 at Watford and being held at home by Stoke City.—Reuters

Djokovic storms through in Shanghai

SHANGHAI — World number one Novak Djokovic cruised into the Shanghai Masters third round with a 6-3, 6-3 win over Italy's Fabio Fognini on Tuesday, the Serbian's first match since his loss to Stan Wawrinka in last month's US Open final.

The defending champion, who withdrew from last week's China Open with an elbow problem, showed little sign of injury against his unseeded opponent, winning 83 per cent of his first serve points in a match that lasted an hour and 15 minutes.

Djokovic started strongly, opening up a 3-0 lead to take control of the first set, but displayed signs of rust with 18 un-

forced errors.

He suffered a minor blip when he was broken in the first game of the second set, but held his nerve and hit back with two successive breaks to seal the win, helped by his opponent making 40 unforced errors.

Spaniard David Ferrer, the No. 10 seed, suffered a first-round upset loss to unseeded Feliciano Lopez who beat his compatriot 7-6(3), 4-6, 7-6(4).

Unseeded Bulgarian Grigor Dimitrov served up another upset when he beat Frenchman Richard Gasquet, seeded 14th, 6-4, 6-4, and 19-year-old Alexander Zverev's produced another shock when he defeated eighth

seed Marin Cilic of Croatia.

The German, who is the youngest player in the world's top 50, battled back to see off the vastly more experienced Cilic 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 in the day's final match.

Australian Nick Kyrgios, ranked 14th in the world, brushed off the challenge of American Sam Querrey 6-4, 6-4 in under an hour, firing down 14 aces and not facing a break point.

Ninth seed Jo-Wilfried Tsonga beat unseeded Serbian Janko Tipsarevic 6-3, 7-6(6) to reach the third round while his compatriot and sixth seed Gael Monfils beat South African Kevin Anderson 7-6(4), 6-3.—Reuters



Novak Djokovic of Serbia plays against Fabio Fognini of Italy during Shanghai Masters tennis tournament at Shanghai, China on 11 October 2016. PHOTO: REUTERS